

***Gardnerella vaginalis*, Strain UPII 315-A**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Bifidobacteriaceae*, *Gardnerella*

Species: *Gardnerella vaginalis*

Strain: UPII 315-A

Original Source: *Gardnerella vaginalis* (*G. vaginalis*), strain UPII 315-A was isolated from human vaginal flora.^{1,2}

Comments: *G. vaginalis*, strain UPII 315-A ([HMP ID 9435](#)) is a reference genome for [The Human Microbiome Project](#) (HMP). HMP is an initiative to identify and characterize human microbial flora. The complete genome of *G. vaginalis*, strain UPII 315-A was sequenced at the [J. Craig Venter Institute](#) (GenBank: [AFDI00000000](#)).

Note: HMP material is taxonomically classified by the depositor. Quality control of these materials is only performed to demonstrate that the material distributed by BEI Resources is identical to the deposited material.

G. vaginalis is a facultatively anaerobic bacterium commonly found in vaginal microbiota. It is often described as Gram-variable but has a thin, Gram-positive cell wall.³ Although *G. vaginalis* is commonly found in healthy individuals, it is one of the predominant organisms of the vaginal cavity in women with bacterial vaginosis.^{4,5}

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in NYC III broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

Note: If homogeneity is required for your intended use, please purify prior to initiating work.

Packaging/Storage:

HM-133 was packaged aseptically in cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -60°C or colder immediately upon arrival. For long-term storage, the vapor phase of a liquid nitrogen freezer is recommended. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided.

Growth Conditions:

Media:

NYC III broth or equivalent

Chocolate agar or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic with 5% CO₂

Propagation:

1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use, then thaw.
2. Transfer the entire thawed aliquot into a single tube of broth.
3. Use several drops of the suspension to inoculate an agar slant and/or plate.
4. Incubate the tube, slant and/or plate at 37°C for 1 to 2 days.

Citation:

Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH as part of the Human Microbiome Project: *Gardnerella vaginalis*, Strain UPII 315-A, HM-133."

Biosafety Level: 2

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