

Yersinia pestis, Strain A12 Derivative 5 (D5)

Catalog No. NR-4688

Product Description: *Yersinia pestis* (*Y. pestis*) is an aerobic, non-spore-forming, Gram-negative rod-shaped bacterium. *Y. pestis*, strain A12(D5) is an avirulent derivative of the A12 strain. Strain A12(D5) contains the pMT1 plasmid and the unstable chromosomal *pgm* locus, but lacks the pCD1 plasmid that is essential for virulence as well as the pPCP1 plasmid.

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TEST	SPECIFICATIONS	RESULTS
Phenotypic Analysis Cellular morphology Colony morphology ² Congo red (CR) agar ^{3,4} Biochemical Analyses Analytical profile index (API 20 E®) Nitrate reduction Fermentation of glycerol Urease	Gram-negative rod Report results Red colonies (Crb ⁺) Consistent with <i>Y. pestis</i> Positive Negative Negative	Gram-negative rod Circular, convex, slightly undulate, opaque (Figure 1) Red colonies (Crb ⁺) Consistent with <i>Y. pestis</i> Positive Negative Negative
Genotypic Analysis Sequencing of 16S ribosomal RNA gene (~ 1390 bp)	Consistent with <i>Y. pestis</i>	Consistent with <i>Y. pestis</i> ⁵
PCR Assay of Extracted DNA 16S ribosomal RNA gene Presence of virulence-associated plasmids pMT1 (pFra; ~ 100 kb plasmid) pCD1 (pYV; ~ 70 kb plasmid) pPCP1 (pPla; ~ 9.5 kb plasmid)	~ 1500 bp amplicon ~ 1200 bp amplicon None detected None detected	~ 1500 bp amplicon ~ 1200 bp amplicon None detected None detected
Viability (post-freeze)²	Growth on agar	Growth on agar

¹*Y. pestis*, strain A12(D5) was deposited by Professor Robert R. Brubaker of the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. NR-4688 was prepared by broth (Tryptic Soy Broth; BD 211768) culture of the deposited material and grown 48 hours at 28°C and aerobic atmosphere. Broth inoculum was added to Kolles which were grown 48 hours at 28°C and aerobic atmosphere to produce this lot.

²48 hours at 28°C and aerobic atmosphere on Tryptic Soy Agar (BD 236950)

³1 to 4 days at 28°C and aerobic atmosphere on CR agar

⁴Hare, J. M. and K. A. McDonough. "High-Frequency RecA-Dependent and -Independent Mechanisms of Congo Red Binding Mutations in *Yersinia pestis*." *J. Bacteriol.* 181 (1999): 4896-4904. PubMed: 10438760.

⁵Also consistent with other *Yersinia* species

Figure 1



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