

***Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, Strain H37Rv**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Mycobacteriaceae*, *Mycobacterium*

Species: *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

Type Strain: H37Rv

Original Source: The H37Rv strain was derived from the virulent parent strain H37. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (*M. tuberculosis*), strain H37 was isolated in 1905 from the sputum of a patient with chronic pulmonary tuberculosis.¹

Comment: The complete genome of *M. tuberculosis*, strain H37Rv has been sequenced (GenBank: [AL123456](#)).^{2,3}

M. tuberculosis is an acid-fast, Gram-positive, non-motile, rod-shaped aerobic bacterium. It is the causative agent of tuberculosis (TB) and is responsible for more morbidity in humans than any other bacterial disease. *M. tuberculosis* is a slow-growing pathogen with a thick, lipid-rich cell wall, lending bacilli the unusual propensity to shut down its metabolism in the face of adverse conditions and enter a latent phase in which it displays phenotypic resistance to antibiotic therapy. Therefore, persons infected with *M. tuberculosis* can develop active disease within months of infection or can remain latently infected and develop disease later in life. The primary focus of infection is the lungs, with TB being spread by infectious aerosols produced by coughing. The spread of multidrug-resistant and extensively drug-resistant TB is a major medical and public health concern for the world.⁴⁻⁹

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Middlebrook 7H9 broth with ADC enrichment supplemented with 10% glycerol. Each vial of lot 04.Rv.2.11.18.4.WS contains approximately 1 mL of bacterial culture in glycerol-alanine-salts medium with 20% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-13648 was packaged aseptically in screw-capped plastic 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:

Lowenstein-Jensen agar slants

Middlebrook 7H9 broth with ADC Enrichment

Middlebrook 7H10 agar with OADC Enrichment

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic (with or without 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 4 weeks.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 3

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