

***Listeria monocytogenes*, Strain Li 23**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Listeriaceae*, *Listeria*

Species: *Listeria monocytogenes*

Strain: Li 23 (also referred to as WSLC 1020¹ and NCTC 5214)

Serotype: 4a

Original Source: *Listeria monocytogenes* (*L. monocytogenes*), strain Li 23 was isolated in 1931 from ruminant animal tissue in the USA.²

Comment: Serotype 4a is the only serotype of *L. monocytogenes* that is naturally avirulent.³ Serotype 4a strains of *L. monocytogenes* are candidates for vaccine development, since they are rarely linked to outbreaks of listeriosis.³ The complete genome of *L. monocytogenes*, strain Li 23 is available (GenBank: [CP013287](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuclseq/CP013287)).¹

Listeria monocytogenes is a Gram-positive, facultative intracellular bacterium that is extremely tolerant of external stresses (pH 3 to 12, temperatures ranging from 1°C to 45°C and high salt). *L. monocytogenes* encompasses a diversity of strains with varied virulence and pathogenic potential. There are 13 serotypes (1/2a, 1/2b, 1/2c, 3a, 3b, 3c, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e, 5 and 7) that have been isolated from mammalian, bird, fish and shellfish species as well as environmental sources. Of these, only 3 serotypes (1/2a, 1/2b, and 4b) are frequently isolated from outbreaks of human listeriosis. The most common cause of infection is through ingestion of contaminated foods, in particular milk, meat or vegetable products. The infective dose is unknown and varies with species.⁴

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Brain Heart Infusion broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-109 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:

Brain Heart Infusion broth or equivalent

Brain Heart Infusion agar or Sheep Blood agar or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic

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 tubes and plate at 37°C for 1 day.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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