

***Mycobacterium kansasii*, Strain 824**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Mycobacteriaceae*, *Mycobacterium*

Species: *Mycobacterium kansasii*

Strain: 824

Original Source: *Mycobacterium kansasii* (*M. kansasii*), strain 824 was isolated in 2012 from human sputum at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, Tyler, Texas, USA.¹

Comment: *M. kansasii*, strain 824 is part of the Top Priority Nontuberculous Mycobacteria Whole Genome Sequencing Project at the [Genomic Sequencing Center for Infectious Diseases](#) (GSCID) at University of Maryland School of Medicine. The complete genome sequence of *M. kansasii*, strain 824 has been sequenced (GenBank: [JANY00000000](#)).

M. kansasii is an acid-fast, Gram-positive, non-motile, photochromogenic, rod-shaped and slow-growing nontuberculous mycobacterium frequently found in aquatic environments.² It has traditionally been considered the most virulent nontuberculous mycobacteria closely resembling *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*; however, *M. kansasii* rarely causes disease in humans, is generally considered noncontagious and has a definite geographic distribution most common to the southern United States.^{3,4} Tap water is likely a major reservoir for *M. kansasii* causing human infection.^{3,5} Immunosuppression or immunodeficiency, abnormal skin or skin injury, and exposure to contaminated water are commonly associated with *M. kansasii* infection, which is usually susceptible to several antibiotics and can be treated effectively with a multidrug regimen.^{3,4,5}

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Middlebrook 7H9 broth with ADC Enrichment supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-44269 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:

Middlebrook 7H9 broth with ADC enrichment or equivalent
Middlebrook 7H10 agar with OADC enrichment or
Lowenstein-Jensen 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 6 weeks.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the following publication: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories. 5th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2009; see www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmb15/index.htm.

This publication recommends that practices with this agent include the use of respiratory protection and the implementation of specific procedures and use of specialized equipment to prevent and contain aerosols.

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