Product Information Sheet for NR-42457

**Bordetella pertussis, Strain H921**

**Catalog No. NR-42457**

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**Product Description:**

**Bacteria Classification:** Alcaligenaceae, Bordetella  
**Species:** Bordetella pertussis  
**Strain:** H921  
**Original Source:** Bordetella pertussis (B. pertussis), strain H921 was isolated in 2012 from a nasopharyngeal swab of a patient with whooping cough in Washington, USA.¹  
**Comments:** The complete genome of B. pertussis, strain H921 has been sequenced (GenBank: AXSM00000000).²

**B. pertussis** is a Gram-negative, fastidious, non-motile coccobacilli that is a highly contagious, exclusively human pathogen. It is the causative agent of pertussis (whooping cough), an acute upper respiratory tract infection characterized by coughing fits (paroxysms), a whooping noise heard in the subsequent inspiration following a paroxysm and prolonged clinical course lasting for several weeks. Infection in adolescents and adults is typically mild; however, in children, particularly young infants, infection can be severe and sometimes deadly.³⁴⁵

**Material Provided:**

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

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

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-42457 was packaged aseptically in cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -80°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:**
Stainer-Scholte broth with Heptakis or Bordet Gengou broth or equivalent  
Regan-Lowe agar or Bordet Gengou agar (with or without 10% defibrinated sheep blood)¹ or equivalent

**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 (with shaking)¹, slant and/or plate at 37°C for 2 to 7 days.

**Citation:**

Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH: Bordetella pertussis, Strain H921, NR-42457."

**Biosafety Level:**

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