

***Cutibacterium acnes*, Strain SK182 (Deposited as *Propionibacterium acnes*, SK182)**

Catalog No. HM-253

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Propionibacteriaceae*, *Cutibacterium*
Species: *Cutibacterium acnes* (The label on the vial is incorrect; the strain was deposited as *Propionibacterium acnes*, and was reclassified in 2016 as *Cutibacterium acnes* based on 16S ribosomal RNA gene sequence analysis.)

Strain: SK182

Original Source: *Cutibacterium acnes* (*C. acnes*), strain SK182 was isolated from human skin.¹

Comments: *C. acnes*, strain SK182 ([HMP ID 9205](#)) is a reference genome for [The Human Microbiome Project](#) (HMP). HMP is an initiative to identify and characterize human microbial flora. The complete genome of *C. acnes*, strain SK182 was sequenced at the [J. Craig Venter Institute](#) (GenBank: [AFUM00000000](#)).

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C. acnes is a non-motile, Gram-positive, anaerobic rod that resides in hair follicles of the human skin.^{2,3} It may cause severe infections at various body sites, particularly in the presence of a foreign body.²

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Modified Reinforced Clostridial broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

HM-253 was packaged aseptically in 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:

Modified Reinforced Clostridial broth or equivalent
Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Anaerobic

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 2 days.

Citation:

Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH as part of the Human Microbiome Project: *Cutibacterium acnes*, Strain SK182 (Deposited as *Propionibacterium acnes*, SK182), HM-253."

Biosafety Level: 1

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](#). 6th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2020; see www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/index.htm.

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References:

1. [HMP 9205](#) (*P. acnes*, strain SK182, the HMP website has not been updated with the reclassification to *C. acnes*)
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