**Product Information Sheet for NR-521**

**Shigella boydii**, Strain NCTC 12985

**Catalog No. NR-521**  
(Derived from ATCC® 8700™)

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**Product Description:**

**Bacteria Classification:** Enterobacteriaceae, Shigella  
**Species:** Shigella boydii  
**Strain:** NCTC 12985 (CIP 82.50)  
**Serotype:** 2  
**Comments:** Shigella boydii (S. boydii), strain NCTC 12985 was isolated in 1982.

Shigellae are Gram-negative, nonsporulating, facultative, anaerobic bacilli that are the causative agent of shigellosis. Four species of Shigella (S. dysenteriae, S. flexneri, S. sonnei and S. boydii) are able to cause the disease. Shigellosis is most commonly associated with children of developing countries where it causes more than one million deaths every year. Transmission generally occurs through contaminated food and water or by person-to-person contact.1,2

**Material Provided:**  
Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Tryptic Soy broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

**Packaging/Storage:**  
NR-521 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:**  
Nutrient broth or Tryptic Soy broth or equivalent  
Nutrient agar or Tryptic Soy 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 tube, slant and/or plate at 37°C for 1 day.

**Citation:**  
Acknowledgment for publications should read “The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH: Shigella boydii, Strain NCTC 12985, NR-521.”

**Biosafety Level:** 2  

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