

***Cutibacterium acnes*, Strain HL110PA1  
(Deposited as *Propionibacterium acnes*,  
HL110PA1)**

**Catalog No. HM-552**

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**Manufacturer:**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Propionibacteriaceae*, *Cutibacterium*  
Species: *Cutibacterium acnes* (Previously referred to as  
*Propionibacterium acnes*, this family has been reclassified  
and the family designation on the vial label refers to the old  
nomenclature.)<sup>1</sup>

Strain: HL110PA1

Original Source: *Cutibacterium acnes* (*C. acnes*), strain  
HL110PA1 was isolated from human skin.<sup>2</sup>

Comments: *C. acnes*, strain HL110PA1 ([HMP ID 9575](#)) 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 HL110PA1 was sequenced at the Genome Institute at  
[Washington University](#) (GenBank: [ADZE00000000](#)).

Note: HMP material is taxonomically classified by the  
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*C. acnes* is a non-motile, Gram-positive, anaerobic rod that  
resides in hair follicles of the human skin.<sup>3,4</sup> It may cause  
severe infections at various body sites, particularly in the  
presence of a foreign body.<sup>4</sup>

**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-552 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.  
Broth cultures should include shaking.

**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 HL110PA1, HM-552."

**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](http://www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/index.htm).

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