

## Helicobacter pylori, Strain Hp A-4

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#### Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Helicobacteraceae*, *Helicobacter*

Species: *Helicobacter pylori*

Strain: Hp A-4

Original Source: *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*), strain Hp A-4  
was isolated from gastric biopsy homogenate of a patient  
with a duodenal ulcer in Ohio, USA.<sup>1,2</sup>

Comments: *H. pylori*, strain Hp A-4 is part of a genome  
sequencing project at the [Institute for Genome Sciences](#)  
at the University of Maryland.<sup>2</sup> The complete genome of  
*H. pylori*, strain Hp A-4 has been sequenced (GenBank:  
[AKO000000000](#)).

*H. pylori* is a microaerophilic, Gram-negative, nonsporulating,  
spiral-shaped and flagellated rod commonly found in the  
human stomach, present in about half of the world  
population.<sup>3,4</sup> It is an opportunistic pathogen linked to  
diseases of the upper gastrointestinal tract including: gastric  
and duodenal ulcers, chronic gastritis, and stomach cancer.<sup>2</sup>  
*H. pylori* infections are difficult to cure and successful  
treatment generally requires the administration of several  
antibacterial agents simultaneously.<sup>5,6</sup>

#### Material Provided:

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

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

#### Packaging/Storage:

NR-43653 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:

Tryptic Soy broth or Brain Heart Infusion broth or Brucella  
broth or equivalent

Tryptic Soy agar or Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated  
sheep blood or Brucella agar or Columbia agar with 7%  
defibrinated horse blood, 5 µg/mL trimethoprim, 5 µg/mL  
vancomycin, 10 µg/mL cefsulodin and 2.5 µg/mL  
amphotericin B<sup>1</sup> or equivalent

#### Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Microaerophilic (~ 6-16% O<sub>2</sub> and 2-10% CO<sub>2</sub>)

#### Propagation:

1. Keep the 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 to 3  
days.

#### Citation:

Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following  
reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH:  
*Helicobacter pylori*, Strain Hp A-4, NR-43653."

#### 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 \(BMBL\)](#). 6th ed.  
Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2020.

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