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Clostridioides difficile, Isolate 6

Catalog No. NR-13432

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: Clostridioides2,3

Peptostreptococcaceae¹;

Species: Clostridioides difficile

Isolate: 6

Original Source: Clostridioides difficile (C. difficile), isolate 6 was isolated from a human patient from the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States in 2008/2009. (Previously referred to as Clostridium difficile, this genus has been reclassified).2,3

C. difficile is a Gram-positive, spore-forming, obligate anaerobe that commonly inhabits the intestinal tract of various mammalian species, reptiles and birds, and may also be found in the environment. Pathogenic strains of C. difficile produce a potent cytotoxin (toxin B) and in most cases an enterotoxin (toxin A).⁴ It is the production of these toxins in the gut which ultimately leads to pseudomembranous colitis (PMC) and C. difficile associated diarrhea (CDAD), which often occur as a complication of antibiotic therapy in elderly hospitalized patients.5

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:

NR-13432 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 Reinforced Clostridial agar or Anaerobic Blood agar Incubation: Temperature: 37°C Atmosphere: Anaerobic

Propagation:

- Keep vial frozen until ready for use, then thaw. 1.
- 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.
- Incubate the tubes and plate at 37°C for 2 to 3 days. 4

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Citation:

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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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