Product Information Sheet for NR-49277

Clostridioides difficile, Isolate 20100502

Catalog No. NR-49277

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Peptostreptococcaceae; Clostridioides*[1,2]

Species: *Clostridioides difficile*

Previously referred to as *Clostridium difficile,* the genus and species have been reclassified and the designation on the vial label refers to the old nomenclature.

Isolate: 20100502

Original Source: *Clostridioides difficile* (*C. difficile*), isolate 20100502 was isolated from the stool of an older adult male patient with a community-associated (CA) *C. difficile* infection in Colorado, USA, in 2010.[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. *C. difficile* infection is the leading cause of gastroenteritis-associated death and has become the most common cause of healthcare-associated (HA) infections in the USA.[4] Epidemic strains of *C. difficile* associated with severe disease are generally positive for CDT, contain an 18 base pair deletion in *tcdC*, are resistant to fluoroquinolones, have PCR ribotype 027 and pulse-field gel electrophoresis type NAP1, restriction endonuclease analysis (REA) type B1 and toxinotype III (CDT^+, $TcdA^+$ and $TcdB^+$).[5] *C. difficile* produces a cytotoxin (TcdB) and an enterotoxin (TcdA) whose genes are part of the PaLoc operon. The operon also contains the *tcdC* gene which is a negative regulator of the *tcdA* and *tcdB* genes. The CDT is comprised of two parts encoded by *cdtA* (enzymatic component) and *cdtB* (binding component).[5] The production of these toxins in the gut 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.[6]

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-49277 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 medium 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 tubes and 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: *Clostridioides difficile*, Isolate 20100502, NR-49277."

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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