



***Colpoda cucullus* (Muller) Gmelin**

30916™

Description

Deposited As: *Colpoda cucullus* (Muller) Gmelin

Type strain: No

Storage Conditions

Product format: Dried

Storage conditions: 2°C to 8°C

Intended Use

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Certificate of Analysis

For batch-specific test results, refer to the applicable certificate of analysis that can be found at www.atcc.org.

Growth Conditions

Medium:

ATCC Medium 802: Sonneborn's Paramecium medium

Temperature: 25°C

Culture system: Xenic

Handling Procedures

Storage and Culture Initiation

Frozen ampules packed in dry ice should either be thawed immediately or stored in liquid nitrogen. If liquid nitrogen storage facilities are not available, frozen ampoules may be stored at or below -70°C for approximately one week. **Do not under any circumstance store frozen ampules at refrigerator freezer temperatures (generally -20°C).** Storage of frozen material at this temperature will result in the death of the

culture.

1. One day before thawing the ampule prepare bacterized ATCC medium 802, i.e., inoculate medium with a bacteriological loop of *Klebsiella pneumoniae* subsp. *pneumoniae* (ATCC® 700831) from a nutrient agar slant (ATCC medium 3).
2. To thaw a frozen ampule, place it in a 35°C water bath such that the lip of the ampule remains above the water line. Thawing time is approximately 2 to 3 minutes. Do not agitate the ampule.
3. Immediately after thawing, aseptically transfer the contents to a T-25 tissue culture flask containing 10 ml of bacterized ATCC Medium 802.
4. Screw the cap on tightly and incubate the tube at 25°C.

Culture maintenance:

1. Prepare bacterized ATCC medium 802.
2. Inoculate a T-25 tissue culture flask containing 10.0 ml of bacterized ATCC medium 802.
3. Incubate at 25°C with cap screwed on tightly.
4. For routine maintenance subculture every 10-14 d.

Cryopreservation:

1. Harvest cells from a culture that is at or near peak density by centrifugation at 800 x g for 5 min.
2. Adjust the concentration of cells to $2 \times 10^6 - 10^7$ /ml in fresh medium.
3. While cells are centrifuging prepare a 20% (v/v) solution of sterile DMSO in fresh medium.
 - a. Add 2.0 ml of DMSO to an ice cold 20 x 150 mm screw-capped test tube;
 - b. Place the tube on ice and allow the DMSO to solidify (~5 min) and then add 8.0 ml of ice cold medium;
 - c. Invert several times to dissolve the DMSO;
 - d. Allow to warm to room temperature.
4. Mix the cell preparation and the DMSO in equal portions. Thus, the final concentration will be $10^6 - 10^7$ and 10% (v/v) DMSO. The time from the mixing of the cell preparation and DMSO stock solution before the freezing process is begun should be no less than 15 min and no longer than 30 min.
5. Dispense in 0.5 ml aliquots into 1.0 - 2.0 ml sterile plastic screw-capped cryules (special plastic vials for cryopreservation).
6. Place the vials in a controlled rate freezing unit. From room temperature cool at -1°C/min to -40°C. If the freezing unit can compensate for the heat of fusion, maintain rate at -1°C/min through the heat of fusion. At -40°C plunge

into liquid nitrogen. Alternatively, place the vials in a Nalgene 1°C freezing apparatus. Place the apparatus at -80°C for 1.5 to 2 hours and then plunge ampules into liquid nitrogen. (The cooling rate in this apparatus is approximately -1°C/min.)

7. The frozen preparations should be stored in either the vapor or liquid phase of a nitrogen refrigerator. Frozen preparations stored below -130°C are stable indefinitely. Those stored at temperatures above -130°C are progressively less stable as the storage temperature is elevated. If frozen material is to be stored at temperatures between -130°C and -70°C the shelf life should be empirically tested, i.e., remove stored material at intervals to determine die-off rate.
8. To establish a culture from the frozen state place an ampule in a water bath set at 35°C. Immerse the ampule to a level just above the surface of the frozen material. Do not agitate the ampule.
9. Immediately after thawing, do not leave in the water bath, aseptically remove the contents of the ampule and inoculate a T-25 tissue culture flask containing 10 ml of ATCC medium 802 bacterized with *Klebsiella pneumoniae* subsp. *pneumoniae* (ATCC® 700831).
10. Incubate horizontally with the cap screwed on tightly at 25°C.

Material Citation

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References

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