

***Leptospira interrogans*, Strain Verdun LP
(Serovar Icterohaemorrhagiae)**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Leptospiraceae*, *Leptospira*

Species: *Leptospira interrogans*

Serovar: Icterohaemorrhagiae

Strain: Verdun LP

Original Source: *Leptospira interrogans* (*L. interrogans*), strain Verdun LP (serovar Icterohaemorrhagiae) was isolated in 1986 from a human in France.^{1,2}

Comments: Strain Verdun LP was deposited to BEI Resources as part of the [Leptospira Genome Project](#) at the J. Craig Venter Institute's [Genomic Sequencing Center for Infectious Diseases](#) (GSCID). The whole genome sequence of *L. interrogans*, strain Verdun LP is available (GenBank: [AKWP00000000](#)).

The genus *Leptospira* consists of thirteen pathogenic species, that cause the acute zoonotic-disease leptospirosis, and six free-living saprophytic species found in water and soil that do not infect animal hosts.^{3,4} Leptospire are thin, motile, slow-growing obligate aerobe spirochetes with distinctive hooked ends and two axial flagella that cause the acute zoonotic disease leptospirosis.^{3,4}

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Ellinghausen-McCullough-Johnson-Harrison Medium supplemented with 2.5% DMSO.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-19928 was packaged aseptically, in screw-capped plastic 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:

Ellinghausen-McCullough-Johnson-Harrison (EMJH) semisolid agar (0.15%) (ATCC® medium 2653) or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 30°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic

Propagation:

1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use; thaw slowly.
2. Transfer the entire thawed aliquot into a single tube or jar of semisolid agar.
3. Incubate the tube or jar at 30°C for 10 to 24 days until an opaque disk of growth is visible several millimeters below the surface of the medium (Dinger's disk).

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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