

***Leptospira wolbachii*, Strain CDC (Serovar Codice)**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Leptospiraceae*, *Leptospira*

Species: *Leptospira wolbachii*

Serovar: Codice

Strain: CDC

Original Source: *Leptospira wolbachii* (*L. wolbachii*), strain CDC (serovar Codice) is a saprophytic strain isolated from water in the USA.<sup>1</sup>

Comments: Strain CDC was deposited to BEI Resources as the type strain for the species.<sup>1</sup> It is part of the [Leptospira Genome Project](#) at the J. Craig Venter Institute's [Genomic Sequencing Center for Infectious Diseases](#) (GSCID).<sup>2</sup> The whole genome sequence of *L. wolbachii*, strain CDC is available (GenBank: [AOGZ00000000](#)).

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.<sup>3,4</sup> Leptospire are thin, motile, slow-growing obligate aerobic spirochetes with distinctive hooked ends and two axial flagella that cause the acute zoonotic disease leptospirosis.<sup>3,4</sup>

*L. wolbachii*, strain CDC is known to grow in the presence of 8-azaguanine and 2,6-diaminopurine and produce lipase. It is also reported to be inhibited by copper sulfate and unable to grow at 11°C and 37°C.<sup>1</sup>

**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-35357 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) semi-solid 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 2 to 8 weeks until an opaque disk of growth is visible several millimeters below the surface of the medium (Dinger's disk).

Note: Due to the nature of *Leptospira* to form a Dinger's disk in semi-solid agar, it may be difficult to obtain a homogenous pool of cells to ensure an even distribution in all vials. If growth is not observed after 10 weeks in culture, please contact BEI Resources for a replacement.

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