

***Enterococcus faecium*, Strain E1552**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Enterococcaceae*, *Enterococcus*

Species: *Enterococcus faecium*

Strain: E1552 (also referred to as EnGen0021²)

Original Source: *Enterococcus faecium* (*E. faecium*), strain E1552 was isolated in 2002 from the feces of a hospitalized patient in the Netherlands.^{1,2}

Comments: *E. faecium*, strain E1552 is reported to be resistant to vancomycin; positive for *vanA*; MLST (ST) 5.³ The complete genome of *E. faecium*, strain E1552 has been sequenced (GenBank: AHWW00000000).

E. faecium is a Gram-positive facultative anaerobic coccus that is a commensal inhabitant of the gastrointestinal tract of both humans and animals.^{4,6} *E. faecium* is an emerging and challenging nosocomial pathogen due to its inherent hardiness and ability to develop antibiotic resistance.^{4,6} Its large open pan-genome allows for horizontal gene transfer between *E. faecium* and other pathogenic and non-pathogenic bacteria to adapt to changing environments.^{4,7} The large majority of strains isolated from nosocomial infections have been classified as CC17, with a distinct genetic lineage characterized by ampicillin resistance and a pathogenicity island carrying the *esp* gene, which is known to contribute virulence in an animal model.^{4,7,8} Two other virulence genes, *hyl* and *acm*, have been identified.⁴

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Tryptic Soy broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-31928 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:

Tryptic Soy broth or Brain Heart Infusion broth or equivalent

Tryptic Soy agar or Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or Brain Heart Infusion agar or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 35 to 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic (with or without 5% CO₂) or 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 tube, slant and/or plate for 1 day.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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