

***Bifidobacterium breve*, Strain HPH0326**

**Catalog No. HM-856**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Bifidobacteriaceae*, *Bifidobacterium*

Species: *Bifidobacterium breve*

Strain: HPH0326

Original Source: *Bifidobacterium breve* (*B. breve*), strain HPH0326 was isolated from a biopsy of ileo-anal pouch mucosa of a human subject in the United States.<sup>1,2</sup>

Comments: *B. breve*, strain HPH0326 ([HMP ID 1482](#)) is a reference genome for [The Human Microbiome Project](#) (HMP). HMP is an initiative to identify and characterize human microbial flora. The complete genome of *B. breve*, strain HPH0326 was sequenced at the [Broad Institute](#) (GenBank: [ATCB00000000](#)).

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*B. breve* is a non-motile, Gram-positive bacterium commonly found in the normal human gut. While *Bifidobacteria* are considered to be obligate anaerobes, *B. breve* has been reported to grow in low levels of oxygen.<sup>3-5</sup> It is among the first colonizers of the essentially sterile gastrointestinal tract of newborns and one of the dominant genera of the microbiota of healthy breastfed infants. *B. breve* is of interest for use as a probiotic.<sup>6,7</sup>

**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:**

HM-856 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 broth 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 tube, slant and/or 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 as part of the Human Microbiome Project: *Bifidobacterium breve*, Strain HPH0326, HM-856."

**Biosafety Level: 1**

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