

***Coccidioides posadasii*, Strain 3488**

**Catalog No. NR-48943**

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**Product Description:**

Classification: *Onygenales, Coccidioides*

Species: *Coccidioides posadasii*

Strain: 3488 (also referred to as RMSCC 3488)<sup>1,2</sup>

Original Source: *Coccidioides posadasii* (*C. posadasii*), strain 3488 was isolated in the 1990s from a human with coccidioidomycosis in Sonora, Mexico.<sup>3-5</sup>

Comments: The complete genome for *C. posadasii*, strain 3488 has been sequenced (GenBank: [ABBB00000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/ABBB00000000)).

*C. posadasii* and *C. immitis* are dimorphic fungal pathogens and causative agents of coccidioidomycosis, also known as San Joaquin Valley fever, in both immunocompetent and immunocompromised humans, as well as in mammals, primarily in arid regions of North and South America.<sup>3</sup> Transmission occurs through inhalation of the infectious airborne arthroconidia from soil, which undergo an asexual life cycle and enlarge to form parasitic spherules that eventually rupture to release endospores, leading to a potentially fatal, disseminated disease.<sup>3-5</sup> While transmission between hosts has not been established, infection through transplanted tissues has occurred.<sup>6</sup>

The original classification as a single species with two distinct geographic populations, California and non-California *C. immitis*, has evolved, with the non-California isolates established as a new species, *C. posadasii*, in 2002.<sup>4,7,8</sup> Genotypic analysis indicates multiple distinct subpopulations of each genus with limited gene flow: *C. immitis* is divided into two subpopulations, Central and Southern California, and *C. posadasii* into three subpopulations, Arizona, Mexico and Texas/South America.<sup>4</sup> The current geographic distribution of *C. immitis* isolates includes Central and Southern California, Arizona, Utah, Washington, Colombia and the Baja California region of Mexico, while *C. posadasii* has been isolated from Arizona, Texas, Utah, Mexico and Central and South America.<sup>3,4,6,9</sup> Analysis of hybrid genotypes suggests the two species may co-exist in nature and undergo sexual reproduction, with predominant gene flow from *C. posadasii* to *C. immitis*.<sup>4,10,11</sup>

**Material Provided:**

Each vial of NR-48943 contains approximately 0.7 mL of fungal culture containing 20% glycerol.

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-48943 was packaged aseptically in cryovials and is provided frozen on dry ice. The product should be stored at -70°C or colder.

**Growth Conditions:**

Media:

Emmons' Modified Sabouraud Dextrose broth or Yeast Mold (YM) broth or equivalent

Emmons' Modified Sabouraud Dextrose agar or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

Propagation:

1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use; thaw rapidly in a water bath at 25°C to 30°C. Typically, this takes less than 5 minutes.
2. Transfer the entire contents of the vial into Emmons' Modified Sabouraud Dextrose broth.
3. Incubate at 37°C for 6 to 14 days.

**Citation:**

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