Bacteriophage PBP1, Infectious for *Bacillus pumilus*

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Product Description:

Virus Classification: Caudovirales, *Siphoviridae*, unclassified *Siphoviridae*
Species: Bacteriophage PBP1
Host: *Bacillus pumilus* (*B. pumilus*)
Comments: Bacteriophage PBP1 (HMP ID 9758) 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 bacteriophage PBP1 is currently being sequenced at the J. Craig Venter Institute.
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Bacteriophage PBP1 is a harmless, flagella-specific virus that performs generalized transduction in strains of *B. pumilus*[1,2], a generally nonpathogenic bacterium commonly found in soil that produces spores that are highly resistant to extreme environments. Bacteriophage PBP1 belongs to the unclassified *Siphoviridae* family of viruses, which are non-enveloped and display non-contractile, filamentous tails, linear dsDNA, and hexagonal capsids.

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacteriophage in Luria-Burtani (LB) broth supplemented with 10 mM $MgSO_4$ and glycerol.

Packaging/Storage:

HM-615 was packaged aseptically in cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -20°C or colder immediately upon arrival. For long-term storage, the product should be stored at -80°C or colder or in the vapor phase of a liquid nitrogen freezer. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided.

Growth Conditions:

Host: *B. pumilus* (strain 706S recommended)
Growth medium for host:
Tryptic Soy broth or equivalent
Tryptic Soy agar or equivalent
Incubation of host:
Temperature: 37°C
Atmosphere: Aerobic
Propagation of host:
Note: Host homogeneity is recommended for your intended use, please colony-purify your bacterial host prior to use.
1. Keep bacterial stock frozen until ready for use, then thaw.
2. Transfer a thawed aliquot into a single tube of broth.
3. Incubate the tube at 37°C for 1 day.

Growth Medium for bacteriophage:
LB agar supplemented with 10 mM $MgSO_4$ or equivalent
LB soft agar overlay (0.7%) supplemented with 10 mM $MgSO_4$ or equivalent
Incubation of host with bacteriophage:
Temperature: 30°C
Atmosphere: Aerobic
Propagation:
1. Prior to opening the vial, an actively growing broth culture (1-day incubation) of the recommended host strain should be prepared. Keep bacteriophage vial frozen until ready for use, then thaw.
2. Pre-warm plates and overlay the surface with 2.5 mL of melted 0.7% agar containing 1 to 2 drops of the host. Allow overlay to harden.
3. Prepare serial dilutions of thawed bacteriophage (if desired) and spot onto the plate. Allow to dry.
4. Incubate the plate at 30°C for 1 day.

Note: Spotting the phage on plates makes visualizing the lysis easier. If phage is added directly to soft-agar before pouring plates, hazy or tiny plaques may be difficult to see. Resistant host bacteria may also mask plaque formation.
Cytopathic Effect: Lysis of *B. pumilus*; individual plaques should be countable at higher dilutions

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 1

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