

***Leptospira interrogans*, Strain CSL4002 (Serovar Pomona)**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Leptospiraceae*, *Leptospira*

Species: *Leptospira interrogans*

Serovar: Pomona (also referred to as serovar Pomona/Kennewicki and serovar Pomona type kennewicki.^{1,2} Serovar Kennewicki is no longer recognized as a distinct serovar of *Leptospira interrogans* as it is serologically indistinguishable from serovar Pomona.³)

Strain: CSL4002

Original Source: *Leptospira interrogans* (*L. interrogans*), strain CSL4002 (serovar Pomona) was isolated from a sea lion in California, USA.¹

Comments: The complete genome of *L. interrogans*, strain CSL4002 (serovar Pomona) has been sequenced (GenBank: [ANMZ00000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuclseq/ANMZ00000000)).

L. interrogans is a thin, motile, slow-growing obligate aerobic spirochete with distinctive hooked ends and two axial flagella that causes the acute zoonotic-disease leptospirosis.^{4,5} Rats are the reservoir hosts of pathogenic *L. interrogans* serovars and shed leptospire from their kidneys, where the bacteria colonize in renal tubules.⁵ Humans are incidentally-infected by direct contact with their urine or indirectly through contaminated water or soil in areas of heavy rainfall in urban areas with poor sanitation and flood control infrastructure in developing countries.^{6,7,8,9} Leptospirosis is an emerging global disease due to exposure through tourism in highly-endemic areas.⁴

L. interrogans virulence is not fully understood, however interactions between surface protein virulence factors (including lipopolysaccharide, flagella, heme oxygenase, adhesion molecules and outer membrane proteins) and extra-cellular matrix components of host tissues have been demonstrated.^{4,5}

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Ellinghausen-McCullough-Johnson-Harrison (EMJH) medium supplemented with 2.5% DMSO.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-35358 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:

Ellinghausen-McCullough-Johnson-Harrison (EMJH) semisolid 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 18 to 24 days until an opaque disk of growth is visible several millimeters below the surface of the medium (Dinger's disk).

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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