

***Staphylococcus epidermidis*, Strain E13A**

**Catalog No. HM-799**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Staphylococcaceae*, *Staphylococcus*

Species: *Staphylococcus epidermidis*

Strain: E13A

Original Source: *Staphylococcus epidermidis* (*S. epidermidis*), strain E13A was isolated from a human vaginal tract in the United States.<sup>1</sup>

Comments: *S. epidermidis*, strain E13A ([HMP ID 1157](#)) 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 *S. epidermidis*, strain E13A was sequenced at the [J. Craig Venter Institute](#) (GenBank: [AURC00000000](#)).

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*S. epidermidis* is a very hearty, Gram-positive, cluster-forming coccus that normally colonizes human skin and nostrils. It is the most common source of infection on indwelling medical devices, particularly catheters, and is now seen as an important opportunistic pathogen.<sup>2</sup>

**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:**

HM-799 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:

Brain Heart Infusion broth or Nutrient broth or Tryptic Soy broth or equivalent

Nutrient agar or Tryptic Soy agar with 5% sheep blood or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic

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 1 day.

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 1**

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**References:**

1. Wilson, B. A., Personal Communication.
2. Otto, M. "*Staphylococcus epidermidis* - the 'Accidental' Pathogen." Nat. Rev. Microbiol. 7 (2009): 555-567. PubMed: 19609257.
3. [HMP ID 1157](#) (*S. epidermidis*, strain E13A)

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