

***Treponema denticola*, Strain OTK**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Spirochaetaceae*, *Treponema*

Species: *Treponema denticola*

Strain: OTK (also referred to as F0454)

Original Source: *Treponema denticola* (*T. denticola*), strain OTK was isolated from a deep periodontal pocket in an adult human mouth in the United States.<sup>1,2</sup>

Comments: *T. denticola*, strain OTK ([HMP ID 9723](#)) 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 *T. denticola*, strain OTK was sequenced at the [Broad Institute](#) (GenBank: [AGDY00000000](#)).

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*T. denticola* is a Gram-negative, obligately anaerobic, non-sporulating, motile spirochete usually found in the microflora of a human mouth, predominately in the subgingival plaque of patients with periodontitis.<sup>3</sup> This invasive bacterium has been identified as an important cause of periodontal disease and is suspected to be involved in extra-oral infections.<sup>4,5,6,7</sup>

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in tryptone-yeast extract-gelatin-volatile fatty acids-serum (TYGVS) medium supplemented with 80% glycerol.

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

**Packaging/Storage:**

HM-568 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:**

TYGVS medium or Modified New Oral Spirochete broth or equivalent<sup>1,3</sup>

Note: Growth on agar is not recommended.

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 additional broth tubes.
4. Incubate tubes at 37°C for 3 to 7 days.

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 1**

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the following publication: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. [Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories \(BMBL\)](#), 6th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2020.

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