



Cryptococcus gattii **(Vanbreuseghem et Takashio) Kwon-Chung et Boekhout**

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Description

An ampoule containing viable cells (may include spores and mycelia) suspended in cryoprotectant.

Strain designation: NIH 76

Deposited As: *Cryptococcus neoformans* (Sanfelice) Vuillemin

Type strain: No

Serotype: B

Storage Conditions

Product format: Freeze-dried

Storage conditions: 2°C to 8°C

Intended Use

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Growth Conditions

Medium:

ATCC Medium 28: Emmons' modification of Sabouraud's agar/broth

ATCC Medium 200: YM agar or YM broth

ATCC Medium 323: Malt agar medium

Temperature: 24-26°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic

Handling Procedures

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For **freeze-dry (lyophilized)** ampoules:

1. Open an ampoule according to enclosed instructions.
2. From a single test tube of **sterile distilled water** (5 to 6 mL), withdraw approximately 0.5 to 1.0 mL with a sterile pipette and apply directly to the pellet. Stir to form a suspension.
3. Aseptically transfer the suspension back into the test tube of sterile distilled water.
4. Let the test tube sit at room temperature (25°C) undisturbed for **at least 2 hours**; longer (e.g., overnight) rehydration might increase viability of some fungi.
5. Mix the suspension well. Use several drops (or make dilutions if desired) to inoculate recommended solid or liquid medium. Include a control that receives no inoculum.
6. Incubate the inoculum at the propagation conditions recommended.
7. Inspect for growth of the inoculum/strain regularly. The sign of viability is noticeable typically after 1-2 days of incubation. However, the time necessary for significant growth will vary from strain to strain.

Morphology: After one week at 25°C colonies are white to cream-colored with a smooth mucoid texture, cells are globose or ovoidal, 3-5µm. Later a sediment is formed.

Notes

Additional information on this culture is available on the ATCC® web site at www.atcc.org.

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