Porphyridium purpureum (Bory) Drew and Ross

50150™

Description

Strain designation: SMBA 70
Deposited As: *Porphyridium purpureum* (Bory) Drew and Ross
Type strain: No

Storage Conditions

Product format: Frozen
Storage conditions: -80°C or colder for 1 week, vapor phase of liquid nitrogen for long-term storage

Intended Use

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Certificate of Analysis

For batch-specific test results, refer to the applicable certificate of analysis that can be found at www.atcc.org.

Growth Conditions

Medium:
ATCC Medium 1495: ASW medium
Temperature: 18°C
Culture system: Axenic

Handling Procedures

Storage and Culture Initiation
Frozen ampules packed in dry ice should either be thawed immediately or stored in liquid nitrogen. If liquid nitrogen storage facilities are not available, frozen ampules may be stored at or below -70°C for approximately one week. **Do not under any circumstance store frozen ampules at refrigerator freezer temperatures (generally -20°C).** Storage of frozen material at this temperature will result in the death of the

culture.

1. To thaw a frozen ampule, place in a 35°C water bath, until thawed (2-3 min). Immerse the ampule just sufficient to cover the frozen material. Do not agitate the ampule.
2. Immediately after thawing, aseptically transfer the entire contents to a single 16 x 125 mm screw-capped test tube containing 5 mL of ATCC medium 1495 broth. Incubate the tube on a 15° horizontal slant with the cap screwed on loosely (loosened one half turn) at 18°C under a 14 hour light (~50 µEinsteins/m^2/s irradiance)/10 hour dark cycle. Alternatively, add the entire thawed contents to the surface of a 20 x 100 mm Petri plate containing 20 mL of ATCC medium 1495 agar. Wrap the plate culture with parafilm and incubate upright under the same light/dark cycle as specified for a test tube culture.

Culture maintenance:

1. For a plate culture, transfer cells with an inoculating loop to a plate of fresh agar medium from a growing culture at or near peak density. For a broth culture, inoculate a tube of fresh broth medium with 0.1 mL from a growing culture at or near peak density.
2. Incubate at 18°C under a 14 hour light (~50 µEinsteins/m^2/s irradiance)/10 hour dark cycle, with the cap loosened one half turn in the case of a test tube culture.
3. Subculture every 14-21 days.

Cryopreservation:

1. Harvest cells from a culture that is at or near peak density by centrifugation at 800 x g for 5 min.
2. Adjust the concentration of cells to 2 x 10^6 - 2 x 10^7/mL in fresh medium.
3. While cells are centrifuging prepare a 10% (v/v) solution of sterile methanol in fresh medium. (Note that DMSO can be substituted for methanol to cryopreserve this organism.)
4. Mix the cell preparation and the 10% methanol [or 10% DMSO] in equal portions. Thus, the final concentration will be 10^6 - 10^7 cells/mL and 5% (v/v) methanol [or DMSO]. The time from the mixing of the cell preparation and methanol stock solution to the beginning of the freezing process should be no less than 5 min and no greater than 15 min.
5. Dispense in 0.5 mL aliquots into 1.0 - 2.0 mL sterile plastic screw-capped cryules (special plastic vials for cryopreservation).
6. Place the vials in a controlled rate freezing unit. From room temperature cool at -1°C/min to -40°C. If the freezing unit can compensate for the heat of

fusion, maintain rate at -1°C/min through the heat of fusion. At -40°C plunge into liquid nitrogen. Alternatively, place the vials in a Nalgene 1°C freezing apparatus. Place the apparatus at -80°C for 1.5 to 2 hours and then plunge ampules into liquid nitrogen. (The cooling rate in this apparatus is approximately -1°C/min.)

7. The frozen preparations should be stored in either the vapor or liquid phase of a nitrogen refrigerator. Frozen preparations stored below -130°C are stabile indefinitely. Those stored at temperatures above -130°C are progressively less stabile as the storage temperature is elevated. Vials should not be stored above -55°C.
8. To establish a culture from the frozen state place an ampule in a water bath set at 35°C. Immerse the vial just to a level just above the surface of the frozen material. Do not agitate the vial.
9. Immediately after thawing, do not leave in the water bath, aseptically remove the contents of the ampule and add to a centrifuge tube containing 5 mL of ATCC medium 1495 without agar. If methanol was used as the cryopreservative, centrifuge at 300 x g for 5 min; otherwise, proceed to step 11.
10. Remove most of the supernatant (=methanol, which can inhibit growth) and then resuspend the pellet. Transfer the culture to a 16 x 125 mm screw-capped test tube containing 5 mL of ATCC medium 1495 broth or to the surface of an ATCC medium 1495 agar plate (20 x 100 mm Petri plate containing 20 mL of ATCC medium 1495 agar).
11. Incubate the culture at ~50 µEinsteins/m^2/s irradiance at 18°C. Maintain under a 14/10h light-dark photoperiod.

Material Citation

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