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Description

Enterococcus faecium strain VRE was isolated in Connecticut from human feces. This whole-genome sequenced bacterium is resistant to vancomycin and the presence of the *vanA* gene was confirmed by PCR.

Strain designation: VRE

Deposited As: *Enterococcus faecium* (Orla-Jensen) Schleifer and Kilpper-Balz

Type strain: No

Storage Conditions

Product format: Freeze-dried

Storage conditions: 2°C to 8°C

Intended Use

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Growth Conditions

Medium:

ATCC Medium 44: Brain Heart Infusion Agar/Broth

ATCC Medium 260: Trypticase soy agar/broth with defibrinated sheep blood

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic

Handling Procedures

1. Open vial according to enclosed instructions.
2. Using a single tube of #44 broth (5 to 6 mL), withdraw approximately 0.5 to 1.0 mL with a Pasteur or 1.0 mL pipette. Rehydrate the entire pellet.
3. Aseptically transfer this aliquot back into the broth tube. Mix well.

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4. Use several drops of the suspension to inoculate a #260 agar slant and/or plate.
 5. Incubate the tubes and plate at 37°C for 24 hours.
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Notes

Presence of *vanA*, *IS16*, and *esp* genes confirmed by PCR.

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

Material Citation

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