



Product Sheet

# *Bacteroides fragilis* (ATCC® 23745™)

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**Frozen: -80°C or colder**  
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**Live Culture: See Propagation Section**

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Biosafety Level  
**2**

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## Description

**Designation:** [ICPB 3498, NCTC I0581]

**Deposited Name:** "*Sphaerophorus intermedius*" Berg and Hovig

**Product Description:** Referred to as the type strain of *Sphaerophorus intermedius*. Quality control strain for API products.

## Propagation

### Medium

ATCC® Medium 1490: Modified chopped meat medium

### Growth Conditions

**Temperature:** 37°C

**Atmosphere:** Anaerobic gas mixture; 80% N<sub>2</sub>-10% CO<sub>2</sub>-10% H<sub>2</sub>

### Propagation Procedure

1. Open vial according to enclosed instructions.
2. Under anaerobic conditions, withdraw 0.5 mL of recommended broth from a single test tube (5 to 6 mL) and rehydrate the entire vial contents.
3. Aseptically transfer this aliquot back into the broth tube. A slant may also be inoculated with 0.1 mL of the cell suspension. A Brucella blood agar plate (Anaerobe Systems AS-111) may be inoculated with 0.1 mL of culture to determine colony morphology and an aerobic blood plate may also be inoculated with 0.1 mL of culture and streaked to check for purity.
4. Incubate tubes and Brucella agar plate under anaerobic conditions at 37°C. Incubate blood plate aerobically at 37°C.
5. Within 24 to 48 hours, growth is evident by turbidity in the broth. On Brucella agar surfaces, colonies are small, circular, entire, glistening and low convex with no hemolysis. No growth should occur on the blood agar plate incubated aerobically.

### ANAEROBIC CONDITIONS:

Anaerobic conditions for transfer may be obtained by either of the following:

- Use of an anaerobic gas chamber, or
- Placement of test tubes under a gassing cannula system hooked to anaerobic gas.

Anaerobic conditions for incubation may be obtained by any of the following:

- Loose screw caps on test tubes in anaerobic chamber,
- Loose screw caps on test tubes in an activated anaerobic gas pack jar, or
- Use of sterile butyl rubber stoppers on test tubes so that an anaerobic gas headspace is retained

## Notes

For solid medium, add 2% agar OR use Brucella Blood Agar Plates (Anaerobe Systems AS-111).

Always use freshly prepared pre-reduced media or pre-reduced media that has been previously prepared but stored under anaerobic conditions. Resazurin in the media is a color indicator for anaerobic conditions.

Observance of pink color in medium before use or during incubation shows anaerobic conditions have not been met and oxidation has occurred. Medium should be discarded.

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