

***Bacteroides* sp., Strain 4_1_36**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Bacteroidaceae*, *Bacteroides*

Species: *Bacteroides* sp.

Strain: 4_1_36

Original Source: *Bacteroides* sp., strain 4_1_36 was isolated in 2007 from biopsy tissue taken from the terminal ileum of a male patient with active Crohn's Disease in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.^{1,2}

Comments: *Bacteroides* sp., strain 4_1_36 ([HMP ID 1007](#)) 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 *Bacteroides* sp., strain 4_1_36 was sequenced at the [Broad Institute](#) (GenBank: [ACTC00000000](#)).

Note: HMP material is taxonomically classified by the depositor. Quality control of these materials is only performed to demonstrate that the material distributed by BEI Resources is identical to the deposited material.

Bacteroides species are anaerobic, mesophilic, Gram-negative rods that have the highest antibiotic resistance rates of all anaerobic pathogens. These bacteria maintain a complex and usually beneficial host relationship when retained in the gut, but when they escape this environment they can cause significant pathology, including bacteremia and abscess formation in multiple body sites.³

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Modified Chopped Meat media supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

HM-258 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:

Media:

Modified Reinforced Clostridial broth, Modified Chopped Meat medium or equivalent
Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or equivalent

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 an agar slant and/or plate.
4. Incubate the tube, slant and/or plate at 37°C for 2 to 3 days.

Citation:

Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH as part of the Human Microbiome Project: *Bacteroides* sp., Strain 4_1_36, HM-258."

Biosafety Level: 2

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](#), 5th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2009; see www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmb15/index.htm.

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2. [HMP ID 1007](#) (*Bacteroides* sp., strain 4_1_36)
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