

Borrelia hispanica

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Product Description:Bacteria Classification: Spirochaetaceae, *Borrelia*Species: *Borrelia hispanica*Original Source: *Borrelia hispanica* (*B. hispanica*) was isolated in Spain in 2017 from the blood of a cat with relapsing fever.¹

B. hispanica is a motile spirochete transmitted by the soft ticks *Ornithodoros erraticus* (*O. erraticus*) and *O. maroccanus* and a causative agent of tick-borne relapsing fever (TBRF) in Northern Morocco, Spain, Portugal, Cyprus and Greece.^{2,3,4} It has also been reported to be a rare cause of ocular complications, pancytopenia and neuroborreliosis, a nervous system dysfunction during a relapsing fever episode.^{4,5,6} *B. hispanica* is closely related to the other Old-World TBRF borreliae, *B. crocidurae*, *B. duttonii* and *B. recurrentis*, and can be distinguished from these species based on a four-base-pair single nucleotide polymorphism in *recC*, encoding exodeoxyribonuclease V, and the presence of the phosphotransferase system IIC chitinose transporter protein.^{7,8}

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Revised Barbour-Stoenner-Kelly broth supplemented with 15% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-51677 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:

Revised Barbour-Stoenner-Kelly broth or equivalent (Appendix I)

Note: Medium should be prepared fresh before each use.

Incubation:

Temperature: 32°C to 34°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic with 5% CO₂ or microaerophilic

Propagation:

Note: It is recommended that NR-51677 be cultured in 24-well plates until growth is established from the frozen vial. The culture may be initiated in both atmospheres to determine the optimal growth condition for this strain.

1. Place the frozen vial in a 35°C to 37°C water bath and thaw for approximately 2 to 3 minutes. Immerse the vial just enough to cover the frozen material. Do not agitate the vial. Do not leave the vial in the water bath after it is thawed.
2. Immediately after thawing, aseptically transfer the contents of the vial to 2 wells of a 24-well plate containing 1.5 mL fresh Revised Barbour-Stoenner-Kelly medium per well.
3. Incubate the plate at 32°C to 34°C. Do not shake culture during growth. It may take up to 21 days for the culture to establish from the frozen state.

Note: NR-51677 should be subcultured during the log phase of growth, as viability of the culture may decrease quickly.

Maintenance:

1. Monitor growth of the culture by live/dead staining every 3 to 6 days. When the culture has reached the log phase, transfer approximately 2 mL into a T-25 tissue culture flask containing 8 mL fresh Revised Barbour-Stoenner-Kelly medium.
2. Incubate the plate at 32°C to 34°C.
3. Transfer the culture every 3 to 21 days, as described in Maintenance steps 1 and 2. The transfer interval will depend on the size of the inoculum and the quality of the medium. This should be determined by performing live/dead staining every 3 to 6 days. Do not allow the culture to overgrow. Viability of the culture may be affected soon after reaching peak density.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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APPENDIX I: REVISED BSK MEDIUM (ATCC® MEDIUM: 1914)

1. Prepare the Revised BSK medium directly before each use following the recipe below by dissolving each component one at a time in distilled water:

HEPES	5.64 g
Neopeptone	4.7 g
Sodium citrate	0.7 g
Glucose	5.64 g
NaHCO ₃	2.0 g
TC-Yeastolate	2.0 g
Sodium pyruvate	0.75 g
N-acetylglucosamine	0.37 g
Bovine serum albumin, fraction V	47.0 g
Distilled water	840 mL

2. Adjust the pH of the base medium to 7.5 using 1 N HCl or 1 N NaOH and filter-sterilize using a 0.22 µm filter.
3. Aseptically add the next two components to the base medium:

CMRL 1066 Medium, 10× (w/o Glutamine and NaHCO ₃)	100.0 mL
Heat-inactivated rabbit serum	60.0 mL

4. Mix well and aseptically dispense into appropriate vessels. The medium may be stored in aliquots of 50 mL in freezer-safe vessels and stored frozen at -20°C until use. Once thawed, each aliquot should be kept at 2°C to 8°C and used within one month.
5. Adjust the pH of the complete medium to 7.5 to 7.6, as needed, using sterile solutions of 1 N HCl or 1 N NaOH, before use.

Note: Medium should be prepared fresh directly before each use or immediately aliquoted and frozen at -20°C until needed. Once thawed, each aliquot should be kept at 2°C to 8°C and used within one month.