

***Borrelia burgdorferi*, Signature-Tagged Mutagenesis Library Clone T06TC398 (Gene BB_0744)**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: Spirochaetaceae, *Borrelia*

Species: *Borrelia burgdorferi*

Strain: B31, clone 5A18NP1

Signature-Tagged Mutagenesis Library Clone: T06TC398

Replicon: Chromosome

Gene: BB_0744 (antigen, p83/100)

Insertion Site^{1,2}: 787822

Original Source: *Borrelia burgdorferi* (*B. burgdorferi*), clone T06TC398 was produced by signature-tagged mutagenesis (STM) of the BB_0744 gene.^{1,2}

Comments: *B. burgdorferi*, strain B31 5A18NP1 STM library clone T06TC398 lacks linear plasmids lp28-4 and lp56. The plasmid profile was determined by PCR using plasmid-specific primers.²

B. burgdorferi is a Gram-negative, motile spirochete.³ It is a zoonotic, vector-borne pathogen transmitted by ticks and the etiologic agent of Lyme disease, now the most common tick-transmitted disease in the United States.⁴ *B. burgdorferi* is predominant in North America, but also exists in Europe.

B. burgdorferi, strain B31 was originally isolated in 1981 from adult ticks (*Ixodes dammini*) collected from lower vegetation on Shelter Island, New York, USA.^{3,4} Strain B31 is composed of a 910 kilobase (kb) linear chromosome, 9 circular plasmids (cp) and 12 linear plasmids (lp). Plasmids range in size from 5 kb to 56 kb and total 610 kb.^{2,5} Continuous passage of *B. burgdorferi* is known to cause spontaneous loss of plasmids. The complete genome of *B. burgdorferi*, strain B31 has been sequenced (GenBank: [AE000783](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuclink/AF000783)).⁶

B. burgdorferi, strain B31, clone 5A18NP1 was derived from the low-passage clone 5A18 of strain B31.⁷ Clone 5A18NP1 lacks lp56 and lp28-4 and the BBE02 gene (a putative restriction-modification gene on lp25) was disrupted by homologous recombination resulting in kanamycin resistance.⁸ Inactivation of BBE02 results in increased transformation efficiency and therefore, clone 5A18NP1, was used to create the STM library through the *mariner*-based transposition suicide *Himar1* delivery vector, pMarGent, containing *aacC1* which confers gentamicin resistance.^{1,2,9}

STM is a negative selection method that identifies clones by unique DNA sequences that are incorporated into the transposable element.²

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Revised Barbour-Stoenner-Kelly medium supplemented with 200 micrograms per milliliter kanamycin, 40 micrograms per milliliter gentamicin and 15% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-23903 was packaged aseptically in cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -80°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 (see Appendix I) with 200 micrograms per milliliter kanamycin and 40 micrograms per milliliter gentamicin

Revised Barbour-Stoenner-Kelly agar (see Appendix I) with 200 micrograms per milliliter kanamycin, 40 micrograms per milliliter gentamicin and 0.8% agar

Incubation:

Temperature: 32°C to 34°C (growth at 37°C may result in plasmid loss)¹

Atmosphere: Microaerophilic (slower growth occurs under aerobic conditions¹)

Propagation:

1. Keep vial in dry ice during inoculations.
2. Inoculate new cultures from scraping of frozen stock into a single tube of Revised Barbour-Stoenner-Kelly Medium.
3. Incubate the tube at 32 to 34°C for 2 to 14 days. Do not shake culture during growth.

Note: Subculturing should be minimized to avoid plasmid loss.^{1,7}

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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

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
CMRL 1066, 10X (w/o Glutamine or NaHCO ₃)	100.0 mL
Rabbit serum (heat inactivated)	60.0 mL
Distilled water	840 mL
For agar, add 0.8% agarose.	

Dissolve ingredients up to and including bovine serum albumin one at a time in distilled water. Adjust to pH 7.5 with NaOH and filter-sterilize. Aseptically add CMRL 1066 and rabbit serum. Mix well and aseptically dispense into appropriate vessel. Final pH of complete medium should be 7.5 to 7.6.