

***Bordetella holmesii*, Strain 30539**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Alcaligenaceae, Bordetella*

Species: *Bordetella holmesii*

Strain: 30539

Original Source: *Bordetella holmesii* (*B. holmesii*), strain 30539 was isolated in January 2009 from a human bloodstream sample in the United States.¹

Comments: Strain 30539 was deposited as a brown pigment producing strain. The complete genome sequence of *B. holmesii*, strain 30539 has been sequenced (GenBank: [NZ JDFP0000000.1](#)).

B. holmesii is a Gram-negative, fastidious, non-motile coccobacilli that produces a brown soluble pigment and is closely related to *Bordetella pertussis*.²⁻⁴ It is an emerging opportunistic pathogen that has been linked to invasive infections among immunocompromised patients, particularly those lacking splenic function. In healthy individuals, it can cause respiratory disease, including a pertussis-like illness.³⁻⁵

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Tryptic Soy broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-43497 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:

Tryptic Soy broth or Brain Heart Infusion broth or Bordet Gengou broth or equivalent

Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defrinated sheep blood or Brain Heart Infusion agar or Bordet Gengou agar or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic with or without 5% CO₂

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 7 days.

Citation:

Acknowledgment for publications should read “The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH: *Bordetella holmesii*, Strain 30539, NR-43497.”

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/od/ohs/biosfty/bmbl5/bmbl5toc.htm.

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