**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**

Each frozen aliquot contains 1 mL of a pure, titered culture of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. The identification of this organism was confirmed by 16S sequencing. The purity of the culture was monitored by additional culturing. The titer was performed on one aliquot after freezing. The freezing medium contains 15% glycerol as a cryoprotectant. Please see the Certificate of Analysis for the specific freezing medium used.

**PRECAUTIONS:**

- Use Universal Precautions, this organism is **biohazardous and can cause serious or fatal disease in humans**.
- Repetitive freezing and thawing is not recommended (aliquot material if necessary). Titer will be altered by a single freeze-thaw.
- To avoid cross-contamination, use separate pipette tips for all reagents.

**INTENDED USE:**

Live, titered microorganisms can be used to determine a limit of detection (LOD), in diagnostic assay development or cross-reactivity studies. When used as a control for nucleic acid tests, the same protocols as those used to amplify clinical specimens should be employed.

**BIOSAFETY:**

This avirulent strain of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* is a biosafety level 2 microorganism and must be used within Biological Safety Level 2 cabinet or facility. However, we recommend that all work with this organism be confined to a Biosafety Level 3 facility, because of potential seroconversion of lab staff. Please consult your institution’s regulations regarding the use of this organism. For a detailed discussion on biological safety see the 5th edition of Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL), published by the CDC at http://www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/index.htm.

**RECOMMENDED STORAGE:**

Titered material should be stored at -65°C or below.

**DO NOT USE IN HUMANS. FOR RESEARCH USE ONLY. NOT FOR USE IN DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES.**

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