



Clean Genome® *E. coli*
MDS™ 42 Glycerol Stock
(Cat. No. G-0742)

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COMPONENTS

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BACKGROUND

Using synthetic biology methods, the *Escherichia coli* K-12 genome was reduced by making a series of planned, precise deletions. The multiple-deletion series (MDS™) strains (1), with genome reduction of up to 15%, were designed by identifying non-essential genes and sequences for elimination, including recombinogenic or mobile DNA and cryptic virulence genes, while preserving robust growth and protein production. Genome reduction also led to unanticipated beneficial properties, including high electroporation efficiency and accurate propagation of recombinant genes and plasmids that are unstable in other strains. Subsequent deletions and introduction of useful alleles produce strains suitable for many molecular biology applications.

STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store at –80°C.

GENOTYPE

MG1655 multiple-deletion strain (1)

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Please note, Clean Genome® strains do not remain viable for extended periods (greater than 2 weeks) when stored at 4°C. We recommend preparing glycerol stock cultures of clones and storing at -80°C, or keeping plates at room temperature for up to 5 days.

To ensure that the cells grow on minimal media and to prevent a significant lag when transferring to liquid culture, we streak from glycerol stocks of clones onto minimal plates with 0.2% glucose and grow at 37°C for 24 h, at 30°C for 48 h, or at room temperature (RT) for several days (e.g., over the weekend). Colonies picked from these plates are used for cultures. If you are only using rich media (e.g., LB, TB) for all growth, rich medium plates can be used for streaking clones.

Clean Genome strains do not have flagella and tend to aggregate and drop fairly quickly from solution. To obtain OD readings, cells should be mixed just before taking an aliquot for dilution, and dilution samples should be mixed just before taking an OD reading.

REVIVAL PROCEDURE

1. Scrape the frozen glycerol stock with a sterile inoculating loop. To ensure that the cells grow on minimal media and to prevent a significant lag when transferring to liquid culture, we recommend streaking from the glycerol stock onto a fresh MOPS minimal (2,3) or M9 (3) minimal medium agar plate containing 0.2% glucose. Incubate plate at 37°C for 24–36 h.

NOTE - If you will only be using rich media (e.g., LB, TB) for all growth, rich medium plates can be used for streaking.

2. Inoculate an isolated colony into M9 or MOPS minimal medium containing a carbon source (e.g., 0.2% glucose) or any other medium of choice. Incubate culture at 37°C for 15–18 h.

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