



The National Collection of Industrial, Food and Marine Bacteria (NCIMB) is the major UK repository for environmental bacteria. These are sourced from a variety of habitats worldwide and have a wide range of potential uses.

Bacteria held by NCIMB can be used in disinfectant testing and the production of antibiotics or industrial enzymes, as well as for bioremediation, bio-assay and food production processes and many other applications.

Providing cultures for your needs

Any bacteria from our stock of more than 7,500 strains are normally available off the shelf for immediate dispatch.

We keep our ordering process as simple as possible, but our staff are always available to help with the administration, to ensure your order is fulfilled and despatched quickly. Their expertise in their field means they can also answer any questions you may have, from strain selection to growth conditions.

Adding cultures to our collection

New additions

As an important genetic resource centre, we always welcome new additions to our collection. To enhance our comprehensive collection, we are pleased to accept non-pathogenic organisms from a wide variety of environments. Organisms with novel properties, enzymes or metabolites are particularly welcomed.

Patent deposits

NCIMB has been an International Depository Authority (IDA) under the Budapest Treaty for over 30 years. Our staff are therefore highly experienced and can

provide expert advice on how to deposit and maintain your valuable strains in a secure environment.

Safe deposits

If you have key strains which you would like to have professionally preserved, with control over their distribution, we offer a safe deposit facility.

Secure storage

Key industrial cultures or other high value strains can be housed and maintained by NCIMB to cGMP, in our secure facility.

Preservation services and specialist cultures

Contact freeze drying

NCIMB has over 50 years expertise in bacterial preservation and offers clients a freeze-drying service operated to ISO 9001:2000.

QC cultures

We offer a range of popular strains, both as QC strips and in our new user-friendly, all-plastic, MicroSnap format, for testing media and other quality-relevant uses.

We have also recently formed a strategic alliance with MicroBiologics Inc. and are supplying them with increasing numbers of reference cultures for their product manufacture.

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