

The Advanced Technology Program Offers ***Mycoplasma* Testing**

The Viral Technology Laboratory (VTL) within the Advanced Technology Program is now offering PCR-based *Mycoplasma* testing that detects 25 species of *Mycoplasma* as well as *Acholeplasma laidlawii* and *Ureaplasma*. These common tissue culture contaminants can cause aberrant cell growth and performance and may lead to experimental artifacts. Additionally, *Mycoplasma* testing is routinely included for cells and products from cells (such as viral vectors) to be used in animal experiments at NCI-Frederick facilities.

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