

***Streptococcus pneumoniae*, Strain SPEC20B**

Catalog No. NR-33664

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Streptococcaceae*, *Streptococcus*

Species: *Streptococcus pneumoniae*

Strain: SPEC20B

Source: *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (*S. pneumoniae*), strain SPEC20B was derived from a human wild-type *S. pneumoniae* strain by natural selection using increasing concentrations of spectinomycin.¹

S. pneumoniae is a Gram-positive, α -hemolytic diplococcal aerotolerant anaerobe that is a major cause of pneumonia, bacterial meningitis and otitis media. *S. pneumoniae* has a polysaccharide capsule that acts as a virulence factor for the organism. There are over ninety different capsular types of *S. pneumoniae* which differ in virulence, prevalence, and extent of drug resistance.²

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 1.8 mL of bacterial culture in Todd-Hewitt broth containing 0.5% (w/v) yeast extract and 15% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-33664 was packaged aseptically in cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -80°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.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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