

***Staphylococcus aureus*, Strain HIP11714**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Staphylococcaceae*, *Staphylococcus*

Species: *Staphylococcus aureus*

Strain: HIP11714 (also referred to as VRSA-1¹, VRSA-MI²)

NARSA Catalog Number: VRS1

Original Source: *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*), strain HIP11714 was isolated in 2002 in Michigan, USA from an infected catheter exit site of a 40-year-old adult who had a co-infection with vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus faecalis* (*E. faecalis*) and had been treated with numerous antibiotics, including a six-week course of vancomycin therapy.³⁻⁸

Comments: *S. aureus*, strain HIP11714 is a vancomycin-resistant *S. aureus* (VRSA) strain and is reported to be resistant to a number of other antimicrobial agents.³⁻⁵ *S. aureus*, strain HIP11714 was deposited as positive for *mec* (subtype II) and *vanA*; negative for *vanB*, *vanC1*, *vanC2*, *vanD*, *vanE*, PVL and arginine catabolic mobile element (ACME); pulsed-field type USA100; MLST (ST) 5; *spa* repeats TJMGMK; Ridom *spa* type t062.³⁻⁷ *S. aureus*, strain HIP11714 is a USA100 isolate. USA100 isolates have the same MLST profile (ST 5), SCC*mec* (subtype II) and are usually resistant to erythromycin and spectinomycin as well as being multiresistant to other commonly used therapeutic agents. USA100 is the most prevalent U.S health care-associated pulsed-field type and is endemic in many U.S. hospitals.⁵ The *vanA* sequences of HIP11714 and the co-infecting *E. faecalis* are identical and it has been postulated that HIP11714 may have acquired the *vanA* gene from this *E. faecalis* isolate.⁴ This strain is the first documented VRSA strain isolated in the United States.⁸ The complete genome sequence of *S. aureus*, strain HIP11714 is available (GenBank: [AHBK000000000](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/GenBank/ABK000000000)).

S. aureus is a Gram-positive, cluster-forming coccus that normally inhabits human nasal passages, skin and mucus membranes. It is also a human pathogen and causes a variety of pus-forming infections as well as septicemia and endocarditis. *S. aureus* infections are difficult to treat due to resistance to numerous antibiotics. The development and dissemination of methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) strains has proven to be particularly difficult to contain and treat.⁹ Vancomycin has been the preferred antibiotic of choice for the treatment of MRSA infections, however, there

have now been MRSA strains isolated that are also resistant to vancomycin.^{9,10} It is believed that this resistance results from either mutations that ultimately lead to a reduction of vancomycin at its site of action or from the acquisition of the vancomycin resistance gene, *vanA*, from *Enterococcus faecalis*.^{9,10} The *vanA* gene is carried by the Tn1546 transposon that resides on a plasmid in all VRSA strains.² For VRSA strains carrying both *mecA* and *vanA*, β -lactams and glycopeptides seem to have a synergistic effect against these strains, both *in vitro* and in an animal model.^{10,11} Combination therapy, therefore, may be a more effective treatment option for VRSA infections than monotherapy with either antibiotic.^{10,11}

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Brain Heart Infusion broth supplemented with 6 μ g/mL vancomycin and 10% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-46410 was packaged aseptically in cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -60°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.

Growth Conditions:

Note: For stability purposes, it is recommended that the strain is subcultured in the presence of vancomycin.

Media:

Brain Heart Infusion broth or Tryptic Soy broth or equivalent Brain Heart Infusion agar or Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C
Atmosphere: Aerobic

Propagation:

1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use, then thaw.
2. Transfer the entire thawed aliquot into a single tube of broth.
3. Use several drops of the suspension to inoculate an agar slant and/or plate.
4. Incubate the tube, slant and/or plate at 37°C for 18 to 24 hours.

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