

***Staphylococcus aureus*, Strain GA-442**

Catalog No. NR-46218

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Staphylococcaceae*, *Staphylococcus*

Species: *Staphylococcus aureus*

Strain: GA-442

NARSA Catalog Number: NRS689

Original Source: *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*), strain GA-442 was isolated in 2006 from the blood of a 50-year-old male in Georgia, USA.¹

Comments: *S. aureus*, strain GA-442 is a methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) strain. Strain GA-442 was deposited as positive for *mec* (subtype IV); negative for PVL and *tsst*; pulsed-field type USA700.¹ *S. aureus*, strain GA-442 is a USA700 isolate. USA700 isolates have the same MLST profile (ST 72), *SCCmec* (subtype IV), *spa* repeats (UJGFMGGM) and negative for PVL, *tsst* and enterotoxins.²⁻⁴ USA700 is associated with infections in both community and healthcare settings.⁴ Note: Methicillin is no longer clinically used; however, the term methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) continues to be used to describe *S. aureus* strains resistant to all penicillins.

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 food-poisoning and toxic shock syndrome. In 1961, two years after the introduction of methicillin, a penicillinase-resistant penicillin, *S. aureus* developed methicillin-resistance due to acquisition of the *mecA* gene. For the last forty-five years hospital-acquired (HA) MRSA strains have disseminated worldwide. More recently, MRSA strains have been isolated that are not hospital acquired and are referred to as community-associated (CA) MRSA. These CA-MRSA strains differ phenotypically and genotypically from HA-MRSA strains and they are more frequently recovered from skin and soft tissue sources rather than post-operative wounds.^{5,6}

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Tryptic Soy broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-46218 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:

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.

Citation:

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