

Staphylococcus aureus, Strain CO-72

Catalog No. NR-46197

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Staphylococcaceae, Staphylococcus*

Species: *Staphylococcus aureus*

Strain: CO-72

NARSA Catalog Number: NRS668

Original Source: *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*), strain CO-72 was isolated in 2005 from the blood of a 65-year-old female in Colorado, USA.¹

Comments: *S. aureus*, strain CO-72 is a methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) strain. Strain CO-72 was deposited as positive for *mec* (subtype IV); negative for PVL and *tsst*; pulsed-field type USA800.¹ *S. aureus*, strain CO-72 is a USA800/Pediatric isolate. USA800 isolates have the same MLST profile (ST 5), *agr* group (II), *SCCmec* subtype (IV), *spa* motif (MDMGMK) and *Ridom spa* types (t002 and related) and are positive for *sem* and *seo* toxin genes. USA 800 isolates are resistant to β -lactams with some isolates being resistant to additional antibiotics.²⁻⁵ While first isolated in pediatric patients, USA800 strains recently have been isolated in adults.^{6,7} 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.^{8,9}

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-46197 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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