# *Staphylococcus aureus*, Strain OR-131

## Catalog No. NR-46251

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### Product Description:
Bacteria Classification: *Staphylococcaceae, Staphylococcus*
Species: *Staphylococcus aureus*
Strain: OR-131
NARSA Catalog Number: NRS722
Original Source: *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*), strain OR-131 is a clinically-associated strain isolated in Oregon, USA.[1]
Comments: *S. aureus*, strain OR-131 is a methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) strain. Strain OR-131 was deposited as positive for *mec* (subtype II); negative for PVL and *tsst*; pulsed-field type USA200.[1] *S. aureus*, strain OR-131 is a USA200 isolate. USA200 isolates have the same MLST profile (ST36), SCC*mec* (subtype II) and *spa* repeats (WGKAKAOMQQQ) and are resistant to erythromycin, β-lactams and, in some cases, spectinomycin. USA200 is the second most common health care-associated pulsed-field type in the U.S.[2] 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.[3,4]

### 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-46251 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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