

***Staphylococcus aureus*, Strain RN6390B**

Catalog No. NR-45949

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Staphylococcaceae*, *Staphylococcus*

Species: *Staphylococcus aureus*

Strain: RN6390B

NARSA Catalog Number: NRS147

Original Source: *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*), strain RN6390B is an *accessory gene regulator* (*agr*)-positive isolate from an RN6390 stock culture that had become mostly *agr*-negative. In turn, *S. aureus*, strain RN6390 was generated through UV and mutagenesis of *S. aureus*, strain NCTC8325.^{1,2}

Comments: *S. aureus*, strain RN6390B is a methicillin-sensitive *S. aureus* (MSSA) strain. *S. aureus*, strain RN6390B was deposited as lysogenic for an uncharacterized prophage encoding the virulence factor staphylokinase (SAK) ; negative for *mecA* and *rsbU*; MLST sequence type (ST) 8; eGenomic *spa* type 59, eGenomic *spa* repeats YHGGFMBQBLO; Ridom *spa* type t211; *agr* group I.¹ Its parent strain, *S. aureus* RN6390, is the *agr* group I prototype strain from which the *agr* locus was first cloned.² Note: Methicillin is no longer clinically used, however, the terms methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and methicillin-sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA) continue to be used to describe the susceptibility of *S. aureus* strains to the 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. Subsequently, MRSA infections have become widespread in both hospital and community settings.³ As compared to MSSA infections, MRSA infections tend to have more complications such as a higher recurrence rate and higher mortality.⁴⁻⁶

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-45949 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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