Staphylococcus aureus, Strain M1712

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Product Description:
Bacteria Classification: Staphylococcaceae, Staphylococcus Species: Staphylococcus aureus Strain: M1712
NARSA Catalog Number: NRS127
Original Source: Staphylococcus aureus (S. aureus), strain M1712 was isolated in 2002 from sputum of an 87-year-old male in Tennessee, USA.
Comments: S. aureus, strain M1712 is a linezolid-resistant S. aureus (LRSA), methicillin-resistant S. aureus (MRSA) strain. It was deposited as resistant to linezolid and intermediately susceptible to tedizolid; positive for mec (subtype II); MLST sequence type (ST) 5; eGenomic spa type 2, eGenomic spa repeats TJMBDMGGMK; Ridom spa type 1002.1,2 S. aureus, strain M1712 is reported to have a ΔS145 mutation in the L3 ribosomal protein.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 penicillamine-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 MRSA infections have been increasingly difficult to treat as this organism has developed resistance to a number of commonly used antibiotics, including the preferred antibiotic of choice for the treatment of MRSA infections, vancomycin.4 More recently, strains have been isolated that are resistant to linezolid. These LRSA strains typically have the same G2576T point mutation in their 23S rRNA genes preventing linezolid from binding to its site of action.5,6 A second, rarer mechanism of resistance is due to the presence of cfr, which encodes for a ribosomal methyltransferase that modifies a specific rRNA nucleotide located in the site of the drug action. While the cfr gene was initially identified on plasmids isolated from animal sources, an increasing number of human cases have been reported.9-11

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-45930 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.

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