Staphylococcus aureus subsp. *aureus*, Strain JE2, Transposon Mutant NE350 (SAUSA300_0364)

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Product Description:
Bacteria Classification: *Staphylococcaceae, Staphylococcus*
Species: *Staphylococcus aureus*
Strain: JE2 (also referred to as USA300 JE2)
Transposon Mutant: NE350
Nebraska Transposon Mutant: SAUSA300_0364
Original Source: *Staphylococcus aureus (S. aureus)* subsp. *aureus,* transposon mutant NE350 was derived from *S. aureus* subsp. *aureus,* strain JE2. Mutagenesis occurred through the use of the *mariner*-based transposon *bursa aurealis* resulting in an erythromycin-resistant deletion strain of JE2.[1,2] *S. aureus* subsp. *aureus,* transposon mutant NE350 was created by disruption of *ychF,* which encodes for a GTP-dependent nucleic acid-binding protein that appears to interact with the 70S ribosome.[3,4]
Comments: *S. aureus* subsp. *aureus*, strain JE2 is a plasmid-cured derivative of strain LAC that was isolated in 2002 from a skin and soft tissue infection of an inmate in the Los Angeles County Jail in California, USA.[2] Strain JE2 is a methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) strain and is a USA300 isolate. USA300 isolates have the same MLST profile (ST 8), SCC*mec* (subtype IV), *agr* group (I) and *spa* motif (MBQBLO) and typically carry the Panton-Valentine leukocidin (PVL) toxin genes and the arginine catabolic mobile element (ACME).[4,5] USA300 is the most common cause of community-associated MRSA infection and an increasing cause of hospital-acquired infections.[5]

In an effort to enhance the research capabilities of the staphylococcal research community, the Center for Staphylococcal Research (CSR) at the University of Nebraska Medical Center has generated the Nebraska Transposon Mutant Library, a collection of sequence-defined transposon (Tn) insertion mutants of *S. aureus*. This collection contains mutant derivatives of strain USA300 LAC, in which approximately 2,000 non-essential genes have been disrupted by the insertion of the *mariner*-based transposon *bursa aurealis*.[2] The insertion sites were identified by determining the nucleotide sequences of the junction fragments containing the end of the transposon and the flanking DNA. The gene names and descriptions associated with each of the Tn mutants were obtained from the National Center for Biotechnology Information.

Additional information is available at the Nebraska Transposon Mutant Library website.

Material Provided:
Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Tryptic Soy broth containing 5 µg/mL erythromycin supplemented with 10% glycerol.

Note: If homogeneity is required for your intended use, please purify prior to initiating work. It is recommended that the presence and location of the transposon is confirmed. The Center for Staphylococcal Research has designed primers that anneal to the *bursa aurealis* transposon and are to be used in conjunction with a primer within the gene of interest to generate a PCR product. For transposons in the "plus" orientation, the primer "Upstream" (5'-CTCGATTCTATTAACAAGGG- 3') should be paired with a gene-specific primer. For transposons in the "minus" orientation, the primer "Buster" (5'-GCTTTTTCTAAATGTTTTTTAAGTAAATCAAGTAC-3') should be paired with a gene-specific primer.

Packaging/Storage:
NR-46893 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:
Tryptic Soy broth containing 5 µg/mL erythromycin or equivalent
Tryptic Soy agar containing 5 µg/mL erythromycin 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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