**Staphylococcus aureus**, Strain HIP5836

**Catalog No. NR-45859**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Staphylococcaceae, Staphylococcus*

Species: *Staphylococcus aureus*

Strain: HIP5836

NARSA Catalog Number: NRS4

Original Source: *Staphylococcus aureus* (S. aureus), strain HIP5836 was isolated in 1997 in New Jersey, USA from a 66-year-old male diabetic with bacteremia and congestive heart failure that was secondary to recurrent methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) bacteremia and who had a prior 18-week course of vancomycin therapy.  

Comments: *S. aureus*, strain HIP5836 is a vancomycin-intermediate *S. aureus* (VISA) strain.  

*S. aureus*, strain HIP5836 was deposited as positive for mec (subtype II); negative for vanA, vanB, vanC1, vanC2, vanD and vanE; MLST sequencing type (ST) 5; eGenomic spa type 230; eGenomic spa repeats TMBMDGMK; Ridom spa type t010.  

*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 penicillin, a penicillinase-resistant penicillin, *S. aureus* developed penicillin-resistance due to acquisition of the mecA gene.  

Subsequently, MRSA infections have become widespread in both hospital and community settings.  

Vancomycin has been the preferred antibiotic of choice for the treatment of MRSA infections.  

However, there have now been MRSA strains isolated that also have reduced susceptibility or resistance to vancomycin.  

It is believed that this decreased sensitivity primarily arises through mutations affecting the production of peptidoglycans, resulting in a thickened cell wall and a reduction of vancomycin at its site of action.  

While much rarer, resistance can also occur through the acquisition of the vancomycin resistance gene, *vanA*, from *Enterococcus faecalis*.

**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-45859 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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**Biosafety Level:** 2

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material.  

Laboratory safety is discussed in the following publication: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health.  

**Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories**, 5th ed.  

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