**Product Information Sheet for NR-45963**

**Staphylococcus aureus, Strain A890259**

**Catalog No. NR-45963**

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**Product Description:**
- **Bacteria Classification:** Staphyloccaceae, Staphylococcus
- **Species:** Staphylococcus aureus
- **Strain:** A890259
- **NARSA Catalog Number:** NRS164
- **Original Source:** Staphylococcus aureus (S. aureus), strain A890259 was isolated in 1989 from a wound of a patient in France.

**Comments:** S. aureus, strain A890259 is a clinically associated methicillin-sensitive S. aureus (MSSA) strain. S. aureus, strain A890259 was deposited as negative for mec; positive for the exfoliative toxin gene eta, the leukocidin genes lukE and lukD and the hemolysin genes hla, hld, and hlgv; MLST sequencing type (ST) 15; eGenomic spa type 21; eGenomic spa repeats UJGGBGJAGJ; Ridom spa type t084; and agr group II. 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. As compared to MSSA infections, MRSA infections tend to have more complications such as a higher recurrence rate and higher mortality.

**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-45963 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
- **Temperature:** 37°C
- **Incubation:**
  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.

**Biosafety Level:** 2


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References:
1. NARSA, NRS164

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