

***Staphylococcus capitis*, Strain VCU116**

**Catalog No. NR-46394**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Staphylococcaceae*, *Staphylococcus*

Species: *Staphylococcus capitis*

Strain: VCU116

NARSA Catalog Number: NRS866

Original Source: *Staphylococcus capitis* (*S. capitis*), strain VCU116 is of unknown origin.<sup>1</sup>

Comments: The complete genome sequence of *S. capitis*, strain VCU116 is available (GenBank: [AFTX00000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/AFTX00000000)).

*S. capitis* is a facultatively aerobic, Gram-positive, non-motile, non-sporulent coccus found on normal human skin, predominately on the scalp.<sup>2</sup> Along with other members of the coagulase negative staphylococci (CoNS), *S. capitis* is an emerging opportunistic nosocomial pathogen in premature neonates and immunocompromised patients. *S. capitis* is prevalent particularly in the presence of a foreign body, such as indwelling central venous catheters and prosthetic heart valves.<sup>3-5</sup>

**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-46394 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 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 1 day.

**Citation:**

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