

Staphylococcus aureus, Strain SR2609

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Staphylococcaceae, Staphylococcus*

Species: *Staphylococcus aureus*

Strain: SR2609

Original Source: *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*), strain SR2609 was isolated in 2011 from human blood in Washington, USA.¹

Comments: *S. aureus*, strain SR2609 was deposited as resistant to oxacillin, ceftriaxone, levofloxacin and rifampin; sensitive to ceftaroline, erythromycin, clindamycin, tetracycline, linezolid, trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole, daptomycin and vancomycin; positive for *mec* (subtype IV) and PVL; MLST sequencing type (ST) 8; pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) type USA300.¹ *S. aureus*, strain SR2609 is a vancomycin-sensitive *S. aureus* (VSSA) strain. This susceptible phenotype was identified using population analysis profiling with area under the curve (PAP-AUC) and Etest® GRD (glycopeptide resistance detection) methods.^{2,3} It is reported to have two single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) within the rifampin-resistance determining region (RRDR) of the *rpoB* gene, D471G and P519L, which have been identified in other rifampin-resistant *S. aureus* strains.³

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.⁴ Vancomycin has been the preferred antibiotic of choice for the treatment of MRSA infections.⁵ However, there have now been MRSA strains isolated that also have reduced susceptibility or resistance to vancomycin.^{6,7} 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.⁸ While much rarer, resistance can also occur through the acquisition of the vancomycin resistance gene, *vanA*, from *Enterococcus faecalis*.^{6,8,9}

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-50507 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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Biosafety Level: 2

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