

***Acinetobacter baumannii*, Strain WC-136**

**Catalog No. NR-19298**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Moraxellaceae, Acinetobacter*

Species: *Acinetobacter baumannii*

Strain: WC-136

Original Source: *Acinetobacter baumannii* (*A. baumannii*), strain WC-136 was isolated in January 2008 from a health care equipment surface at Camp Delta in Iraq.<sup>1</sup>

Comments: *A. baumannii*, strain WC-136 is reported to be a multidrug resistant strain and is part of the “Genomic Sequencing of a Diversity of US Military *Acinetobacter baumannii-calcoaceticus* Complex Isolates” project to sequence the genomes of clinical and environmental isolates of medically relevant *Acinetobacter* spp.<sup>2</sup> The complete genome of *A. baumannii*, strain WC-136 was sequenced at the [J. Craig Venter Institute](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/AMST00000000) (GenBank: [AMST00000000](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/AMST00000000)).

*A. baumannii* is an aerobic, Gram-negative bacillus that exhibits the ability to rapidly develop antibiotic resistance and is a major cause of hospital-acquired infection.<sup>3</sup> The genomes of multidrug resistant strains of *A. baumannii* contain resistance “islands” that can contain up to 45 resistance genes. Acquisition of these antibiotic resistance genes occurs through genetic exchange of plasmids, transposons and integrons with *Pseudomonas*, *Salmonella* and *Escherichia* species.<sup>4,5</sup>

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Brain Heart Infusion broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

Note: If homogeneity is required for your intended use, please purify prior to initiating work.

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-19298 was packaged aseptically, in screw-capped plastic 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 or Nutrient broth or Brain Heart Infusion broth or equivalent

Tryptic Soy agar or Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or Nutrient agar 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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