

***Staphylococcus aureus*, Strain HIP09737**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Staphylococcaceae*, *Staphylococcus*

Species: *Staphylococcus aureus*

Strain: HIP09737

NARSA Catalog Number: NRS52

Original Source: *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*), strain HIP09737 was isolated in 2000 in California, USA, from bile of a female patient who had a history of acute cholecystitis, complicated cholecystectomy and long-term vancomycin treatment for a methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) infection.<sup>1-3</sup>

Comments *S. aureus*, strain HIP09737 is a vancomycin-intermediate *S. aureus* (VISA) strain. *S. aureus*, strain HIP09737 was deposited as negative for *mecA*, *vanA*, *vanB*, *vanC1*, *vanC2*, *vanD* and *vanE*; MLST sequencing type (ST) 5; eGenomic *spa* type 24, eGenomic *spa* repeats TJMEMDMGMK; Ridom *spa* type t242.<sup>1</sup> Strain HIP09737 is reported to be sensitive to quinupristin/dalfopristin, oxacillin, gentamicin, tetracycline and trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole; intermediate resistant to vancomycin and chloramphenicol; and resistant to erythromycin, clindamycin, levofloxacin, ciprofloxacin and rifampin.<sup>1,3</sup> Two VISA strains were isolated from this patient, strain HIP09740 (NRS51) and strain HIP09737, which have identical antibiotic susceptibility profiles except for oxacillin and have closely related pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) types.<sup>2,3</sup>

*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.<sup>4</sup> Vancomycin has been the preferred antibiotic of choice for the treatment of MRSA infections.<sup>5</sup> However, there have now been MRSA strains isolated that also have reduced susceptibility or resistance to vancomycin.<sup>6,7</sup> 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.<sup>8</sup> While much rarer, resistance can also occur through the acquisition of the vancomycin resistance gene, *vanA*, from *Enterococcus faecalis*.<sup>6,8,9</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-45887 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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