**Bacillus anthracis, Strain Sterne BA851 (ΔasbA)**

**Catalog No. NR-9989**

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**Product Description:**

**Bacteria Classification:** Bacillaceae, Bacillus, Bacillus cereus group

**Species:** Bacillus anthracis

**Strain:** BA851 (ΔasbA)

**Source:** Bacillus anthracis (B. anthracis), strain Sterne BA851 is a markerless, nonpolar, 1773 bp deletion mutant of the petrobactin biosynthetic gene (ΔasbA) of the toxigenic capsulate original Sterne strain (34F2).1-3

**Comment:** Additional information is available at the Resource Center for Biodefense Proteomics Research (BPRC).

*B. anthracis* is an aerobic, Gram-positive, spore-forming, rod-shaped bacillus that causes the acute infectious disease anthrax. Herbivores are the natural hosts and become infected by consuming soil. Humans are incidentally infected by coming into contact with infected animals or their products. *B. anthracis* virulence is dependent on the possession of two large plasmids, pXO1 and pXO2, which are responsible for the expression of an extracellular toxin and a polysaccharide capsule, respectively. The extracellular toxin is composed of three proteins: lethal factor, edema factor, and protective antigen.3

The presence of pXO1 and absence of pXO2 in NR-9989 has been confirmed by PCR amplification of plasmid-specific sequences from extracted DNA.

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in 0.5X 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-9989 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 equivalent
- Tryptic Soy Agar with 5% sheep blood, or equivalent

**Incubation:**
- Temperature: 35°C to 37°C
- Atmosphere: Aerobic

**Propagation:**
1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use; thaw slowly.
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 tubes and plate at 35°C to 37°C for 24 hours.

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 2**


This publication recommends that all persons working in or entering laboratory or animal care areas where frequent activities with clinical specimens or diagnostic cultures of *B. anthracis* are being conducted should have documented evidence of satisfactory vaccination.

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