

Product Information Sheet for NR-10311

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Genomic DNA from *Bacillus anthracis*, Strain Sterne ∆*cyaA*

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Product Description:

Genomic DNA was isolated from a preparation of *Bacillus* anthracis (B. anthracis), strain Sterne $\Delta cyaA$.

B. anthracis, strain Sterne ΔcyaA is a markerless, nonpolar, deletion mutant of the toxigenic acapsulate original Sterne strain (34F2).^{1,2} The mutant allele replaces the entire open reading frame except for the initial ATG codon and terminal stop codon and includes the recognition site for the restriction endonuclease *Mfel*. Additional information is available at the Resource Center for Biodefense Proteomics Research (BPRC).

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 Sterne strain of *B. anthracis* is known to contain pXO1 and lack pXO2.

NR-10311 has been qualified for PCR applications by amplification of approximately 1500 bp of the 16S ribosomal RNA gene. The presence of plasmid pX01 and absence of plasmid pX02 have been confirmed by PCR amplification of plasmid-specific sequences from extracted DNA.

Material Provided:

Each vial contains 4 to 6 μ g of bacterial genomic DNA in TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl and 1 mM EDTA, pH \sim 7.4). The concentration is shown on the Certificate of Analysis. The vial should be centrifuged prior to opening.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-10311 was packaged aseptically in screw-capped plastic cryovials. The product is provided frozen on dry ice and should be stored at -20°C or colder immediately upon arrival. Freeze-thaw cycles should be minimized.

Citation:

Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was contributed by P. Hanna, University of Michigan

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Biosafety Level: 1

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