

***Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, Strain MRSN 1938**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Pseudomonadaceae*, *Pseudomonas*

Species: *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

Strain: MRSN 1938

Original Source: *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (*P. aeruginosa*), strain MRSN 1938 was isolated in 2010 from human urine as part of a surveillance program in the United States.¹

Comments: *P. aeruginosa*, strain MRSN 1938 was deposited as part of the MRSN *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Diversity Panel available from BEI Resources as NR-51829. NR-51535 was deposited as multi-locus sequence type (MLST) ST 677, sensitive to piperacillin/tazobactam, amikacin, aztreonam, cefepime and ceftazidime and resistant to levofloxacin, ciprofloxacin, gentamicin, imipenem and tobramycin with intermediate resistance to meropenem. Strain MRSN 1938 is reported to have an aminoglycoside aminotransferase gene [*ant(2'')-1a (aadB)*; conferring resistance to gentamicin, tobramycin, dibekacin, sisomicin and kanamycin], two aminoglycoside phosphotransferase genes [*aph(3')-Ib* and *aph(3')-IIb*; conferring resistance to aminoglycosides], two beta-lactamase genes (*bla_{OXA-50}* and *bla_{P_{AO}}*; conferring resistance to beta-lactams), a chloramphenicol acetyltransferase gene (*catB7*; conferring resistance to chloramphenicol), a chloramphenicol exporter gene (*cmIA1*; conferring resistance to chloramphenicol), a fosfomycin-inactivating gene (*fosA*; conferring resistance to fosfomycin) and a dihydropteroate synthase gene (*su1*; conferring resistance to sulfonamides).¹ The complete genome of *P. aeruginosa*, strain MRSN 1938 is available (GenBank: [RXUZ000000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/RXUZ000000000)).

Note: Environmental and clinical isolates of *P. aeruginosa* frequently contain viruses known as prophages.² During growth, some strains from the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Diversity Panel displayed plaques resulting from the activation of their inherent prophages. Please refer to the Certificate of Analysis to determine if phage plaques were observed for this strain.

P. aeruginosa is a Gram-negative, aerobic, rod-shaped bacterium with unipolar motility that thrives in many diverse environments including soil, water and certain eukaryotic hosts. It is a key emerging opportunistic pathogen in animals, including humans and plants. While it rarely infects healthy individuals, *P. aeruginosa* causes severe acute and chronic nosocomial infections in immunocompromised or catheterized patients, especially in patients with cystic fibrosis, burns, cancer or HIV.³⁻⁵ Infections of this type are often highly antibiotic resistant, difficult to eradicate and often lead to death. The ability of *P. aeruginosa* to survive on minimal nutritional requirements, tolerate a variety of physical conditions and rapidly develop resistance during the course of therapy has allowed it to persist in both community and hospital settings.^{5,6}

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-51535 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:

Tryptic Soy broth or Brain Heart Infusion broth or Nutrient broth or equivalent

Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or Brain Heart Infusion agar 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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