

**Mycobacterium caprae, Strain
NLA000601960**

Catalog No. NR-49258

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Mycobacteriaceae, Mycobacterium*

Species: *Mycobacterium caprae*

Strain: NLA000601960

Original Source: *Mycobacterium caprae* (*M. caprae*), strain NLA000601960 was isolated in 2006 from human sputum in the Netherlands.¹

M. caprae is an acid-fast, Gram-positive, non-motile, rod-shaped bacterium originally classified as a subspecies of *M. tuberculosis*, and later transferred to *M. bovis*, before being classified as its own species within the *M. tuberculosis* complex.^{2,3,4} *M. caprae* is the causative agent of tuberculosis in humans and domestic livestock in Europe and Northern Africa, including goats (*Capra aegagrus hircus*), sheep (*Ovis aries*), pigs (*Sus scrofa domestica*), and cattle (*Bos primigenius*).^{5,6,7,8,9,10,11} *M. caprae* has been isolated from wildlife such as boars (*Sus scrofa*), red deer (*Cervus elaphus*), gray wolves (*Canis lupus*), and fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), as well as a dromedary camel (*Camelus dromedarius*) and bison (*Bison bison*) in zoological parks.^{12,13,14,15,16,17,18}

M. caprae is differentiated from the *M. tuberculosis* complex based on a unique combination of *pncA*, *oxyR*, *katG* and *gyrA* gene polymorphisms, specific nucleotide substitutions in the *gyrB* gene, a distinct restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) pattern associated with insertion sequence 6110, and unique spoligotyping patterns.^{3,19}

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.7 mL of bacterial culture in Middlebrook 7H9 broth with ADC enrichment with 10% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-49258 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:

Middlebrook 7H9 broth with ADC enrichment or equivalent

Middlebrook 7H10 agar with OADC enrichment or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic (with or without 5% CO₂)

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 2 to 6 weeks.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 3

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the following publication: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories. 5th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2009; see www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/index.htm.

This publication recommends that practices with this agent include the use of respiratory protection and the implementation of specific procedures and use of specialized equipment to prevent and contain aerosols.

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