

***Acinetobacter baumannii*, Strain MRSN 6541**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Moraxellaceae, Acinetobacter*

Species: *Acinetobacter baumannii*

Strain: MRSN 6541

Original Source: *Acinetobacter baumannii* (*A. baumannii*), strain MRSN 6541 was isolated in 2012 from a human wound in the United States as part of a global surveillance program.^{1,2}

Comments: *A. baumannii*, strain MRSN 6541 was deposited as part of the MRSN *Acinetobacter baumannii* Diversity Panel available from BEI Resources as NR-52248. NR-52168 was deposited as multi-locus sequence type (MLST) ST 1, sensitive to amikacin, ceftazidime, colistin, gentamicin, tobramycin and tetracycline and resistant to ciprofloxacin, cefepime, imipenem, levofloxacin, meropenem, trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole, and ampicillin/sulbactam with intermediate resistance to ceftriaxone. Strain MRSN 6541 is reported to have two aminoglycoside transferase genes [*aadA2* and *ant(2'')-Ia*; conferring resistance to various aminoglycosides], four beta-lactamase genes (*bla_{ADC-25}*, *bla_{carb-2}*, *bla_{OAX-25}* and *bla_{OXA-69}*; conferring resistance to beta-lactams), a chloramphenicol acetyltransferase gene (*catB3*; conferring resistance to chloramphenicol), a chloramphenicol exporter gene (*cmIA1*; conferring resistance to chloramphenicol), a dihydrofolate reductase (*dhfrA19*; conferring resistance to trimethoprim), a macrolide phosphotransferase [*mph*(E), conferring resistance to macrolides], a ABC-F type ribosomal protection protein /ABC-F subfamily protein gene [*msr*(E); conferring resistance to erythromycin and streptogramin B] and a sulfonamide resistance gene (*suI2*; conferring resistance to sulfonamides).¹ The complete genome of *A. baumannii*, strain MRSN 6541 is available (GenBank: [VHEK00000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/VHEK00000000)).

A. baumannii is an aerobic, Gram-negative bacillus that exhibits the ability to rapidly develop antibiotic resistance and is a major cause of hospital-acquired infection.³ The genomes of multidrug resistant strains of *A. baumannii* contain resistance "islands" that can contain up to 45 resistance genes. Acquisition of these antibiotic resistance genes occurs through genetic exchange of plasmids, transposons and

integrons with *Pseudomonas*, *Salmonella* and *Escherichia* species.^{4,5}

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-52168 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:

Nutrient broth or Tryptic Soy broth or equivalent
Nutrient 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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Biosafety Level: 2

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