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Acinetobacter baumannii, Strain MRSN 489669

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: Moraxellaceae, Acinetobacter Species: Acinetobacter baumannii Strain: MRSN 489669

- <u>Original Source</u>: Acinetobacter baumannii (A. baumannii), strain MRSN 489669 was isolated in 2014 from a human respiratory sample in Europe as part of a global surveillance program.^{1,2}
- Comments: A. baumannii, strain MRSN 489669 was deposited as part of the MRSN Acinetobacter baumannii Diversity Panel available from BEI Resources as NR-52248. NR-52246 was deposited as multi-locus sequence type (MLST) ST 2, resistant to amikacin, ampicillin/sulbactam, cefepime, ceftazidime, ceftriaxone, ciprofloxacin, colistin, gentamicin, imipenem, levofloxacin and meropenem, intermediately resistant to tobramycin and sensitive to colistin, trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole, and tetracycline.¹ Strain MRSN 489669 is reported to have three aminoglycoside acetyltransferase genes (aac(3)-la, aadA1 and *aph*(3')-Vlb; conferring resistance to various aminoglycosides), four beta-lactamase genes (*bla*_{ADC-25}, blaoxA-66, blaoxA-72 and blaper-1; conferring resistance to beta-lactams) and one sulfonamide resistance gene (sul1; conferring resistance to sulfonamides).1 The complete genome of A. baumannii, strain MRSN 489669 is available (GenBank: VHEO0000000).

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.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-52246 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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