

***Acinetobacter baumannii*, Strain MRSN 32915**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Moraxellaceae, Acinetobacter*

Species: *Acinetobacter baumannii*

Strain: MRSN 32915

Original Source: *Acinetobacter baumannii* (*A. baumannii*), strain MRSN 32915 was isolated in 2008 from a human wound sample in Europe as part of a global surveillance program.<sup>1,2</sup>

Comments: *A. baumannii*, strain MRSN 32915 was deposited as part of the MRSN *Acinetobacter baumannii* Diversity Panel available from BEI Resources as NR-52248. NR-52239 was deposited as multi-locus sequence type (MLST) ST 2, sensitive to colistin, resistant to amikacin, ceftazidime, ciprofloxacin, ceftriaxone, cefepime, gentamicin, imipenem, levofloxacin, meropenem, trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole, tobramycin and tetracycline, and intermediately resistant to ampicillin/sulbactam.<sup>1</sup> Strain MRSN 32915 is reported to have three aminoglycoside transferase genes [*aac*(6')-I<sub>p</sub>, *aph*(3'')-I<sub>b</sub> and *aph*(6)-I<sub>d</sub>; conferring resistance to various aminoglycosides], three beta-lactamase genes (*bla*<sub>ADC-25</sub>, *bla*<sub>OXA-23</sub> and *bla*<sub>OXA-66</sub>; conferring resistance to beta-lactams), one sulfonamide resistance gene (*sul*1; conferring resistance to sulfonamides), and one tetracycline gene [*tet*(B); conferring resistance to tetracycline].<sup>1</sup> The complete genome of *A. baumannii*, strain MRSN 32915 has been sequenced (GenBank: [VHFB00000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/VHFB00000000)).

*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.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4,5</sup>

**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-52239 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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