

***Acinetobacter baumannii*, Strain MRSN 11703**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Moraxellaceae, Acinetobacter*

Species: *Acinetobacter baumannii*

Strain: MRSN 11703

Original Source: *Acinetobacter baumannii* (*A. baumannii*), strain MRSN 11703 was isolated in 2007 from a human wound sample in the United States as part of a global surveillance program.^{1,2}

Comments: *A. baumannii*, strain MRSN 11703 was deposited as part of the MRSN *Acinetobacter baumannii* Diversity Panel available from BEI Resources as NR-52248. NR-52189 was deposited as multi-locus sequence type (MLST) ST 3, sensitive to ampicillin/sulbactam, colistin and imipenem, intermediately resistant to meropenem, and resistant to amikacin, cefepime, ceftazidime, ceftriaxone, ciprofloxacin, gentamicin, levofloxacin, tetracycline, tobramycin and trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole. Strain MRSN 11703 is reported to have two aminoglycoside transferase genes [*ant(2'')-Ia* and *aph(3')-VIa*; conferring resistance to various aminoglycosides], two beta-lactamase genes (*bla_{ADC-25}* and *bla_{OXA-71}*; conferring resistance to beta-lactams), one sulfonamide resistance gene (*sul1*; conferring resistance to sulfonamides) and one tetracycline resistance gene [*tet(A)*; conferring resistance to tetracycline].¹ The complete genome of *A. baumannii*, strain MRSN 11703 is available (GenBank: [VHHH00000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuclseq/VHHH00000000)).

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-52189 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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