

***Klebsiella pneumoniae*, Strain MRSN 13768**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Enterobacteriaceae*, *Klebsiella*

Species: *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

Strain: MRSN 13768

Original Source: *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (*K. pneumoniae*), strain MRSN 13768 was isolated in 2011 from a human blood sample in Europe as part of a global surveillance program.¹

Comments: *K. pneumoniae*, strain MRSN 13768 was deposited as part of the MRSN *Klebsiella pneumoniae* Diversity Panel available from BEI Resources as NR-55604. NR-55517 was deposited as multi-locus sequence type (MLST) ST 101, K-locus type (KL) 17, O-locus type (OL) O1v1, VIR score 1 and yersiniabactin gene allele (*ybt*) *ybt* 9; ICEKp3. In addition, strain MRSN 13768 has a 17% truncation of the OmpK35 protein, which can cause a reduction in susceptibility to beta-lactamases, as well as a glycine-aspartic acid (GD) insertion in the B-strand loop of the OmpK36 protein (OmpK36GD). MRSN 13768 was deposited as an extensively drug-resistant strain, sensitive to amikacin, ceftazidime/avibactam, gentamicin, tigecycline and trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole and resistant to ampicillin/sulbactam, aztreonam, cefepime, ceftazidime, ceftolozane/tazobactam, ceftriaxone, ciprofloxacin, ertapenem, imipenem, levofloxacin, meropenem, piperacillin/tazobactam, tetracycline and tobramycin. Strain MRSN 13768 is reported to have one aminoglycoside transferase gene [*aac*(6')-Ib-cr5; conferring resistance to various aminoglycosides], four beta-lactamase genes (*bla*_{CTX-M-15}, *bla*_{OXA-1}, *bla*_{OXA-48} and *bla*_{SHV-1}; conferring resistance to beta-lactams), one chloramphenicol acetyltransferase gene (*cat*B3; conferring resistance to chloramphenicol), one fosfomycin resistance gene (*fosA*_{gen}; conferring resistance to fosfomycin) and one dihydrofolate reductase gene (*dhfr*A14; conferring resistance to trimethoprim).¹ The complete genome of *K. pneumoniae*, strain MRSN 13768 has been sequenced (GenBank: [JAGYEP000000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/JAGYEP000000000)).

K. pneumoniae is a Gram-negative enterobacterium that is a major cause of nosocomial infections of the urinary and respiratory tracts. Due to the extensive spread of antibiotic-resistant strains, especially of extended-spectrum β-lactamase (ESBL)-producing strains, there has been renewed interest in *Klebsiella* infections.^{2,3,4}

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-55517 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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