

***Acinetobacter baumannii*, Strain 237608**

Catalog No. NR-56576

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Moraxellaceae*, *Acinetobacter*

Species: *Acinetobacter baumannii*

Strain: 237608

Original Source: *Acinetobacter baumannii* (*A. baumannii*), strain 237608 was isolated in 2006 from a blood sample of a 19-year-old male in Venezuela.

Comments: *A. baumannii*, strain 237608 was deposited as part of the Global Priority Superbugs Collection. NR-56576 was deposited as resistant to amikacin, cefepime, ceftriaxone, doripenem, imipenem, meropenem and piperacillin/tazobactam.

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.¹ 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.^{2,3}

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.3 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-56576 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:

Acknowledgment for publications should read “The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH: *Acinetobacter baumannii*, Strain 237608, NR-56576.”

Biosafety Level: 2

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the following publication: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. [Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories](#), 6th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2020.

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