

***Streptococcus pneumoniae*, Strain SPEC20B**

**Catalog No. NR-59137**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Streptococcaceae*, *Streptococcus*

Species: *Streptococcus pneumoniae*

Strain: SPEC20B

Source: *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (*S. pneumoniae*), strain SPEC20B was derived from human wild-type *S. pneumoniae*, strain DS3014-06 (serotype 20B) by natural selection using increasing concentrations of spectinomycin.<sup>1,2</sup>

Comments: *S. pneumoniae*, strain SPEC20B is reported to be resistant to spectinomycin at a concentration of 300 µg/mL.<sup>2</sup>

*S. pneumoniae* is a Gram-positive, α-hemolytic diplococcal aerotolerant anaerobe that is a major cause of pneumonia, bacterial meningitis and otitis media. *S. pneumoniae* has a polysaccharide capsule that acts as a virulence factor for the organism. There are over ninety different capsular types of *S. pneumoniae* which differ in virulence, prevalence and extent of drug resistance.<sup>3,4</sup>

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Todd-Hewitt broth containing 0.5% (w/v) yeast extract and 10% glycerol.

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

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-59137 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:

Tryptic Soy broth or Todd-Hewitt broth containing 0.5% (w/v) yeast extract or equivalent

Tryptic Soy agar or Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or Todd-Hewitt agar containing 0.5% (w/v) yeast extract or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

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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