

***Acinetobacter baumannii*, Strain BC-5**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Moraxellaceae, Acinetobacter*

Species: *Acinetobacter baumannii*

Strain: BC-5

Original Source: *Acinetobacter baumannii* (*A. baumannii*), strain BC-5 was isolated in 2007 from a nosocomial spread of war-related multi-drug resistant *A. baumannii* in a civilian hospital in British Columbia, Canada. The infection originated from a soldier who was evacuated from Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany.¹

Comments: *A. baumannii*, strain BC-5 is reported to be a multidrug resistant strain and was part of the “Genomic Sequencing of a Diversity of US Military *Acinetobacter baumannii-calcoaceticus* Complex Isolates” project to sequence the genomes of clinical and environmental isolates of medically relevant *Acinetobacter* spp.² The complete genome of *A. baumannii*, strain BC-5 was sequenced at the [J. Craig Venter Institute](#) (GenBank: [AFDN00000000](#)).

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-17783 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 Nutrient broth or equivalent
Tryptic Soy agar or Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or Nutrient agar 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

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 \(BMBL\)](#), 6th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2020.

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