

Staphylococcus aureus*, Strain HFH-29568*Catalog No. NR-10186****For research use only. Not for human use.****Contributor:**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Staphylococcaceae*, *Staphylococcus*

Species: *Staphylococcus aureus*

Strain: HFH-29568

Original Source: *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*), strain HFH-29568 was isolated from human skin in Michigan, 2003.¹

Comments: *S. aureus*, strain HFH-29568 is a community associated methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) strain and has been pulse-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) typed as USA300 and is positive for the Panton-Valentine leucocidin virulence factor. *S. aureus*, strain HFH-29568 contains staphylococcal chromosome cassette *mec* type IV a.¹

S. aureus is a Gram-positive, cluster-forming coccus that normally inhabits human nasal passages, skin and mucus membranes. It is also a human pathogen and causes a variety of pus-forming infections as well as food-poisoning and toxic shock syndrome. For the last few decades MRSA strains have been generally associated with nosocomial infections. Recently, however, MRSA strains have been isolated that are not acquired at a hospital and these strains are referred to as community associated-MRSA (CA-MRSA). CA-MRSA strains differ from hospital acquired MRSA strains in that they are more frequently recovered from skin and soft tissue sources.^{2,3}

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in 0.5X Brain Heart Infusion Broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-10186 was packaged aseptically in cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -80°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:

Brain Heart Infusion Broth or equivalent

Brain Heart Infusion Agar or Tryptic Soy Agar with 5% 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 tubes and plate at 37°C for 24 hours.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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