

***Escherichia coli* – *Staphylococcus aureus*  
Shuttle Vector pCN44, Recombinant in  
*Escherichia coli***

**Catalog No. NR-46136**

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**Product Description:**

NR-46136 is a culture of *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) DH5 $\alpha$  (RN9600, NRS600) containing the *E. coli*-staphylococcal shuttle vector pCN44. Vector pCN44 contains the *E. coli* ColE1 replication origin, the staphylococcal  $\Phi$ 11 phage fragment for high frequency transduction, the *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*) pT181 *cop-wt-repC* replicon, the cadmium-inducible promoter *P<sub>cad</sub>-CadC* and the *bla<sub>Z</sub>* transcriptional terminator. Vector pCN44 was deposited as resistant to ampicillin and erythromycin in *E. coli* and resistant to erythromycin in *S. aureus*.<sup>1</sup>

The complete sequence and vector map of pCN44 have been determined and are available on the Certificate of Analysis for lot 63381371. The BEI Resources vector sequence was deposited into GenBank as NR-46136 (GenBank: KR781465).

Vector pCN44 is a member of a series of novel shuttle vectors that were developed using PCR-designed cassettes to allow for easy exchange of vector components. The base shuttle vectors are comprised of (i) a staphylococcal replicon (pT181-based low-copy number, high-copy-number or thermosensitive replicons or pl258-based low-copy-number theta replicon), (ii) a staphylococcal selectable marker (erythromycin, tetracycline, chloramphenicol, kanamycin or spectinomycin resistance), (iii) an *E. coli* ColE1-based replicon, (iv) an *E. coli* selectable marker (ampicillin resistance) and (v) a pUC19-derived expanded multiple cloning site (MCS). Additionally, some of the vectors may contain a staphylococcal  $\phi$ 11 phage fragment, staphylococcal pathogenicity island SaPI1 fragment, an inducible or constitutive promoter, and reporter genes.<sup>1</sup>

**Material Provided:**

Each vial of NR-46136 contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Luria-Bertani (LB) broth containing 100  $\mu$ g/mL ampicillin supplemented with 10% glycerol.

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-46136 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:

LB broth containing 100  $\mu$ g/mL ampicillin

LB agar containing 100  $\mu$ g/mL ampicillin

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 18 to 24 hours.

**Citation:**

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