

***Staphylococcus aureus*, Strain MRSA177**

Catalog No. HM-467

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Staphylococcaceae*, *Staphylococcus*

Species: *Staphylococcus aureus*

Strain: MRSA177 (also referred to as Col-177)

Original Source: *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*), strain MRSA177 was isolated from the skin of a patient with a soft tissue infection in Bogotá, Colombia.^{1,2}

Comments: *S. aureus*, MRSA177 is a community-associated methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) strain based on multilocus sequence typing.² Strain MRSA177 is sensitive to vancomycin, teicoplanin, chloramphenicol, linezolid, ciprofloxacin, gentamicin and rifampicin.¹ *S. aureus*, strain MRSA177 ([HMP ID 9529](#)) is a reference genome for [The Human Microbiome Project](#) (HMP). HMP is an initiative to identify and characterize human microbial flora. The complete genome of *S. aureus*, strain MRSA177 was sequenced at the [Washington University Genome Center](#) (GenBank: [AEC00000000](#)).

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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. In 1961, two years after the introduction of methicillin, a penicillinase-resistant penicillin, *S. aureus* developed methicillin-resistance due to acquisition of the *mecA* gene. For the last forty-five years hospital-acquired (HA) MRSA strains have disseminated worldwide. More recently, MRSA strains have been isolated that are not hospital acquired and are referred to as community-associated (CA) MRSA. CA-MRSA strains differ phenotypically and genotypically from HA-MRSA strains and they are more frequently recovered from skin and soft tissue sources rather than post-operative wounds.^{3,4}

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in 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:

HM-467 was packaged aseptically, in screw-capped plastic 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:

Brain Heart Infusion broth or equivalent

Brain Heart Infusion agar or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic with or without 5% CO₂ or anaerobic

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 two days.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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