

***Streptococcus pneumoniae*, Strain GA47179**

**Catalog No. NR-19160**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Streptococcaceae*, *Streptococcus*

Species: *Streptococcus pneumoniae*

Strain: GA47179 (also referred to as SPAR88)

Serotype: 15A<sup>1</sup>

Original Source: *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (*S. pneumoniae*), strain GA47179 was isolated in 2006 from the blood of a patient with otitis in Georgia, USA.<sup>1</sup>

Comments: Serotyping of *S. pneumoniae*, strain GA47179 was determined by the Quellung reaction and confirmed by genomic analysis.<sup>1</sup> The complete genome of *S. pneumoniae*, strain GA47179 has been sequenced (GenBank: [AIKX000000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/AIKX000000000)).

*S. pneumoniae* is a Gram-positive,  $\alpha$ -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>2,3</sup>

**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-19160 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 or equivalent  
Tryptic Soy agar or Todd-Hewitt agar or Tryptic Soy agar with 5% sheep blood 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.

Note: *Streptococcus* species are generally fast growers. To avoid overgrowth of the culture, incubation without shaking is recommended for growth in broth.

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 2**

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