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# Monoclonal Anti-Influenza Virus H5 Hemagglutinin (HA) Protein (VN04-8), A/Vietnam/1203/2004 (H5N1), (ascites, Mouse)

## Catalog No. NR-2733

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## Manufacturer:

Rockland Immunochemicals, Inc.

## **Product Description:**

Antibody Class: IgG1k

Mouse monoclonal antibody specific to a recombinant form of the H5 hemagglutinin (HA) protein (GenPept: AAT73274) of the A/Vietnam/1203/2004 (H5N1) strain of influenza virus was produced in mouse ascites.<sup>1,2</sup> Ascites formation was induced by injecting cultured hybridoma cells into the peritoneal cavity of BALB/c mice that had been primed with Incomplete Freund's adjuvant.<sup>3</sup> Antibody-rich ascites fluid was aseptically harvested 1 to 2 weeks following hybridoma cell injection. The harvested ascites fluid was pooled and then clarified using centrifugation and filtration.

HA is an antigenic glycoprotein found on the surface of the influenza A virus that is responsible for binding of the virus to receptors on a cell that is being infected.<sup>4,5</sup> Following receptor binding, the influenza A virus can enter the cell via endocytosis and membrane fusion. H5 HA is associated with the pathogenicity of the deadly H5N1 avian influenza A virus because it readily undergoes proteolytic cleavage into an active form that is necessary for viral entry into cells.<sup>6</sup> As a result, HA is an important target for drug and vaccine development.<sup>7,8</sup>

## Material Provided:

Each vial of NR-2733 contains lyophilized (1.0 mL) mouse ascites fluid. Sodium azide (0.02%) and gentamycin (0.01%) were added to NR-2733, lot 7497749.

## Packaging/Storage:

NR-2733 was packaged in glass serum vials with an aluminum crimp seal. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -20°C to -40°C immediately upon arrival. Storage at warmer temperatures is not recommended due to a low bioburden. At colder temperatures, the rubber stopper may become brittle and compromise the seal. NR-2733 should be reconstituted with 1.0 mL of sterile distilled water. Reconstituted material should be stored at -20°C to -40°C.

Reconstituted material may be thawed at room temperature and should be re-frozen.

## **Functional Activity:**

NR-2733 is specific for the H5 HA subtype of the influenza A virus as determined in standard hemagglutination inhibition (HI) assays.

<u>Applications</u>: HI, ELISA, immunocytochemistry, immunoprecipitation, virus neutralization test.

## **Biosafety Level: 1**

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