

Vaccinia Virus, MVA/S, Recombinant expressing SARS-CoV Spike (S) Protein

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Product Description:

Virus Classification: *Poxviridae, Orthopoxvirus*

Agent: Vaccinia virus

Strain: MVA/S (Modified vaccinia virus Ankara recombinant expressing the spike (S) protein of SARS-CoV)

Source:¹ A cDNA clone containing the entire open reading frame encoding the S protein of the Urbani strain of SARS-CoV was modified by introducing silent mutations that eliminated two poxvirus transcription termination motifs (TTTTTNT). The S gene was amplified and inserted in the pLW44 transfer vector, bringing it under the control of the vaccinia virus modified H5 early/late promoter. Recombinant MVA was made by transfecting the transfer plasmid into primary chick embryo fibroblast cells infected with MVA.

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 1 mL of cell lysate and supernatant from chicken embryo cells (SL-29, ATCC[®] CRL-1590[™]) infected with vaccinia virus, MVA/S.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-623 was packaged aseptically, in screw-capped plastic cryovials. The product is provided frozen on dry ice 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:

Host: SL-29 cells (ATCC[®] CRL-1590[™])

Growth Medium: Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium supplemented with 5% tryptose phosphate broth and 5% fetal bovine serum, or equivalent

Infection: Cells should be 80% to 90% confluent (not 100% confluent)

Incubation: 2 to 4 days at 37°C and 5% CO₂

Cytopathic Effect: Cell rounding and cell lysis

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the following publication: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories. 4th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1999. HHS Publication No. (CDC) 93-8395. This text is available online at www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/biosfty/bmbl4/bmbl4toc.htm. MVA is a highly attenuated strain of vaccinia virus and does not appear to replicate in most mammalian cells. Some experts feel MVA can be handled safely by trained personnel without the need for vaccination.

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References:

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