

Influenza B Virus, B/Harbin/7/94

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Product Description:

Virus Classification: *Orthomyxoviridae, Influenzavirus B*

Species: Influenza B virus

Strain/Isolate: B/Harbin/7/94

Original Source: Influenza B virus, B/Harbin/7/94 was isolated from human in Harbin, China (1994). Following isolation this strain was passaged in eggs at the CDC followed by five egg passages at Baylor College of Medicine prior to deposition.

Comments: Influenza B/Harbin/7/94-like viruses were recommended for use as part of trivalent influenza vaccines worldwide from 1995-2001.^{1,2}

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 1 mL of pooled allantoic fluid from specific-pathogen free (SPF) embryonated chicken eggs infected with influenza B virus, B/Harbin/7/94.

Note: If homogeneity is required for your intended use, please purify prior to initiating work.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-12279 was packaged aseptically in screw-capped plastic cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -70°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: 10-day-old SPF embryonated chicken eggs

Infection: Embryonated chicken eggs must be candled for viability prior to inoculation

Incubation: 1 to 3 days at 33 to 35°C in a humidified chamber without CO₂

Effect: Hemagglutination activity using chicken red blood cells and allantoic fluid from infected embryonated chicken eggs

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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References:

1. [WHO Recommendations for Influenza Vaccines](#)
2. World Health Organization. “Recommended Composition of Influenza Virus Vaccines for Use in the 1995-1996 Season.” Wkly. Epidemiol. Rec. 70 (1995): 53-56. PubMed: 7537515.

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