

**Monovalent Influenza Subvirion Vaccine,
rgA/Vietnam/1203/2004(H5N1)**

Catalog No. NR-4143

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Contributor:

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Manufacturer:

Aventis Pasteur, Inc.

Product Description:

Virus Classification: *Orthomyxoviridae, Influenzavirus A*

Agent: Influenza A virus

Strain/Isolate: rgA/Vietnam/1203/2004(H5N1)

Comments: Monovalent influenza subvirion vaccine, rgA/Vietnam/1203/2004(H5N1) was deposited at ATCC® in 2006 by Roland A. Levandowski, M.D., Chief, Influenza, SARS and ORVD Section, NIAID, NIH, Bethesda, Maryland. A plasmid rescue system was used to generate the vaccine.^{1,2} Briefly, mammalian cells were transfected with plasmids carrying the hemagglutinin (HA) and neuraminidase genes derived from the A/Vietnam/1203/2004(H5N1) strain of influenza virus, while all other plasmid-encoded genes were derived from the A/Puerto Rico/8/1934(H1N1) strain of influenza A virus. The HA gene was modified by replacement of the polybasic cleavage site that is associated with the high pathogenicity of H5N1 influenza A viruses in birds. The rgA/Vietnam/1203/2004 x A/Puerto Rico/8/1934 (H5N1) influenza virus that was generated using these techniques was found to be antigenically identical to the wild-type A/Vietnam/1203/2004(H5N1) virus and was apathogenic in chickens.¹ To prepare the vaccine product, the seed virus was grown to high titer in chicken eggs, collected by centrifugation, and inactivated with formalin. It was then disrupted with Triton X-100, filtered to remove bacteria and further purified. The vaccine has shown safety and immunogenicity in a double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial.¹

Please note that this vaccine preparation is being released for research use only and not for human use. Vaccines produced for the 2005 season are now past their expiration dates.

Material Provided:

Each vial contains ~ 0.7 mL of formulated monovalent influenza subvirion vaccine, rgA/Vietnam/1203/2004(H5N1), without preservative.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-4143 was packaged aseptically in glass serum vials. The product is provided on refrigerated bricks and should be stored at 2–8°C immediately upon arrival.

Citation:

Acknowledgment for publications should read “The following reagent was obtained through the NIH Biodefense and Emerging Infections Research Resources Repository, NIAID, NIH: Monovalent Influenza Subvirion Vaccine, rgA/Vietnam/1203/2004(H5N1), NR-4143.”

Biosafety Level: 1

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. 5th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2007; see www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/biosfty/bmbl5/bmbl5toc.htm.

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