

Tamiami Virus, W-10777

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Product Description:

Virus Classification: *Arenaviridae, Arenavirus*

Species: Tamiami virus (TAMV)

Type Strain/Isolate: W-10777

Original Source: Tamiami virus (TAMV), W-10777 was isolated by John Davie at the National Communicable Disease Center from heart tissue of an adult male hispid cotton rat (*Sigmodon hispidus*) captured January 5, 1965 in a box trap in southern Florida.^{1,2}

Comment: Both small (S) and large (L) RNA segments of TAMV, W-10777 have been sequenced (GenBank: AF485263 and AY924393, respectively).^{3,4}

TAMV is a new world arenavirus which, although highly antigenically related to Junin virus and lethal to mice, has low pathogenic potential for humans. TAMV shares a similar genomic organization with all other arenaviruses, displaying a bipartite, ambisense, single-stranded RNA genome.

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 1 mL of cell lysate and supernatant from African green monkey kidney cells [VERO C1008 (E6); ATCC® CRL-1586™] infected with TAMV, W-10777.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-10178 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: VERO C1008 (E6) cells (ATCC® CRL-1586™)

Growth Medium: Minimum Essential Medium supplemented with 2% irradiated fetal bovine serum, or equivalent

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

Incubation: 12 to 15 days at 37°C and 5% CO₂

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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