

**Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis Virus, MX03-H1**

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**Product Description:**

Virus Classification: *Togaviridae, Alphavirus*

Species: Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus

Strain: MX03-H1

Original Source: Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus (VEEV), MX03-H1 was isolated on August 3, 2003 from a hamster in Las Coaches, Pijijiapan, Chiapas State, Mexico. The virus was passaged in Vero African green monkey kidney cells.<sup>1</sup>

Comments: VEEV have been classified into six major antigenic subtypes, and additional variants are described within subtypes I and III.<sup>2</sup> VEEV, MX03-H1 is a subtype IE virus.<sup>1</sup>

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 1 mL of cell lysate and supernatant from *Cercopithecus aethiops* kidney epithelial cells (Vero; ATCC® CCL-81™) infected with VEEV, MX03-H1.

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

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-21709 was packaged aseptically in screw-capped plastic cryovials. The product is provided frozen 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: Vero cells (ATCC® CCL-81™)

Growth Medium: Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium containing Earle's Balanced Salt Solution, non-essential amino acids, 2 mM L-glutamine, 1 mM sodium pyruvate and 1.5 g/L of sodium bicarbonate supplemented with 2% fetal bovine serum, or equivalent

Infection: Cells should be 90% to 100% confluent

Incubation: 3 to 6 days at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

Cytopathic Effect: Rounding and detachment

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 3**

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