

**Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis Virus,
68U200**

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Product Description:

Virus Classification: *Togaviridae, Alphavirus*

Species: Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus

Strain: 68U200

Original Source: Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus (VEEV), 68U200 was isolated in 1968 from a hamster in La Avellana, Santa Rosa Department, Guatemala. The virus was passaged once in suckling mice, once in primary chicken embryonic cells, and subsequently in Vero African green monkey kidney cells.^{1,2}

Comments: VEEV have been classified into six major antigenic subtypes, and additional variants are described within subtypes I and III.³ VEEV, 68U200 is a subtype IE virus.¹⁻³

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, 68U200.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-21723 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: Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium modified to contain 4 mM L-glutamine, 4500 mg/L glucose, 1 mM sodium pyruvate, and 1.5 g/L sodium bicarbonate, supplemented with 2% fetal bovine serum

Infection: Cells should be 90% to 100% confluent

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

Cytopathic Effect: Rounding and detachment

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 3

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, 2009; see www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/index.htm.

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