

**Influenza A Virus, A/Hong Kong/1/1968-1
Mouse-Adapted 12A (H3N2)**

Catalog No. NR-28622

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Product Description:

Virus Classification: *Orthomyxoviridae, Influenzavirus A*

Species: Influenza A virus

Strain: A/Hong Kong/1/1968-1 mouse-adapted 12A (H3N2), also A/Hong Kong/1-1-MA-12A/1968 (H3N2)

Original Source: Influenza A virus, A/Hong Kong/1/1968-1 mouse-adapted 12 (H3N2) was derived from a virus isolated from a human in Hong Kong on July 17, 1968.¹

Comments: Sequence information is available for influenza A virus, A/Hong Kong/1-1-MA-12A/1968 (H3N2) at the [Influenza Research Database](#).

The prototype strain of the 1968 influenza epidemic in Hong Kong was originally isolated in primary monkey kidney cells by W. K. Chang¹ and sent to H. G. Pereira at the WHO World Influenza Center in London, from whom it was subsequently obtained by the Laboratory Center for Disease Control, Health Canada, Ottawa.² The virus was passaged twice in rhesus monkey kidney cells and three times in the allantoic cavity of embryonated chicken eggs before two plaque purifications in Madin-Darby canine kidney (MDCK) cells. The cloned virus (available as BEI Resources NR-28620) was then inoculated intranasally into CD-1 mice and virus extracts were prepared from lung homogenates after three days. After twelve sequential mouse passages, a clonal isolate was obtained by two plaque purifications in MDCK cells.^{2,3} The mouse-adapted virus was passaged twice in specific pathogen free embryonated chicken eggs before deposit to BEI Resources.^{2,4} Specific mutations in several viral genes are associated with adaptation to the mouse lung and evolution to increased virulence.^{2,3} Other mutations, or combinations of mutations, are unique to certain isolates, and can be used to identify each individual mouse-adapted variant. The confirmation of the identity of NR-28622 is described on the Certificate of Analysis.

Note that although NR-28622 was deposited to BEI Resources as A/Hong Kong/1/1968-1 mouse-adapted 12A (H3N2), nucleotide sequence obtained from the same source material by the NIAID Influenza Genome

Sequencing Consortium was deposited to NCBI and IRD as A/Hong Kong/1-1-MA-12A/1968 (H3N2).

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 1 mL of pooled allantoic fluid from specific pathogen free (SPF) embryonated chicken eggs infected with influenza A virus, A/Hong Kong/1/1968-1 Mouse-Adapted 12A (H3N2).

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-28622 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: 9- to 11-day-old SPF embryonated chicken eggs

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

Incubation: 2 days at 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:

Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH: Influenza A Virus, A/Hong Kong/1/1968-1 Mouse-Adapted 12A (H3N2), NR-28622."

Biosafety Level: 2

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/bmb15/index.htm.

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