

**Vaccinia Virus, Western Reserve (NIAID, Tissue Culture Adapted)**

**Catalog No. NR-55**

(Derived from ATCC® VR-1354™)

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**Product Description:**

Virus Classification: *Poxviridae, Orthopoxvirus*

Agent: Vaccinia virus (VACV)

Strain/Isolate: Western Reserve<sup>1</sup> (WR; NIAID, tissue culture adapted)

Source: Derived from the original New York City Board of Health (NYCBH) strain by intracerebral passages in mice<sup>1,2</sup> followed by tissue culture adaptation

Comments: The WR strain of VACV was deposited at ATCC® in 1990 by Dr. Bernard Moss and Norman Cooper, Laboratory of Viral Diseases, NIAID. The complete genomic sequence of the WR strain of VACV has been determined (GenBank: NC\_006998).<sup>3</sup>

The WR strain of VACV has been utilized in constructing vectors for gene expression<sup>4</sup> and in producing viral proteins and DNA.<sup>5</sup>

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 1 mL of cell lysate and supernatant from African green monkey kidney (Vero) cells infected with VACV, WR (NIAID, tissue culture adapted).

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-55 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 supplemented with 2% fetal bovine serum, or equivalent (lot-specific details are on the Certificate of Analysis)

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

Incubation: 6 to 8 days at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

Cytopathic Effect: Cell rounding and cell lysis

**Citation:**

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**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](http://www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmb15/index.htm).

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