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# Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis Virus, MX08-H51

# Catalog No. NR-21726

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#### **Product Description:**

<u>Virus Classification</u>: *Togaviridae*, *Alphavirus* <u>Species</u>: Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus

- Strain: MX08-H51
- <u>Original Source</u>: Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus (VEEV), MX08-H51 was isolated in July 2008 from a hamster in Minatitlan, Veracruz State, Mexico. The virus was passaged in Vero African green monkey kidney cells.<sup>1,2</sup>
- <u>Comments</u>: VEEV have been classified into six major antigenic subtypes, and additional variants are described within subtypes I and III.<sup>3</sup> VEEV, MX08-H51 is a subtype IE virus.<sup>1-3</sup>

#### **Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 1 mL of cell lysate and supernatant from *Cercopithecus aethiops* kidney epithelial cells (Vero; ATCC<sup>®</sup> CCL-81<sup>™</sup>) infected with VEEV, MX08-H51.

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

#### Packaging/Storage:

NR-21726 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<sup>®</sup> CCL-81<sup>™</sup>)

<u>Growth Medium</u>: 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 7 days at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

Cytopathic Effect: Refractile rounding and sloughing

#### Citation:

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### Biosafety Level: 3

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