

**Influenza A Virus,
A/Hong Kong/8/1968 (H3N2)**

Catalog No. NR-346
(Derived from ATCC® VR-544™)

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Product Description:

Virus Classification: *Orthomyxoviridae, Influenzavirus A*

Agent: Influenza A virus

Strain/Isolate: A/Hong Kong/8/1968 (H3N2)

Original Source: Isolated from a patient by Dr. W. K. Chang in Hong Kong, 1968

Comments: Influenza A virus, A/Hong Kong/8/1968 (H3N2) was deposited at ATCC® in 1968 by Marion T. Coleman, Ph.D., World Health Organization International Influenza Center for the Americas, National Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

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/8/1968 (H3N2).

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-346 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 to 3 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:

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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.

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