Chikungunya Virus, Venturini

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Product Description:
Virus Classification: Togaviridae, Alphavirus
Species: Chikungunya virus
Strain/Isolate: Venturini
Original Source: Chikungunya virus (CHIKV), Venturini was isolated from a human in Italy 2007, and contributed to WRCEVA by Stephen Higgs of the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas, USA. In order to remove contaminating mycoplasma, the second viral passage at BEI Resources was performed by lipofectamine-mediated transfection of extracted viral RNA.

Chikungunya fever is a febrile illness often accompanied by relapsing and incapacitating polyarthritis. In recent years, CHIKV has spread widely throughout Africa and Asia resulting in morbidity in millions of infected individuals. There are currently no recognized antiviral therapies or human vaccines with which to control infections due to CHIKV.

Material Provided:
Each vial contains approximately 1 mL of cell lysate and supernatant from Cercopithecus aethiops kidney epithelial cells (Vero 76, clone E6; ATCC® CRL-1586™) infected with CHIKV, Venturini.

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

Packaging/Storage:
NR-49743 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: Cercopithecus aethiops kidney epithelial cells (Vero 76, clone E6; ATCC® CRL-1586™)
Medium: Eagle’s Minimum Essential Medium containing Earle’s Balanced Salt Solution, non-essential amino acids, 2 mM L-glutamine, 1 mM sodium pyruvate and 1.5 g/L of sodium bicarbonate supplemented with 2% fetal bovine serum, or equivalent
Infection: Cells should be 70% to 90% confluent
Incubation: 2 to 8 days at 37°C and 5% CO2
Cytopathic Effect: Cell rounding and detachment

Citation:
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Biosafety Level: 3

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