

West Nile Virus, KERN 5281

Catalog No. NR-49923

Product Description: West Nile virus (WNV), KERN 5281 was isolated from a mosquito (*Culex tarsalis*) in Kern County, California, USA on June 2, 2005. Each vial contains cell lysate and supernatant from *Cercopithecus aethiops* kidney epithelial cells¹ infected with WNV, KERN 5281.

Passage History: V1/V3 (Prior to deposit at BEI Resources/BEI Resources); V = Vero cells¹

Lot^{2,3}: 70004668

Manufacturing Date: 06NOV2017

TEST	SPECIFICATIONS	RESULTS
Identification by Infectivity in Vero cells	Cell rounding and detachment	Cell rounding and detachment
Sequencing of Species-Specific Region (~ 760 nucleotides)	Consistent with WNV	Consistent with WNV ⁴
Titer by TCID₅₀ Assay^{5,6} in Vero cells¹ by Cytopathic Effect	Report results	1.6 × 10 ⁸ TCID ₅₀ per mL
Amplification of WNV Sequence by RT-PCR	~ 920 base pair amplicon	~ 920 base pair amplicon
Sterility (21-day incubation) Harpo's HTYE broth ⁷ , 37°C and 26°C, aerobic Trypticase soy broth, 37°C and 26°C, aerobic Sabouraud broth, 37°C and 26°C, aerobic Sheep blood agar, 37°C, aerobic Sheep blood agar, 37°C, anaerobic Thioglycollate broth, 37°C, anaerobic DMEM with 10% FBS, 37°C and 5% CO ₂	No growth No growth No growth No growth No growth No growth No growth	No growth No growth No growth No growth No growth No growth No growth
Mycoplasma Contamination Agar and broth culture (14-day incubation at 37°C) DNA detection by PCR of extracted Test Article nucleic acid	None detected None detected	None detected None detected

¹Vero: ATCC® CCL-81™

²The second virus passage at BEI Resources was performed by polyethylenimine (Polyplus-transfection® SA jetPEI® 101-10)-mediated transfection of extracted viral nucleic acid in order to remove contaminating mycoplasma.

³Grown in 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 (ATCC® 30-2003) supplemented with 2% fetal bovine serum (ATCC® 30-2020) for 3 days at 37°C with 5% CO₂

⁴Sequence information for WNV, KERN 5281 is not available in the NCBI database; nucleotide sequence obtained for NR-49923 lot 70004668 is 100% identical to numerous WNV strains.

⁵The Tissue Culture Infectious Dose 50% (TCID₅₀) endpoint is the 50% infectious endpoint in cell culture. The TCID₅₀ is the dilution of virus that under the conditions of the assay can be expected to infect 50% of the culture vessels inoculated, just as a Lethal Dose 50% (LD₅₀) is expected to kill half of the animals exposed. A reciprocal of the dilution required to yield the TCID₅₀ provides a measure of the titer (or infectivity) of a virus preparation.

⁶5 days at 37°C and 5% CO₂

⁷Atlas, Ronald M. Handbook of Microbiological Media. 3rd ed. Ed. Lawrence C. Parks. Boca Raton: CRC Press, 2004, p. 798.

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