

**CBER/FDA PRVABC59 Zika Virus RNA Reference Reagent, Heat-Inactivated**

**Catalog No. NR-50722**

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**Product Description:**

PRVABC59 Zika virus (ZIKV) RNA reference reagent (ZIKV-RR, PRVABC59) is for use in the development and validation of ZIKV nucleic acid testing (NAT). NR-50722 consists of material produced in *Cercopithecus aethiops* kidney epithelial (Vero) cells infected with ZIKV, PRVABC59 that has been heat-inactivated at 56°C for 60 minutes, diluted in dialyzed, defibrinated human plasma and lyophilized.<sup>1,2</sup>

The heat-inactivated preparation of ZIKV-RR, PRVABC59 (non-lyophilized) was included in a collaborative validation studies for the World Health Organization International Standard for ZIKV (WHO ZIKV IS).<sup>3</sup>

ZIKV, PRVABC59, was isolated from the blood of a human in Puerto Rico in 2015. The complete genomic sequence of ZIKV, PRVABC59 has been determined (GenBank: [KU501215](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU501215)).<sup>4</sup>

**Material Provided:**

Each ampule contains lyophilized ZIKV-RR, PRVABC59 from approximately 1 mL of heat-inactivated, clarified cell lysate and supernatant from Vero cells infected with ZIKV, PRVABC59.

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-50722 was packaged aseptically in glass ampules. The product is provided frozen on dry ice and should be stored at -20°C immediately upon arrival. NR-50722 can be reconstituted with 1 mL of sterile distilled water. After rehydration NR-50722 should be stored at -60°C or colder. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided.

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 2**

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