

**Simian Virus 40, 776\* (776-2E WT)**

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**Product Description:**

Virus Classification: *Polyomaviridae, Betapolyomavirus*

Species: Simian Virus 40

Strain/Isolate: 776\* (776-2E WT) [also referred to as 776\* or 776-2E (WT)]<sup>1</sup>

Original Source: SV40, 776\* (776-2E WT) was constructed by cloning SV40, 776 sequence from pCV21-0 vector into the *EcoRI* site of the same vector.<sup>1-3</sup> SV40, 776\* differs from SV40, 776 (GenBank: [J02400](#)) by one nucleotide at position 948.<sup>1,3</sup> SV40, 776 is a reference strain for SV40 and was initially isolated from a contaminated adenovirus type 1 seed stock in 1960.<sup>4</sup>

Comments: The complete genome of SV40, 776\* (776-2E WT) has been sequenced (GenBank: [AF316139](#)).<sup>3</sup>

SV40 is a member of the *Polyomaviridae* family which was discovered in 1960 as a contaminant in early forms of some viral vaccines prepared using primary cultures of rhesus monkey kidney cells.<sup>4,5</sup> The SV40 genome is a 5 kb circular double-stranded DNA which, in addition to some other proteins, encodes for two tumor antigens, large T and small t, generated by alternative splicing.<sup>4</sup> Large T antigen is a complex, multifunctional oncoprotein that is required for making the cellular environment conducive to viral DNA replication. The ability of the large T antigen to stimulate cell entry into the S phase of the cell cycle and initiate viral DNA replication makes it a major transforming protein of SV40.<sup>6,7</sup> Genetic variants of SV40 exist which have major genetic variations localized in two regions of the viral genome: the non-coding regulatory region and the C terminus of the large T antigen, referred to as the variable region.<sup>3</sup> SV40 is used extensively to study virus-induced cancers and viral effects on eukaryotic cellular processes.

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 1 mL of clarified cell lysate and supernatant from *Cercopithecus aethiops* kidney fibroblast cells infected with SV40, 776\* (776-2E WT).

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

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-51201 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 fibroblast cells (CV-1; ATCC® CCL-70™)

Growth 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 80% to 90% confluent

Incubation: 9 to 16 days at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

Cytopathic Effect: Cell rounding, vacuolization and sloughing

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 2**

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