

**Simian Virus 40, K661**

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**Product Description:**

Virus Classification: *Polyomaviridae, Betapolyomavirus*

Species: Simian Virus 40

Strain/Isolate: K661

Original Source: SV40, K661 was isolated from simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV)-infected rhesus monkey brain in 1998.<sup>1-3</sup>

Comments: SV40, K661 is a variant with an archetype-length regulatory region lacking a duplication within the G/C-rich segment and containing a single copy of the 72 base pairs enhancer element in the noncoding regulatory region of the large T antigen of the virus.<sup>2</sup> SV40, K661 is naturally severely attenuated for microRNA expression due to a defect in the processing of the primary microRNA transcript.<sup>1,4</sup> The complete genome of SV40, K661 has been sequenced (GenBank: [AF038616](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/AF038616)).<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>5,6</sup> The SV40 genome is a 5 kilobase 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>5</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>7,8</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, K661.

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

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-51202 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

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