

***Ehrlichia chaffeensis*, Strain St. Vincent**

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**Product Description:**

Bacteria Classification: *Anaplasmataceae*, *Ehrlichia*

Species: *Ehrlichia chaffeensis*

Strain: St. Vincent

Original Source: *Ehrlichia chaffeensis* (*E. chaffeensis*), strain St. Vincent was isolated in 1996 from the blood of a 52-year-old male patient in Georgia, USA, who was bitten by a tick and subsequently developed fatal human monocytic ehrlichiosis (HME).<sup>1,2</sup>

Comments: The complete genome of *E. chaffeensis*, strain St. Vincent has been sequenced (GenBank: [CP007478](#)).

*E. chaffeensis* is a Gram-negative, obligate intracellular pathogen of eukaryotic cells and belongs to the alpha subdivision of Proteobacteria. It was originally classified in the family *Rickettsiaceae*, but subsequently reassigned to the family *Anaplasmataceae*, both families belonging to the order Rickettsiales.<sup>3</sup> *E. chaffeensis* is transmitted to humans by the lone star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*) and is the causative agent of HME.

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 1 mL of cell lysate and supernatant from *Canis familiaris* macrophage-monocyte cells infected with *E. chaffeensis*, strain St. Vincent, supplemented with fetal bovine serum and DMSO.

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

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-46445 was packaged aseptically in screw-capped plastic cryovials and is provided frozen on dry ice. The product should be stored at -130°C or colder, preferably in the vapor phase of a liquid nitrogen freezer. If liquid nitrogen storage facilities are not available, frozen cryovials may be stored at -70°C or colder for approximately one week. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided.

**Growth Conditions:**

Host: *Canis familiaris* macrophage-monocyte cells (DH-82; ATCC® CRL-10389™)

Growth Medium: Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium containing 4 mM L-glutamine, 4500 mg per L glucose, 1 mM sodium pyruvate and 1500 mg per L sodium bicarbonate, supplemented with 5% to 10% fetal bovine serum, or equivalent; optionally, the growth medium may also be supplemented with cycloheximide and additional L-glutamine.

Infection: Cells should be 60% to 80% confluent

Incubation: 10 to 11 days at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

Cytopathic Effect: Cell enlargement, rounding, detachment, granularity or other toxicity may or may not be observed. It is recommended that replication of *E. chaffeensis* be confirmed by PCR, IFA or staining of morulae with Diff-Quik (modified Giemsa stain).<sup>4</sup>

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level: 2**

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