

## Human Astrovirus Type 2, Oxford

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### Product Description:

Virus Classification: *Astroviridae, Mamastrovirus*

Species: Human Astrovirus Type 2

Strain/Isolate: Oxford

Original Source: Human astrovirus type 2 (HAstV2), Oxford was isolated from the stool of a human with acute gastroenteritis in Oxford, United Kingdom.<sup>1</sup>

Comments: The complete genome of HAstV2, Oxford has been sequenced (GenBank: [MK059950](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MK059950)).<sup>2</sup>

Astroviruses have a broad host range including humans, as well as domesticated and wild animals.<sup>3</sup> Human astroviruses (HAstVs) are positive-sense, single-stranded viruses.<sup>3</sup> HAstVs were traditionally regarded as agents of gastroenteritis in children; however, it is now known that the viruses may spread systemically, especially in immunocompromised individuals. The reports of cases of fatal meningitis and encephalitis, especially in immunocompromised individuals, has broadened our understanding of their disease spectrum.<sup>4</sup> Eight distinct genotypes (HAstV1 to HAstV8; also referred to as classical or canonical human clades) have been identified, with infections by HAstV1 being the most prevalent.<sup>4,5</sup> In the late 2000s, two divergent HAstV genotypes, HAstV-MLB (Melbourne) and HAstV-VA/HMO (Virginia/Human-Mink-Ovine-like) were identified in human stool samples.<sup>5</sup> The association of these non-canonical viruses with clinical disease is not fully understood.

### Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 1 mL of cell lysate and supernatant from human colon adenocarcinoma cells infected with HAstV2, Oxford.

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

### Packaging/Storage:

NR-51389 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: Human colon adenocarcinoma cells (CaCO-2; ATCC® HTB-37™)

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 (EMEM) supplemented with 1 µg/mL trypsin type IX-S

Infection: Cells should be 80% to 90% confluent. Pre-activation of virus with 5 µg/mL trypsin type IX-S in EMEM at 37°C for 30 minutes is recommended.

Incubation: 1 to 5 days at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

Cytopathic Effect: Cell detachment may or may not be observed; confirmation of infectivity by immunofluorescence is recommended.

### Citation:

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### Biosafety Level: 2

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