**Ehrlichia chaffeensis**, Strain JAX

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**Product Description:**

**Bacteria Classification:** Anaplasmataceae, Ehrlichia  
**Species:** Ehrlichia chaffeensis  
**Strain:** Jax  
**Original Source:** Ehrlichia chaffeensis (E. chaffeensis), strain Jax was isolated in 1996 from the blood of a 51-year-old female patient in Florida, USA, who received multiple tick bites and subsequently developed fatal human monocytic ehrlichiosis (HME).1,2  
**Comments:** The complete genome of E. chaffeensis, strain Jax has been sequenced (GenBank: CP007475).

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.3 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 Jax, 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-46444 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 (DH82; 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% CO2  
**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).4

**Citation:**

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**Biosafety Level:** 2  

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1. Rikihisa, Y., Personal Communication.

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