

SARS-Related Coronavirus 2, Isolate USA/CA/VRLC014/2021 (Lineage B.1.429; Epsilon Variant)

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Product Description:

Virus Classification: *Coronaviridae*, *Betacoronavirus*

Species: Severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus 2

Strain/Isolate: USA/CA/VRLC014/2021 (also referred to as USA/CA-Stanford-02_S12/2021)^{1,2}

Original Source: Severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), isolate USA/CA/VRLC014/2021 was isolated from a nasal turbinate swab from a 41-year-old male on January 12, 2021 in California, USA.^{1,2}

Note: Genome sequence information is provided on the Certificate of Analysis and includes an analysis of all sequence variations observed for each lot.

Comments: Under the nomenclature system introduced by GISAID (Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data), SARS-CoV-2, isolate USA/CA/VRLC014/2021 is assigned lineage B.1.429 and GISAID clade GH using Phylogenetic Assignment of Named Global Outbreak LINeages (PANGOLIN) tool.^{2,3,4} The complete genome of SARS-CoV-2, isolate USA/CA/VRLC014/2021 has been sequenced (GISAID: EPI_ISL_1364488).^{1,2} The following mutations are present in the clinical isolate (referred to as hCoV-19/USA/CA-Stanford-02_S12/2021): Spike D614G, Spike L452R, Spike Q675H, Spike S13I, Spike T95I, Spike W152C, N (Nucleocapsid protein) M234I, N P383L, N T205I, NSP3 (Non-structural protein 3) Q57H, NSP8 (Non-structural protein 8) V100L, NSP2 (Non-structural protein 2) T85I, NSP9 (Non-structural protein 9) I65V, NSP12 (Non-structural protein 12) P323L, NSP13 (Non-structural protein 13) D260Y.² SARS-CoV-2, lineage B.1.429 was labelled as Epsilon variant by the World Health Organization (WHO).⁵

In December 2019, an outbreak of a respiratory illness (COVID-19) began in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. The outbreak is associated with a seafood market and although environmental samples from the market are positive for the novel coronavirus, an association with a particular animal has not been determined.⁶

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.1 mL of spin-clarified cell lysate and supernatant from *Homo sapiens* lung adenocarcinoma epithelial cells (Calu-3) infected with SARS-CoV-2, isolate USA/CA/VRLC014/2021.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-55309 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: *Homo sapiens* lung adenocarcinoma epithelial cells (Calu-3; ATCC® HTB-55™)

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 1500 mg per L of sodium bicarbonate supplemented with 2% fetal bovine serum, or equivalent

Infection: Cells should be 60% to 80% confluent

Incubation: 3 to 5 days at 37°C and 5% CO₂

Cytopathic Effect: Cell rounding and sloughing

Citation:

Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH: SARS-Related Coronavirus 2, Isolate USA/CA/VRLC014/2021 (Lineage B.1.429; Epsilon Variant), NR-55309, contributed by Andrew S. Pekosz."

Biosafety Level: 3

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