

**SARS-Related Coronavirus 2, Isolate hCoV-19/USA/PHC248/2021 (Lineage B.1.526; Iota Variant)**

**Catalog No. NR-55609**

**For research use only. Not for use in humans.**

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**Product Description:**

Virus Classification: *Coronaviridae, Betacoronavirus*

Species: Severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus 2

Strain/Isolate: hCoV-19/USA/PHC248/2021

Original Source: Severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), isolate hCoV-19/USA/PHC248/2021 was isolated from a human nasal swab on April 20, 2020, in Memphis, Tennessee, USA.<sup>1</sup> The complete genome of SARS-CoV-2, isolate hCoV-19/USA/PHC248/2021 has been sequenced (GenBank: [OL442160.1](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/OL442160.1)).

**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 hCoV-19/USA/PHC248/2021 is assigned lineage B.1.526 using the Phylogenetic Assignment of Named Global Outbreak lineages (PANGO) tool.<sup>1,2,3</sup> It was labeled as an Iota variant by the World Health Organization (WHO).<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>4</sup> SARS-CoV-2 has been isolated from patients from several countries and the sequences of some of these isolates have been deposited with GISAID.

**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 hCoV-19/USA/PHC248/2021.

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

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-55609 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 milligrams per liter of sodium bicarbonate supplemented with 2% fetal bovine serum, or equivalent

Infection: Cells should be 70% to 90% confluent

Incubation: 3 to 6 days at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

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 hCoV-19/USA/PHC248/2021 (Lineage B.1.526; Iota Variant), NR-55609, contributed by Dr. Richard J. Webby."

**Biosafety Level: 3**

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the following publication: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories. 6th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2020; see [www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmb15/index.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmb15/index.htm).

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**References:**

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