

Influenza A Virus, A/Hong Kong/8/1968 (H3N2)

Catalog No. NR-346

(Derived from ATCC® VR-544™)

Product Description:

Influenza A virus, A/Hong Kong/8/1968 (H3N2) was isolated from a patient by Dr. W. K. Chang in Hong Kong, in 1968. NR-346 lot 70057190 is derived from ATCC® VR-544™ and was produced in the allantoic cavity of specific pathogen free (SPF) embryonated chicken eggs (10- to 11-day-old; Charles River, Norwich, Connecticut, USA) infected with the seed material for 3 days at 35°C in a humidified chamber.

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TEST	SPECIFICATIONS	RESULTS
Identification by Infectivity Using Embryonated Chicken Eggs Hemagglutination activity using allantoic fluid from infected eggs and 0.5% turkey red blood cells	Positive	Positive
Sequencing of Hemagglutinin and Matrix Coding Regions Hemagglutinin (~ 690 nucleotides) Matrix (~ 940 nucleotides)	≥ 98% identity with A/Hong Kong/1/1968 (H3N2) (GenBank: AF348176) ³ ≥ 98% identity with A/Hong Kong/1/1968 (H3N2) (GenBank: CY112250) ³	100% identity with A/Hong Kong/1/1968 (H3N2) (GenBank: AF348176) ³ 99.6% identity with A/Hong Kong/1/1968 (H3N2) (GenBank: CY112250) ³
Titer by CEID₅₀ Assay in Embryonated Chicken Eggs¹ (3 days at 35°C in a humidified chamber)	Report results	8.9 × 10 ⁷ CEID ₅₀ /mL
Sterility (21-day incubation) Harpo's HTYE broth, 37°C and 26°C, aerobic ² Trypticase Soy broth, 37°C and 26°C, aerobic Sabouraud broth, 37°C and 26°C, aerobic Sheep blood agar, 37°C, aerobic Sheep blood agar, 37°C, anaerobic Thioglycollate broth, 37°C, anaerobic DMEM with 10% FBS, 37°C, aerobic	No growth No growth No growth No growth No growth No growth No growth No growth	No growth No growth No growth No growth No growth No growth No growth No growth
Mycoplasma Contamination Agar and broth culture (14-day incubation at 37°C) DNA detection by PCR of extracted Test Article nucleic acid	None detected None detected	None detected None detected

¹The Chicken Embryo Infectious Dose 50% (CEID₅₀) is the dilution of virus that under the conditions of the assay can be expected to infect 50% of the inoculated embryonated chicken eggs, just as a Lethal Dose 50% (LD₅₀) is expected to kill half of the animals exposed. A reciprocal of the dilution required to yield the CEID₅₀ provides a measure of the infectious titer (or infectivity) of a virus preparation.

²There is no sequence information for the Hemagglutinin or Matrix genes of influenza A virus, A/Hong Kong/8/1968 (H3N2) in the NCBI nucleotide database. Sequence information is available for several other influenza A/Hong Kong/1968 (H3N2) isolates, all of which are very closely related.

³Atlas, Ronald M. *Handbook of Microbiological Media*. 3rd ed. Ed. Lawrence C. Parks. Boca Raton: CRC Press, 2004, p. 798.

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