

Oropouche Virus, 240023

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Product Description:

Virus Classification: *Peribunyaviridae*, *Orthobunyavirus oropoucheense*

Species: Oropouche Virus

Strain/Isolate: 240023

Original Source: Oropouche virus (OROV), 240023 was isolated in Florida on July 13, 2024, from the serum of a patient with a history of travel to Cuba.^{1,2}

Comments: The large (L), medium (M), and small (S) segments of OROV, 240023 have been sequenced (GenBank: [PQ417948.1](#), [PQ417949.1](#) and [PQ417950.1](#), respectively).

OROV is an arbovirus with a tripartite RNA genome, which consists of three single-stranded RNA segments of negative polarity: L (encodes RNA-dependent RNA polymerase), M (encodes envelope glycoproteins Gn and Gc) and S (encodes nucleoprotein N). OROV was first isolated in 1955 from the blood of a forestry worker in Melajo Reserve, Trinidad and Tobago, and is named for the nearby near the Oropouche river.^{2,3}

OROV is a zoonotic disease causing periodic outbreaks in Central America, the Caribbean and throughout South America outside of its endemic Amazon region.^{2,4} In 2024, an increase in OROV cases originating in travelers from Brazil and Cuba was documented in the United States, as well as in Europe.²

Transmission to humans occurs primarily through *Culicoides paraensis* (biting midge) and secondary vectors *Culex quinquefasciatus* or *Aedes aegypti*.^{2,4} Symptoms of OROV fever, also referred to as sloth fever, originating from its isolation in Brazil in 1960 from a pale-throated sloth, are similar to those of dengue and chikungunya, which often leads to misdiagnosis of the source of the infection.^{4,5} A frequent disease pattern in OROV fever is a recurrence of symptoms within days to weeks after resolution of the initial illness.² A few cases that have occurred in Brazil since 2023 are characterized by more severe disease and fetal sequelae.⁴

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 1 mL of cell lysate and supernatant from *Homo sapiens* lung carcinoma epithelial cells infected with OROV, 240023.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-59930 was packaged aseptically in 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 carcinoma epithelial cells (A549; ATCC® CCL-185™)

Growth Medium: F-12K Medium (Kaighn's Modification of Ham's Medium) supplemented with 2% fetal bovine serum, or equivalent

Infection: Cells should be 60% to 70% confluent

Incubation: 6 to 10 days at 37°C and 5% CO₂

Cytopathic Effect: Cell rounding and sloughing

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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