

# **Certificate of Analysis for MRA-1330**

### Plasmodium falciparum, Strain LA476-1

#### Catalog No. MRA-1330

#### **Product Description:**

Plasmodium falciparum (P. falciparum), strain LA476-1 is a clone of P. falciparum, strain LA476, which was isolated in 2008 from a patient in Malawi. Strain LA476-1 is the progenitor of two deletion mutants, strains LA476-1Δhrp2 (MRA-1331) and LA476-1Δhrp2/Δhrp3, generated by the deletion of P. falciparum histidine rich protein 2 (hrp2) and 3 (hrp3) genes, located outside of the telomeric regions of chromosomes 8 and 13.2, respectively, using CRISPR/Cas9-technology. MRA-1330 was produced by cultivation of deposited material in fresh human erythrocytes suspended in RPMI 1640 medium adjusted to contain 10% (v/v) heat-inactivated human serum (Type A), 25 mM HEPES, 2 mM L-glutamine, 2 g/L D-glucose, 27 μg/mL hypoxanthine and 5 μg/mL gentamicin. The culture was propagated in human Type O erythrocytes at 37°C in sealed flasks outgassed with a blood-gas atmosphere (90% N₂, 5% CO₂, 5% O₂) and monitored for parasitemia for 14 days. Every 1 to 4 days, uninfected, leukocyte-filtered, Type O erythrocytes in complete culture medium were added dropwise as needed to maintain 1% to 3% hematocrit. The culture was harvested when the total parasitemia reached ≥ 2% to produce this lot. Quality control testing was completed under propagation conditions unless otherwise noted.

Lot: 70064017 Manufacturing Date: 09OCT2023

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TEST	SPECIFICATIONS	RESULTS
Identification by Giemsa Stain Microscopy <sup>1</sup>	Blood-stage parasites present	Blood-stage parasites present
Genotypic Analysis <sup>1</sup>		
Sequencing of Merozoite Surface Protein 2 (MSP2) gene (~ 640 base pairs)	Consistent with P. falciparum	Consistent with <i>P. falciparum</i> (Figure 1)
Confirmation of Genes by PCR Amplification <sup>1,2</sup>		
hrp2	~ 300 base pair amplicon	~ 300 base pair amplicon
hrp3	~ 300 base pair amplicon	~ 300 base pair amplicon
Antimalarial Susceptibility Profile (in vitro) <sup>1</sup> Half-maximal Inhibitory Concentration (IC <sub>50</sub> ) by SYBR Green I <sup>®</sup> drug sensitivity assay <sup>3</sup>		
Chloroquine	Report results	5.4 ± 0.4 nM
Artemisinin	Report results	19.1 ± 1.8 nM
Quinine	Report results	100.2 ± 11.6 nM
Cycloguanil	Report results	940.4 ± 65 nM
Pyrimethamine	Report results	33740 ± 2333 nM
Sulfadoxine	Report results	254500 ± 23474 nM
Level of Parasitemia by Giemsa Stain Microscopy		
Pre-freeze (14 days post-infection) <sup>4</sup>		
Ring-stage parasitemia	Report results	8.2%
Total parasitemia	≥ 2%	10.9%
Post-freeze (2 days post-infection) <sup>1</sup>		
Ring-stage parasitemia	Report results	1.1%
Total parasitemia	≥ 1%	1.5%
Viability (2 days post-infection) <sup>1</sup>	Growth in infected red blood cells	Growth in infected red blood cells
Sterility (21-day incubation) <sup>1</sup>		
Harpo's HTYE broth, 37°C and 26°C, aerobic⁵	No growth	No growth
Trypticase soy broth, 37°C and 26°C, aerobic	No growth	No growth
Sabouraud broth, 37°C and 26°C, aerobic	No growth	No growth

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DMEM with 10% FBS, 37°C, aerobic	No growth	No growth
Sheep blood agar, 37°C, aerobic	No growth	No growth
Sheep blood agar, 37°C, anaerobic	No growth	No growth
Thioglycollate broth, 37°C, anaerobic	No growth	No growth
Mycoplasma Contamination <sup>1</sup>		
DNA detection by PCR	None detected	None detected

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Testing completed on vialed, post-freeze material.

#### Figure 1: MRA-1330 MSP2 Sequence

AAATGAAGGTTCTAATACTAATAGTGTAGGTGCAGATGCTCCAAAAGCTGATACTATTGCTAGTGGAAGTCAAAGTAGTACAAATAG
TGCAAGTACTACTACTACTACTACTACTACTACTACTCCTACCGCTGCTGATACCCCTACTGCTACAGAAAGTAATTC
ACCTTCACCACCCATCACTACTACAAAAAGTAATTCACCTTCACCACCCATCACTACTACAAAAAAGTAATTCACCTTCACCACCCAT
CACTACTACAAAAAAGTAATTCACCTTCACCACCCATCACTACTACAGAAAGTTCAGCTACGCAATGCACCAAATAAAACAGACGG
TAAAGGAGAGAGGTGAAAAACAAAATGAATTAAATGAATCAACTGAAGAAGGACCCAAAGCTCCACAAGAACCTCAAACGGCAGA
AAATGAAAATCCTGCTGCCACCAGAGAATAAAGGTACAGGACAACATGGACATATGCATGGTTCTAGAAATAATCATCCACAAAATAC
TTCTGATAGTCAAAAAAGAATGTACCGATGGTAACAAAGAAAACTGTGGAGCAGCAACATCCCTCTTAAATAACTCTAGTAATATTGC
TTCAATAAATAAATTAATTTGTTTTTTTAATT

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Primer sequences and conditions for PCR are available upon request.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>A SYBR Green I<sup>®</sup> anti-malarial drug sensitivity assay in 96-well plates was used to determine IC<sub>50</sub> values of an active (> 70% ring stage) parasite culture in the presence of each antimalarial drug [Hartwig, C. L., et al. "XI: I. SYBR Green I<sup>®</sup>-Based Parasite Growth Inhibition Assay for Measurement of Antimalarial Drug Susceptibility in *Plasmodium falciparum*." In: Moll, K., et al. (Eds.), <u>Methods in Malaria Research</u>. 6th ed. EVIMalaR, 2013. 122-129. <u>Methods in Malaria Research Sixth Edition</u> is available on the <u>BEI Resources website</u>.]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Testing completed on bulk material prior to vialing and freezing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Atlas, Ronald M. <u>Handbook of Microbiological Media</u>. 3rd ed. Ed. Lawrence C. Parks. Boca Raton: CRC Press, 2004, p. 798.