



# Human herpesvirus 3

VR-1832™

## Description

Human herpesvirus 3 strain Oka is propagated in MRC-5 cells (ATCC CCL-171). This strain was isolated from a vesicle from a 3-year-old male in Japan and was deposited by the Research Foundation for Microbial Diseases of Osaka University. It has applications in infectious disease research, assay development, and vaccine development.

**Strain designation:** Oka

**Common name:** Varicella zoster virus

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## Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Frozen

**Storage conditions:** Vapor phase of liquid nitrogen

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## Growth Conditions

**Host:** MRC-5 (ATCC CCL-171)

**Effects:** CPE; cell rounding; cell degeneration

**Complete medium:**

EMEM (ATCC 30-2003) + 2% FBS (ATCC 30-2020)

**Temperature:** 37°C

**Atmosphere:** 95% Air, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>

**Recommendations for infection:** Plate cells 16-24 hours prior to infection and infect when cultures are 80-90% confluent. Remove medium and inoculate with a small volume of virus (e.g., 1 mL per 25 cm<sup>2</sup>) diluted to provide an optimal MOI (e.g., 0.01). Adsorb 1-2 hours at 37°C in a humidified 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. End adsorption by adding virus growth medium. Replace virus growth medium at one day post-inoculation to remove DMSO from the culture.

Harvest by removing culture medium and adding cell dissociation buffer. Dilute in freeze medium containing a final concentration of 7% DMSO and preserve with a controlled-rate freeze (1°C/minute).

**Incubation:** 3-4 days at 37°C in a humidified 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, until CPE is progressed through 60% of the monolayer.

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## Notes

Live, attenuated vaccine strain. Thermosensitive compared with other wild type strains. Depositor screened by Neurovirulence safety test, and result was compliant.

**Key Abbreviations:** °C, Degrees Celsius; CO<sub>2</sub>, Carbon dioxide; DMSO, Dimethyl sulfoxide; EMEM, Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium; FBS, Fetal bovine serum; MOI, Multiplicity of infection

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