



BK polyomavirus

VR-837™

Product Sheet

Description

BK polyomavirus is propagated in HEL 299 cells (ATCC CCL-137). This strain was isolated in 1970 from the urine of a human kidney transplant patient in London.

Common name: BK Virus

Deposited As: BK virus

Storage Conditions

Storage conditions: -70°C or colder

Intended Use

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Growth Conditions

Host: HEL 299 (ATCC CCL-137)

Effects: cell degeneration; cell rounding; CPE

Complete medium:

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

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: 95% Air, 5% CO₂

Recommendations for infection: For best results, cells should be 24 to 48 hours old and 70-90% confluent (not 100% confluent)

Incubation: 14-23 days, a 5% CO₂ in air atmosphere is recommended

Handling Procedures

Mycoplasma contamination: Not detected

Notes

Virus MUST be freeze-thaw cycled 6 times for greatest infectivity.

Key Abbreviations: °C, Degrees Celsius; CO₂, Carbon dioxide; CPE, Cytopathic effect; EMEM, Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium; FBS, Fetal bovine serum

Material Citation

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