**Ectromelia virus**

**VR-1374™**

**Description**

**Strain designation:** Moscow  
**Deposited As:** Ectromelia virus

**Storage Conditions**

**Product format:** Frozen  
**Storage conditions:** -70°C or colder

**Intended Use**

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Growth Conditions

Host: BS-C-1 (ATCC CCL-26)

Effects: cell rounding; CPE; death of host animal

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 80% - 90% confluent (not 100% confluent).

Incubation: 1 to 7 days at 37°C, a 5% CO₂ in air atmosphere is recommended

Handling Procedures

Mycoplasma contamination: Not detected

Notes
Inadvertent introduction of Ectromelia virus into mouse colonies has caused major outbreaks in US animal colonies. The depositor recommends that animal care and biosafety management at your institution be consulted prior to initiating work with this agent. Requests for the agent must carry a signed statement assuming all risk and responsibility for handling and use. For additional information see: Fenner, 1982. Mousepox. (in) The Mouse in Biomedical Research: Vol. II. Diseases. (ed) Foster et al., Academic Press.

**Key Abbreviations:** °C, Degrees Celsius; BS-C-1, African green monkey kidney cells; CO₂, Carbon dioxide; CPE, Cytopathic effect; EMEM, Eagle’s Minimum Essential Medium; FBS, Fetal bovine serum

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**Material Citation**

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