**Description**

**Strain designation:** SKPV-USA-1978-WA  
**Deposited As:** V Olson, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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**Storage Conditions**

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

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**Intended Use**

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Growth Conditions

**Host:** BSC40 [BSC-40] (ATCC CRL-2761)

**Effects:** cell rounding; CPE; plaque formation

**Complete medium:**
RPMI-1640 (ATCC® 30-2001™) +2% FBS (ATCC® 30-2020™)

**Temperature:** 35.5°C

**Atmosphere:** 95% Air, 5% CO₂

**Recommendations for infection:** Plate cells approximately 24 hours prior to infection and infect when cultures are 90-100% confluent. Remove medium and inoculate with a small volume of virus (e.g. 1 mL per 25 cm²) diluted to provide an optimal MOI (e.g 0.05). Adsorb 1-2 hours at 35.5°C in a humidified 5% CO₂ atmosphere. End adsorption by adding virus growth medium.

**Incubation:** 2-3 days at 35.5°C in a humidified 5% CO₂ atmosphere, until CPE is progressed through 85-90% of the monolayer.

Notes
Sonicate sample for 10 seconds at 200 watts before inoculation.

**Key Abbreviations:** °C, Degrees Celsius; CO₂, Carbon dioxide; BSC-40 cells, African green monkey kidney cells; CPE, Cytopathic effect; FBS, Fetal bovine serum; MOI, Multiplicity of infection; PBS, Phosphate-buffered saline; RPMI, Roswell Park Memorial Institute

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