Human respiratory syncytial virus
VR-26™

Description
Human respiratory syncytial virus strain Long is propagated in HEp-2 cells (ATCC CCL-23). This strain was isolated in 1956 from a 17-month-old human male with pneumonia in Maryland, US, and was deposited by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. It has applications in testing virucides and respiratory disease research.

Strain designation: Long
Deposited As: Respiratory syncytial virus

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

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Growth Conditions
Host: HEp-2 (ATCC CCL-23)
Effects: cell rounding; cell sloughing; CPE; syncytia
Complete medium:
EMEM (ATCC 30-2003) + 2% FBS (ATCC 30-2020)
Temperature: 37°C
Atmosphere: 95% Air, 5% CO₂
Recommendations for infection: Plate cells 24-48 hours prior to infection and infect when cultures are 70-85% 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. 0.1). Adsorb 1-2 hours at 37°C in a humidified 5% CO₂ atmosphere, rocking every 20-30 minutes to redistribute inoculum. End adsorption by adding virus growth medium.
**Incubation:** 3-12 days

**Handling Procedures**

**Mycoplasma contamination:** Not detected

**Notes**

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

**Material Citation**

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