**Chlamydia trachomatis Serovar F R-346™**

**Description**

*Chlamydia trachomatis* Serovar F strain IC-Cal-3 is propagated in McCoy [McCoy B] cells (ATCC CRL-1696). This strain was isolated in 1960 from the eye of a 9-day-old baby in California and was deposited by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This product has applications in sexually transmitted disease and trachoma research.

- **Strain designation** IC-Cal-3
- **Deposited As** *Chlamydia trachomatis* (Busacca) Rake
- **Type strain** No
- **Serotype** F

**Storage Conditions**

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

**Intended Use**

This product is intended for laboratory research use only. It is not intended for any animal or human therapeutic use, any human or animal consumption, or any diagnostic use.

**BSL 2**

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Growth Conditions

- **Host** McCoy [McCoy B] ([ATCC CRL-1696](https://www.atcc.org))
- **Effects** CPE; cytoplasmic inclusions
- **Complete medium** DMEM (ATCC 30-2002) + 10% prescreened FBS + 10 mM HEPES + 2 g/mL Cycloheximide (Sigma C-4859 Ready-Made)
- **Temperature** 35.5°C
- **Recommendations for infection** Plate cells 24-48 hours prior to infection and infect when cultures are 95-100% confluent. Prior to infection, disrupt cells by sonication or vortex with sterile glass beads. Remove medium and inoculate with a small volume of inoculum (e.g. 1 mL per 25 cm²) diluted to provide an optimal MOI (e.g. 1). Adsorb by centrifugation at 2100 x g for 1 hour at 20°C. End adsorption by adding growth medium.
- **Incubation** 3 days

Handling Procedures

- **Mycoplasma contamination** Not detected

Notes

FBS used to culture *Chlamydia* must be prescreened to verify that the serum does not contain antibodies to *Chlamydia* or other factors that would interfere with growth.
Rapid loss in titer when stored above -70°C. Activities with high potential for aerosol production require BSL 3 facilities and practices.

Next-generation sequencing (NGS) at ATCC on the McCoy cell line (ATCC CRL-1696) used as the host has shown the presence of Mus Musculus mobilized endogenous polytropic provirus and Murine leukemia virus.

- **Key Abbreviations**
  - °C, Degrees Celsius;
  - BSL, Biosafety level;
  - CO₂, Carbon dioxide;
  - DMEM, Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium;
  - FBS, Fetal bovine serum;
  - g, Acceleration of gravity;
  - HEPES, N-(2-Hydroxyethyl)piperazine-N'-(2-ethanesulfonic acid);
  - MOI, Multiplicity of infection

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**Material Citation**

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**References**

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