**Description**

*Chlamydia trachomatis* Serovar Ba strain Apache-2 is propagated in McCoy [McCoy B] cells (ATCC CRL-1696). This strain was isolated from the eye of a child from the Apache tribe in San Carlos, Arizona. This product has applications in sexually transmitted disease and trachoma research.

- **Strain designation** Apache-2
- **Deposited As** Trachoma serotype ba
- **Type strain** No
- **Serotype** Ba

**Storage Conditions**

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

**Intended Use**

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Growth Conditions

- **Host** McCoy [McCoy B] ([ATCC CRL-1696](https://www.atcc.org))
- **Effects** CPE; cytoplasmic inclusions
- **Complete medium**
  Special Maintenance Medium (SMM): DMEM (ATCC 30-2002) + 10% prescreened FBS + 10 mM HEPES (Gibco 15630) + 2 µg/mL Cycloheximide (Sigma C4859)
- **Temperature** 36°C
- **Atmosphere** 95% Air, 5% CO₂
- **Recommendations for infection** For best results, infection should be performed on a 80-100% confluent, 24-48 hour old cellular monolayer. Sonicate seed material for 20 seconds at approximately 240W to disrupt cells. Prepare dilution of chlamydia in minimum amount of volume (e.g. 1 mL per 25 cm²). Remove cell growth medium and inoculate with disrupted material. For adsorption, centrifuge at 1500 x g at 25°C for 1 hour. End adsorption by adding agent growth medium. Incubation: Incubate infected culture for 72 hours at 36°C in a humidified 5% CO₂ atmosphere.
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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. 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** DEMEM, Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium; FBS, Fetal bovine serum; g, Acceleration of gravity; HEPES, N-(2-Hydroxyethyl)piperazine-N'-(2-ethanesulfonic acid); SMM, Special maintenance medium

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**Material Citation**

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