





Product Sheet

# Influenza A virus (H3N2) (ATCC® VR-544™)

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## Description

**Strain:** A/Hong Kong/8/68  
**Classification:** *Orthomyxoviridae*, *Influenzavirus A*  
**Original Source:** Patient, Hong Kong, 1968  
**Depositor:** MT Coleman

## Batch-Specific Information

Refer to the Certificate of Analysis for batch-specific test results.

## Propagation

**Propagation Host:**  
SPF chicken embryonated eggs, 10-11 days

**Effect on Host:**  
Hemagglutinates chicken RBC

**Growth Conditions**  
**Temperature:** 37°C  
**Recommendations for Infection:** Dilute virus in D-PBS prior to inoculation.  
**Incubation:** 2-3 days with humidity and non-CO<sub>2</sub> incubator

## Comments

This strain cross-reacts in HAI tests with A2 strains at low dilutions.

## References

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## Key Abbreviations

°C, degrees Celsius  
CE, chicken embryo  
CO<sub>2</sub> (CO2), carbon dioxide  
D-PBS, Dulbecco's Phosphate Buffered Saline  
RBC, red blood cells  
SPF, specific pathogen free

## Biosafety Level: 2

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Storage Temp.  
**-70°C or colder**

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