



Product Sheet

# Feline syncytia-forming virus (ATCC® VR-889™)

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Storage Temp.  
**-60°C or colder**

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Biosafety Level  
**2**

## Intended Use

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## Citation of Strain

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## Description

**Strain:** F-17  
**Classification:** Retrovirus, Foamy  
**Original Source:**  
Thymus cell culture of normal cat  
**Depositor:** JL Riggs

## Batch-Specific Information

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

## Propagation

**Propagation Host:**  
feline embryo fibroblasts  
feline kidney cells; human kidney cells; rat kidney cells  
**Effect on Host:**  
Foamy cytopathic effects, syncytium formation. Does not appear to be associated with any disease in animals

**Growth Conditions**  
**Incubation:** 5-8 days

## Comments

Produces foamy CPE; syncytia in infected cell cultures is labile, rapidly destroyed by freeze-thaw and organic solvents. Particles which bud from membranes of infected cells contain RNA-dependent DNA polymerase which exhibits greater activity with Mn<sup>2+</sup> than with Mg<sup>2+</sup> (Todaro et al., 2nd Lepetit Colloquium, North Holland Publ. Co., 1971, pp. 206-209).

## References

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## Key Abbreviations

CPE, cytopathic effect  
CRFK, Crandell feline kidney cells  
DMSO, dimethyl sulfoxide  
DNA, deoxyribonucleic acid  
EF, embryo fibroblasts  
RNA, ribonucleic acid  
TCID<sub>50</sub>, median tissue culture infective dose

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