**Strain:** OC43
**Classification:** Coronaviridae, Betacoronavirus
**Common Name:** Human coronavirus OC43
**Original Source:** Man with cold-like illness. Treated to remove mycoplasma at ATCC.
**Depositor:** JO Fleming, University of Wisconsin, Madison

**Batch-Specific Information**
Refer to the Certificate of Analysis for batch-specific test results.

**Propagation**
**Propagation Host:** HCT-8 (ATCC® CCL-244™)
**Effect on Host:** CPE, vacuolization of cytoplasm and sloughing
**Medium:** RPMI-1640 (ATCC® 30-2001™) + 2% HS (ATCC® 30-2040™)

**Growth Conditions**
**Temperature:** 33°C
**Recommendations for Infection:** For best results, infection should be performed on an 80-90% confluent, 18-48 hour old cellular monolayer. Prepare dilution of virus in minimum amount of volume (e.g. 1 mL per 25 cm²), optimized for propagation (e.g. MOI 0.01-0.1 recommended). Wash monolayer two times with PBS or serum free medium prior to inoculation. Adsorb virus dilution for 1-2 hours at 33°C in a humidified 5% CO₂ atmosphere, while rocking continuously. End adsorption by adding virus growth medium.
**Incubation:** 4-6 days at 33°C in a humidified 5% CO₂ atmosphere, rocking continuously, until CPE is progressed through 80% of the monolayer.

**Comments**
VR-1558™ is a TC-adapted item derived from virus passaged in mice (ATCC® VR-759™). Cleaned of mycoplasma with MRA. No antigenic cross reaction with Human coronavirus 229E (ATCC® VR-740™).

**References**
References and other information relating to this product are available online at [www.atcc.org](http://www.atcc.org).

**Key Abbreviations**
CPE, cytopathic effect
HCT-8, adult human colon epithelial cells
HS, horse serum
MOI, multiple of infection
MRA, mycoplasma removal agent
PBS, Phosphate buffered saline
RPMI, Roswell Park Memorial Institute
TC, tissue culture

**Biosafety Level:** 2

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the current publication of the *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories* from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Institutes for Health.

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