



Influenza A virus (H3N2)

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Product Sheet

Description

Influenza A virus (H3N2) strain A/Hong Kong/8/68 is propagated in MDCK (NBL-2) cells (ATCC CCL-34). This strain was isolated from a patient in Hong Kong in 1968 and was deposited by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. It has applications in respiratory disease and influenza research.

Strain designation: A/Hong Kong/8/68

Storage Conditions

Product format: Frozen

Storage conditions: -70°C or colder

Intended Use

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Growth Conditions

Host: MDCK (NBL-2) (ATCC CCL-34)

Effects: CPE; cell degeneration; cell rounding

Complete medium:

EMEM (ATCC 30-2003) + 10 mM HEPES + 0.125% BSA fraction V + 1 µg/mL TPCK-treated Trypsin

Temperature: 35°C

Atmosphere: 95% Air, 5% CO₂

Recommendations for infection: Plate cells 24-48 hours prior to infection and infect when cultures are 70-80% confluent. Remove medium and inoculate with a small volume of virus (e.g. 1 mL per 25 cm²) diluted to provide an optimal MOI (e.g. 0.01). Adsorb 1-2 hours at 35°C in a humidified 5% CO₂ atmosphere, rocking every 20-30 minutes to redistribute inoculum. End adsorption by adding virus growth medium.

Incubation: 2-4 days

Handling Procedures

Mycoplasma contamination: Not detected

Notes

Key Abbreviations: °C, Degrees Celsius; BSA, Bovine serum albumin; CO₂, Carbon dioxide; CPE, Cytopathic effect; EMEM, Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium; HEPES, N-(2-Hydroxyethyl)piperazine-N'-(2-ethanesulfonic acid); MOI, Multiplicity of infection; TPCK, L-1-tosylamido-2-phenylethyl chloromethyl ketone

Material Citation

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