



Vaccinia virus

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Description

Vaccinia virus strain Modified vaccinia virus Ankara (MVA) is propagated in BHK-21 [C-13] cells (ATCC CCL-10). This strain was derived from the CVA (Ankara) strain via serial passage in chicken embryo fibroblasts followed by plaque purification 3 times.

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Strain designation: Modified vaccinia virus Ankara (MVA)

Deposited As: Vaccinia virus

Storage Conditions

Product format: Frozen

Storage conditions: -70°C or colder

Intended Use

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Growth Conditions

Host: BHK-21 [C-13] (ATCC CCL-10)

Effects: cell rounding; cell sloughing; CPE

Complete medium:

EMEM (ATCC 30-2003) + 2% FBS (ATCC 30-2020)

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: 95% Air, 5% CO₂

Recommendations for infection: Plate cells 24-48 hours prior to infection and infect when cultures are 80-90% 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. 0.1).

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Adsorb 1-2 hours at 37°C in a humidified 5% CO₂ atmosphere, rocking every 20-30 minutes to redistribute inoculum. End adsorption by adding virus growth medium.

Incubation: 3-7 days

Handling Procedures

Mycoplasma contamination: Not detected

Notes

Does not replicate in human cells or the majority of mammalian cells. This is a highly attenuated strain that some experts feel can be handled safely by trained personnel without the need for vaccination.

Key Abbreviations: FBS, Fetal bovine serum; MOI, Multiplicity of infection; °C, Degrees Celsius; CO₂, Carbon dioxide; CPE, Cytopathic effect; CVA, Chorioallantoic vaccinia Ankara; EMEM, Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium

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