



# Raccoonpox virus

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## Description

**Strain designation:** Herman

**Deposited As:** Raccoonpox virus, Orthopoxvirus

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## Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Frozen

**Storage conditions:** -70°C or colder

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## Intended Use

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will slowly fill with liquid nitrogen. Upon thawing, the conversion of the liquid nitrogen back to its gas phase may result in the vial exploding or blowing off its cap with dangerous force creating flying debris. Unless necessary, ATCC recommends that these cultures be stored in the vapor phase of liquid nitrogen rather than submersed in liquid nitrogen.

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### Growth Conditions

**Host:** Vero (ATCC CCL-81)

Host Range: Vero cells (ATCC CCL-81); LLC-MK2 cells (ATCC CCL-7); CAM; suckling mouse

**Effects:** CPE; paralysis; plaque formation; pock lesions on chorioallantoic membrane; syncytia

**Temperature:** 35.5°C

**Incubation:** 3-4 days

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### Handling Procedures

**Mycoplasma contamination:** Not detected

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### Notes

Does not grow well on CAM after 2 to 3 passages. Cross-reacts with Connaught strain

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on vaccinia virus. Racoons inoculated with raccoon pox virus show no apparent clinical symptoms, however, their sera demonstrate strong HAI reactions.

**Key Abbreviations:** Arch., archives; CAM, Chorioallantoic membrane; CPE, Cytopathic effect; EMEM, Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium; FBS, Fetal bovine serum; HAI, Hemagglutination inhibition; LLC-MK2, Rhesus monkey kidney cells; EMEM, Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium; mL, Milliliter; Pen, Penicillin; PFU, Plaque forming units; SM, Suckling mouse; Strep, Streptomycin; TC, Tissue culture; TCID<sub>50</sub>, Median tissue culture infective dose; Vero, African green monkey kidney cells; Virol., Virology

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