

Vaccinia Virus, Western Reserve, Recombinant Expressing Lassa Virus, Josiah Nucleoprotein

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Product Description:

Virus Classification: *Poxviridae, Orthopoxvirus*

Agent: Vaccinia virus

Strain: rVACV-LASV NP [Vaccinia virus (VACV), Western Reserve recombinant expressing the nucleoprotein (NP) of Lassa virus (LASV) Josiah]

Source:¹ A cDNA clone containing the entire ORF encoding the nucleoprotein from segment S of LASV Josiah² was inserted into the pRB21 transfer vector, bringing it under the control of a synthetic VACV early/late promoter (PSYN). Recombinant VACV was made by transfecting the transfer plasmid into CV-1 cells infected with the VACV strain vRB12.

LASV is an Arenavirus (*Arenaviridae, Arenavirus*) which is the etiologic agent of Lassa fever.³

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 1 mL of cell lysate and supernatant from *Cercopithecus aethiops* kidney epithelial cells (BSC-40, ATCC® CRL-2761™) infected with vaccinia virus, rVACV-LASV NP.

Note: If homogeneity is required for your intended use, please purify prior to initiating work.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-15495 was packaged aseptically, in screw-capped plastic cryovials. The product is provided frozen on dry ice and should be stored at -60°C or colder immediately upon arrival. For long-term storage, the vapor phase of a liquid nitrogen freezer is recommended. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided.

Growth Conditions:

Host: BSC-40 cells (ATCC® CRL-2761™)

Growth Medium: Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum, 1 mM sodium

pyruvate and 2 mM L-glutamine

Infection: Cells should be 95% to 100% confluent

Incubation: 2 to 4 days at 37°C and 5% CO₂

Cytopathic Effect: Cell rounding and sloughing

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 2

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