

Seoul Virus, Houston Rat #4

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Product Description:

Virus Classification: *Hantaviridae*, *Orthohantavirus*

Species: Seoul virus (also referred to as Seoul orthohantavirus)

Strain/Isolate: Houston rat #4

Comments: In order to remove contaminating mycoplasma, the deposited material was passaged three times with mycoplasma removal agent.

Seoul virus (SEOV) is a spherical enveloped RNA virus with a segmented negative-sense, single-stranded RNA genome with S (small), M (medium) and L (large) segments encoding the nucleoprotein, envelope glycoproteins and the L protein or RNA-dependent RNA polymerase, respectively.¹ SEOV is the most widely distributed hantavirus worldwide because of the omnipresence of its rodent hosts: brown (*Rattus norvegicus*) and black (*Rattus rattus*) rats.^{2,3} Transmission to humans occurs via the inhalation of infectious viral particles shed in the rodent excreta.³ SEOV belongs to the Old World hantaviruses and mainly targets human kidney causing milder forms of hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS) with infection often associated with the presence of hepatitis.^{1,3}

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 1 mL of cell lysate and supernatant from *Cercopithecus aethiops* kidney epithelial cells infected with SEOV, Houston rat #4.

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

Packaging/Storage:

NR-9384 was packaged aseptically in screw-capped plastic cryovials. The product is provided frozen 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: *Cercopithecus aethiops* kidney epithelial cells (Vero E6; ATCC® CRL-1586™)

Growth Medium: Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium containing Earle's Balanced Salt Solution, non-essential amino acids, 2 mM L-glutamine, 1 mM sodium pyruvate and 1.5 g/L of sodium bicarbonate supplemented with 2% fetal bovine serum, or equivalent

Infection: Cells should be 70% to 90% confluent

Incubation: 14 days at 37°C and 5% CO₂

Cytopathic Effect: Cell rounding and sloughing may or may not be observed; confirmation of infectivity by RT-PCR is recommended.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 3

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the following publication: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories. 5th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2009; see www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmb15/index.htm.

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