

Marburg Marburgvirus, Ravn (Kenya Ravn), Gamma-Irradiated

Catalog No. NR-31819

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Product Description:

Gamma-irradiated Marburg marburgvirus, Ravn (Kenya Ravn)¹ was prepared from infected Vero E6 cell pellets. Cell pellets were resuspended in 50 mM sodium borate and 120 mM sodium chloride (pH 9) containing 1% Triton X-100, gamma-irradiated (5 × 10⁶ RADs) on dry ice, and sonicated. Cell debris was removed by centrifugation and the supernatant containing the irradiated antigen was aliquoted and vialled.

NR-31819 was tested for residual virus following the procedure described by Towner et al.² No residual virus was recovered.

Material Provided:

Each vial contains 100 µL of irradiated antigen in 50 mM sodium borate and 120 mM sodium chloride (pH 9) containing 1% Triton X-100. The vial should be centrifuged prior to opening.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-31819 was packaged aseptically, in screw-capped plastic cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -20°C or colder immediately upon arrival. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 1

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