

Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome Corona Virus 2-like particles (Ha-MERS-CoV-2), Wild Type

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Description:

The hybrid alpha-pseudovirus for MERS-CoV-2 (Ha-MERS-CoV-2) is a newly developed MARS-CoV-2 virus-like particle (VLP) that encapsulates an alphavirus-derived RNA genome for rapid report expression (luciferase or GFP) in target cells (Hetrick et al., 2022). Different from commonly used S protein pseudotyped lenti- or vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV)-pseudoviruses, Ha-MERS-CoV-2 is assembled with all 4 structural proteins (S, M, N, and E) of MERS-CoV-2, and contains a reporter genome derived from an alphavirus-based vector for rapid (6 hours) and robust expression of reporter genes. The alphavirus vector does not contain any of the structural proteins from the authentic virus and the alpha-pseudovirus particles are single-cycle.

Formulation & Storage: Available upon request
Store at -80°C.

Notes & Usage Guidelines:

Size: 60X concentrated 5 x 100 µL

Reporter: Available with Firefly luciferase, GFP, or RFP

Applications

- Screening and quantification of anti-coronavirus-neutralizing antibodies
- Anti-coronavirus drug screening
- Quantification of viral mutants' infectivity
- Identification of host co-factors and restriction factors of coronaviruses

Hybrid alpha-Pseudovirus Neutralization Assay Protocol:

A monolayer of Vero cells is infected with VLPs or a mixture of VLPs and test sample for approximately 1 hr in a dilution block. Cells are overlaid with 1-2% FBS supplemented media and incubated overnight at 37°C + 5% CO₂. Following overnight incubation, luciferase activity is measured by adding an appropriate substrate like Bright-Glo™ or Luciferase Assay System (Promega). Plates can be read immediately on an instrument such as BioTek Cytation™ or similar. Relative neutralization activity is measured by comparing treated versus untreated wells (or virus only control). In dose response experiments the concentration of TA resulting in 50% neutralization (IC50) is determined.

Repeated freeze/thaw cycles are not recommended as it may affect viral titer and infectivity.

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