APR 06, 2019

🌐 Expansion of DENV stocks

Fabio Gomes¹

¹JHU

Fabio Gomes

MATERIALS

MATERIALS

⊗ TrypLE™ cell dissociation reagent Life Technologies Catalog #12605010

STEP MATERIALS

⊗ TrypLE™ cell dissociation reagent Life Technologies Catalog #12605010

OPEN ACCESS

DOI:
dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.zu6f6ze

Protocol Citation: Fabio Gomes 2019. Expansion of DENV stocks. **protocols.io** <https://dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.zu6f6ze>

License: This is an open access protocol distributed under the terms of the [Creative Commons Attribution License](#), which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original author and source are credited

Protocol status: Working
 We use this protocol and it's working

Created: Apr 06, 2019

Last Modified: Apr 06, 2019

PROTOCOL integer ID:
 22142

Keywords: dengue, stocks, expansion, virus

Expansion of Cell Culture

1 Warm culture media and TrypLE at 37oC

- 2 From a 25cm² bottle, remove media, wash with 2mL PBS and add 2mL TrypLE
- 3 Incubate for 10-15 min
00:10:00
- 4 After 10 minutes incubation, inspect for cell detachment at microscope
Note: Some cell types might require pipetting of the cell media for complete detachment.
- 5 Transfer detached cells to a 225cm² bottle containing 55 mL of cell media. Triturate against bottom of flask 8 - 10 times to break up cell clumps.
- 6 Incubate cell culture until they reach a confluence of 80-90%.

Virus infection of Vero Cells for Expansion

- 7 Check cell monolayer confluency. 80 – 90% confluency is optimal. Warm culture medium to 37°C.
- 8 Rapidly thaw virus stock vial in 37°C water bath. Vortex well to mix.
Note: Transfer the virus on ice between the rooms

- 9 Dilute virus in 5 mL of fresh culture medium to yield MOI = 0.01 (approximately 4×10^5 pfu of virus, assuming $3 - 4 \times 10^7$ cells/flask). MOI can be 0.1 – 0.01 with little difference in final virus titer.
- 10 Remove medium from flask(s) to be infected.
- 11 Add 5 mL of virus dilution directly to cell monolayer. Rock flask back and forth to distribute inoculum.
- 12 Incubate flask at 32°C (or room temperature) for 5 – 10 min to maximize virus absorption. Rock flask back and forth occasionally. No need to remove inoculum.
00:10:00
- 13 Add 55 mL fresh culture medium to each flask.
- 14 Incubate 35 - 37°C, 5% CO₂, 80% relative humidity for 5 – 6 days. Gently rock flask(s) each day if possible to maximize virus spread and final virus titer.

Virus harvest and processing from Vero cell expansion

15

Note

Note: By day 5, some CPE may be visible, but such CPE is strain specific. In most cases, CPE is not visible, yet virus titers will be high. In fact, virus titer usually peaks before CPE becomes apparent. Because CPE is minimal, harvested virus fluid will contain few cells and does not require clarification.

- 16 To each flask to be harvested, add 6 mL 10X SPG. Triturate with pipette to mix.
- 17 Filter virus fluid through 0.2 mm PES (low protein binding) filter unit. This removes cells, breaks up virus clumps, and ensures bacterial sterility.
- 18 Dispense virus fluid into labelled cryovials, 1.0 – 1.5 mL per tube.
- 19 Flash freeze vials in dry ice for about 10 min.
- 20 Place vials in freezer inventory box and store at -70°C or below.

Note

After harvesting fluid, flask(s) can be re-fed with 60 mL fresh culture medium, returned to incubator, and re-harvested after two days. Repeat again if cell monolayer is intact.

Note

Virus titration is usually performed before utilization of the viruses

21