

Dengue K

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Dear Tom:

I have been pretty much on the go since we parted in Detroit, but enclosed you will find the ampule of Rift Valley fever virus which you requested. It is labeled "dengue K" which is the name under which we obtained it from the Japanese, but it is actually Rift Valley fever.

To reconstitute, add 1 cc distilled water and you will have a centrifuged, 20% suspension of mouse brain in heated, undiluted rabbit serum. One passage should bring it up to its full potency which is approximately 1×10^{-7} for the 0.03 cc dose. Should the virus in this ampule prove to be inactive for any reason, please let me know, and I shall send you some frozen material.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Sabin, M.D.

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