

***Simulium vittatum*, Cytospecies IS-7,
Frozen Adults, Mixed Gender**

Catalog No. NR-59926

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Product Description:

Classification: Simuliidae, *Simulium*

Species: *Simulium vittatum*

Strain: Cytospecies IS-7

Original Source: *Simulium vittatum* (*S. vittatum*), cytospecies IS-7 was collected from Flaxmill Brook in Cambridge, New York by C. A. Tarrant in September of 1981.¹

Comments: This species is a competent vector (biological and mechanical) of vesicular stomatitis New Jersey virus (VSNJV).¹

S. vittatum are scattered across North America and the Atlantic islands, including Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. The species *vittatum* is divided into two cytospecies, IIL-1, found primarily in the southern United States, and IS-7 (also known as *S. vittatum sensu stricto*), found primarily in the northern United States and Canada.^{2,3} *S. vittatum* is the vector for the transmission of VSNJV, the causative agent of vesicular stomatitis in ungulate species such as cows, horses and swine. Vesicular stomatitis is characterized by fever and vesicles in the oral cavity and on the muzzle, snout, lips, coronary bands of feet, teats and prepuce.⁴ *S. vittatum* has also been shown to transmit the parasitic nematode species *Onchocerca* under laboratory conditions.²

Material Provided:

Each vial of NR-59926 contains approximately of 4 grams of frozen adult flies (~2,500 flies). The product is shipped on dry ice.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-59926 is prepared and shipped by the University of Georgia [Black Fly Research and Resource Center](#). The flies are packaged in 100mm × 15mm Petri dishes sealed with Parafilm. Upon arrival, the frozen flies should be stored at -60°C or colder.

Citation:

Acknowledgment for publications should read “The *Simulium vittatum* cytospecies used in this work were produced with the support of NIH Task Order C-08, Contract No. HHSN2722017000351, Task Order No. 75N93020F00002 and obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH: *Simulium vittatum*, Cytospecies IS-7, Frozen Adults, Mixed Gender, NR-59926.”

Biosafety Level: 1

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 (BMBL). Current Edition. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

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