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"2. Tissue Culture Vessel -----16.1"

(U) Page vii, first para, line 3: Change "medical" to "public health".

(U) Page viii, first para, line 1: Change classification from "(U)" to "(C)".

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(U) Page 13, para 1b, line 3: Change "VNK-21" to BHK-21".

(U) Page 19, para 4d, line 2: Delete "?"

(C) Page 20: Add the following paragraph:

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3. (U) Remove pages 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, and 22 and insert new pages 9, 10, 15, 16, 16.1, 17, 18, 21, and 22.

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Cell line (continued)

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<u>Cell line (continued)</u>	<u>Tissue source (continued)</u>
ERK-1	Rabbit kidney
HEP-2	Human larynx
RES	Fetal pig kidney
CEC	Chick embryo cells
ВНК-21	Syrian hamster kidney
WI-38	Human embryo (diploid)
Detroit-6	Human embryo (diploid)
FL`-	Human amnion
PKP	Lamb kidney
SK	Human lung
SPE	Swine kidney
S-44	Human diploid

Tissue cell isolates from a number of different sources include the following:

<b>.</b>
Puppy testis
Rabbit kidney
Rabbit testis
Guinea pig kidney
Guinea pig testis
Swine embryo
Hamster kidney

b. (U) The classic methods, or variations thereof, were used to obtain, for cultivation, dispersed cells from human and animal tissues. Cell suspensions were counted in the Garyaeva chamber before being planted in Rous or Pavitsky bottles. After cells grew on the glass, the standard procedures for maintaining the established cell lines were followed.

(U) In recent years, the Soviets have been considerably interested in c. the cultivation and use of human diploid cells. Dr. R. I. Rapoport, MNIIVP, isolated 13 strains of diploid cells from human embryo lung tissue and determined the stability of the diploid cells in various media. A long-term study of one line (L-10) showed that the best results were obtained with Eagle's medium No. IX, which contained 10% bovine serum. The diploid complement of chromosomes was preserved, and the line was devoid of oncogenic (tumor-producing) effects. The L-10 cell line was also sensitive to measles, tick-borne encephalitis (TBE), and adenoviruses.

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Figure 1. Diagram of design of a simple hemostat for continuous cultivation of tissue cultures (author's modification) (U).

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3, plastic reactor.

4 and 5 (missing).

6, heater.

- 7, magnetic agitator.
- 8, polyvinylchloride discharge tube.
- 9, pouring machine or peristaltic pump.
- 10, valve adapter.
- 11, injector.
- 12, device for microscopic inspection of arowing cells.

- 13, receiving flask.
- 14, container for ice.
- 15, connecting pipe.
- 16, flask with extra nutrient medium.
- 17, polyvinylchloride feeding tube.
- 18, electronic device regulating feeding of fresh nutrient medium.
- 19, thermorelay.
- 20, contact thermometers.

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c. (U) Special nutrient mixtures were used to maintain the viability of cells cultivated in suspension. Nutrient media were supplemented by the addition of amino acids, vitamins, glucose, lactalbumin hydrolysate, and other ingredients. The composition of Pirt and Thackeray nutrient medium for the growth of rabbit kidney cells was cited as an example of medium used for suspended cell cultures. The constitutents of the medium were:

Ingredient	Mg/liter	Ingredient	Mg/liter
Lactalbumin hydrolysate	5000	Hypoxanthine	10.0
1-glutamine	100	Vitamin B12	1.0
1-glutamic acid	300	NaCl	3810
dl-methionine	100	KC1	351
1-arginine hydrochloride	250	CaClo	300
Inositol	.4	MgC12.6H20	200
Biotin	.4	NaHCO3	2500
Choline	1.2	NaH2POA	500
Folic acid	.04	Phenol red	10
Calcium pantothenate	1.2	Glucose	2500
Niacinamide	1.2	Carboxymethyl cellulose	1000
Pyridoxine hydrochloride	.2	Bovine serum (%)	5
Thiamine	2.0	Neomycin units/liter	100.000
Riboflavin	.2	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	•
Demineralized water (ml) Up to	o 1000		

d. (U) To eliminate cell aggregation in suspended cultures, methyl cellulose, darvan, "pluronik," bactopeptone, and polysulfonic acid were added. Introduction of these components increased the yield of viable cells. Other ingredients, such as insulin, protamine sulfate, and aspergillin-o stimulated the multiplication of inoculated cells.

e. (U) A semiautomatic system for propagation of tissue cells was described by L. N. Mishin, Institute of Virology <u>imeni</u> Ivanovskiy (see figure 2). The concentration of air or CO<sub>2</sub> in a gas mixture was automatically adjusted to maintain a preset level of CO<sub>2</sub> in a sodium bicarbonate-buffered medium. Mixing was provided by a float-type blade mounted inside the culture vessel and driven by a magnetic stirrer. The use of a magnetically driven blade eliminated the need for a shaft seal and reduced contamination problems. The apparatus, operated semi-continuously for several months, maintained good culture conditions. Infectivity studies using VEE virus and chick embryo fibroblast cells showed that the device could be used to propagate viruses. A titer of 2.1 x  $10^9$  virus particles per milliliter was obtained at a cell concentration of 2 x  $10^6$  cells per milliliter.



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UNCLASSIFIED Figure 2. Tissue culture vessel (U),

f. (U) Work on automated tissue cell culture systems indicates that the Soviets have successfully copied techniques previously reported and have incorporated modifications which contribute to the simplicity and dependability of operation. The method of continuous cell cultivation is well suited to the industrial production of cell cultures, antigens, viruses, and nucleic acids in mass quantities. The method is more advantageous than ordinary systems for producing viruses and may make it possible to obtain large concentrations of viruses for the solution of many theoretical and practical problems. In addition, the cultivation of TBE, VEE, and adenoviruses shows much promise.

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#### 3. (U) Diagnosis and Detection of Viruses

a. The application of tissue cell culture techniques for the diagnosis and detection of viruses has been studied extensively by Dr. S. Ya. Gaydamovich's group at the Institute of Virology <u>imeni</u> Tvanovskiy. Diagnosticums for the complement fixation reaction and for inhibition of hemagglutination with TBE, VEE, WEE, and Japanese B encephalitis have been prepared in tissue cells. In addition, a neutralization reaction based on the titration of excess hemagglutinins of TBE and Japanese B encephalitis has been used successfully.

b. The fluorescent antibody staining technique (FAST) has been applied to the detection of arboviruses in tissue cultures. A method of contrasting nonspecific proteins by using rhodamine dyes with the specific fluorescence of arboviruses has shown greater reliability and specificity than conventional methods for the detection of viruses. R. M. Gol'din, Military Medical Academy <u>imeni</u> Kirov, found that the addition of red fluorescing rhodamine dyes was quite effective in suppressing nonspecific fluorescence. Pronounced contrasting was obtained by staining nonspecific proteins with sulforhodamine B. Although the background was stained red, the coloring did not suppress the bright green specific fluorescence of the viruses.

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#### Section II (S).

#### TISSUE CULTURE TECHNIQUES

# 1. (C) Tissue Culture Media

a. (U) Soviet scientists have explored the growth of cells isolated from many human and animal sources in different media and under different growth conditions. Through extensive literature surveys and applied research, they have determined that tissue cells demand a minimum of 12 amino acids, eight vitamins, six inorganic ions, glucose, and serum for growth in vitro. These basic-medium components are shown in table I.

Table 1. Minimum Nutritive Requirements for Cells in Tissue Cultures (U)

Amino acids	Carbohydrates	Vitamins and factors	Ions	Protein
Leucine Isoleucine Lysine Methionine Phenylalanine Tryptophan Threonine Valine Arginine Tyrosine Histidine Glutamine	Glucose 1	Choline Folic acid Pantothenate Pyridoxol Riboflavin Thiamine Inositol Nicotinamide	Sodium Potassium Calcium Magnesium Chlorides Phosphates	Serum
Cystine <sup>2</sup> Glycine <sup>3</sup>		**************		

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<sup>1</sup>Fructose, mannose, galactose, etc, also can be used.

 $^{2}$  Not needed in presence of restoring inorganic scrum compounds in the medium.

<sup>3</sup>Needed for primary cultures of cells of the monkey kidney.



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b. (U) The addition of supplementary ingredients to the basal medium stimulated the multiplication of cells at an optimum pH range between 7.2 and 7.4. A number of synthetic media including medium No. 199 and Eagle's and Earle's media, were explored by  $^{(b)(6)}$  Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology imeni Gamaleya, Moscow, and  $^{(b)(6)}$  Moscow Scientific Research Institute for Virus Preparations (MNIIVP). Medium No. 199 with some modifications (table II), used extensively in Soviet laboratories, is prepared in a single-strength and a tenfold concentrate at the MNIIVP and distributed to the using laboratories. Eagle's medium, trypsin, balanced salt solution, serum, and other tissue culture reagents also are produced. Because of the known composition, the synthetic media are important for the study of viral infectivity and the cell-virus interrelationships, for biosynthesis within the cell, and for the preparation of vaccines.

Composition	Mg/liter
norganic salts:	
Sodium chloride (NaC1)	8000
Potassium chloride (KC1)	400
Calcium chloride (CaCl <sub>2</sub> )	1400
Magnesium sulfate (MgS04.7H <sub>2</sub> 0)	200
Sodium hydrophosphate (Nag HPO4. 2Hg 0)	60
Potassium hydrophosphate (KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> )	60
Sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO <sub>3</sub> )	1500
Iron nitrate (Fe(N0 <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> .9H <sub>2</sub> 0)	100
mino acids:	
1-arginine monohydrochloride	70
1-histidine monohydrochloride	20
1-lysine monohydrochloride	70
dl-tryptophan	20
dl-phenylalanine	50
dl-methionine	. 30
dl-serine	50
dl-threonine	60
dl-leucine	120
dl-isoleucine	40
d1-valine	50

Table II. The No. 199 Medium (U).

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Table II. The No. 199 Medium (U). (Continued)

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Composition	Mg/liter
Amino acids: (continued)	
dl-glutamic acid monohydrate	150
dl-asparaginic acid	60
dl-alpha-alanine	50
1 proline	40
oxy-1-proline	10
glycine	50
1-histidine	20
1-tyrosine	40
1-cysteine hydrochloride	1
litamins:	
Nicotinic acid (niacin)	025
Nicotinamide (niacinamide)	025
Pyridoxine hydrochloride	025
Thiamine hydrochloride	010
Pyridoxol hydrochloride	025
Riboflavin	010
Calcium pantothenate	010
L-inositol	050
P-aminobenzoic acid	050
Choline chloride	500
D-biotin	. 01
Folic acid (crystalline)	. 01
Calciferol (vitamin D <sub>2</sub> )	1
Alpha-tocopherol sodium phosphate (vitamin E)	01
Menadione (2-methyl-1, 4-naphthoquinone) (vitamin $K_3$ )	01
Crystalline vitamin A	1
Ascorbic acid (vitamin C)	05
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Tween 80	20
Cholostanin	2





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Table II. The No. 199 Medium (U). (Continued)

Composition	Ag/liter
Nuclenic acid components:	
Adenine sulfate Xanthine Hypoxanthine Thymine Uracil Guanine hydrochloride Adenosine triphosphate sodium Adenylic acid D-ribose D-desoxyribose	10 . 3 . 3 . 3 . 3 10.0 . 2 . 5 . 5
Other substances:	
Sodium acetate l-glutathione Glucose l-glutamine Phenol red Ethyl alcohol	50 .05 1000 100 20 <b>16</b>
Antibiotics:	
Penicillin (sodium salt) (units)	100, 000 100, 000

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NOTE: <u>Method of preparation</u>-Preparation of the No. 199 medium is carried out in three stages: (a) Preparation of the basic concentrated solutions of the number of ingredients. (b) Preparation of a tenfold concentrate of the medium. (c) Preparation of the operating dilution of medium No. 199. For the preparation of all solutions, bisdistilled water, which is obtained in glass apparatuses, is used.



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c. (U) Soviet researchers have explored the nutritional value of the hydrolysates of natural products: casein, lactalbumin, and whole-blood protein (Leibenson), which have been labeled "amino-peptide-2." Amino-peptide-2 is manufactured at the Kirov Factory of Medicinal Preparations of the Leningrad Meat Combine. A medium prepared from meat by the same factory has been reported. Supplemented with additional ingredients, these proteins provide high cell proliferation. The composition of several complex media used by the Soviet investigators is shown in table III.

Ingredients	Lactalbumin hydrolysate	Lepine's medium	Leibenson's medium	Levrov's medium	Medium of Smirnova and Ermakova	
	5.0					
Lactalbumin hydrolysate-	5.0					
Casein hydrolysate		0.5			1.1	
-Amino-peptide-2-(ml)		*** «		- 50-70		
Serum (ml)	20	25-50		100	25	
Glutamine		0.1			.1	
Cysteine hydrochloride -		.01			.02	
Niacin		.001		1.0		
Pyridoxine		.001		1.0		
Thiamine		.001		1.0		
Riboflavin		.0001		.1	1. <b></b> .	
Calcium pantothenate		.001		1.0		
Para-aminobenzoic acid -		.001				
Choline		.001		10.		
Biotin		.001				
Folic acid		.001		.01		
Alpha-tocopherol		.001			0.001	
Ascorbic acid		.025			1.1	
Sodium nucleinic acid				.02		
Adenosine triphosphoric			5			
acid (1%) (ml)				1		
Earle's solution (ml)		1000			1000	
Hank's solution (ml)	1000		700	830-850		
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#### Table III. Comparative Composition of Media With Fermentative Protein Hydrolysates (gm/liter) (U)

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### 2. 19 Tissue Culture Methods

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# 3. Cell Lines and Cultivation

a. (U) Soviet scientists have employed many of the established cell lines and have initiated many other cell cultures for virus investigations. Some of the cell lines and tissue sources are shown below:

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b. (U) The classic methods, or variations thereof, were used to obtain, for cultivation, dispersed cells from human and animal tissues. Cell suspensions were counted in the Garyaeva chamber before being planted in Rous or Pavitsky bottles. After cells grew on the glass, the standard procedures for maintaining the established cell lines were followed.

c. (U) In recent years, the Soviets have been considerably interested in the cultivation and use of human diploid cells. [(b)(6) [(b)(6)] [(b)(6)]

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g. (U) The intensive interest shown by Soviet researchers and the wide distribution of work with human diploid cells indicate a concentrated effort to thoroughly explore the use of diploid cells in virology.

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#### MASS PRODUCTION METHODS

#### 1. (U) Monolayer Cultures

Soviet researchers have employed monolayer tissue cell cultures to produce vaccines, and the method could be used to grow cells for the production of viral agents. The system is impractical, however, because the contents of large numbers of flasks must be pooled, and the procedure is cumbersome, time consuming, and laden with contamination problems.

#### 2. (9) Roller-Bottle Method

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b. (U) Later, <sup>(b)(6)</sup> Institute of Virology imeni Ivanovskiy, used a similar system to produce rabies virus in Syrian hamster kidney fibroblasts **C** K (VNK-21 cell line). Bottles with capacities ranging from 1 to 20 liters were used, with the volume of medium being about one-twentieth that of the bottle capacity. Inocula were added to give an initial concentration of 4 to 5 X 10<sup>5</sup> cells per milliliter. A special rack with different-sized rollers was designed to rotate bottles, regardless of size, at 0.7 to 0.8 rpm. Cells began to attach to the glass surface 2 hours after inoculation. Most of the cells were attached in 12 to 18 hours, and a complete monolayer was formed after 24 to 48 hours.

c. (U) Primary infection of the cells was accomplished after 24 to 48 hours of cultivation by introducing a 10% suspension of brain cells infected with rabies virus at one-fifth the volume of the medium. Subsequent infections were made by subculturing methods or by mixing infected cells with uninfected cells in fresh medium. Experimental results showed that:

(1) The total number of tissue cells in roller-bottle cultures was three times that obtained in stationary cultures.



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(2) The multiplicity of infection was truer in roller bottles than in monolayers because better contact was obtained between cells and virus particles.

(3) During the cultivation of fixed rabies virus in roller bottles by subculturing and cell mixing, the virus could be maintained up to the 30th passage as compared with 7 or 8 passages in monolayer cultures.

(4) Maximum titers of  $10^{8\cdot8}$  mouse intracranial median lethal dose (MICLD<sub>50</sub>) per ml were obtained on the third day in roller bottles as compared with maximum titers of  $10^{8\cdot43}$  MICLD<sub>50</sub> per ml on the fifth day in stationary cultures.

(5) Cytoplasmic inclusions and CPE's occurred in roller-bottle cultures, and a more regular and more extensive accumulation of specific antigen of rabies virus was detected.

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3. ( Suspension Cell Cultures

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Diagram of design of a simple hemostat for continuous cultivation of tissue cultures (author's modification) (U)

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- 3, plastic reactor
- 4 and 5 (missing).

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- 7, magnetic agitator.
- 8, polyvinylchloride discharge tube.
- 9, pouring machine or peristaltic pump.
- 10, valve adapter.
- 11, injector.

12, device for microscopic inspection of growing cells.

- 13, receiving flask.
- 14, container for ice.
- 15, connecting pipe.
- 16, flask with extra nutrient medium.
- 17, polyvinylchloride feeding tube.

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- 18, electronic device regulating
- feeding of fresh nutrient medium.
- 19, thermorelay.
- 20, contact thermometers.

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c. (U) Special nutrient mixtures were used to maintain the viability of cells cultivated in suspension. Nutrient media were supplemented by the addition of amino acids, vitamins, glucose, lactalbumin hydrolysate, and other ingredients. The composition of Pirt and Thackeray nutrient medium for the growth of rabbit kidney cells was cited as an example of medium used for suspended cell cultures. The constitutents of the medium were:

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Ingredient	Mg/liter	Ingredient Mg/1	iter
Lactalbumin hydrolysate - l-glutamine	$\begin{array}{c} 5000 \\ 100 \\ 300 \\ 250 \\4 \\4 \\ 1.2 \\04 \\ 1.2 \\ 1.2 \\ 2.0 \\$	Hypoxanthine       10.4         Vitamin $B_{12}$ 1.4         NaC1       3816         KC1       35         CaC1 <sub>2</sub> 30         MgC1 <sub>2</sub> . $6H_20$ 200         NaHCO <sub>3</sub> 2500         NaH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> 500         Phenol red       10         Glucose       2500         Carboxymethyl cellulose       1000         Bovine serum (%)       1000         Neomycin units/liter       100,000	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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d. (U) To eliminate cell aggregation in suspended cultures, methyl cellulose, darvan, "pluronik," bactopeptone, and polysulfonic acid were added. Introduction of these components increased the yield of viable cells. Other ingredients, such as insulin, protamine sulfate, and aspergillin-o stimulated the multiplication of inoculated cells.

e. (U) The method of continuous cell cultivation is well suited to the industrial production of cell cultures, antigens, viruses, and nucleic acids in mass quantities. The method is more advantageous than ordinary systems for producing viruses and may make it possible to obtain large concentrations of viruses for the solution of many theoretical and practical problems. In addition, the cultivation of TBE, VEE, and adenoviruses shows much promise.

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Section IV (S)

TISSUE CULTURE IN VIROLOGY

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### 2. (S) Plaque Formation

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#### 3. (U) Diagnosis and Detection of Viruses

a. The application of tissue cell culture techniques for the diagnosis and detection of viruses has been studied extensively by Dr. S. Ya. Gaydamovich's group at the Institute of Virology imeni Ivanovskiy. Diagnosticums for the complement fixation reaction and for inhibition of hemagglutination with TBE, VEE, WEE, and Japanese B encephalitis have been prepared in tissue cells. In addition, a neutralization reaction based on the titration of excess hemagglutinins of TBE and Japanese B encephalitis has been used successfully.

b. The fluorescent antibody staining technique (FAST) has been applied to the detection of arboviruses in tissue cultures. A method of contrasting nonspecific proteins by using rhodamine dyes with the specific fluorescence of arboviruses has shown greater reliability and specificity than conventional methods for the detection of viruses. [b)(6) Military Medical Academy imeni Kirov, found that the addition of red fluorescing rhodamine dyes was quite effective in suppressing nonspecific fluorescence. Pronounced contrasting was obtained by staining nonspecific proteins with sulforhodamine B. Although the background was stained red, the coloring did not suppress the bright green specific fluorescence of the viruses.

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#### 5. (U) Interferon

a. Andzhaparidze studied the interference between TBE and WEE in cultures of chick fibroblasts, human diploid cells, HEP-2, HeLa, and transplantable nonmalignant cells. The interference phenomenon varied in the IX-10 strains. The interference activity of viruses that were previously adapted to a cell culture increased. The degree of interference was the same for cultures cultivated at  $37^{\circ}$ C, but was somewhat lower at  $29^{\circ}$ C.

b. At the Institute of Poliomyelitis and Virus Encephalitis, Shalunova studied the interference of Japanese B encephalitis with poliovirus in human embryo skin cells, and with the viruses of Newcastle disease and WEE in chick embryo cell cultures. Interference of varying degree was noted after 72 hours in cells infected with Japanese B encephalitis. The highest sensitivity was found in chick embryo cells tested with WEE since interference activity titers were close to the virus titers obtained in mice.

6. (5) Vaccine Preparation

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