CLAIMS

1. A method for producing a herpesvirus comprising culturing said herpesvirus in a cell culture that comprises between 5 μM and 75 μM aurintricarboxylic acid and serum.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said herpesvirus is a herpes simplex-1 virus (HSV-1).

3. The method of claim 2, wherein said HSV-1 is a wild type HSV-1.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein said HSV-1 is a recombinant HSV-1 vector.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein said recombinant HSV-1 vector is an HSV-1 d27.1 vector.

6. The method of any one of claims 1-5, wherein said virus is cultured in 293, HeLa or Vero cells.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein said virus is cultured in V27 cells.

8. A method for culturing an HSV-1 d27.1 vector comprising:

   (a) infecting V27 cells with an HSV-1 d27.1 vector; and

   (b) culturing said infected V27 cells in a cell culture comprising between 5 μM and 75 μM aurintricarboxylic acid and serum.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein said cell culture comprises between 2% to 20%-serum.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the serum is fetal bovine serum.

11. A cell culture comprising a herpesvirus, between 5 μM and 75 μM aurintricarboxylic acid, serum, and 293, HeLa or Vero cells.

12. The cell culture of claim 11 comprising V27 cells.

13. A method for producing recombinant adeno-associated virus (rAAV) virions, the method comprising culturing recombinant herpes simplex virus (rHSV) in a cell culture that comprises between 5 μM and 75 μM aurintricarboxylic acid and serum, wherein cultured recombinant herpes simplex virus is used for producing recombinant adeno-associated virus virions.

14. The method for producing rAAV virions according to claim 13, wherein cultured recombinant herpes simplex virus is a rHSV helper function vector.

15. The method for producing rAAV virions according to claim 13 or claim 14, wherein rHSV is replication-defective.

16. The method for producing rAAV virions according to claim 15, wherein the rHSV is a recombinant mutant HSV-1 strain.

17. The method for producing rAAV virions according to claim 16, wherein the recombinant mutant HSV-1 strain is a HSV-1 strain d27-1.