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# Billion Plaque Forming Units

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A measure of viable infectious entities expressed in billions in the specimen or product defined as the smallest quantity that can produce a cytopathic effect in the host cell culture challenged with the defined inoculum, visible under the microscope or/and to the naked eye as a plaque.