**Phagocytosis of fluorescent latex beads (2 μm) by uninfected and infected PEMs in static culture system.**

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|  | **Number of latex beads ± SD \*105/mg protein** | |
| **Time/Hour** | **Uninfected cells - static system** | **infected cells - static system** |
| 0.5 | 2.42 ± 0.2 | 3.45 ± 0.04 |
| 1 | 6.93 ± 0.8 | 11.56 ± 0.02 |
| 2 | 61.18 ± 1.5 | 76.58 ± 0.4 |
| 4 | 106.74 ± 7.7 | 142.96 ± 3.9 |
| 24 | 421.27 ± 31.5 | 530.05 ± 32.9 |

The data show means ± standard deviations (SD), N=3. Infection rate was > 80%.