WHO International Standard
International Standard for antibody to influenza H5N1 virus
NIBSC code: 07/150
Instructions for use
(Version 1.0, Dated 23/04/2009)

1. INTENDED USE
This material has been prepared from plasma of human recipients of A/Vietnam/1194/2004 (H5N1) (NIBRG-14) vaccine. This is the first International Standard for antibody to influenza H5N1 virus. This material will serve as the primary biological standard for antibodies to A/Vietnam/2004 H5N1 Clade 1 virus. In the collaborative study in which this material was calibrated in International Units, it was shown that this material is not suitable as a biological standard for antibodies to H5N1 viruses from other genetic clades.

2. CAUTION
This preparation is not for administration to humans or animals in the human food chain.

The preparation contains material of human origin, and either the final product or the source materials, from which it is derived, have been tested and found negative for HBsAg, anti-HIV and HCV RNA. As with all materials of biological origin, this preparation should be regarded as potentially hazardous to health. It should be used and discarded according to your own laboratory’s safety procedures. Such safety procedures should include the wearing of protective gloves and avoiding the generation of aerosols. Care should be exercised in opening ampoules or vials, to avoid cuts.

3. UNITAGE
This material has been assigned a unitage of 1000 International Units per ampoule following an International Collaborative Study to evaluate this material.

Uncertainty: the assigned unitage does not carry an uncertainty associated with its calibration. The uncertainty may therefore be considered to be the variance of the ampoule content and was determined to be +/- 0.28%.

4. CONTENTS
Country of origin of biological material: Plasma from P.R. China and Hungary; further processing in the United Kingdom. The plasma is negative for Hepatitis B virus antigen, antibody to human immunodeficiency viruses 1 and 2 and hepatitis C nucleic acid. Each ampoule contains a freeze-dried residue comprising, under an atmosphere of nitrogen: Human plasma from recipients of A/Vietnam/2004 H5N1 Clade 1 virus vaccine.

5. STORAGE
Store ampoules at -20° until use

Please note: because of the inherent stability of lyophilized material, NIBSC may ship these materials at ambient temperature.

6. DIRECTIONS FOR OPENING
DIN ampoules have an ‘easy-open’ coloured stress point, where the narrow ampoule stem joins the wider ampoule body. Various types of ampoule breaker are available commercially. To open the ampoule, tap the ampoule gently to collect material at the bottom (labelled) end and follow manufacturers instructions provided with the ampoule breaker.

7. USE OF MATERIAL
No attempt should be made to weigh out any portion of the freeze-dried material prior to reconstitution.

The contents of each ampoule should be reconstituted in 1ml of distilled water. Once reconstituted, diluted or aliquotted, users should determine the stability of the material according to their own method of preparation, storage and use.

8. STABILITY
Reference materials are held at NIBSC within assured, temperature-controlled storage facilities. Reference Materials should be stored on receipt as indicated on the label.

NIBSC follows the policy of WHO with respect to its reference materials.

9. REFERENCES
None available at present.

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

11. FURTHER INFORMATION
Further information can be obtained as follows:
This material: enquiries@nibsc.org
WHO Biological Standards:
http://www.who.int/biologicals/en/
JCTLM Higher order reference materials:
http://www.bipm.org/en/committees/jc/jctlm/
Derivation of International Units:
http://www.nibsc.org/standards/international_standards.aspx
Ordering standards from NIBSC:
http://www.nibsc.org/products/ordering.aspx
NIBSC Terms & Conditions:
http://www.nibsc.org/terms_and_conditions.aspx

12. CUSTOMER FEEDBACK
Customers are encouraged to provide feedback on the suitability or use of the material provided or other aspects of our service. Please send any comments to enquiries@nibsc.org

13. CITATION
In all publications, including data sheets, in which this material is referenced, it is important that the preparation’s title, its status, the NIBSC code number, and the name and address of NIBSC are cited and cited correctly.

14. MATERIAL SAFETY SHEET
Classification in accordance with Directive 2000/54/EC, Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008: Not applicable or not classified

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<th>Physical and Chemical properties</th>
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<td>Physical appearance: Freeze dried</td>
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<td>Stable: Yes</td>
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<td>Hygroscopic: No</td>
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<td>Flammable: No</td>
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<td>Other (specify): Contains material of human origin</td>
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<td>Effects of inhalation: Not established, avoid inhalation</td>
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### Suggested First Aid

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<td>Contact with eyes:</td>
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### Action on Spillage and Method of Disposal

Spillage of ampoule contents should be taken up with absorbent material wetted with an appropriate disinfectant. Rinse area with an appropriate disinfectant followed by water. Absorbent materials used to treat spillage should be treated as biological waste.

### 15. LIABILITY AND LOSS

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### 16. INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMS USE ONLY

| Country of origin for customs purposes*: United Kingdom |
| **Defined as the country where the goods have been produced and/or sufficiently processed to be classed as originating from the country of supply, for example a change of state such as freeze-drying.** |
| Net weight: 1g |
| Toxicity Statement: Non-toxic |
| Veterinary certificate or other statement if applicable: No |

### 17. CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

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