



**WHO Reference Reagent**  
**Oral Poliovaccine Sabin Type 1 reference strain [LS-c, 2ab strain].**  
**NIBSC code: 10/164**  
**Instructions for use**  
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**1. INTENDED USE**

Preparation 10/164 has been prepared for an international collaborative study involving the WHO Global Specialised Polio Laboratories. It is intended to be used in reference laboratories to measure the sensitivity of cell cultures for poliovirus infection.

**2. CAUTION**

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

The material is not of human or bovine origin.

**3. UNITAGE**

The expected virus titre of 10/164 from preliminary experiments is as follows: 5.46 log<sub>10</sub> CCID<sub>50</sub>/0.1ml in RD cells, and 5.20 log<sub>10</sub> CCID<sub>50</sub>/0.1ml in L20B cells.

**4. CONTENTS**

Country of origin of biological material: Belgium..

Each vial consists of approximately 800µl of liquid containing Poliovirus Type 1 Sabin strain (SO+2), also designated LS-c, 2ab, in minimal essential medium without serum. Thermal stabilisers were not added to this preparation.

**5. STORAGE**

Unopened ampoules should be stored at -20 C or colder. Repeated freeze-thawing should be avoided.

**6. DIRECTIONS FOR OPENING**

Vials have a screw cap; an internal stopper may also be present. The cap should be removed by turning anti-clockwise. Care should be taken to prevent loss of the contents. Please note: If a stopper is present on removal of the cap, the stopper should remain in the vial or be removed with the cap.

**7. USE OF MATERIAL**

The 10/164 reference standard should be used to set up laboratory procedure to evaluate cell line sensitivity for poliovirus infection following WHO guidelines (see corresponding reference in section 9). It can also be used by laboratories seeking authenticated Sabin strains for other laboratory assays.

**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.

The titre for 10/164 is tested regularly at NIBSC, and analysed for stability.

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

**9. REFERENCES**

World Health organisation. 2004. Evaluation of cell line sensitivity. In Polio Laboratory Manual, 4<sup>th</sup> edition. WHO/IV04.10 Pages 73-80.

**10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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**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/standardisation/international\\_standards.aspx](http://www.nibsc.org/standardisation/international_standards.aspx)

Ordering standards from NIBSC:

<http://www.nibsc.org/products/ordering.aspx>

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**14. MATERIAL SAFETY SHEET**

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

Physical and Chemical properties	
Physical appearance: Pink liquid	Corrosive: No
Stable: Yes	Oxidising: No
Hygroscopic: No	Irritant: No
Flammable: No	Handling: See caution, Section 2
Other (specify):	
Toxicological properties	
Effects of inhalation:	Not established, avoid inhalation
Effects of ingestion:	Not established, avoid ingestion
Effects of skin absorption:	Not established, avoid contact with skin
Suggested First Aid	
Inhalation:	Seek medical advice
Ingestion:	Seek medical advice
Contact with eyes:	Wash with copious amounts of water. Seek medical advice
Contact with skin:	Wash thoroughly with water.



**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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<b>Country of origin for customs purposes*:</b> 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.
<b>Net weight:</b> 1.5g
<b>Toxicity Statement:</b> Toxicity not assessed
<b>Veterinary certificate or other statement</b> if applicable.
<b>Attached:</b> No

**17. CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS**

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