WHO International Standard
1st IS for Anti-Typhoid capsular Vi polysaccharide IgG (Human)
NIBSC code: 16/138
Instructions for use
(Version 4.0, Dated 04/02/2019)

1. INTENDED USE
The International standard (IS) 16/138 contains human IgG directed against Vi polysaccharide (Vi) of Salmonella enterica subspecies enterica serovar Typhi [1]. Seven laboratories assessed the suitability of IS 16/138 as a reference alongside U.S. reference reagent Vi-IgGRI, 2011 and NIBSC 10/126 in three ELISA formats: the VaccZyme ELISA (Binding Site), a biotinylated Vi ELISA developed at NIBSC and 7 in-house ELISAs based on locally prepared Vi [1,2]. The outcomes of the collaborative study (assay validity, variability in potency estimates, agreement between methods and laboratories) were similar for IS 16/138, 10/126 and Vi-IgGRI, 2011. Units, based on results in the VaccZyme ELISA, were assigned to all three reference reagents. Indirect in-house ELISAs which use a protein in a pre-coating or co-coating step of native Vi are commutable with the VaccZyme ELISA. The intended use of IS 16/138 is for standardisation of Vi serology and Vi immune assays used in clinical trial studies of Vi vaccines.

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 eye shield. Take care that no material is lost from the ampoule and no glass falls into the ampoule. Within the ampoule is dry nitrogen gas at slightly less than atmospheric pressure. A new disposable ampoule breaker is provided with each DIN ampoule.

3. UNITAGE
A unitage of 100 IU anti-Vi IgG per ampoule or 100 IU anti-Vi IgG per mL was assigned to IS 16/138 (GCV of 16%, n=6) by VaccZyme ELISA [1].

4. CONTENTS
Country of origin of biological material: United Kingdom.
Ampoules of 16/138 contain 1 mL of freeze-dried pooled serum and are stored at -20°C. The pool consists of post-vaccination sera from 7 volunteers immunised with Vi. Tetanus Toxoid conjugate and 7 volunteers immunised with plain Vi. The material is free from antibodies to HIV1 and HIV2, Hepatitis C RNA and Hepatitis B surface antigen.

5. STORAGE
On receipt, store ampoules at -20°C. It is recommended that reconstituted material is held for no longer than one week at 4°C. Unused contents should be aliquotted and frozen at or below -20°C.

Please note: because of the inherent stability of lyophilised 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.
Tap the ampoule gently to collect the material at the bottom (labelled) end. Ensure that the disposable ampoule safety breaker provided is pushed down on the stem of the ampoule and against the shoulder of the ampoule body. Hold the body of the ampoule in one hand and the disposable ampoule breaker covering the ampoule stem between the thumb and first finger of the other hand. Apply a bending force to open the ampoule at the coloured stress point, primarily using the hand holding the plastic collar.

Care should be taken to avoid cuts and projectile glass fragments that might enter the eyes, for example, by the use of suitable gloves and an eye shield. Take care that no material is lost from the ampoule and no glass falls into the ampoule. Within the ampoule is dry nitrogen gas at slightly less than atmospheric pressure. A new disposable ampoule breaker is provided with each DIN ampoule.

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

The material should be reconstituted with 1.0 mL distilled water immediately before 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

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
We are grateful to volunteers of the VAST B study organised by the Oxford Vaccine Group for their donation of sera. We thank J Cipollo (CBER/FDA, Dep Health & Human Services, USA) for making U.S. reference Vi-IgGRI, 2011 available. Drs D Goldblatt, L-F Ma and D Steele of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are thanked for their guidance and support.

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.biopm.org/en/committees/jc/jctlm/
Derivation of International Units:
http://www.nibsc.org/standardisation/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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**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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## 16. INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMS USE ONLY

- Country of origin for customs purposes*: United Kingdom
- Net weight: 0.0829 g
- Toxicity Statement: Non-toxic
- Veterinary certificate or other statement if applicable. Attached: No

## 17. CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

NIBSC does not provide a Certificate of Analysis for WHO Biological Reference Materials because they are internationally recognised primary reference materials fully described in the instructions for use. The reference materials are established according to the WHO Recommendations for the preparation, characterization and establishment of international and other biological reference standards http://www.who.int/bloodproducts/publications/TRS932Annex2_Inter_biologicalstandardsrev2004.pdf (revised 2004). They are officially endorsed by the WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardization (ECBS) based on the report of the international collaborative study which established their suitability for the intended use.