



**Influenza Reagent  
Influenza virus Infectious B/Washington/02/2019 (B/Victoria-lineage)**

**NIBSC code: 20/242  
Instructions for use  
(Version 4.0, Dated 25/11/2020)**

**1. INTENDED USE**

Reagent 20/242 is prepared from B/Washington/02/2019 (B/Victoria-lineage) which was processed for freeze drying in 250µl volumes as described by Campbell, PJ, Journal of Biological Standardisation, 1974, 2,249-267. The known passage history of B/Washington/02/2019 is attached.

**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. 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**

No unitage is assigned to this material

**4. CONTENTS**

Country of origin of biological material: United Kingdom.  
Each ampoule contains 250µl (nominal) of infectious influenza virus as allantoic fluid from SPF embryonated hen's eggs.

**5. STORAGE**

Store in the dark at -20°C or below

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

**6. DIRECTIONS FOR OPENING**

Vials have a 'flip-up' circular cap. Either on the cap or the collar of the vial, there is an indication of the point at which to lever off the cap. This exposes an area of the stopper through which reconstitution and withdrawal of the preparation can be made using a hypodermic needle and syringe. If use of a pipette is preferred, then fully remove the metal collar using, for example, forceps, taking care to avoid cuts by wearing appropriate gloves. Remove the stopper for access. Care should be taken to prevent loss of the contents.

**7. USE OF MATERIAL**

Reconstitute the contents of one ampoule of reagent with 250µl of sterile distilled water. Leave for a minimum of 5 minutes before use to allow for complete solution of freeze-dried material. A range of dilutions (e.g. 10<sup>-3</sup> to 10<sup>-5</sup>) should be made in a suitable medium for initial cultivation.

**8. STABILITY**

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**

NA

**10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

NA

**11. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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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:<br>white powder   | Corrosive: No   |
| Stable: Yes  | Oxidising: No   |
| Hygroscopic: No  | Irritant: No  |
| Flammable: No  | Handling: See caution, Section 2                        |
| Other (specify):   | Live influenza virus                                    |
| Toxicological properties   |   |
| Effects of inhalation:   | Likelihood of influenza virus infection                 |
| 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 contents should be taken up with absorbent material wetted with an appropriate virucidal agent. Rinse area with an appropriate virucidal agent followed by water.<br>Absorbent materials used to treat spillage should be treated as biologically hazardous waste. |   |

**15. LIABILITY AND LOSS**

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| <b>Country of origin for customs purposes*:</b> United Kingdom<br>* 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> 0.25g per ampoule  |
| <b>Toxicity Statement:</b> Non-toxic  |
| <b>Veterinary certificate or other statement</b> if applicable.   |
| <b>Attached:</b> No   |

**Passage history of B/Washington/02/2019**

| Passage | Lot        | Laboratory               |
|---------|------------|--------------------------|
| E1-E2   | Unknown    | Unknown                  |
| E3      | 3026019537 | CDC, Atlanta, USA        |
| E4      | 44600      | NIBSC, Hertfordshire, UK |

**Sterility:** No visible contamination was detected in a variety of media (tryptose soya broth, thioglycolate broth, Sabouraud's broth and blood agar plates) after 14 days incubation.  
The HA and NA sequence of this virus is available at GISAID with the accession number EPI\_ISL\_390935.