WHO Reference Reagent
The 1st International Reference Preparation for Anti-Staphylococcal P-V Leucocidin Serum, Equine
NIBSC code: SPLS
Instructions for use
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1. INTENDED USE
This material is the freeze dried residue of a horse antiserum to Staphylococcus aureus P-V Leucocidin. This material has been prepared and characterised by The National Institute for Medical Research, London, England. This material is intended for use in the calibration of the contents of 'effective constituent' in national or working standard preparations and for the expression of these contents in the respective International Units.

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
Each ampoule contains 150 units of antibody to F toxin and 150 units of antibody to S toxin.

4. CONTENTS
Country of origin of biological material: United Kingdom.
Each ampoule contains the freeze-dried residue of 1 ml of horse serum diluted with an equal volume of distilled water. Each ampoule contains 150 units of antibody to F toxin and 150 units of antibody to S toxin.

5. STORAGE
For long-term storage, this material should be stored at -20ºC. Please note: because of the inherent stability of lyophilized material, NIBSC may ship these materials at ambient temperature.

6. DIRECTIONS FOR OPENING
Tap the ampoule gently to collect the material at the bottom (labelled) end. Ensure ampoule is scored all around at the narrow part of the neck, with a diamond or tungsten carbide tipped glass knife file or other suitable implement before attempting to open. Place the ampoule in the ampoule opener, positioning the score at position 'A'; shown in the diagram below. Surround the ampoule with cloth or layers of tissue paper. Grip the ampoule and holder in the hand and squeeze at point 'B'. The ampoule will snap open. Take care to avoid cuts and projectile glass fragments that enter eyes. Take care that no material is lost from the ampoule and that no glass falls into the ampoule.

7. USE OF MATERIAL
No attempt should be made to weigh out any portion of the freeze-dried material prior to reconstitution.
The entire contents of each ampoule should be completely dissolved in an accurately measured amount of solvent (distilled water, saline or buffer) and the solution kept cool (e.g. 4ºC) prior to use. It is recommended that the solution is used immediately or aliquots should be stored at -20ºC. The ampoules contain no bacteriostat and the preparations should not be assumed to be sterile.

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
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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/
Derivation of International Units: http://www.nibsc.org/standardsation/international_standards.aspx
NIBSC Terms & Conditions: http://www.nibsc.org/terms_and_conditions.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

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<th>Physical and Chemical properties</th>
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<td>Physical appearance: Freeze dried powder</td>
<td>Corrosive: No</td>
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<td>Stable: Yes</td>
<td>Oxidising: No</td>
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<td>Hygroscopic: No</td>
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<td>Flammable: No</td>
<td>Handling: See caution, Section 2</td>
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<td>Other (specify): contains horse serum</td>
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Effects of inhalation: Not established, avoid inhalation
Effects of ingestion: Not established, avoid ingestion
Effects of skin absorption: Not established, avoid contact with skin

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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.

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**16. INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMS USE ONLY**

| Country of origin for customs purposes*: United Kingdom |
| Net weight: approximately 53.5 mg |
| Toxicity Statement: Toxicity not assessed |

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