



**WHO Reference Reagent
1st International Reference Low Mutant Virus Reference for
MAPREC assay of poliovirus type 1 (Sabin)
NIBSC code: 00/416
Instructions for use
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1. INTENDED USE

This Low Mutant Virus Reference (LMVR) is intended to be used as a control to determine whether an individual determination is valid in the MAPREC assay. The % 480-A and 525-C content of the candidate reference materials were chosen such that the biological variation inherent in the MAPREC method would lead to an invalid result in only about 1 in 100 determinations.

2. CAUTION

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

The material is of bovine origin. The material is certified to be obtained from animals taken from a closed herd in the female line since 1980, in which no animal has been clinically suspected of having BSE & which has not been fed rations containing ruminant derived protein during that period.

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

00/416 is assigned a value of 1.84% 480-A, 525-C, on the basis of a WHO collaborative study.

4. CONTENTS

Country of origin of biological material: USA.
Each vial contains approximately 0.5ml of poliovirus type 1 (Sabin) grown in serum free medium. Two poliovirus stocks containing 100% 480-A, 525-C, and 100% 480-G, 525-T were produced by PCR site directed mutagenesis from cloned DNA. This DNA was reverse transcribed in vitro and transfected into HEp2c cells. Before preparing the bulk, the stocks were mixed in different proportions and tested by MAPREC to determine the appropriate volumes of stock in the final bulk suspension that was filled as 00/416.

5. STORAGE

The material should arrive frozen.
Unopened ampoules should be stored at -70°C or below.

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

A Standard Operating Procedure for the MAPREC assay is available from; Chief, Biologicals, World Health Organization. This procedure requires that an aliquot of 00/416 is tested in each MAPREC assay and used to validate the test.

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

- a) WHO (2002) WHO Technical Report Series, 904, 31-91.
- b) European Pharmacopoeia, 6th Edition (2009) Vaccines for human use, Poliomyelitis vaccine oral 04/2008:0215.
- c) WHO/BS/09.2103. WHO Technical Report Series.

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
Ordering standards from NIBSC:
<http://www.nibsc.org/products/ordering.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

Physical and Chemical properties			
Physical appearance:	Liquid	Corrosive:	No
Stable:	Yes	Oxidising:	No
Hygroscopic:	No	Irritant:	No
Flammable:	No	Handling:	See caution, Section 2
Other (specify):	None		
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, such as hypochlorite. 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

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Net weight: 2.0g
Toxicity Statement: Toxicity not assessed
Veterinary certificate or other statement if applicable. Attached: No

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