



**Influenza Reagent  
Influenza virus infectious X-273  
NIBSC code: 16/268  
Instructions for use  
(Version 3.0, Dated 26/10/2016)**

**1. INTENDED USE**

Reagent 16/268 is prepared from X-273 (A/Norway/2178/2014 x A/PR/8/34) which was processed for freeze drying in 250µl volumes as described by Campbell, PJ, Journal of Biological Standardisation, 1974, 2,249-267. The derivation and known passage history of X-273 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**

DIN ampoules have an 'easy-open' coloured stress point, where the narrow ampoule stem joins the wider ampoule body. Various types of ampoule breaker are available commercially. To open the ampoule, tap the ampoule gently to collect material at the bottom (labelled) end and follow manufactures instructions provided with the ampoule breaker.

**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: 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. Absorbent materials used to treat spillage should be treated as biologically hazardous waste.	

**15. LIABILITY AND LOSS**

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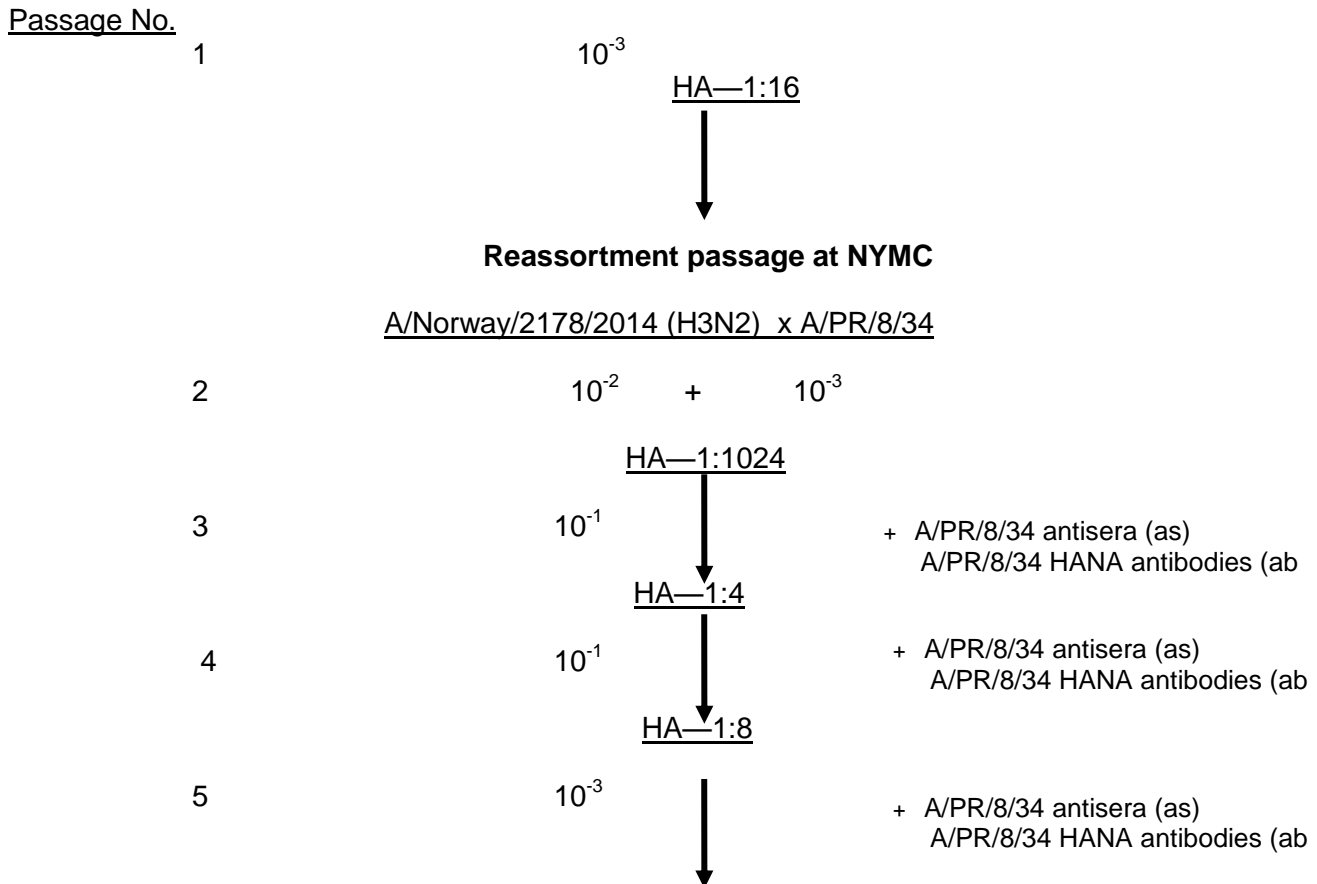
<b>Country of origin for customs purposes*:</b> United Kingdom * Defined as the country where the goods have been produced and/or sufficiently processed to be classed as originating from the country of supply, for example a change of state such as freeze-drying.
<b>Net weight:</b> NA
<b>Toxicity Statement:</b> Non-toxic
<b>Veterinary certificate or other statement</b> if applicable.
<b>Attached:</b> No

**Derivation of NYMC X-273 High Yield H3N2 Reassortant (5:3)  
with A/PR/8/34 PB1, PB2, PA, NS, and M genes  
and A/Norway/2178/2014 NP, HA, and NA genes**

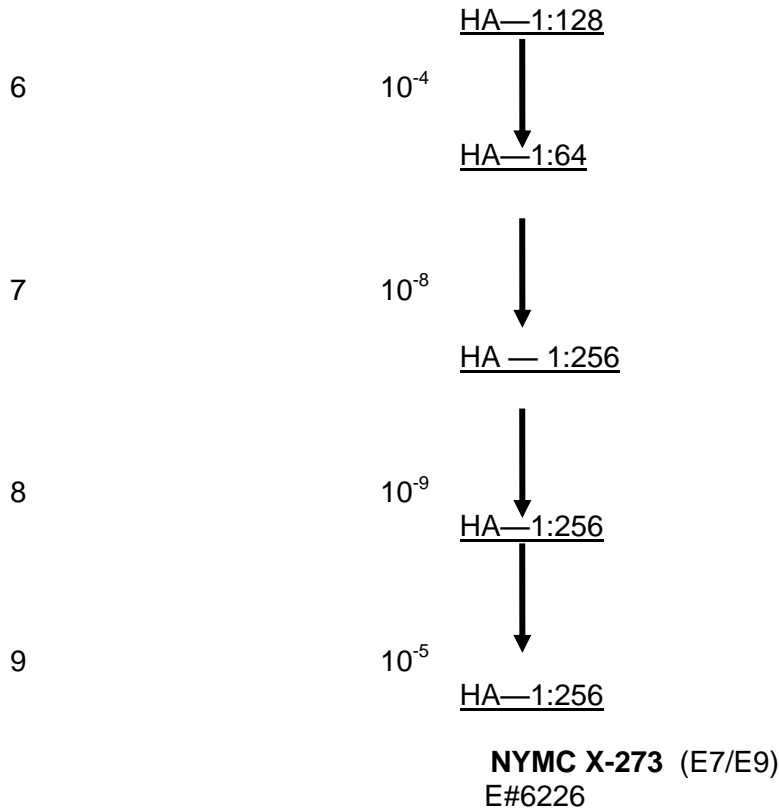
Experiment # 4776 (12/29/2015)  
A/Norway/2178/2014 (H3N2)  
Clone 37 E7 (Am3A14) dil 10<sup>-5</sup>  
GP 128-256 CL37 4/21/2015

Passages prior to receipt at NYMC -7

**Passages at New York Medical College**



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NP, HA and NA genes were identified as A/Norway/2178/2014 by RT-PCR/RFLP gene analysis. PB2, PB1, PA, NS, and M genes were identified as A/PR/8/34 by RT-PCR/RFLP analysis.

SPF eggs were used for all reassortant passages.

All HA titers were tested using chicken red blood cells (cRBC) at room temperature.

Virus seed was shown to be sterile. Sterility testing was performed by streaking the sample on blood agar plates and incubating for 48 hours at 37 °C.

### Passage history of X-273

Passage	Lot	Laboratory
E7/E9	E#6226	NYMC, USA
E7/E10	42220	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 on GISAID with the accession number EPI\_ISL\_235513

