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Influenza Reagent
Influenza Virus Infectious X-357A (H3N2)
NIBSC code: 21/122
Instructions for use
(Version 8.0, Dated 06/08/2024)

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1. INTENDED USE

Reagent 21/122 was prepared from X-357A (H3N2), a reassortant of A/Perth/20/2020 (H3N2) and A/PR/8/34 (H1N1), which was processed in 250 µl volumes as liquid stock. The derivation and known passage history of 21/122 are 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 vial contains 250 µl (nominal) of infectious influenza virus as allantoic fluid from SPF embryonated hen's eggs.

5. STORAGE

Store in the dark at -70°C or below.

6. DIRECTIONS FOR OPENING

Vials have a screw cap; an internal stopper may also be present. The cap should be removed by turning anti-clockwise. Care should be taken to prevent loss of the contents. Please note: If a stopper is present on removal of the cap, the stopper should remain in the vial or be removed with the cap.

7. USE OF MATERIAL

Ready to 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

N/A.

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

N/A.

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:
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Classification in accordance with Directive 2000/54/EC, Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008: Not applicable or not classified

Physical and Chemical properties			
Physical appearance: Clear liquid		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 ampoule 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 biological waste.

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16. INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMS USE ONLY

Country of origin for customs purposes*: 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.
Net weight: 0.25g per vial
Toxicity Statement: Non-toxic
Veterinary certificate or other statement if applicable. **Attached:** No

Passage history of X-357A (H3N2)

Cumulative number of passages	Passage numbers at each stage	Lot	Laboratory
E5	E3/E2	#3000827645	Unknown
E14	E3/E2/E9	E#6468	NYMC, USA
E15	E3/E2/E9/E1	46000*	NIBSC, UK

*The HA titre of this virus using 0.7% guinea pig red blood cells is 512. The infectious titre is unknown.

Sterility: No visible contamination was detected in a variety of media (tryptone soya broth, thioglycolate broth, Sabouraud's broth and blood agar plates) after 14 days incubation.

The HA and NA sequence of this virus are available at GISAID with accession number EPI_ISL_1585693.

Derivation of NYMC X-357A High Yield H3N2 Reassortant (6:2) with A/PR/8/34 PB1, PB2, PA, NP, NS and M genes and A/Perth/20/2020 HA and NA genes

Experiment # 4866 II (11/10/2020)
A/Perth/20/2020 #3000827645 1/29/20
E3/E2 HA 128 GP

Passages prior to receipt at NYMC -5

Passages at New York Medical College

Passage No.

1 10^{-2}

HA—1:8

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Reassortment passage at NYMC

A/Perth/20/2020 (H3N2) x A/PR/8/34

2 10^{-2} + 10^{-3}

HA—1:1024

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3 10^{-1} + A/PR/8/34 antisera (as) A/PR/8/34 HANA antibodies (ab)

HA—1:512

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4 10^{-1} + A/PR/8/34 antisera (as) A/PR/8/34 HANA antibodies (ab)

HA—1:128

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5 10^{-3} + A/PR/8/34 antisera (as) A/PR/8/34 HANA antibodies (ab)

HA—0

↓

6 10^{-4}

HA—1:512

↓

7 10^{-8}

HA — 1:128

8 10^{-8} ↓
HA—1:512
↓
9 10^{-5}
HA—1:512

NYMC X-357A (E3/E2/E9)
E#6468

HA and NA genes were identified as A/Perth/20/2020 by RT-PCR/RFLP gene analysis. PB1, PB2, PA, NS, NP and M genes were identified as A/PR/8/34 by RT-PCR/RFLP analysis.

The HA yield for X-357A was shown to be 3.8 ug/ml by UPLC analysis. The HA yield for A/Perth/20/2020 was 2.5 ug/ml by UPLC analysis.

SPF eggs were used for all reassortant passages.

All HA titers were tested using guinea pig 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.