Influenza Reagent
Influenza Virus Infectious NIB-126 (H3N2)
NIBSC code: 21/228
Instructions for use
(Version 2.0, Dated 22/09/2021)

1. INTENDED USE
Reagent 21/228 is prepared from NIB-126 which was processed in 250µl volumes as liquid stock. The derivation and known passage history of NIB-126 (H3N2) 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 vial contains 250µl (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 should be stored on receipt as indicated on the label.

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9. REFERENCES
NA

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
NA

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.b bpm.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
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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>
<th>Toxicological properties</th>
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<td><strong>Physical appearance:</strong> Clear liquid</td>
<td><strong>Effects of inhalation:</strong> Likelihood of influenza virus infection</td>
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<td>Stable: Yes</td>
<td><strong>Effects of ingestion:</strong> Not established, avoid ingestion</td>
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<td>Hygroscopic: No</td>
<td><strong>Effects of skin absorption:</strong> Not established, avoid contact with skin</td>
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<td>Flammable: No</td>
<td><strong>Suggested First Aid</strong></td>
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<td>Handling: See caution, Section 2</td>
<td>Inhalation: Seek medical advice</td>
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<td>Other (specify): Live influenza virus</td>
<td>Ingestion: Seek medical advice</td>
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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.

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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 NIB-126 (H3N2)

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<td>E1-E3</td>
<td>E3</td>
<td>#10042371</td>
<td>VIDRL, Australia</td>
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<td>E4</td>
<td>E3/E1</td>
<td>46230</td>
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<td>E9</td>
<td>E3/E1/E5</td>
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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_4362204.
**Derivation of NIB-126**

**High Growth Reassortant**

Strain: A/Darwin/9/2021  
Received from VIDRL: E3, 08/06/2021  
Passage undertaken at NIBSC: #46230, E1

Genetic analysis 6:2

Mixed Infection: A/Darwin/9/2021 (10^{-1}) \times IVR-145 (10^{-5})  
HA Titre: 2048

1\textsuperscript{st} Antiserum passage: Inoculum 10^{-3} with IVR-145 antiserum  
HA Titre: 128

2\textsuperscript{nd} Antiserum passage: Inoculum 10^{-3} with IVR-145 antiserum  
HA Titre: 1024

3\textsuperscript{rd} passage: Inoculum 10^{-9}  
HA Titre: 2048

4\textsuperscript{th} passage: Inoculum 10^{-9}  
HA Titre: 2048

5\textsuperscript{th} passage: Inoculum 10^{-5}  
HA Titre: 4096  
Lot: 46370

Total number of passages since mixed infection= E5  
SPF eggs were used for all passages.  
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