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Influenza Reagent
Influenza Virus Infectious IVR-246
(A/Brisbane/837/2022) (H3N2)
NIBSC code: 23/238
Instructions for use
(Version 1.0, Dated 01/12/2023)

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1. INTENDED USE

Reagent 23/238 was prepared from IVR-246 (H3N2), a reassortant of A/Brisbane/837/2022 (H3N2) and A/PR/8/34 (H1N1), which was processed in 250µl volumes as liquid stock. The derivation and known passage history of 23/238 are attached.

2. CAUTION

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

This material is not of bovine or human 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 -70°C or below.
Material type: Liquid – will be shipped according to the storage and shipping conditions of the product

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:
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Derivation of International Units:
http://www.nibsc.org/standardisation/international_standards.aspx
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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 IVR-246 (H3N2)

Cumulative number of passages	Passage numbers at each stage	Lot	Laboratory
E3	E3	Unknown	VIDRL, Australia
E10	E3/E7	Lot 626	Seqirus, Australia
E11	E3/E7/E1	47940*	MHRA, UK

* The HA titre of this virus using 0.7% guinea pig red blood cells is 256. 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 the accession number EPI_ISL_ 18516474.

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Derivation of IVR-246
A/Brisbane/837/2022 – like High Growth Reassortant

A/Brisbane/837/2022 (IVR-246) is a H3N2 high growth reassortant influenza virus.

PREPARATION

The preparation of A/Brisbane/837/2022 (IVR-246) high growth reassortant influenza virus was conducted in Virus, Vaccine and PNS Development (VVPD) at CSL Seqirus.

The high yielding parent strain used was A/Puerto Rico/8/34.

MATERIALS

The following materials of biological origin were used during the preparation of high growth reassortant IVR-246:

Virus Isolate:
The virus isolate was obtained from the WHO Collaborating Centre for Reference & Research on Influenza, Melbourne (WHO-CC).

Supply details are:
A/Brisbane/837/2022
WHO-CC Laboratory number:10065914
Passages prior to receipt at Seqirus: 3

Eggs:
Specific Pathogen Free (SPF) eggs were used for all passages at CSL Seqirus.

Antiserum:
Trypsin-periodate treated sheep hyperimmune antiserum Lot# AS367 and Sub-lot # 5053, raised against influenza virus A/Puerto Rico/8/34.

The antiserum was derived from sheep born and raised in Australia.

Note on Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs):
Australia and New Zealand have been declared TSE free in accordance with OIE guidelines. Detailed information on Australia's animal health status can be obtained from the following Animal Health Australia website link: https://animalhealthaustralia.com.au

The trypsin used is 10x solution of gamma irradiated porcine pancreatic trypsin;
Gibco Cat # 15090046, Manufacturers Lot No. 2317956.

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PASSAGE HISTORY:

Mixed infection passage (E3/D1)	A/Brisbane/837/2022 wild type virus @10^{-1} x A/Puerto Rico/8/34 (H1N1) @10^{-7}	HA titre = 121
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1st Antiserum Passage (E3/D2)	Inoculum @ 10^{-3} with antiserum to A/Puerto Rico/8/34 (H1N1)	HA titre = 640
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2nd Antiserum Passage (E3/D3)	Inoculum @ 10^{-3} with antiserum to A/PR/8/34 (H1N1)	HA titre = 788
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*3rd Antiserum / 1st Limit Dilution Passage*** (E3/D4)	Inoculum @ 10^{-7}	HA titre = 597
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2nd Limit Dilution Passage (E3/D5)	Inoculum @ 10^{-8}	HA titre ≥ 1280
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3rd Limit Dilution Passage (E3/D6)	Inoculum @ 10^{-8}	HA titre = 320
	↓	
4th Limit Passage Lot 626 (E3/D7) IVR-246	Inoculum @ 10^{-5}	HA titre ≥ 805

** Virus sample diluted to 10^{-3}, dilution was mixed with antiserum to A/Puerto Rico/8/34 (H1N1) and incubated for 1 hour at room temperature. Incubated virus/antiserum sample was serially diluted and inoculated into eggs.

Total number of passages post mixed infection = 6
Total number of passages since this virus was received from an approved laboratory = 7

HA titres were determined using guinea pig red blood cells at room temperature.

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TESTING OF A/BRISBANE/837/2022 INFLUENZA VIRUS (IVR-246)

Test	Result		
Genotype (by real time RT-PCR)	**5 : 3 (A/Puerto Rico/8/34 : A/Brisbane/837/2022) Reassortant** A/Brisbane/837/2022 (wild type virus) genes H3, N2 genes were detected. A/Puerto Rico/8/34 genes NP, PA, M, NS1 and PB2 were detected. PB1 gene from A/Puerto Rico/8/34 were not detected, indicating that the reassortant PB1 gene is from A/Brisbane/837/2022 (wild type virus).		
	Gene	**A/PR/8/34**	**A/Brisbane/837/2022**
	H3		✓
	N2		✓
	H1	✗	
	N1	✗	
	PB1	✗	NT
	PB2	✓	NT
	PA	✓	NT
	NP	✓	NT
	M	✓	NT
	NS	✓	NT

✓ - positive by PCR ✗ - negative by PCR NT – Not Tested

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