



Influenza Reagent
Influenza Virus Infectious A/Darwin/1454/2025 (H3N2)
NIBSC code: 25/296
Instructions for use
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1. INTENDED USE

Reagent 25/296 was prepared from A/Darwin/1454/2025 (H3N2), which was processed in 250µl volumes as liquid stock. The known passage history of 25/296 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 for 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. The cap should be removed by turning anti-clockwise. Care should be taken to prevent loss of the contents.

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.

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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:
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

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 live influenza virus (specify):	
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 disinfectant. Rinse area with an appropriate disinfectant followed by water. Absorbent materials used to treat spillage should be treated as biological waste.	

15. LIABILITY AND LOSS

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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 A/Darwin/1454/2025 (H3N2)

Cumulative number of passages	Passage numbers at each stage	Lot	Laboratory
E2	E2	SL 10160190	VIDRL, Australia
E3	E2/E1	49790*	MHRA, UK

* The HA titre of this virus using 0.7% guinea pig red blood cells in the presence of 20 mM oseltamivir 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_20375256.