



**Working Standard**  
**SARS-CoV-2 Negative Serum**  
**NIBSC code: 25/322**  
**Instructions for use**  
**(Version 1.0, Dated 20/05/2026)**

This material is not for in vitro diagnostic use

**1. INTENDED USE**

This material consists of pooled human serum collected prior to the 2020 SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. This material has been tested and found to be negative for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies.

This working standard is intended for use as a negative control in SARS-CoV-2 immunoassays.

**2. CAUTION**

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

The preparation contains material of human origin, and either the final product or the source materials, from which it is derived, have been tested and found negative for HBsAg, anti-HIV and HCV RNA. 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 assigned unitage.

**4. CONTENTS**

Country of origin of biological material: United Kingdom.  
Each ampoule contains the freeze-dried equivalent of 1 mL pooled human serum.

**5. STORAGE**

Ampoules should be stored at -20°C or below upon receipt. 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**

**No attempt should be made to weigh out any portion of the freeze-dried material prior to reconstitution**

This material should be reconstituted in 1 mL of sterile distilled water. Allow the material to dissolve gently with occasional swirling. Do not shake as this may cause frothing.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.nibsc.org/standardisation/international_standards.aspx)

Ordering standards from NIBSC:

<http://www.nibsc.org/products/ordering.aspx>

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**13. CITATION**

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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             |   |
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| Physical appearance:<br>Freeze-dried         | Corrosive: No   |
| Stable: Yes                                  | Oxidising: No   |
| Hygroscopic: No                              | Irritant: No  |
| Flammable: No                                | Handling: See caution, Section 2                        |
| Other<br>(specify): Material of human origin |   |
| Toxicological properties                     |   |
| Effects of inhalation:                       | Not established, avoid inhalation                       |
| 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.                             |



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| <b>Action on Spillage and Method of Disposal</b> |
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| 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. |
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**15. LIABILITY AND LOSS**

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**16. INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMS USE ONLY**

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| <b>Country of origin for customs purposes*:</b> United Kingdom<br>* 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. |
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| <b>Net weight:</b> 0.08 g |
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| <b>Toxicity Statement:</b> Non-toxic |
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| <b>Veterinary certificate or other statement</b> if applicable. |
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| <b>Attached:</b> No |
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