



Influenza Reagent
Influenza anti- A/England/427/88 (H3N2) HA serum
NIBSC code: 88/846
Instructions for use
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1. INTENDED USE

Influenza antiserum reagent 88/846 is prepared in sheep (SH98) for the single radial diffusion assay of A/England/427/88 and A/OMS/5389/88 antigens.

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.
The antiserum was prepared in a Sheep (SH98) of the purified HA of A/England/427/88 (H3N2) virus. The HA antigen was extracted from purified virus by treatment with bromelain and purified by sedimentation on sucrose gradients (Brand, C N and Skehel JJ, Nature, New Biology, 1972, 238, 145-147). One dose of approximately 25 micrograms of HA with Freund's complete adjuvant (FCA) was given intramuscularly followed two weeks later by one 12.5 microgram doses with FCA and then seven 12.5 microgram doses with FCA at weekly intervals.
Eleven weeks after the initial immunization, serum was collected, diluted 1:2 with PBS buffer containing sodium azide (0.05% w/v) and filled into vials in 2 ml volumes. The mean weight of 4 test weighed was 1.9976g with a coefficient of variation of 0.8%.

5. STORAGE

+2-8°C

Please note: because of the inherent stability of lyophilized material, NIBSC may ship these materials at ambient temperature.

6. DIRECTIONS FOR OPENING

Vials have a 'flip-up' circular cap. Either on the cap or the collar of the vial, there is an indication of the point at which to lever off the cap. This exposes an area of the stopper through which reconstitution and withdrawal of the preparation can be made using a hypodermic needle and syringe. If use of a pipette is preferred, then fully remove the metal collar using, for example, forceps, taking care to avoid cuts by wearing appropriate gloves. Remove the stopper for access. Care should be taken to prevent loss of the contents.

7. USE OF MATERIAL

No attempt should be made to weigh out any portion of the material

It is recommended that the Reagent is diluted 1.3 with phosphate-buffered saline prior to use.

- a) For the assay of A/OMS/5389/88 (H3N2) virus antigens containing 20-50 micrograms of HA activity in 1 ml, 17µl of the diluted Reagent should be added to 1 ml agarose. Antigens of lower concentration (5-20 micrograms HA/ml) are assayed by adding 8.5 µl of the reagent solution to 1 ml agarose.

- b) For the assay of A/England/427/88 (H3N2) virus antigens containing 20-50 micrograms of HA activity in 1 ml, 11µl of the diluted Reagent should be added to 1 ml agarose. Antigens of lower concentration 5-20 micrograms HA/ml) are assayed, by adding 5.5 µl of the diluted Reagent to 1 ml agarose.

Antiserum Reagent 88/846 should be used according to the method described by Wood J M, Schild G C, Newman R W and Seagroatt V A, Journal of Biological Standardization, 1977, 5, 237-247.

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

None

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

None

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information can be obtained as follows:
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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
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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: Liquid	Corrosive: No
Stable: Yes	Oxidising: No
Hygroscopic: No	Irritant: No
Flammable: No	Handling: See caution, Section 2
Other (specify):	Contains sheep serum and sodium azide (0.05%)
Toxicological properties	
Effects of inhalation:	Avoid inhalation
Effects of ingestion:	Avoid ingestion



Effects of skin absorption: 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: 2.0g
Toxicity Statement: Non toxic
Veterinary certificate or other statement if applicable.
Attached: No