Influenza Reagent
Influenza Antigen A/Shanghai/24/90 (H3N2)
NIBSC code: 93/516
Instructions for use
(Version 4.0, Dated 19/03/2008)

1. INTENDED USE
Influenza antigen reagent 93/516 is prepared for the single radial diffusion assay of A/Shanghai/24/90 antigens using an appropriate NIBS anti-serum reagent.

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
The solution of the total contents of the ampoule will contain 27 micrograms of haemagglutinin antigen activity.

4. CONTENTS
Country of origin of biological material: United Kingdom.
Antigen Reagent 93/516 is prepared from formalin-inactivated, partially purified A/Shanghai/24/90 (H3N2) virus which was suspended in PBS A' buffer containing 1% (w/v) sucrose and processed for freeze-drying in 1ml volumes as described by Campbell, P.J., Journal of Biological Standardisation, 1974, 2, 249-267. The mean weight of 62 ampoules, test weighed was 1.0121g with a coefficient of variation of 0.13%.

The reagent has been inactivated following validated procedures used to produce human influenza vaccine that is registered in the EU. This inactivated reagent has been shown to be free from residual infectious virus by testing according to the European Pharmacopeia Compendial Assay (monograph 0156).

5. STORAGE
-20°C

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 material

For all practical purposes each ampoule contains the same quantity of the substances listed above. Reconstitute the total contents of one ampoule of reagent with 1ml of distilled water. Allow to stand for a minimum of 5 minutes before use to allow for complete solution of freeze-dried material. The solution of the total contents of the ampoule will contain 27 micrograms of haemagglutinin antigen activity.
12. CUSTOMER FEEDBACK
Customers are encouraged to provide feedback on the suitability or use of the material provided or other aspects of our service. Please send any comments to enquiries@nibsc.org

13. CITATION
In all publications, including data sheets, in which this material is referenced, it is important that the preparation’s title, its status, the NIBSC code number, and the name and address of NIBSC are cited and cited correctly.

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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**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.

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