Non WHO Reference Material
Negative Control Guinea Pig Serum (Diphtheria and Tetanus Serology)
NIBSC code: 98/686
Instructions for use
(Version 7.0, Dated 19/11/2013)

This material is not for in vitro diagnostic use.

1. INTENDED USE
This material is prepared from the pooled, normal serum of 140 female guinea pigs, Dunkin-Hartley strain (UK). This material can be used as a negative control in assays used for measuring immune responses to diphtheria and tetanus vaccines (in guinea pigs). This material is also likely to be suitable as a negative control for responses to other vaccine components.

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
There are no units associated with this material.

4. CONTENTS
Country of origin of biological material: United Kingdom.
Each ampoule contains a volume of 0.5ml of normal, pooled guinea pig serum, freeze-dried.

5. STORAGE
Unopened ampoules should be stored at -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 freeze-dried material prior to reconstitution.
The entire contents of each ampoule should be completely resuspended in an accurately measured amount of a suitable solution (e.g. sterile, distilled water). The suspension can be stored frozen.

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.

Users who have data supporting any changes in the characteristics of this material are encouraged to contact NIBSC.

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
NIBSC Terms & Conditions:
http://www.nibsc.org/terms_and_conditions.aspx

12. CUSTOMER FEEDBACK
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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.

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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 appearance: Freeze-dried powder | Corrosive: No |
| Stable: Yes | Oxidising: No |
| Hygroscopic: Yes | Irritant: No |
| Flammable: No | Handling: See caution, Section 2 |

Other (specify): Contains material of animal (guinea pig) 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.

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: 0.5 ml
Toxicity Statement: Non-toxic
Veterinary certificate or other statement if applicable. Attached: No