Influenza Reagent
Influenza virus infectious A/Sichuan/346/1998
NIBSC code: 98/778
Instructions for use
(Version 1.0, Dated 27/10/2008)

1. INTENDED USE
Reagent 98/778 is prepared from A/Sichuan/346/98 (H3N2) which was processed for freeze drying in 250 µl volumes as described by Campbell, PJ. Journal of Biological Standardisation, 1974, 2, 249-267. The known passage history of A/Sichuan/346/98 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 to this material

4. CONTENTS
Country of origin of biological material: United Kingdom.
Each ampoule contains 250µl (nominal) of freeze dried infectious influenza virus as allantoic fluid from embryonated hens eggs.

5. STORAGE
Store in the dark at -20°C or below
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
Reconstitute the contents of one ampoule of reagent with 250µl of sterile distilled water. Leave for a minimum of 5 minutes before use to allow for complete solution of freeze dried material. A range of dilutions (e.g. 10-3 to 10-5) should be made in a suitable medium for initial cultivation.

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
NA

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
NA

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.biopm.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.

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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<th>Toxicological properties</th>
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<td>Effects of inhalation: Likelihood of influenza virus infection</td>
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<td>Effects of skin absorption: Not established, avoid contact with skin</td>
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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 contents should be taken up with absorbent material wetted with a virucidal agent. Rinse area with an appropriate virucidal agent followed by water. Absorbent materials used to treat spillage should be treated as biologically hazardous waste.

15. LIABILITY AND LOSS
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terms and are hereby incorporated into this document by reference. The Recipient's attention is drawn in particular to the provisions of clause 11 of the Conditions.

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

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Derivation of A/Sichuan/346/98 (H3N2)

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