1. INTENDED USE
The freeze-dried purified preparation of pertussis toxin, in ampoules coded JNIH-5 was prepared by the Biken Kanonji Institute in Japan. A collaborative study was carried out on this material by 13 laboratories in 1986 to assess its bioactivity (WHO report BS/88.1586). This material was re-evaluated by a further study performed in six laboratories in 2001/2002 to establish its continued bioactivity and suitability to serve as an international reference material. The two assay methods used in this study were the histamine sensitising assay and the Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell assay, which are both currently used to monitor residual pertussis toxin activity in acellular and whole cell vaccines. Although this preparation had been filled some years ago, its stability had been demonstrated by studies after storage at elevated temperature. In 2003, on the basis of the results of the collaborative study (BS/03.1976), it has been established as the First International Standard for Pertussis Toxin for the assay of residual pertussis toxin in both acellular and whole cell pertussis pertussis vaccines.

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 First International Standard for Pertussis Toxin, coded JNIH-5, has been assigned an activity of 10,000 International Units (IU) per ampoule.

4. CONTENTS
Country of origin of biological material: Japan. Each ampoule contains about 113mg of dry material as estimated by weighing after freeze drying with a moisture content of about 0.9%. Each ampoule has been stated to contain:

- Protein nitrogen: 10.0 µg PN
- Pertussis Toxin (PT): 10.0 µg PN
- Glucose: 30.0 mg
- Lactose: 30.0 mg
- Sucrose: 30.0 mg
- Arginine: 30.0 mg

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. Tap the ampoule gently to collect the material at the bottom (labeled) end. Ensure that the disposable ampoule safety breaker provided is pushed down on the stem of the ampoule and against the shoulder of the ampoule body. Hold the body of the ampoule in one hand and the disposable ampoule breaker covering the ampoule stem between the thumb and first finger of the other hand. Apply a bending force to open the ampoule at the coloured stress point, primarily using the hand holding the plastic collar. Care should be taken to avoid cuts and projectile glass fragments that might enter the eyes, for example, by the use of suitable gloves and an eye shield. Take care that no material is lost from the ampoule and no glass falls into the ampoule. Within the ampoule is dry nitrogen gas at slightly less than atmospheric pressure. A new disposable ampoule breaker is provided with each DIN ampoule.

7. USE OF MATERIAL
The entire contents of each ampoule should be completely resuspended in an accurately measured amount of water or buffer solution. No attempt should be made to weigh out any proportion of the freeze dried powder. The suspension should not be frozen. The ampoules contain no bacteriostat and the preparation should not be assumed to be sterile.

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. It is the policy of WHO not to assign an expiry date to their International Reference Materials.

Users who have any data supporting any change in the characteristics of this material are encouraged to contact NIBSC:ce materials.

9. REFERENCES
1) J G Kreeftenberg
   Collaborative study on the candidate reference materials JNIH-3, JNIH-4, JNIH-5 for the assay of acellular pertussis vaccines. WHO BS/88.1586

2) D. Xing, RG Das and P. Newland
   Collaborative Study: evaluation of proposed international reference preparation of pertussis toxin, Code JNIH-5
   WHO BS/03.1978


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.birpm.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

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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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**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
In the event that this document is translated into another language, the English language version shall prevail in the event of any inconsistencies between the documents.

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16. INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMS USE ONLY

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17. CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS
NIBSC does not provide a Certificate of Analysis for WHO Biological Reference Materials because they are internationally recognised primary reference materials fully described in the instructions for use. The reference materials are established according to the WHO Recommendations for the preparation, characterization and establishment of international and other biological reference standards http://www.who.int/bloodproducts/publications/TRS932Annex2_Inter_biol_esstandardsrev2004.pdf (revised 2004). They are officially endorsed by the WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardization (ECBS) based on the report of the international collaborative study which established their suitability for the intended use.