



**Influenza Reagent**  
**Influenza anti-B/Johannesburg/5/99/ Serum**  
**NIBSC code: 00/556**  
**Instructions for use**  
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### 1. INTENDED USE

Influenza antiserum reagent 00/556 is prepared in sheep for the single radial diffusion assay of B/Johannesburg/5/99 or B/Victoria/504/2000 antigens using an appropriate NIBSC antiserum 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

No unitage is assigned to this material.

### 4. CONTENTS

Country of origin of biological material: United Kingdom.  
The antiserum was prepared in SHEEP (SH407/408) to the purified HA of B/Johannesburg/5/99 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 50 micrograms of HA with Freund's complete adjuvant (FCA) was given intramuscularly into each sheep, followed two weeks later with a 10 microgram dose in the presence of Freund's incomplete adjuvant (FIA) and two further doses at weekly intervals.

Five weeks after the initial immunization, serum was collected, diluted 1:5 with PBS buffer containing sodium azide (0.05% w/v) and filled into vials in 2 ml volumes. The mean weight of 15 vials test weighed was 2.04g with a coefficient of variation of 0.08%.

### 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**

For the assay of virus antigens containing 20-50 micrograms of HA activity in 1ml reagent approximately 7.5µl of the undiluted Reagent 00/556 should be added to 1ml agarose. Antigens of lower concentration (5-20 micrograms HA/ml) are assayed, by adding 3.75µl of the Reagent to 1ml agarose. It may be necessary to change these concentrations according to local laboratory conditions.

Antiserum Reagent 00/556 should be used according to the method described by Wood, JM, Schild GC, Newman RW and Seagroatt, VA. Journal of Biological Standardisation, 1977, 5, 237-247.

### 8. STABILITY

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### 9. REFERENCES

None

### 10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

None

### 11. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information can be obtained as follows:  
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<http://www.who.int/biologicals/en/>  
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<http://www.bipm.org/en/committees/jc/jctlm/>  
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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% w/v)
<b>Toxicological properties</b>	
Effects of inhalation:	Avoid inhalation
Effects of ingestion:	Avoid ingestion
Effects of skin absorption:	Avoid contact with skin
<b>Suggested First Aid</b>	
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.
<b>Action on Spillage and Method of Disposal</b>	
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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<b>Country of origin for customs purposes*:</b> 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.
<b>Net weight:</b> 2g
<b>Toxicity Statement:</b> Non toxic
<b>Veterinary certificate or other statement</b> if applicable.
<b>Attached:</b> Yes SH407-408



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**Veterinary Certificate**

This is to certify that sheep no. 1307 (SH407) and 2024 (SH 408) were used for the production of blood antiserum in December 2000 to prepare reagent 00/556.

These sheep were ewes that were surplus to breeding requirements, in good health and showed no signs of clinical disease.



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