



**WHO Reference Reagent
Prothrombin Mutation G20210A, Human gDNA. 1st International
Genetic Reference Panel
NIBSC code: 05/130
Instructions for use
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1. INTENDED USE

The ampoules contain freeze-dried purified gDNA samples extracted from EBV transformed cell lines. They are intended for use as a reference panel in genetic tests for Prothrombin gene mutation G20210A. This panel was established in 2005 as the 1st International Genetic Reference Panel for Prothrombin Mutation (G20210A) by the Expert Committee on Biological Standardization (ECBS) of the World Health Organization (WHO).

N.B. these materials should not be put to any other use.

2. CAUTION

This preparation is not for administration to humans or animals in the human food chain.

The preparation contains material of human origin, and either the final product or the source materials, from which it is derived, have been tested and found negative for HBsAg, anti-HIV and HCV RNA.

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 is no unitage assigned to these materials.

4. CONTENTS

Country of origin of biological material: United Kingdom.

The panel comprises three individually coded ampoules, each containing approximately 10 µg of human gDNA;

04/194 Wild Type Prothrombin

04/174 Prothrombin 20210 Homozygote

04/196 Prothrombin 20210 Heterozygote

The DNA samples were extracted using a 'salting out' method and suspended in Tris/EDTA buffer with 5 mg/ml Trehalose as an excipient before freeze-drying.

DNA sequencing was carried out on the portion of the gene approximately 500 bp either side of the prothrombin mutation. In addition to the prothrombin mutation at position 20210 an additional SNP was found at position 19911 as follows; preparations 04/174 and 04/196 had an adenine (A) and gDNA preparation 04/194 had a guanine (G). This SNP has been reported previously. The remainder of the sequence was identical for all three preparations.

5. STORAGE

Store all unopened ampoules of the freeze-dried preparations 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

- Open ampoules as described in section 6. above.
- Reconstitute freeze-dried material at room temperature with 100 µL of sterile nuclease-free water.
- Transfer the entire contents to nuclease-free tubes.
- If your normal pipette tips do not reach the samples at the bottom of the ampoule, please use the long tips provided.
- We recommend that the material is used directly after reconstitution and is not stored beyond this point, but if this is desired, then the material should be stored in sealed tubes between +2 to +8°C if the samples are to be tested within 3 months. For longer periods, store in aliquots at -20°C or below. Care should be taken to avoid cross-contamination with other samples.

8. STABILITY

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9. REFERENCES

N/A

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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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:

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Classification in accordance with Directive 2000/54/EC, Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008: Not applicable or not classified

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.

Physical and Chemical properties	
Physical appearance: Freeze dried solid	Corrosive: No
Stable: Yes	Oxidising: No
Hygroscopic: Yes	Irritant: No
Flammable: No	Handling: See caution, Section 2
Other (specify):	Contains material of human 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.	

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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: 0.0027 - 0.0030g
Toxicity Statement: Toxicity not assessed
Veterinary certificate or other statement if applicable. Attached: No

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