



**Influenza Reagent  
influenza virus infectious NYMC BX-31  
NIBSC code: 15/250  
Instructions for use  
(Version 2.0, Dated 02/06/2016)**

**1. INTENDED USE**

Reagent 15/250 is prepared from NYMC BX-31 which was processed for freeze drying in 250µl volumes as described by Campbell, P.J, Journal of Biological Standardisation, 1974, 2,249-267. The known passage history of NYMC BX-31 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 infectious influenza virus as allantoic fluid from SPF embryonated hen's 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<sup>-3</sup> to 10<sup>-5</sup>) should be made in a suitable medium for initial cultivation.

**8. STABILITY**

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.bipm.org/en/committees/jc/jctlm/>  
Derivation of International Units:  
[http://www.nibsc.org/standardisation/international\\_standards.aspx](http://www.nibsc.org/standardisation/international_standards.aspx)  
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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:<br>white powder  | Corrosive: No   |
| Stable: Yes   | Oxidising: No   |
| Hygroscopic: No   | Irritant: No  |
| Flammable: No   | Handling: See caution, Section 2                        |
| Other (specify): Live influenza virus   |   |
| Toxicological properties  |   |
| Effects of inhalation:  | Likelihood of influenza virus infection                 |
| 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 contents should be taken up with absorbent material wetted with an appropriate 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. |   |

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**16. INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMS USE ONLY**

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| <b>Country of origin for customs purposes*:</b> United Kingdom<br>* 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> NA   |
| <b>Toxicity Statement:</b> Non-toxic  |
| <b>Veterinary certificate or other statement</b> if applicable.   |
| <b>Attached:</b> No   |

**Passage history of NYMC BX-31 (Post mixed infection)**

| Passage | Lot    | Laboratory               |
|---------|--------|--------------------------|
| E1-E5   |        | NYMC, New York, USA      |
| E7      | E#5823 | NYMC, New York, USA      |
| E8      | 30890  | NIBSC, Hertfordshire, UK |
| E9      | 41450  | NIBSC, Hertfordshire, UK |

Sterility: No visible contamination was detected in a variety of media (tryptose soya broth, thioglycolate broth, Sabouraud's broth and blood agar plates) after 14 days incubation.

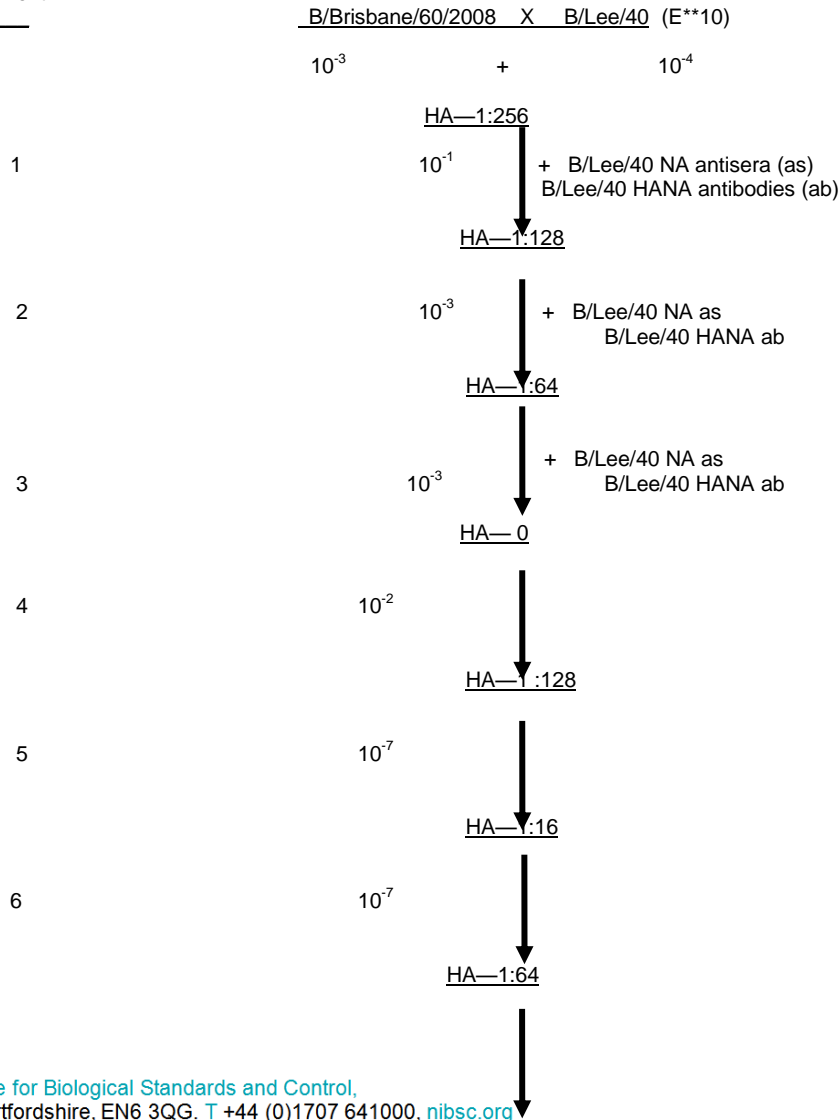
The HA and NA sequence of this virus is available on GISAID with the accession number EPI\_ISL\_219061



## Derivation of NYMC BX-31 B/Brisbane/60/2008 (Victoria lineage) High Yield Reassortant with B/Lee/40 NP gene

Exper. # 4634 2/20/09  
B/Brisbane/60/2008 (Victoria lineage)  
CDC#2009715790, received from CDC 2/18/09  
E4/E4(1/13/09) HA:32

Post-reassortment  
Passage No.



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UK Official Medicines Control Laboratory



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$10^5$

HA—1:256

**NYMC BX-31**

E#5823 NYMC archive

E\*\* Number of egg used for reassortment

HA and NA identified as B/Brisbane/60/2008 serologically by HI and NI tests and confirmed by RT-PCR/RFLP analysis of HA and NA genes. RT-PCR/RFLP analysis also identified PB1, PB2, M and NS genes as B/Brisbane/60/2008, and NP gene as B/Lee/40. The origin of the PA gene is being determined.

SPAFAS eggs were used for all reassortant passages. Eggs were incubated at 33° for 66-72 hr. for the reassortment passage and post-reassortment passages 1-3; eggs were incubated at 34° for 42-48 hr for post-reassortment passages 4-7.

HA titers were tested using chicken red blood cells at room temp.

Virus seed as shipped was shown to be sterile. Sterility testing was performed by streaking the sample on blood agar plates and incubating for 48 hours at 37° C.

NB. Pages 3 and 4 of this document are as received from New York Medical College and are included for information purposes.