



**Influenza Reagent**  
**Influenza Virus Infectious A/Hong Kong/2671/2019 (H3N2)**  
**NIBSC code: 21/194**  
**Instructions for use**  
**(Version 3.0, Dated 05/08/2021)**

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**1. INTENDED USE**

Reagent 21/194 is prepared from A/Hong Kong/2671/2019 (H3N2) which was processed in 250µl volumes as liquid stock. The known passage history of A/Hong Kong/2671//2019 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 -70°C or below

**6. DIRECTIONS FOR OPENING**

Vials have a screw cap; an internal stopper may also be present. The cap should be removed by turning anti-clockwise. Care should be taken to prevent loss of the contents. Please note: If a stopper is present on removal of the cap, the stopper should remain in the vial or be removed with the cap.

**7. USE OF MATERIAL**

Ready to use

**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**

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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>Clear Liquid  | 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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| <p><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.</p> <p><b>Net weight:</b> 0.25g per ampoule</p> |
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| <p><b>Toxicity Statement:</b> Non-toxic</p> <p><b>Veterinary certificate or other statement</b> if applicable.</p> <p><b>Attached:</b> No</p> |
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Passage history of A/Hong Kong/2671/2019

| Cumulative passage number | Passage number at each stage | Lot     | Laboratory                  |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| E1-E6                     |                              | Unknown | Unknown                     |
| E7                        | E7                           | 193956  | Crick Institute, London, UK |
| E10                       | E7/E3                        | 46310   | 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 at GISAID with the accession number EPI\_ISL\_3205461.