



**WHO International Standard**  
**First International Standard for Anti-Nipah Virus Antibodies for neutralisation assays (human sera)**  
**NIBSC code: 22/130\_NT**  
**Instructions for use**  
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### 1. INTENDED USE

The First WHO International Standard for anti-Nipah virus antibodies for neutralisation assays consists of ampoules containing aliquots of the equivalent 0.25mL of freeze-dried human Serum from a pool of 36 individuals recovered from Nipah virus. The preparation has been evaluated in a WHO International collaborative study (1). This standard is intended to be used in the calibration and harmonisation of serological assays detecting anti-Nipah virus neutralising antibodies. The preparation has been solvent detergent treated to minimise the risk of the presence of enveloped viruses (2).

### 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 anti-HIV antibodies and HCV RNA, but positive for HBsAg.

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

This material has been assigned a unitage of 250IU/ampoule for neutralising antibodies, and when reconstituted as directed in 0.25mL of distilled water the final concentration will be 1000IU/mL for neutralizing antibodies.

International Units are arbitrary, and assigned to a WHO International Standard to express the biological activity of the standard, and as such there is no conversion factor between IU and mass (e.g. ng of antibody).

### 4. CONTENTS

Country of origin of biological material: Bangladesh and Malaysia. Each ampoule contains the freeze-dried equivalent of 0.25 mL of pooled human sera.

### 5. STORAGE

Ampoules should be stored at -20°C or below until use. 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

**No attempt should be made to weigh out any portion of the freeze-dried material prior to reconstitution**

The contents of each ampoule should be reconstituted in 0.25mL distilled water. Following addition of the distilled water, the material must be allowed to become fully dissolved before use. This may take 30 mins or more.

### 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.

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### 9. REFERENCES

- (1) Hassall et al. Establishment of the First WHO International Standard for anti-Nipah virus antibody. 2023 WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardization. WHO/BS/2023.2458
- (2) Dichtelmuller, H.O., et al., Robustness of solvent/detergent treatment of plasma derivatives: a data collection from Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association member companies. Transfusion, 2009. 49(9): p. 1931-43

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### 11. FURTHER INFORMATION

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Derivation of International Units:

[http://www.nibsc.org/standardisation/international\\_standards.aspx](http://www.nibsc.org/standardisation/international_standards.aspx)

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| Physical and Chemical properties  |   |
|---|---|
| Physical appearance: Freeze-dried   | Corrosive: No   |
| Stable: Yes   | Oxidising: No   |
| Hygroscopic: No   | Irritant: No  |
| Flammable: No   | Handling: See caution, Section 2                        |
| Other human origin (specify):   |   |
| 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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