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WHO International Standard
Parathyroid Hormone, Bovine.
NIBSC code: 82/632
Instructions for use
(Version 3.0, Dated 03/04/2008)

1. INTENDED USE

The International Standard (IS) consists of a batch of ampoules (coded 82/632) which was established at the 37th meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardisation in 1986.

2. CAUTION

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

The material is of bovine origin. The material is certified to be obtained from animals taken from a closed herd in the female line since 1980, in which no animal has been clinically suspected of having BSE & which has not been fed rations containing ruminant derived protein during that period.

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

Each ampoule of the IS contains 39 International Units (by definition).

4. CONTENTS

Country of origin of biological material: United Kingdom.
Each ampoule of the IS contains the residue after freeze-drying of a solution which contained:-

Bovine parathyroid hormone preparation	approx. 15µg
Mannitol	approx. 2mg

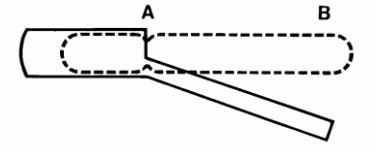
And pure dry nitrogen at slightly less than atmospheric pressure

5. STORAGE

Unopened ampoules should be stored at -20°C.
Please note: because of the inherent stability of lyophilized material, NIBSC may ship these materials at ambient temperature.

6. DIRECTIONS FOR OPENING

Tap the ampoule gently to collect the material at the bottom (labelled) end. Ensure ampoule is scored all round at the narrow part of the neck, with a diamond or tungsten carbide tipped glass knife file or other suitable implement before attempting to open. Place the ampoule in the ampoule opener, positioning the score at position 'A'; shown in the diagram below. Surround the ampoule with cloth or layers of tissue paper. Grip the ampoule and holder in the hand and squeeze at point 'B'. The ampoule will snap open. Take care to avoid cuts and projectile glass fragments that enter eyes. Take care that no material is lost from the ampoule and that no glass falls into the ampoule.



Side view of ampoule opening device containing an ampoule positioned ready to open. 'A' is the score mark and 'B' the point of applied pressure.

7. USE OF MATERIAL

For all practical purposes, each ampoule of the IS contains the same quantity of the substances listed above. Dissolve the total contents of the ampoule in a known volume of a suitable solvent (buffer at pH 3.5 or less, with carrier protein where extensive dilution is required. No attempt should be made to weigh out any portion of the freeze-dried material.
For economy in use, it is recommended that the solution be sub-divided into several small containers and stored at -40°C or below. Careful evaluation of conditions and duration of storage are required. The ampoules do not contain bacteriostat and solution of the IS should not be assumed to be sterile.

8. PREPARATION OF AMPOULES

The bulk material comprised two pooled purified preparations.
The peptide preparations were dissolved at 10mg/ml in 0.01M acetic acid and passed through a Millipore filter before dilution with 0.1% mannitol in 0.01M acetic acid for distribution into ampoules.
The mean weight of solution in each of 50 weighed ampoules was 0.20385g, range 0.2024-0.2050g, variance 0.64%.
Procedures for ampouling were as recommended for preparing international biological standards (ECBS, 1978). After freeze-drying, ampoules were filled with pure dry nitrogen, sealed and after testing for leaks, were stored at –20°C in the dark.

9. STABILITY

NIBSC follows the policy of WHO with respect to its reference materials.
The stability of the preparation 82/632 is acceptable, based on results of bioassay of samples stored for 38 months at 20°C and 45°C which gave an estimated rate of loss of bioactivity of 0.06% per year at -20°C.
It is the policy of WHO not to assign an expiry date to their international reference materials. They remain valid with the assigned potency and status until withdrawn or amended.
Reference materials are held at NIBSC within assured, temperature-controlled storage facilities. Reference Materials should be stored on receipt as indicated on the label.

10. REFERENCE

Annex 4, WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardisation (1978). Guidelines for the preparation and establishment of reference materials and reference reagents for biological substances. 29th Report WHO Tech Rep Ser No 626, pp101-141.

11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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12. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information can be obtained as follows;
This material: enquiries@nibsc.org
WHO Biological Standards:
http://www.who.int/biologicals/en/
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Derivation of International Units:
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14. CITATION

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15. 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: Freeze dried powder	Corrosive: No
Stable: Yes	Oxidising: No
Hygroscopic: No	Irritant: No
Flammable: No	Handling: See caution, Section 2
Other (specify): None	
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.	

16. LIABILITY AND LOSS

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17. 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: 2mg
Toxicity Statement: Non-toxic
Veterinary certificate or other statement if applicable**.** **Attached:** No

17. CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

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