



**Influenza Reagent**  
**Influenza anti -A/Equine/Miami/63 (H3N8) HA serum**  
**NIBSC code: 84/677**  
**Instructions for use**  
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**1. INTENDED USE**

Influenza antiserum reagent 84/677 is prepared in a goat (GH15) for the single radial diffusion assay of A/Equine/Miami/63 antigens.

**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.

This antiserum was prepared in goat (GH15) to the purified HA of A/Equine/Miami/63 virus. The HA antigen was extracted from purified virus by treatment with bromelain and purified by sedimentation on sucrose gradients (Brand C N and Skehel, J J, Nature, New Biology, 1972, 238, 145-147). The goat was inoculated intramuscularly with two doses of 25 micrograms of purified HA with Freund's complete adjuvant at two week intervals. Six weeks after the initial immunization, serum was collected, diluted 1:8 with phosphate-buffered saline and processed for freeze-drying in 1 ml volumes as described by Campbell P, Journal of Biological Standardization, 1974, 2, 249-267. The mean weight of 33 ampoules, test weighed was 1.004g with coefficient of variation of 0.15%.

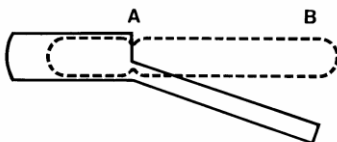
**5. STORAGE**

-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**

**No attempt should be made to weigh out any portion of the material**  
Reconstitute the total contents of one ampoule of Reagent with 1 ml of distilled water. Allow to stand for a minimum of 5 minutes before use to allow for complete solution of the freeze-dried material. For the assay of virus antigens containing 20-50 micrograms of HA activity in 1ml, 17 µl of the Reagent solution should be added to 1 ml of molten agarose. Antigens of lower concentration 5-20 micrograms HA/ml) are assayed by adding 8.5 µl of the reagent solution to 1 ml agarose. These antiserum concentrations may vary from laboratory to laboratory.

Antiserum Reagent 84/677 should be used according to the method described by Wood, J M, Schild, G C, Newman R W and Seagraott, V.A., Journal of Biological Standardization, 1977, 5, 237-247

**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.

NIBSC follows the policy of WHO with respect to its reference materials.

**9. REFERENCES**

None

**10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

None

**11. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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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: White powder	Corrosive:	No
Stable: Yes	Oxidising:	No
Hygroscopic: No	Irritant:	No



Flammable: No	Handling: See caution, Section 2
Other (specify):	Contains sheep serum and sodium azide (0.05%)
<b>Toxicological properties</b>	
Effects of inhalation:	Avoid inhalation
Effects of ingestion:	Avoid ingestion
Effects of skin absorption:	Avoid contact with skin
<b>Suggested First Aid</b>	
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.
<b>Action on Spillage and Method of Disposal</b>	
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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<b>Net weight:</b> 1g
<b>Toxicity Statement:</b> Non toxic
<b>Veterinary certificate or other statement</b> if applicable. <b>Attached:</b> No