



CE Marked Material
IFU for QCRFERRQC1 Code:21/B777-xxx
NIBSC code: QCRFERRQC1
Instructions for use
(Version 2.0, Dated 13/03/2024)

This material is a self certified IVD and complies with the requirements of the "EU in vitro diagnostic medical device directive 98/79/EC"

1. INTENDED USE

This product is CE marked for use as an IVD within the UK, EU member states and EEA countries. In all other territories this product can be used for research purposes only.

Ferritin is a high-molecular protein that plays an important role in uptake, transport and storage of iron in the human body. The serum ferritin concentration is a clinical parameter measured widely for the differential diagnosis of anaemia.

The Ferritin Quality Control (QC) should be included in each run as part of a continuing quality control programme to monitor the performance of the assay. Data obtained with 21/B777 can be used to construct quality control charts that can be visually monitored each time the assay is carried out to check for consistency of performance of the assay. Examples of how these charts are constructed and used have been described elsewhere¹.

The Ferritin Quality Control is NOT INTENDED TO BE USED TO COMPARE THE SENSITIVITY OF PARTICULAR ASSAYS.

2. CAUTION

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

Ferritin QC has been prepared from a pool of low concentration defibrinated plasma donations, repeatedly reactive in commercial kits. The donations used to prepare Ferritin QC were non-reactive for anti-HIV, HBsAg, anti-HTLV, anti-HCV and anti-Syphilis using commercial kits. 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

Table 1 gives a summary of the results obtained for Ferritin QC. These results are intended only as a guide to the approximate levels of reactivity to be expected, and may not be exactly reproduced in other laboratories. In each case, at a minimum, six samples of 21/B777 were tested on three separate occasions. The results are expressed as nanogram/millilitre or other measurement of the Ferritin concentration of the Ferritin QC sample to the kit manufacturer's calculated calibration curve.

4. CONTENTS

Country of origin of biological material: United Kingdom.
Ready-to-use reagent
REF QCRFERRQC1 1x7mL Blood Tubes
Defibrinated Plasma 4mL
Bronidox® (Sigma-Aldrich) 0.05% (w/v)

5. STORAGE

Reagents are to be kept at 2-8°C upon receipt

Reagents may be stored at 2-8°C until use by date
Reagents should be divided into measured sub-aliquots of one use and stored below -20°C to avoid freeze/thaw cycles. Use only until the expiry date on the label.

When thawed for use, store at 2-8°C.

Once thawed, use within one month and do not refreeze

Ensure all containers are properly sealed to avoid drying out of reagent

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

1. Use of this reagent is to be restricted to trained laboratory staff only

2. Use suitable (latex/nitrile) gloves and eye/skin protection

3. Include reagent as a normal sample in routine work list

4. Allow reagent to reach room temperature before use

5. Plot reagent result to monitor performance.

The Result Reporting System (RRS) has been developed by the National Institute for Biological Standards and Control (NIBSC) for the data monitoring of its serology and NAT quality control (QC) reagents. These include the Quality Control Reagent Unit (QCRU) and Clinical Virology Network (CVN) reagents. The system has been successfully running for serology assays for several years collecting thousands of data points a year. The system has recently been developed to accept data for Nucleic Acid-based Technologies (NAT) reagents and associated assays.
<https://www.nibsc.org/products/rrs.aspx>

8. STABILITY (Add or amend as necessary)

Reference materials are held at NIBSC within assured, temperature-controlled storage facilities. Reference Materials should be stored on receipt as indicated on the label.

Stability studies are carried out to ensure stated stability of this product

9. REFERENCES

1. Levey, S. and Jennings, E.R. (1950) The use of control charts in clinical laboratories. *Am.J.Clin.Pathol.* 20, 1059-1066

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

EC REP Advena Ltd. Tower Business Centre, 2nd Floor, Swatar, BKR 4013, Malta

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

Ordering standards from NIBSC:

<http://www.nibsc.org/products/ordering.aspx>

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13. CITATION

In all publications, including data sheets, in which this material is referenced, it is important that the preparation's title, its status, the NIBSC code number, and the name and address of NIBSC are cited and cited correctly.

14. MATERIAL SAFETY SHEET (Add or amend as necessary)

Classification in accordance with Directive 2000/54/EC, Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008: Not applicable or not classified

Physical and Chemical properties	
Physical appearance: Liquid	Corrosive: No
Stable: Yes	Oxidising: No
Hygroscopic: No	Irritant: No
Flammable: No	Handling: See caution, Section 2
Other (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.	

15. LIABILITY AND LOSS

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16. 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: 4g
Toxicity Statement: Toxicity not assessed
Veterinary certificate or other statement if applicable.
Attached: No





Table 1: Results obtained for QCRFERRQC1 (Lot Number 21/B777) using the following EIA kits.

EIA KIT	Method Options	Test Cut-Off Ration	
		Mean	SD
Kit: Liaison Ferritin Diasorin Diasorin Catalogue number: 313551 Lot number: 216027; 216108	Automated Protocol	5.5 (ng/mL)	0.4
Kit: IBL Ferritin ELISA Manufacturer: IBL Distributor: Tecan Catalogue number: DE59111 Lot number: 202730	Standard Protocol	3.8 (ng/mL)	0.3