



**CE Marked Material**

**QCRHCVQC1 - Anti-HCV Quality Control Serum Sample 1**  
**NIBSC code: QCRHCVQC1**  
**Instructions for use**  
**(Version 2.0, Dated 13/03/2024)**

**This material is an 'Annex II List A' 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.**

Anti-HCV QC1 is intended for use in the internal laboratory quality control of immunoassays that detect antibodies to hepatitis C virus. The anti-HCV QC1 should be included in each run as part of a continuing quality control programme to monitor the performance of the assay. Data obtained with the anti-HCV QC1 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 elsewhere<sup>1</sup>.

**Anti-HCV QC1 is NOT INTENDED TO BE USED TO COMPARE THE SENSITIVITY OF PARTICULAR ASSAYS**

**2. CAUTION**

**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 HBsAg, anti-HIV and HCV RNA. This preparation is not for administration to humans or animals**

The anti-HCV QC1 (21/B889) has been prepared from a pool of anti-HCV reactive defibrinated plasma donations, repeatedly reactive in commercial EIA kits and confirmed as anti-HCV positive by commercial immunoblot assay. The reactive donations used to prepare anti-HCV QC1 were non-reactive for HBsAg, anti-HTLV, anti-SYPHILIS and anti-HIV using commercial EIA kits. The reactive sera were pooled and then diluted in a pool of defibrinated human plasma donations. These samples were non-reactive for HBsAg, anti-HCV, anti-HTLV, anti-SYPHILIS and anti-HIV using commercial EIA kits. Bronidox® was added to a concentration of 0.05%(w/v) as a preservative.

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 anti-HCV QC1 21/B889. 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, three samples of anti-HCV QC1 were tested on two separate occasions. The results are expressed as the ratio of mean optical density or other measurement of the anti-HCV response of the QC1 sample, to the kit manufacturer's calculated cut-off

**4. CONTENTS**

Country of origin of biological material: United Kingdom.  
Ready-to-use reagent  
REF QCRHCVQC1 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
- For single use only, reagents should be divided into measured aliquots of one use and stored below -20°C to avoid freeze/thaw cycles. Once thawed use immediately. Do not refreeze
- Ensure all containers are properly sealed to avoid drying out of the reagent
- Avoid microbial contamination of this product as this may alter product performance
- Avoid excessively high temperatures or humidity

Material type: Liquid – will be shipped according to the storage and shipping conditions of the product

**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.

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**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 on a QC chart 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**

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

Real-Time Stability studies take place 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**

**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](http://www.nibsc.org/standardisation/international_standards.aspx)

Ordering standards from NIBSC:

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

NIBSC Terms & Conditions:

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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**

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**

<b>Country of origin for customs purposes*:</b> 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.
<b>Net weight:</b> 5 G
<b>Toxicity Statement:</b> Toxicity not assessed
<b>Veterinary certificate or other statement</b> if applicable.
<b>Attached:</b> No



Table 1. Results obtained for QCRHCVQC1 (Lot Number: 21/B889) using the following EIA kits.

EIA KIT	Method Options	Test to Cut-Off Ratio	
		Mean	SD (n-1)
<b>Kit:</b> Liaison XL HCV Ab <b>Manufacturer:</b> Diasorin <b>Distributor:</b> Diasorin <b>Catalogue number:</b> 310240 <b>Lot number:</b> 364001 and 364002	Automated Protocol	3.0 (S/CO)	1.0
<b>Kit:</b> Murex HCV Version 4 <b>Manufacturer:</b> Diasorin <b>Distributor:</b> Diasorin <b>Catalogue number:</b> 7F5156 <b>Lot number:</b> D860310	Standard Protocol	3.6 OD/CO	0.3