1. Introduction

Influenza antiserum reagent TGA Lot AS422 is prepared for single radial Immunodiffusion (SRID) assay of TGA's B/Maryland/15/2016 (B/Colorado/06/2017-like) antigens.

2. Unitage

No unitage is assigned to this material.

3. Contents

**Country of origin of biological material:** Australia  
**Animal Species:** Domestic sheep (*Ovis aries*)  
**Donor Sheep Breed:** Australian Merino Cross

The sheep originated, were continuously reared and slaughtered in Australia. The purified haemagglutinin (HA) used to immunise sheep was derived from a beta-propiolactone (βPL) inactivated pool of B/Maryland/15/2016 virus. The HA was purified using a protease treatment step prior to further downstream purification. All sheep used in the production of antisera were inspected by a veterinary surgeon prior to terminal bleed and confirmation of their disease free status. The antiserum contains 0.1% sodium azide as preservative.

4. Caution

**THIS PREPARATION IS NOT FOR ADMINISTRATION TO HUMANS.**

The preparation does not contain material of human 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 probably will include the wearing of protective gloves and avoiding the generation of aerosols. Care should be exercised in opening ampoules or vials, to avoid cuts.
5. **Use of material**

For SRID testing of influenza virus antigens; this antiserum is suitable for the testing of B/Maryland/15/2016 antigens. For the TGA antigen B/Maryland/15/2016 Lot 2018/122B containing approximately 30 µg HA per mL, add 2µL of the undiluted antiserum to 1 mL of agarose. It may be necessary to change the antiserum concentration according to local laboratory conditions.


6. **Stability**

It is the policy of WHO not to assign an expiry date to their international reference materials. TGA follows the policy of WHO with respect to its reference materials and they remain valid with the assigned potency and status until withdrawn or amended. Reference Materials should be stored on receipt as indicated on the label.

7. **Citation**

In all publications (or data sheets for immunoassay kits) in which this preparation is used as an assay calibrant, it is important that the title of the preparation, vial code and the name and address of TGA are cited correctly.

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9. **Safety Data Sheet**

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10. **Further information**

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