ANTISERUM REAGENT – B/Washington/02/2019-like
FOR SINGLE RADIAL IMMUNODIFFUSION (SRID) ASSAY
OF INFLUENZA VIRUS HAEMAGGLUTININ
Lot: AS436 (DOM: November 2019)

1. Introduction
Influenza antiserum reagent TGA Lot AS436 is prepared for single radial Immunodiffusion (SRID) assay of B/Victoria/705/2018 (B/Washington/02/2019-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/Victoria/705/2018 (BVR-11) 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 to confirm 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/Washington/02/2019-like antigens. For antigen preparation containing approximately 20-30 µg HA per mL of B/Victoria/705/2018-like antigen add 2.5 µL of the undiluted antiserum to 1 mL of agarose. It may be necessary to change the antiserum concentration according to local laboratory conditions.


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