

Summary of status of development and availability of avian influenza A(H7N9) candidate vaccine viruses and potency testing reagents

Antigenic and genetic analyses are performed by the WHO Collaborating Centres of the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS). Unless otherwise indicated all candidate vaccine viruses posted on this table have passed two-way haemagglutination inhibition (HI) test. [National or Regional control authorities approve the composition and formulation of vaccines used in each country](#)

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Candidate vaccine viruses*

Antigenic prototype	Candidate vaccine virus	Type of virus or reassortant	Developing institute	Available from
A/Gansu/23277/2019-like	Wild type virus			WHO CCs
	IDCDC-RG64A*	Reverse genetics	CDC, USA	CDC, USA
A/Hong Kong/125/2017	Wild type virus			CDC, USA
	IDCDC-RG56B*	Reverse genetics	CDC, USA	CDC, USA
A/Guangdong/17SF003/2016	Wild type virus			WHO CCs
	CBER-RG7C*	Reverse genetics	CBER/FDA, USA	CBER/FDA, USA
	IDCDC-RG56N*	Reverse genetics	CDC, USA	CDC, USA
	CBER-RG7D*	Reverse genetics	CBER/FDA, USA	CBER/FDA, USA
	NIBRG-375*	Reverse genetics	MHRA, UK	MHRA, UK
A/Shanghai/2/2013	Wild type virus			CDC, USA
	IDCDC-RG32A*	Reverse genetics	CDC, USA	CDC, USA MHRA, UK CBER, USA
	IDCDC-RG32A.3*	Reverse genetics	CDC, USA	CDC, USA
	NIBRG-267*	Reverse genetics	MHRA, UK	MHRA, UK
	CBER-RG4A*	Reverse genetics	CBER/FDA, USA	CBER, USA
A/Anhui/1/2013	Wild type virus			WHO CCs
	NIBRG-268*	Reverse genetics	MHRA, UK	MHRA, UK
	NIIDRG-10.1*	Reverse genetics	NIID, Japan	NIID, Japan
	IDCDC-RG33A*	Reverse genetics	CDC, USA	CDC, USA
	SJ005*	Reverse genetics	SJCRH, USA	SJCRH, USA

*These viruses are candidate vaccine viruses which have passed relevant safety testing. They can be handled under BSL-2 enhanced containment¹.

¹ [Guidelines for the safe development and production of vaccines to human pandemic influenza viruses and influenza viruses with pandemic potential, Annex 3, TRS No 1016 \(who.int\) http://www.who.int/biologicals/publications/trs/areas/vaccines/influenza/Annex 5 human pandemic influenza.pdf?ua=1](#)

Candidate vaccine viruses in preparation

Antigenic prototype	Developing Institute	Available from
A/Hunan/02650/2016	CCDC, China	Pending

Institutes contact details for candidate vaccine virus orders/information:

CBER/FDA: CBERshippingrequests@fda.hhs.gov

CCDC: fluchina@ivdc.chinacdc.cn

CDC: cvvrequest@cdc.gov (Subject: CVV request)

MHRA: standards@mhra.gov.uk or enquiries@mhra.gov.uk

NIID: flu-vaccine@nih.go.jp

SJCRH: richard.webby@stjude.org

WHO CCs: <https://www.who.int/initiatives/global-influenza-surveillance-and-response-system/who-collaboration-center-erl?CxitPEOtTWx0xUd5TJdODSXcnyJqzYd7FZeivpn7xcl=>

Reference antigens

Starting materials		Ref. Ag. Lot number	Unitage (µg HA/ml)	Available from
Antigenic prototype	Candidate vaccine virus			
A/Anhui/1/2013	NIBRG-268	16/238	95	MHRA, UK
A/Shanghai/2/2013	IDCDC-RG32A	2014/100B	72	TGA, Australia
	PR8-IDCDC-RG32A	78	60	CBER/FDA, USA**
A/Guangdong/17SF003/2016	NIBRG-375	18/196	59	MHRA, UK
	NIBRG-375/SeqHS_SyS18_05.4	H7-Ag-1814 (cell)	88	CBER/FDA, USA**
	IDCDC-RG56N/SeqHS_SyS18_06.4	H7-Ag-1815 (cell)	97	
	Recombinant HA	H7-Ag-2208 (rHA)	53	
A/Hong Kong/125/2017	IDCDC-RG56B	88	67	
	IDCDC-RG56N/SeqHS_SyS17_010.4	H7-Ag-1809 (cell)	66	

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Sheep antisera

Parent virus	Order Lot number	Available from
A/Anhui/1/2013	15/248	MHRA, UK
	13/166 [§]	
A/Shanghai/2/2013	H7-Ab-1320 [#]	CBER/FDA, USA**
	H7-Ab-1402 ^{##}	
	H7-Ab-1403 ^{##}	
A/Guangdong/17SF003/2016	18/112	MHRA, UK
	H7-Ab-1708 [^]	CBER/FDA, USA**
	H7-Ab-1813 ^{^^}	
A/Hong Kong/125/2017	H7-Ab-1706	

[§] Anti NA serum for tests of neuraminidase identification

[#] Primed with bromelain-cleaved HA from A/Mallard/Netherlands/12/2000 (H7N3), boosted with bromelain-cleaved HA from egg grown A/Shanghai/02/2013 PR8-IDCDC-RG32A reassortant; an additional boost with influenza H7 (A/Shanghai/02/2013) virus-like particles prepared in Vero cells

^{##} Primed and boosted with bromelain-cleaved HA from egg grown A/Shanghai/02/2013 PR8-IDCDC-RG32A reassortant; additional boost with influenza H7 (A/Shanghai/02/2013) virus-like particles prepared in Vero cells

[^] Primed and boosted with rHA

^{^^} Primed and boosted with rHA; additional boost with egg-derived HA

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WHO Essential Regulatory Laboratories (ERLs) contact details for reagent orders and other information:

MHRA: standards@mhra.gov.uk or enquiries@mhra.gov.uk

TGA: influenza.reagents@tga.gov.au

For reagents available from **CBER**, email CBERShippingRequests@fda.hhs.gov.

For information of other type and subtype candidate vaccine viruses and potency testing reagents, please go to: (<https://www.who.int/teams/global-influenza-programme/vaccines/who-recommendations/zoonotic-influenza-viruses-and-candidate-vaccine-viruses>).

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