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**SUMMARY PROTOCOL FOR DIPHTHERIA,  
TETANUS AND PERTUSSIS VACCINE  
(ADSORBED) PRODUCTION AND TESTING**

**Summary information on final lot**

Name and address of manufacturer

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Lot No.

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Date of filling

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Volume of each recommended single  
human dose

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No. of doses per final container

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No. of final containers

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Expiry date

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**Detailed information on manufacture and control**

**Strains, single harvests, bulks**

*Diphtheria vaccine*

**Strain**

Identity of *C. diphtheriae* strain used for  
vaccine production

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Reference No. of seed lot

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Date(s) of reconstitution of ampoule(s) for

manufacture

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**Single harvests used for preparing bulk purified toxoid**

Last the single harvests and indicate the medium, dates of inoculation, temperature of incubation, dates of harvests, volumes, results of tests for bacterial purity, method of inactivation and yields.

For diphtheria tetanus vaccines, delete "Pertussis" in the title of the protocol and do not fill in sections relating solely to pertussis vaccine.

**Bulk purified toxoid**

Reference No.

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Volume and Lf/ml

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Date and result of test for antigenic purity  
(Lf/mg of protein nitrogen)

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*Test of irreversibility*

Lf/ml of test toxoid solution

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Temperature of incubation of test toxoid

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Dates of beginning and end of incubation

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No. of guinea-pigs injected, route and date of injection

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Date of end of observation

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Result of test

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*Specific toxicity test*

No. of guinea-pigs injected and date of

injection

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No. of Lf per guinea-pig and route of injection

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Date of end of observation

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Result of test

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*Tetanus vaccine*

**Strain**

Identity of *C. tetani* strain used for vaccine production

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Reference No. of seed lot

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Date of reconstitution of ampoule(s) for manufacture

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**Single harvests used for preparing bulk purified toxoid**

List the single harvests and indicate the medium, dates of inoculation, temperature of incubation, dates of harvests, volumes, results of tests for bacterial purity, yields and method of inactivation.

**Bulk purified toxoid**

Reference No.

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Volume and Lf/ml

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Date and result of test for antigenic purity (Lf/mg of protein nitrogen)

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*Test of irreversibility*

Lf/ml of test toxoid solution

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Temperature of incubation of test toxoid

Dates of beginning and end of incubation

No. of guinea-pigs injected, route and date of injection

Date of end of observation

Result of test

*Specific toxicity test*

No. of guinea-pigs injected and date of injection

No. of Lf per guinea-pig and route of injection

Date of end of observation

Result of test

*Pertussis vaccine*

**Strain**

Identity of *B. pertussis* strain used in vaccine

Serological type of strain

Reference No. of seed lot

Date(s) of reconstitution of ampoule(s) for manufacture

**Single harvests used for preparing the bulk material**

List the single harvests and indicate the medium, dates of inoculation, temperature of incubation, dates of harvests,

volumes, results of tests for bacterial purity, yields and presence of agglutinogen, methods and dates of inactivation, and opacity.

**Bulk material**

Identification

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Volume and opacity/ml

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Date, results of and medium used in test  
for living organisms

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Date of test for presence of agglutinogens  
1, 2 and 3 and results

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**Information on blending**

*Diphtheria toxoid component*

Reference No.

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Lf/ml

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Volume

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*Tetanus toxoid component*

Reference No.

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Lf/ml

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Volume

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*Pertussis vaccine component*

Reference No.

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Opacity units (calculated from opacities of  
single harvests)

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Volume

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*Adjuvant*

Nature and concentration (Al or Ca in mg/ml)

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Volume

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*Preservatives*

Nature and concentration

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Volume

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*Buffer*

Nature and concentration

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Volume

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**Tests on final bulk**

Reference No.

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Date of completion

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Volume

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*Sterility test*

Date and result of test

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*Specific toxicity test*

*Tetanus and diphtheria (optional)*

No. of guinea-pigs injected and date of

*injection*


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Number of single human doses injected  
per guinea-pig, volume and route of  
injection

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Date of end of observation

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Result of test

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## Pertussis

(i) Mouse weight-gain test  
Strain of mice

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No. of animals in test group and control  
group

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Date of injection

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Volume and route of injection

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Date of end of observation

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Results of tests on a separate sheet of paper, give all relevant details for mice in the control and test groups (survival, mean weight before injection and three and seven days after it) and indicate percentage weight gain of test group as compared with control group.

(ii) Other tests

Mention here date and results of any other specific toxicity test which may have been performed (e.g., tests for heat-labile toxin, lymphocytosis promoting factor, pertussis toxin on cell cultures and endotoxin).

*Potency test*

Diphtheris

- (i) Tests based on challenge  
 (a) Three-dilution assays

*Lethal challenge*

Weight of guinea-pigs

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date of immunization and volume of dilutions administered*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of challenge

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Challenge dose

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of end of observation

Results

	<i>Dilution</i>	<i>No. of survivors/No. of animals injected</i>	<i>Median effective dose (ED<sub>50</sub>)</i>
Reference vaccine (__ IU/ml)	_____	_____	_____ ml
	_____	_____	_____ ml
	_____	_____	_____ ml
Test vaccine	_____	_____	_____ ml
	_____	_____	_____ ml

Potency of test vaccine is \_\_ IU per single human dose. Limits of 95% confidence interval (in %) are \_\_\_\_

*Multiple intradermal challenge*

*Report all relevant information on animals, and dates of immunization, challenge and end of observation*

Results

	<i>Dilution</i>	<i>Mean score</i>
Reference	_____	_____



vaccine \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\_\_\_\_ IU/ml) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Test vaccine \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Potency of test vaccine is \_\_\_\_ IU per single human dose. Limits of 95% confidence interval (in %) are \_\_\_\_

(b) One-dilution challenge test

Date of performance of last satisfactory three-dilution test

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Nature and reference No. of product tested (specify also whether it was a final bulk or a final product)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Provide relevant information validating the one-dilution assay system.

Identity and titre (IU/ml) of reference toxoid

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Weight of guinea-pigs

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of immunization

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of challenge

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Challenge dose

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of end of observation

Results

	<i>Reference vaccine</i>	<i>Test vaccine</i>
Dilution used for immunization	_____	_____

No. of survivors/No. injected	_____	_____
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*P* value indicating the probability that the test vaccine contains more than 30 IU per single human dose

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(ii) Tests not based on challenge

(a) Toxin neutralization on cell cultures

Provide separately all relevant information such as identity and titre (in IU/ml) of the reference vaccine, species of animals immunized, dilutions of vaccines, date of immunization, date of bleeding, dilution at which immune sera were assayed, amount of toxin added to dilutions of immune sera and, for each dilution: No. of wells (or tubes) where cells survived/No. of wells inoculated with toxin-antitoxin mixtures or (control) toxin, median effective doses ( $ED_{50}$ s), titre per single human dose confidence interval, etc.

(b) Other tests.e.g., competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)

Provide separately all relevant information, including data by which the method was validated.

Potency of test vaccine\_\_IU per single human dose. Limits of 95% confidence interval (in %) are\_\_

*Tetanus*

(i) Tests based on lethal or paralytic challenge

(a) Three-dilution assays

*Species and weight of animals*

*Date of immunization and volume of dilutions administered*

*Date of challenge*

*Challenge dose (indicate whether lethal or paralytic)*

*Date of end of observation*

**Results**

	<i>Dilution</i>	<i>No. of survivors (or of animals not paralysed)/No. of animals injected</i>	<i>Median effective dose (ED<sub>50</sub>)</i>
Reference vaccine ( <u>    </u> IU/ml)	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u> ml
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u> ml
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u> ml
Test vaccine	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u> ml
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u> ml
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u> ml

Potency of test vaccine is      IU per single human dose.

Limits of 95% confidence interval (in %) are     

**(b) One-dilution challenge test**

Date of performance of last satisfactory three-dilution test

Nature and reference No. of product tested (specify also whether it was a final bulk or a final product)

Provide relevant information validating the one-dilution assay system.

Identity and titre (IU/ml) of reference toxoid

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Animal species and weight of animals

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of immunization

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of challenge

\_\_\_\_\_

Challenge dose (specify whether lethal or paralytic)

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of end of observation

\_\_\_\_\_

Results

	<i>Reference vaccine</i>	<i>Test vaccine</i>
Dilution used for immunization	_____	_____

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No. of survivors (or of animals not paralysed)/No. injected

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*P* value indicating the probability that the test vaccine contains more than 40 IU/single does (60 IU if DTP vaccine is assayed in mice)

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(ii) Tests not based on challenge

Provide separately all relevant information on other tests, e.g., competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or passive haemagglutination, including the data by which the method was validated.

Potency of test toxoid is \_\_\_IU per single human dose. Limits of 95% confidence interval (in %) are\_\_

*Pertussis*

*Strain, weight and sex of mice*

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of immunization

\_\_\_\_\_ LD<sub>50</sub> in challenge dose

\_\_\_\_\_ No. of colony-forming units in challenge dose

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of challenge

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of end of observation

Results

	<i>Dilution</i>	<i>No. of survivors</i> <i>No. inoculated</i>	<i>Median effective dose (ED<sub>50</sub>)</i>	
Reference Vaccine (___ IU/ml)	_____	_____	_____	ml
	_____	_____	_____	
Test vaccine	_____	_____	_____	ml
	_____	_____	_____	

Potency of test vaccine is \_\_\_\_\_IU per single human dose.

Limits of 95% confidence interval (in %) are \_\_\_\_\_

*Test for residual free detoxifying agent*

Detoxifying agent (formaldehyde or glutaraldehyde)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of test

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Results (in g/l)

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*pH*

Date of measurement

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*Results*

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### **Tests on final product**

*Identity test*

*Test for diphtheria toxoid: method, date and results*

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Test for tetanus toxoid: method, date and results

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Test for pertussis vaccine: method, date and results

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*Sterility test*

No. of times the test had to be performed

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No. of containers tested

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Media and temperatures of incubation

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Date of inoculation

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Date of end of observation

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Result of the (last) test

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*Potency test*

If this test was not performed on the final bulk, indicate this and report the data obtained on the final product in the space provided for potency tests in the “final bulk” section.

*Innoccuity test**Mice**Guinea-pigs*

No. of animals

\_\_\_\_\_

Route of injection

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Volume of injection

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of injection

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of end of observation

\_\_\_\_\_

Results

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*Test for adjuvant*

Date of test

\_\_\_\_\_

Nature and concentration of adjuvant per  
single human dose

\_\_\_\_\_

*Test for preservative*

Date of test

\_\_\_\_\_

Nature            and            concentration            of            preservative

\_\_\_\_\_

*pH*

Date of measurement

\_\_\_\_\_

Result

\_\_\_\_\_

*Inspection of final containers*

Date of inspection

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 Result
 

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*Stability test*

For each component of the vaccine indicate separately all relevant details and (as a percentage) the calculated losses of potency per year at different temperatures as determined by accelerated degradation tests, and actual titres (with the limits of 95% confidence intervals) after storage for the maximum period claimed for the product at the recommended temperature.

**Certification by the manufacturer**

Name of head of production (typed)

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*Certification by person from the control laboratory of the manufacturing company taking overall responsibility for the production and control of the vaccine*

I certify that lot No ... of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, whose number appears on the label of the final container, meets all national requirements and satisfies Part A of the combined vaccines section of Requirements for Biological Substances No. 8 and 10, revised 1989 and (if applicable) addenda 19\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

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 Name (typed)

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 Date
 

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