

Notice to readers

Composition of Australian Influenza Vaccine for the 1998 Winter

A meeting of members of the Australian Influenza Vaccine Committee (AIVC) held on 10 October 1997 agreed that the composition of the Australian Influenza Vaccine for the 1998 winter season will be:

A (H1N1):

An A/Bayern/7/95 (H1N1) - like strain, 15 micrograms haemagglutinin per dose. The NIB 39, a reassortant of A/Johannesburg/82/96 is a suitable vaccine strain.

A (H3N2):

An A/Sydney/5/97 (H3N2) - like strain, 15 micrograms haemagglutinin per dose. Reassortants of A/Sydney/5/97 and A/Auckland/20/97 (equivalent to A/Sydney/5/97) are suitable vaccine strains.

B:

A B/Beijing/184/93 - like strain, 15 micrograms haemagglutinin per dose. The strain B/Harbin/7/94 currently used by vaccine manufacturers is a suitable vaccine strain.