

Composition of Australian influenza vaccine for the 2004 season

In order to select virus strains for the manufacture of Influenza Vaccine for 2004 Season, a meeting of the Australian Influenza Vaccine Committee on Influenza Vaccines was convened on 10 October 2002.

Having considered information on international surveillance by the World Health Organization (WHO), and up-to-date epidemiology and strain characterisation presented at the meeting, the Committee considered that the WHO recommendations on the composition of vaccines for 2004 Southern Hemisphere Season should be followed.

A H1N1 strain:	A/New Caledonia/20/99(H1N1)-like strain A/New Caledonia/20/99 (IVR-116) is also recommended as a suitable vaccine strain.	15 µg HA per dose
A H3N2 strain:	A/Fujian/411/2002(H3N2)-like virus A/Kumamoto/102/2002 (IVR-135) and A/Wyoming/3/2003 (X-147) are also recommended as suitable vaccine strains.	15 µg HA per dose
B Strain:	B/Hong Kong/330/2001-like virus B/Brisbane/32/2202 is also recommended as a suitable vaccine strain.	15 µg HA per dose

Further details available on: <http://www.tga.gov.au/docs/html/aivc2004.htm> or <http://www.influenzacentre.org/>