

Clinical Sample Submission Form

Please submit samples using **TSE Compliant Media** or **Aimes Transport Swabs** ensuring the correct packaging and postal requirements for clinical samples have been met (see page 2).

Submitted By (Vets Name & Vet Practice):			
Sample Origin (Owner & Farm / Company Name):			
Animal Species Sampled:			
Animal ID	Sample Type <i>e.g. liver swab, bacterial isolate</i>	Your Reference(s):	Ridgeway Biologicals Reference <i>(To be completed @ Ridgeway)</i>
Reason for Submission:			
<p><i>Ridgeway Biologicals Ltd will perform standard microbiological assessment of the predominant, viable isolates. If any additional analyses, such as serotyping is required, please give details here. Please note there will be a charge for this service.</i></p>			
Media Used for Submission:			
<p><i>Please supply details of the media product code and lot number to enable us to gain a TSE certificate from the manufacturer.</i></p>			

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Advice for Sample Submission

Media used for submitting isolates

All media used by Ridgeway Biologicals in the manufacture of (killed) Emergency Vaccines are TSE-risk compliant. In order for bacterial isolates to be used in vaccine manufacture it is required that they have been isolated and submitted on TSE-risk compliant media. Where possible media with no animal derived components is to be used. If starting material containing components of ruminant origin i.e. from TSE susceptible animals (generally cattle, sheep and goats) is to be used risk limitation measures must be employed:

1. Geographical region of source animal: With reference to the OIE *List of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Risk Status Member Countries*, animals may only be sourced from countries listed as having a negligible BSE risk.
2. Level of infectivity of source tissue: With reference to the CVMP *Note for guidance for minimising the risk of transmitting animal spongiform encephalopathy agents via veterinary medicinal products*, only tissue classified as category II –IV may be used in the production process. **Tissue classified as category I i.e. the skull including the brain and eyes, tonsils and spinal cord of ruminant animals and the spleens of sheep and goats must not be used.**

Submitting laboratories are therefore asked to supply isolates on media complying with the above requirements.. Where this is not possible, Ridgeway Biologicals can supply the submitting laboratory with TSE-risk compliant media for the re-isolation of isolates. If you have not already supplied Ridgeway Biologicals with information on media used for sending in isolates, or are unsure, please call.

Packaging cultures on agar plates for posting to Ridgeway Biologicals

To comply with Post Office Regulations, bacterial cultures on agar plates **must** be sent through the post in suitable biohazard boxes as described below. Biohazard boxes and Clinical Sample Submission Forms can be supplied by us. Swabs may be sent in a sealed plastic bag inside a padded bag.

Instructions for packing agar plates:

- Seal plate lids to plate bottoms with tape
- Wrap absorbent material around the plate(s)
- Put into the plastic canister and attach the canister lid
- Place canister into the external cardboard box
- Insert completed Clinical Sample Submission Form
- Seal box and affix address labels for both sender and recipient

We will re-issue the biohazard box to you on receipt of a culture from your laboratory.

Unfortunately, our laboratory is unable to process cultures which do not comply with the above conditions.