List of Abbreviations

μg microgram

μl microliter

B95a marmoset B lymphoblastoid cell line

BSA bovine serum albumin

BSC biological safety cabinet

BSL biological safety level

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta USA

cDNA complementary DNA

CO2 carbon dioxide

CPE cytopathic effect

CRI congenital rubella infection

CRS congenital rubella syndrome

DNA deoxyribonucleic acid

DMEM Dulbecco's Minimal Essential Medium

DMSO dimethyl sulfoxide

EIA enzyme immunoassay

ELISA enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay

EPI Expanded Programme on Immunization

EQA external quality assessment

FBS fetal bovine serum

FITC fluorescein isothiocyanate

G relative centrifugal force

g gram

GAVI Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization

GSL Global Specialized Laboratory

IATA International Air Transport Association

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization

IgA Immunoglobulin class A

IgG Immunoglobulin class G

IgM Immunoglobulin class M

IFA immunofluorescence assay

IHC in-house control

IQA internal quality assurance

ISO international standards organization

IVB Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals

kPa kilopascals

LQA laboratory quality assurance

LSM Lymphocyte Separation Medium

MCV measles-containing vaccine

MEM minimal essential medium

mg milligram

ml milliliter

MR measles rubella vaccine

MMR measles mumps rubella vaccine

NL National Laboratory

nm nanometer

NCR non-coding region

NTC no-template controls

OD optical density

PEP post-exposure prophylaxis

PBS phosphate buffered saline

PBMC peripheral blood mononuclear cells

PCR polymerase chain reaction

PHE Public Health England

pfu plaque forming units

PT proficiency test

QA quality assurance

QC quality control

QMS quality management system

RF rheumatoid factor

RNA ribonucleic acid

RNase ribonuclease

Ro reproductive rate

RPM revolutions per minute

RRL Regional Reference Laboratory

RT reverse transcriptase

RT-PCR reverse transcription - polymerase chain reaction

SIA supplemental immunization activity

SLAM signalling lymphocyte-activation molecule; also known as CDw150

SNL Sub-National Laboratory

SOP standard operating procedure

TMB 3,3'5,5'-tetramethylbenzidine

Vero cells continuous cell line derived from African green monkey kidney

Vero/hSLAM Vero cells transfected to express the human SLAM molecule

VTM viral transport medium

WHA World Health Assembly

WHO World Health Organization