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Urgent Product Correction Notice

Dear Valued bioMérieux Customer,

Our records indicate that your laboratory performs VITEK® 2 Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (AST) using one or more of the VITEK® 2 Gram-Negative AST cards types listed in Appendix A. A performance issue has been identified with colistin (cs01n).

Description of Issue:

EUCAST and CLSI recently issued a joint recommendation that broth-microdilution (BMD) is the only validated method for antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) of colistin. As the VITEK® 2 AST-GN colistin (cs01n) was developed to agar dilution (AD), an internal bioMérieux investigation was conducted to identify any shift in performance for colistin (cs01n) since the VITEK® 2 colistin (cs01n) test was developed.

Investigational testing included VITEK® 2, broth-microdilution and agar dilution using 290 isolates with varying degrees of susceptibility and resistance to colistin. Two QC organisms (*E.coli* ATCC® 25922™ and *P. aeruginosa* ATCC® 27853™) were also included in the testing. MIC results from the three methods were compared and evaluated.

The investigation demonstrated a high rate of very major errors (resistant isolates calling susceptible) with the VITEK® 2 AST-GN colistin (cs01n) compared to agar dilution (the reference method used for cs01n development) and compared to broth-microdilution (recommended method by EUCAST/CLSI).

Since the development of VITEK® 2 AST-GN colistin (cs01n), higher resistance rates have been reported. In November 2015 plasmid mediated transferable colistin resistance (mcr-1 gene) was reported¹ and heterogeneous resistance is reported more frequently.

¹ "Emergence of plasmid-mediated colistin resistance mechanism MCR-1 in animals and human beings in China: a microbiological and molecular biological study.". *The Lancet. Infectious diseases.* (Liu YY et al., *Lancet Infect Dis*, 2015).

Impact to patient/customer:

Evaluation of the identified issue indicates the potential for false susceptible colistin results. A false susceptible result could have a negative influence on the treatment decision as the drug may be chosen for therapy. Inappropriate treatment could be prescribed resulting in treatment failure.

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Actions:

We request you take the following action at this time:

- Please confirm this letter has been distributed to and reviewed by all appropriate personnel within your organization.
- For the referenced test kits (see Appendix A), please perform an alternate method of testing prior to reporting colistin (cs01n) results.
 - Please note that a VITEK® 2 bioART rule can be created to suppress reporting of colistin (cs01n) results (reference VITEK® 2 Online Software User Manual) if required by your facility's procedures.
- Please store this letter with your bioMérieux instrument documentation.
- Complete the Acknowledgement Form and return it to your local bioMérieux representative.

bioMérieux, Inc. is committed to providing our customers with the highest quality products, and we apologize for any inconvenience this has caused your business. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local bioMérieux representative.

Thank you for your continued use of bioMérieux products,

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Attachment A: Acknowledgement Form.

URGENT PRODUCT CORRECTION NOTICE

FSCA - 3490 – VITEK® 2 - Colistin (cs01n) Performance

Customer Information:

Customer Account Number: _____ Organization Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Postal Code: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

Product Information:

Catalog Number	Description
Multiple	See Appendix A

Questions:

	Yes	No
1. Did you read the enclosed Urgent Product Correction Notice regarding VITEK® 2 colistin performance?		
2. Have you followed the instructions and implemented the actions as indicated in this Urgent Product Correction Notice? If no, please indicate the reason in the Comments section below.		
3. Have you received reports of illness or injury related to the VITEK® 2 colistin issue?		

Comments:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

It is important that you complete this Acknowledgement Form and return it to bioMérieux.

Please fax this form to: [\[Enter Local Contact\]](#) To the attention of: [\[Enter Local Contact\]](#)

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APPENDIX A

REF #	Description		REF #	Description
418114	AST-GN94		416914	AST-N309
22258	AST-N102		417426	AST-N315
412605	AST-N194		417952	AST-N318
412921	AST-N199		418204	AST-N320
412862	AST-N201		418489	AST-N322
412863	AST-N202		418513	AST-N325
412924	AST-N205		418514	AST-N326
412918	AST-N210		418630	AST-N328
413061	AST-N212		418631	AST-N329
413083	AST-N222		418675	AST-N331
413112	AST-N225		418676	AST-N332
413171	AST-N236		418985	AST-N335
413172	AST-N237		419077	AST-N338
413204	AST-N239		419341	AST-N339
413205	AST-N240		420063	AST-N343
413391	AST-N242		420440	AST-N344
413394	AST-N245		420867	AST-N347
413397	AST-N248		420856	AST-N348
413572	AST-N249		421258	AST-N352
413722	AST-N253		421297	AST-N353
413724	AST-N255		421350	AST-N354
413725	AST-N256		421351	AST-N355
413753	AST-N261		421451	AST-N357
414164	AST-N272		421441	AST-N358
414286	AST-N276		421583	AST-N360
414492	AST-N279		421584	AST-N361
414531	AST-N280		421585	AST-N362
414532	AST-N281		421692	AST-N363
414972	AST-N288		421693	AST-N364
415063	AST-N292		421830	AST-N365
415369	AST-N293		421853	AST-N366
415433	AST-N295		421854	AST-N367
416005	AST-N299		421855	AST-N368
416241	AST-N300		410025	AST-XN01
416590	AST-N303		413230	AST-XN05
416913	AST-N308			