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Aspergillus niger Reclassification

LIP Diagnostic Services, part of Fannin Ltd advises that relevant product Certificates of Analysis for our prepared Microbiological Media have been updated with the newly reclassified strain *Aspergillus brasiliensis* ATCC[®] 16404[™]. This update is effective immediately.

This update follows the recent American Type Culture Collection Statement as follows;

“Strain ATCC[®] 16404[™], currently known as *Aspergillus niger*, has been designated as a quality-control reference strain in a number of applications. It is also cited as the standard culture in several official methods (USP) and manuals, as well as the Code of Federal Regulations. Recently, a polyphasic study was performed at ATCC[®] in which molecular data was combined with physiological characteristics. The results clearly indicate that ATCC[®] 16404[™] is a member of the novel species *Aspergillus brasiliensis*. Thus, we are renaming ATCC[®] 16404[™] as *Aspergillus brasiliensis* and will be notifying users worldwide of this name change”.

Quality Control testing of all LIP media remains unchanged, therefore there is no product or validation impact. The testing strain remains unchanged except for being renamed.

Should you require any additional information on this matter please do not hesitate to contact the Quality Department at LIP or the American Type Culture Collection directly. Please also refer to the European Compliance Academy link below.

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http://www.gmp-compliance.org/eca_news_1876_6389,6376,6440,6275,6367.html