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URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE

Date: January 15, 2018

Product Name	Product Catalog No.	Lot No.	Expiration Date (YYYYMMDD)
BD Phoenix Gram Negative Panels containing colistin	See Attached List	See Attached List	Various

For the Attention of:

Microbiology Manager/Supervisor

Description of the problem and health hazard(s):

As a result of our continuous antimicrobial resistance surveillance, BD would like to make you aware of newly recognized or emerging strains that may yield an increased rate of false susceptibility in *in vitro* antimicrobial susceptibility test (AST) results to colistin. BD has conducted investigational testing with gram-negative bacterial strains from our internal collection, as well as recently-acquired clinical isolates using the BD Phoenix™ Automated Microbiology System to identify any shift in performance for colistin since the drug was initially approved for use in the BD Phoenix Gram Negative Panels. The investigation demonstrated a higher than expected rate of very major errors (resistant isolates reported as susceptible) with colistin compared to colistin in broth-microdilution (BMD) panels.

EUCAST and CLSI recently issued a joint recommendation that broth-microdilution (BMD) is the only reference method validated for antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) of colistin.

*Antimicrobial susceptibility testing of colistin has been fraught with difficulties. A joint **EUCAST and CLSI subcommittee recently issued recommendations** confirming that broth microdilution (BMD) is so far the only*



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valid method and that disk diffusion does not work because of the poor diffusion of the large colistin molecule. The report did not evaluate gradient tests of colistin, but reports in the literature have questioned the validity of MICs obtained with gradient tests. <https://clsi.org/media/1700/clsi-news-winter-2016.pdf>

Our records indicate you may have been shipped the above-referenced product. BD is not requesting that customers discard, return or discontinue use of the product.

Please Take the Following Actions:

1. Share this Product Advisory with all users of the product within your facility to ensure awareness.
2. Perform an alternate method of testing prior to reporting susceptible colistin results. A resistant Phoenix colistin result does not require alternate testing.
3. Complete the attached Customer Response Form and return to the BD contact noted on the form whether or not you have any of the impacted material so that BD may acknowledge your receipt of this notification.
4. Report any adverse health consequences experienced with the use of this product to BD.
5. Please review the additional mitigations below that can be utilized if required by your facility's procedures.

If you are a Phoenix100 or M50 standalone customer:

- Refer to **Configuration** section of the instrument User Manual for creating **Custom Interpretation Rule Set**
- Enter a new S (susceptible) breakpoint of 0.25 for each colistin interpretation group listed
- The new lower S breakpoint will result in a report of "< the lowest dilution on the panel" and will show an interpretation of "X". An MIC of 1 or 2 will give an interpretation of "I". **Results showing an "X" or "I" interpretation should not be reported.**



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Actions Taken by BD:

BD is currently evaluating additional corrective measures to address this situation.

Contact Information

If you require further assistance, please contact:

BD Contact	Contact Information
BD Customer/Technical Support	Please contact your local BD representative

BD is committed to advancing the world of health. Our primary objectives are patient and user safety and providing you with quality products. We apologize for any inconvenience this issue may have caused you and thank you in advance for helping us to resolve this matter as quickly and effectively as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Laury Michels', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Laury Michels
Regulatory Affairs Specialist
BD Life Sciences



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Affected Product List:

PCN	Lotnumber
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448794	7087802



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448877	7269659
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448878	7054501
448878	7094681
448878	7129820
448878	7157734
448878	7241626
448878	7324539
449001	7018957
449001	7023834
449001	7025514
449001	7025572
449001	7025981
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449001	7039792
449001	7045825
449001	7059746
449001	7059797
449001	7073571
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449001	7234566
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449001	7255531
449001	7285924
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**CUSTOMER RESPONSE FORM
BD Phoenix Gram Negative Panels Containing Colistin**

Please assist BD by promptly returning this form to:

Name:

Email:

Fax No.:

Facility: _____

Please use full, current facility name. Do not use initials.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Country:** _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone No.: _____ **Fax No.:** _____

Email address: _____

I have read and understood the attached notice.

I have shared this notice with the appropriate personnel within my organization.

Name:	
Title:	
Signature/Date:	