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To Whom It May Concern:

Statement regarding Selectrol® strains tested with API 20E: Temporary change to testing

We have been experiencing supply issues from our supplier of API 20E identification strips and as a result we are now out of stock of this test kit. Our current update from the supplier is that normal supply will resume from August 2026, however this may be extended.

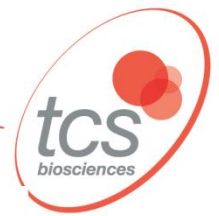
As we are a testing laboratory accredited to ISO 17025, we are unable to use the suggested alternatives as this would have to be included in an extension to scope and require validation.

There are a small number of Selectrol® strains that are tested using API 20E and this impacts on the following strains in the range:

Strain code	Name	Designation
MM01-10	<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	NCTC® 13380/ ATCC® 23355
MM07-10	<i>Shigella sonnei</i>	NCTC® 12984 / ATCC® 29930
MM12-10	<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	NCTC® 13382/ ATCC® 8100
MM26-10	<i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i>	NCTC® 10006 / ATCC® 13048
MM27-10	<i>Citrobacter freundii</i>	NCTC® 9750/ ATCC® 8090
MM51-10	<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	NCTC® 13406
MM80-10	<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i>	NCTC® 12982/ ATCC® 9610

Selectrol® is a first generation product and the above strains are manufactured from the UKHSA NCTC® cultures of which the source strain is known. Whilst we are unable to test with API 20E we will also not manufacture or test any of these strains together in the same week. The risk and impact is therefore low so we will release strains without API 20E testing in the interim.

Any certificates issued for these strains from batches **tested from February 2026** will have 'Result to follow' indicated against the API 20E result. An example of the certificate for MM07 lot 00701301 is included in this notification for reference.



Quality Control Test Report For Selectrol® Discs

Lot number	00701301
Product code	MM07
Expiry	2027.11
Strain	Shigella sonnei
Designation	NCTC® 12984 / ATCC® 29930
A first generation derivative of	NCTC® No: 12984
Source lot	2a White
ACDP hazard group	2
Storage	-30°C to -15°C



TEST REPORT on SELECTROL® DISC Quality Control Samples from: Lot 00701301	
Issue date	2026.04.07
Testing date	2026.02.23
Biochemical profile	API 20E: Result to follow
Gram stain	Gram negative rods
Catalase	Positive
Oxidase	Negative
<p>Tests marked (*) are outside the scope of accreditation.</p> <p>Tests are carried out in accordance with SOP 4.19 and SOP 4.24. Refer to UKAS Schedule of Accreditation for more details at UKAS web site: www.ukas.com</p> <p>Testing carried out by the Quality Control Department of:</p> <p>TCS Biosciences Ltd Botolph Claydon Buckingham MK18 2LR United Kingdom</p> <p>Note - results relate only to the items tested.</p>	



As soon as we receive stock of API 20E we shall back test any of the impacted batches and re-issue the CoA as a second issue.

Please accept our apologies for this temporary change to our certification and batch release for Selectrol®. If you have any questions regarding this notification please contact us at QC@tcsgroup.co.uk

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