

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. FDA-2017-N-5925]

**21st Century Cures Act: Annual Compilation of Notices of Updates From the Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria Web Page; Request for Comments**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, the Agency, or we) is announcing the availability of the Agency's annual compilation of notices of updates to the Agency's Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria web page. The Agency established the Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria web page on December 13, 2017, and since establishment has provided updates to both the format of the web pages and the susceptibility test interpretive criteria identified and recognized by FDA on the web pages. FDA is publishing this notice in accordance with procedures established by the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act).

**DATES:** This notice is published in the **Federal Register** on April 9, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit either electronic or written comments and information as follows:

*Electronic Submissions*

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a

written/paper submission and in the manner detailed below (see "Written/Paper Submissions" and "Instructions").

*Written/Paper Submissions*

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):* Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in "Instructions."

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2017-N-5925 for "Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria Recognized and Listed on the Susceptibility Test Interpretive Web Page; Request for Comments." Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as "Confidential Submissions," publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 240-402-7500.

- **Confidential Submissions**—To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states "THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION." The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as "confidential." Any information marked as "confidential" will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA's posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: [https://](https://www.regulations.gov)

[www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf).

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to [https://](https://www.regulations.gov)

[www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the "Search" box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, 240-402-7500.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah (Wang) Kim, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 22, Rm. 6349, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 301-796-9053, [Deborah.Wang@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Deborah.Wang@fda.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Section 511A of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 360a-2), as added by section 3044 of the Cures Act (Pub. L. 114-255), was signed into law on December 13, 2016. This provision clarified FDA's authority to identify and efficiently update susceptibility test interpretive criteria, including through the recognition by FDA of standards established by standards development organizations (SDOs). It also clarified that sponsors of antimicrobial susceptibility testing devices may rely upon listed susceptibility test interpretive criteria to support premarket authorization of their devices, provided they meet certain conditions, which allows for a more streamlined process for incorporating up-to-date information into such devices.

In the **Federal Register** notice of December 13, 2017 (82 FR 58617), FDA announced the establishment of the Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria web page. This web page recognizes susceptibility test interpretive criteria established by an SDO that fulfills the requirements under section 511A(b)(2)(A) of the FD&C Act; identifies when FDA does not recognize, in whole or in part, susceptibility test interpretive criteria established by an SDO; and lists susceptibility test interpretive criteria identified by FDA outside the SDO process. The susceptibility test interpretive criteria listed by FDA on the Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria web page is deemed to be recognized as a standard under section 514(c)(1) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 360d(c)(1)). The Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria web page can be found at <https://www.fda.gov/STIC>.

On March 1, 2018, FDA published a notice in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 8883) requesting comments on FDA’s initial susceptibility test interpretive criteria recognition and listing determinations on the Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria web page (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/03/01/2018-04175/susceptibility-test-interpretive-criteria-recognized-and-listed-on-the-susceptibility-test>). FDA may consider information provided by interested third parties as a basis for evaluating new or updated interpretive criteria standards (section 511A(c)(2)(B) of the FD&C Act); third parties should submit any information they wish to convey to the Agency to Docket No. FDA–2017–N–5925. If comments are received, FDA will review those comments and will make, as appropriate, updates to the recognized standards or susceptibility test interpretive criteria.

At least every 6 months after the establishment of the Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria web page, FDA is required, as appropriate to: (1) publish on that web page a notice recognizing new or updated susceptibility test

interpretive criteria standards, or recognizing or declining to recognize parts of standards; (2) withdraw recognition of susceptibility test interpretive criteria standards, or parts of standards; and (3) make any other necessary updates to the lists published on the Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria web page (section 511A(c)(1)(A) of the FD&C Act). FDA has provided notices of updates on the Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria web page, which can be found here: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/development-resources/notice-updates>. Interested parties may also sign up to receive emails informing them of these updates as they occur by using the link provided either on the main Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria web page (<https://www.fda.gov/STIC>) or on the updates page.

Once a year, FDA is required to compile the new notices published on the Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria web page, publish them in the **Federal Register**, and provide for public comment (see section 511A(c)(3) of the FD&C Act). This **Federal Register** notice satisfies that requirement. If comments

are received, FDA will review them and make updates to the recognized standards or susceptibility test interpretive criteria as needed.

**II. Annual Compilation of Notices, 2023: Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria Web Page**

*A. Updates to Standards Recognition*

As of April 21, 2023, the following standards are no longer recognized: “Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI). Performance Standards for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing. 32nd ed. CLSI supplement M100. Wayne, PA: Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute; 2022.”

As of April 21, 2023, with certain exceptions, FDA recognizes the standards published in: “Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI). Performance Standards for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing. 33rd ed. CLSI supplement M100. Wayne, PA: Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute; 2023.”

*B. Updates by Drug*

TABLE 1—NOTICES OF UPDATES TO RECOGNIZED OR UPDATED SUSCEPTIBILITY TEST INTERPRETIVE CRITERIA (STIC) BY DRUG <sup>1</sup>

Drug	Route of administration	Action taken	Therapeutic category	Date
Amikacin .....	Injection .....	FDA does not recognize M100 standard (MIC and disk diffusion) for Enterobacterales and <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> .	Antibacterial .....	4/21/2023
Cefepime .....	Injection .....	FDA recognizes M100 susceptible-dose dependent standard (MIC and disk diffusion) for Enterobacterales.	Antibacterial .....	6/21/2023
Cefiderocol .....	Injection .....	FDA recognizes M100 disk diffusion standards for Enterobacterales.	Antibacterial .....	1/31/2023
Colistimethate .....	Injection .....	FDA does not recognize M100 standard (MIC) for Enterobacterales, <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> , or <i>Acinetobacter</i> spp. (Rationale available at <a href="https://www.fda.gov/drugs/development-resources/fda-rationale-polymyxin-breakpoints-enterobacterales-pseudomonas-aeruginosa-and-acinetobacter-spp">https://www.fda.gov/drugs/development-resources/fda-rationale-polymyxin-breakpoints-enterobacterales-pseudomonas-aeruginosa-and-acinetobacter-spp</a> ).	Antibacterial .....	1/17/2023
Fluconazole .....	Injection, Oral .....	FDA recognizes M27M44S susceptible-dose dependent standard (MIC and disk diffusion) for <i>Candida</i> species.	Antifungal .....	8/10/2023
Gentamicin .....	Injection .....	FDA does not recognize M100 standard (MIC and disk diffusion) for Enterobacterales and <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> .	Antibacterial .....	4/21/2023
Lefamulin .....	Oral, Injection .....	FDA recognizes M100 standard (MIC and disk diffusion) for <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (methicillin-susceptible isolates), <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> , and <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> .	Antibacterial .....	2/16/2023
Piperacillin and Tazobactam.	Injection .....	FDA does not recognize M100 standard (MIC and disk diffusion) for <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> .	Antibacterial .....	4/21/2013

TABLE 1—NOTICES OF UPDATES TO RECOGNIZED OR UPDATED SUSCEPTIBILITY TEST INTERPRETIVE CRITERIA (STIC) BY DRUG <sup>1</sup>—Continued

Drug	Route of administration	Action taken	Therapeutic category	Date
Piperacillin and Tazobactam.	Injection .....	FDA has updated STIC (MIC and disk diffusion) for Enterobacterales. FDA has recognized M100 standard for susceptible and resistant breakpoints and updated an intermediate breakpoint. FDA does not recognize M100 standard for a susceptible dose dependent breakpoint. (Rationale available at <a href="https://www.fda.gov/drugs/development-resources/fda-rationale-piperacillin-tazobactam-breakpoints-enterobacterales">https://www.fda.gov/drugs/development-resources/fda-rationale-piperacillin-tazobactam-breakpoints-enterobacterales</a> ).	Antibacterial .....	1/17/2023
Plazomicin .....	Injection .....	FDA recognizes M100 standard (MIC and disk diffusion) for Enterobacterales.	Antibacterial .....	4/21/2023
Polymyxin B .....	Injection .....	FDA does not recognize M100 standard (MIC) for Enterobacterales, <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> , or <i>Acinetobacter</i> spp. (Rationale available at <a href="https://www.fda.gov/drugs/development-resources/fda-rationale-polymyxin-breakpoints-enterobacterales-pseudomonas-aeruginosa-and-acinetobacter-spp">https://www.fda.gov/drugs/development-resources/fda-rationale-polymyxin-breakpoints-enterobacterales-pseudomonas-aeruginosa-and-acinetobacter-spp</a> ).	Antibacterial .....	1/17/2023
Rezafungin .....	Injection .....	FDA identified STIC (MIC and disk diffusion) for <i>C. albicans</i> , <i>C. glabrata</i> , and <i>C. tropicalis</i> . FDA has reviewed STIC (MIC) for <i>C. parapsilosis</i> , and the M27M44S standard is recognized. FDA identified STIC (disk diffusion) for <i>C. parapsilosis</i> .	Antifungal .....	4/18/2023
Sulbactam and Durlibactam.	Injection .....	FDA identified STIC (MIC and disk diffusion) for <i>Acinetobacter baumannii-calcoaceticus</i> complex.	Antibacterial .....	5/25/2023
Tobramycin .....	Injection .....	FDA does not recognize M100 standard (MIC and disk diffusion) for Enterobacterales and <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> .	Antibacterial .....	4/21/2023

<sup>1</sup> M100 standard in the table refers to Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) Performance Standards for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing, 33rd ed. CLSI supplement M100; 2023.

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**Lauren K. Roth,**  
 Associate Commissioner for Policy.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**National Institutes of Health**  
**National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which

would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.  
*Name of Committee:* National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel; Hispanic Community Health Study—Study of Latinos (HCHS-SOL) Coordinating Center.  
*Date:* April 30, 2024.  
*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Agenda:* To review and evaluate contract proposals.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge I, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).  
*Contact Person:* Susan Wohler Sunnarborg, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review/DERA National, Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Room 208-Z, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827-7987, [susan.sunnarborg@nih.gov](mailto:susan.sunnarborg@nih.gov).  
 (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.233, National Center for Sleep Disorders Research; 93.837, Heart and Vascular Diseases Research; 93.838, Lung Diseases Research; 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**National Institutes of Health**  
**National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Notice of Meeting**

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

This will be a hybrid meeting held in-person and virtually and will be open to the public as indicated below. Individuals who plan to attend in-person or view the virtual meeting and need special assistance or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting. The meeting