



Weekly Bulletin

weeks ending August 11 and August 18, 2023

Most Recent Topics Covered in PMFList

Probiotic Recall

Growth Promotion without Positive Controls

Growth Promotion for Medical devices

Sterility method suitability, visual comparison to positive control

Most Recent Content Added to PMF Website

FDA Regulatory Actions

most recent: <http://www.microbiologyforum.org/content/file/Regulatory%20Actions/RA%20July%2027%202023.pdf>

Compendial Updates

this week: [two entries] <http://www.microbiologyforum.org/content/file/Compendial%20Updates/CU%20August%2018%202023.pdf>

Articles/White Papers

most recent: http://www.microbiologyforum.org/content/file/White%20Papers/Trend%20Analysis_2.pdf

Most Recent Content Added to PMF Website

YouTube Videos

most recent: Micro Lab GMP Requirements [<https://youtu.be/cyy-TkFolpQ>]

E-Books/Training

most recent: (addresses SOP training using a question and answer approach):

<http://www.microbiologyforum.org/content/file/E-Books/QC-13-07%20V2a.pdf>

Events

most recent: [Pharmig Events \(see note at linked page\)](#) [3]

Sponsors page

most recent: Icons and sponsor information added to webpage

<http://www.microbiologyforum.org/sponsors.asp>

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this week: looks at the requirement for growth promotion testing.

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A question that comes up from time to time pertains to the need to perform growth promotion testing of various media designed to support bacterial/fungal growth. The question is is such testing necessary when the media manufacturers supply documents asserting that the media does indeed support growth. Which of the answers below might I have given (assuming that I had at least some idea what I was talking about) related to the problem:

1. Don't bother with the growth promotion testing if you received documentation from the media makers attesting to their successful growth promotion testing.
2. Just do skip lot testing.
3. Growth promotion testing is generally unnecessary given the quality control systems employed by the media manufacturers.
4. If it is scientifically reasonable to require proof of growth promotion capabilities (for example, what might have happened to the media from the time it left the manufacturer until it arrived at your company), then establishing growth promotion is a reasonable requirement.
5. None of the above. My answer would be.....

Feel free to email serious or humorous answers you might like to have posted in next week's PMF Weekly Bulletin, with or without attribution (your call) to:

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