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Dear Lisa;

Congratulations! The **3M™ Molecular Detection Assay 2 (MDA2) – *Listeria monocytogenes* (PTM Certification #081501)** was evaluated and approved by the AOAC Research Institute *Performance Tested Methods<sup>SM</sup>* program as of August 18, 2015. The following studies were reviewed: inclusivity/exclusivity, lot-to-lot/stability, robustness and matrix. The 3M MDA2 – *Listeria monocytogenes* method was compared to the FDA BAM Chapter 10, the USDA/FSIS MLG 8.09, the AOAC 993.12 and the ISO 11290-1/A1 reference methods in the matrix study.

The validation study demonstrated that the **3M MDA2 – *Listeria monocytogenes*** method is equivalent to or better than the reference method for the detection of *Listeria monocytogenes* when testing the following matrices:

<u>USDA/FSIS MLG 8.09</u>	<u>FDA-BAM Ch. 10</u>	<u>AOAC 993.12</u>	<u>ISO 11290-1/A1</u>
beef hot dogs	whole melon	queso fresco	cold smoked salmon
deli turkey	cold smoked salmon	vanilla ice cream	bagged raw spinach
raw chicken leg pieces	romaine lettuce	4% milk fat cottage cheese	
sealed concrete		3% chocolate whole milk	
plastic			
stainless steel			

Thank you again for your support of the AOAC Research Institute and the *Performance Tested Methods<sup>SM</sup>* Program. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you and congratulations again.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deborah McKenzie".

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