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New ProtoCOL System For Faster, More Accurate Colony Count and Inhibition Zone Measurement

Cambridge, UK: Synbiosis, a world-leading manufacturer of automated microbiological systems, today introduced its next generation ProtoCOL automated system, which includes ProtoZONE and the upgraded Version 4 ProtoCOL software. The new system, designed to save time with measuring inhibition zones as well as enumerating colonies, is essential for microbiologists in busy microbiology laboratories.

Available for the first time with a standard ProtoCOL system, ProtoZONE software offers an excellent method of automatically measuring antibiotic susceptibility zones and is ideal for clinical samples. With all data generated conforming to published standards of accuracy and repeatability, the quality of results is assured. The system is also fast and efficient, reading a standard 90 mm plate containing six antibiotic disks and associated inhibition zones in less than two seconds.

The new ProtoCOL also includes Version 4 ProtoCOL colony counting software. This software now includes even more advanced features such as adjustable colony separation and shape recognition, further increasing counting accuracy.

Both ProtoZONE and ProtoCOL Version 4 software automatically store plate images and printable results that relate to each plate. To save time and eliminate potential keying errors, results can also be transferred to either a LIMS or into a flexible Excel format for statistical analysis.

Simon Johns, International Product Manager for Synbiosis commented: "With the free inclusion of ProtoZONE and Version 4 ProtoCOL software, the new ProtoCOL system has much greater functionality built in. ProtoCOL is now performing colony counts and inhibition zone measurements to such a degree of accuracy, that microbiologists who are under pressure to obtain results faster, will find it indispensable."

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