

NEWS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Date: 26.07.16****Image Attached****-Copy Starts-****NEW aCOLade 2 Manual Colony Counter from Synbiosis
A Quick and Simple Method of Performing and Recording Colony Counts**

Cambridge, UK: Synbiosis, a long-established, expert manufacturer of automated microbiological systems, today introduced its new aCOLade 2 manual colony counter with automatic count recording, an ideal choice for budget-conscious microbiology laboratories.

Featuring a long-life LED light pad with pressure controlled back plate, the flexible aCOLade 2 colony counter has well-designed dish adaptors that can be easily altered to hold 50mm or 90mm diameter plates. The new counter is quick and easy to use and microbiologists simply touch the Petri dish's lid with a felt tipped pen to count a colony, an audible bleep occurs and the data is automatically added and displayed on the integrated digital counter.

To improve accuracy, the glare-free LED light pad comes with an easy fit black background for viewing translucent colonies, Wolfhugel graticules to track count areas and the option to add a magnifying lens over the pad. These features enable microbiologists to see small colonies, as well as distinguish between colonies and debris or a bubble in the media, ensuring the most precise counts.

To automatically record results, aCOLade 2 is simply connected via the USB cable supplied to microbiologists' own tablets, PCs or printers allowing them to store or print their counts. Since the data can be instantly recorded, this saves users time and also improves accuracy by reducing the risk of keying errors.

To find out more about the benefits using a new aCOLade 2 offers, scientists should click this link: www.synbiosis.com/aCOLade

"Many food or environmental testing labs want an inexpensive manual colony counter that is simple to use, flexible enough to read large and small plates and allows their results to be easily recorded," comments Kate George, Senior Divisional Manager at Synbiosis, "we're confident our new aCOLade 2 offers these features, making it the must-have budget system for any microbiologist looking for a reliable colony counter."

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Note to Editors**About Synbiosis**

Synbiosis is a world-leading supplier of integrated imaging solutions for automatic counting and analysis of microbial colonies and zone measurement. The ProtoCOL, Protos and aCOLyte systems from Synbiosis are installed in food, pharmaceutical, environmental and research microbiology laboratories world-wide. ChromaZona is an IVD certified instrument for automated microbial ID and AST in the clinical laboratory. Synbiosis uses established distribution channels to market its products internationally.

Synbiosis, founded in 1998 is a division of the Synoptics Group of the AIM quoted Scientific Digital Imaging Company based in Cambridge, UK. The Group's other divisions, Syngene and Synoptics Health, specialise in digital imaging solutions for molecular biology and healthcare applications respectively. Synoptics, which celebrated its 30th anniversary of being in business in 2015, currently employs 40 people in its UK and subsidiary operation in Frederick, USA.