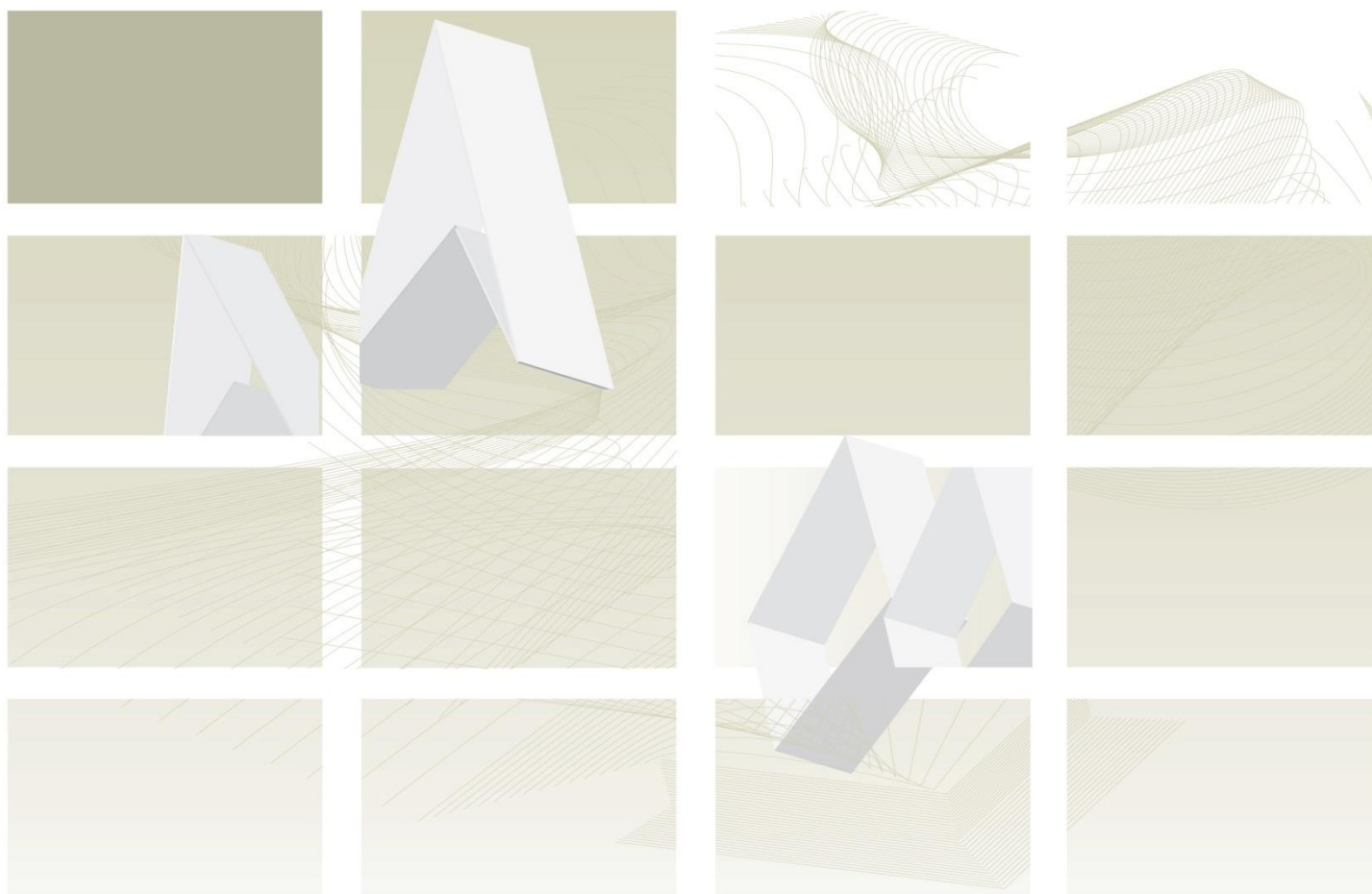


# UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations

**Review of users' comments** received by  
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bacteriology

ID 7 Identification of *Staphylococcus* species, *Micrococcus*  
species and *Rothia* species



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Proposal for changes

<b>Comment number</b>	1		
<b>Date received</b>	03/09/2019	<b>Lab name/Professional body</b>	PHE (NIS Cambridge)
<b>Section</b>	General comments		
<b>Comment</b>			
a. Should we include reference to <i>Staphylococcus argenteus</i> and <i>Staphylococcus schweitzeri</i> ; apologies if I have overlooked anything.			
<b>Financial barriers</b>			
No.			
<b>Health benefits</b>			
No.			
<b>Are you aware of any interested parties we should consider consulting with on the development of this document?</b>			
No.			
<b>Recommended action</b>	a. Partially accepted Document has been updated to include information on <i>Staphylococcus argenteus</i> . <i>Staphylococcus schweitzeri</i> is not known to cause human infections therefore it will not be added to this document.		

<b>Comment number</b>	2		
<b>Date received</b>	04/09/2019	<b>Lab name/Professional body</b>	Microbiology Ninewells Hospital
<b>Section</b>	Identification		
<b>Comment</b>			
Two queries of accuracy on P5			
a. States that <i>Staph aureus</i> is one of the species that is NOT facultatively anaerobic – this is not my experience in 33 years of lab work, it grows well anaerobically, see also Balow manual of clinical micro. Does ID07 mean a specific subspecies			
b. States that most strains are beta-haemolytic – not the case on horse blood agar, which is more commonly used in routine than bovine blood agar			
<b>Financial barriers</b>			

No.	
<b>Health benefits</b>	
No.	
<b>Are you aware of any interested parties we should consider consulting with on the development of this document?</b>	
No.	
<b>Recommended action</b>	<p>a. Accepted This has been updated accordingly in the document, name of the subspecies added.</p> <p>b. Partially accepted. The word 'most' is replaced with 'frequently'. This has been updated in the document.</p>

<b>Comment number</b>	3		
<b>Date received</b>	09/09/2019	<b>Lab name/Professional body</b>	Maidstone Hospital Kent
<b>Section</b>	Identification		
<b>Comment</b>			
<p>a. If staph aureus and Staph saprophyticus are Novobiocin resistant (as stated in the staph aureus detail), then the flow chart should be altered.at the moment it is implying that only saprophyticus can be resistant.</p> <p>b. The staph complex group S. argenteus, S. aureus, S. schweitzeri, S. simiae doesn't appear to be mentioned in the new document.</p>			
<b>Financial barriers</b>			
No.			
<b>Health benefits</b>			
No.			
<b>Are you aware of any interested parties we should consider consulting with on the development of this document?</b>			
No.			
<b>Recommended action</b>	<p>a. Accepted This has been updated accordingly in the document</p> <p>b. Accepted Document has been updated to include information on <i>Staphylococcus argenteus</i>. <i>S. schweitzeri</i> and <i>S.simiae</i></p>		

	are not known to cause human infections therefore they will not be added in the document.
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