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Dear Microbiologics Customer,

Recently, the name of Microbiologics product 0392 (ATCC Licensed Derivative[®] ATCC[®] 16404^{™*}) was changed from *Aspergillus niger* to *Aspergillus brasiliensis*. The name was changed because ATCC[®] has determined that this strain belongs to the species *Aspergillus brasiliensis*.

This strain has been designated as a quality control reference strain in a number of applications and official methods such as those listed in "The United States Pharmacopeia, The National Formulary". It was renamed because a polyphasic study was performed at ATCC[®] in which molecular data was combined with physiological characteristics. The results clearly indicated that ATCC[®] 16404^{™*} was a member of the novel species *Aspergillus brasiliensis*.

The reference cited is Varga J, et al. *Aspergillus brasiliensis* sp. nov., a biserial black *Aspergillus* species with world-wide distribution. Int. J. Syst. Evol. Microbiol. 57: 1925-1932, 2007. Here is a link to the article. <http://ijsb.sgmjournals.org/cgi/reprint/57/8/1925>

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