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Dear Microbiologics Customer,

The name of Microbiologics product 0890 (NCTC 6017) is *Salmonella enterica* subsp. *enterica* Serovar Abony, where *Salmonella* is the genus, *enterica* is the species, *enterica* is the subspecies and Abony the serovar.

Because of confusion regarding the nomenclature of the genus *Salmonella*, the Judicial Commission of the International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes issued Opinion 80 in 2005 regarding the designation of the type species of the *Salmonella* genus. As a result of the Commission's recommendations, the genus effectively comprised only two species, *Salmonella bongori* and *Salmonella enterica*. Later that year, *Salmonella subterranea* was added as an additional species.

The species *Salmonella enterica* is divisible into several subspecies including "*enterica*". *Salmonella enterica* subsp. *enterica* in turn contains numerous serovars based on antibody interactions with surface antigens. Serovars for *Salmonella enterica* are usually named for a disease or a geographic origin.

Further information regarding the nomenclature for the genus *Salmonella* can be found in the article, Nomenclature and taxonomy of the genus *Salmonella*, by B.J. Tindall *et al.* in the *International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology* (2005), 55, 521-524.

Sincerely,

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