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Subject: Error in Table C3 in CLSI Document M39-A4

This notification is to inform you of errors in CLSI document M39-A4, *Analysis and Presentation of Cumulative Antimicrobial Susceptibility Test Data; Approved Guideline—Fourth Edition*, Appendix C, Table C3, Results of Manual Calculations (page 48).

The example provided shows the results of manually calculated percent susceptibility (% susceptible isolates, % intermediate isolates, % resistant isolates) based on database calculations that are given in Appendix C, Table C2, Line Listing of All Isolates of This Organism Stored in the Database. The counts for the number of susceptible and the number of resistant organisms for the drugs erythromycin and clindamycin were incorrect. The erroneous counts also affected the % susceptible and % resistant isolates for both drugs.

The corrected data are shown in the highlighted cells in the table below.

**Table C3. Results of Manual Calculations**

Organism	CRO Men.	CRO Non-men.	CLI	ERY	LVX	MEM	PEN-Men.	PEN-Non-men.	PEN oral	SXT	VAN
Number S	27	33	27	21	35	26	19	35	19	25	35
%S	77%	94%	77%	60%	100%	74%	54%	100%	54%	71%	100%
Number I	6	2	1	0	0	9	0	0	10	7	0
%I	17%	6%	3%	0%	0%	26%	0%	0%	29%	20%	0%
Number R	2	0	7	14	0	0	16	0	6	3	0
%R	6%	0%	20%	40%	0%	0%	46%	0%	17%	9%	0%
Total	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Total %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Abbreviations: %I, percent intermediate; %R, percent resistant; %S, percent susceptible; CLI, clindamycin; CRO, ceftriaxone; ERY, erythromycin; I, intermediate; LVX, levofloxacin; MEM, meropenem; Men., Meningitis; Non-men., Nonmeningitis; PEN, penicillin; R, resistant; S, susceptible; SXT, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole; VAN, vancomycin.

If you require additional clarification regarding this correction, please contact CLSI Customer Service ([customerservice@clsi.org](mailto:customerservice@clsi.org)).

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