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## MilliporeSigma Earns Accreditation for Quality Control of Culture Media

- **The QC lab in Darmstadt, Germany adheres to the most stringent international standards for quality in preparation and performance**
- **Accreditation ensures full compliance of GranuCult™ culture media**

Billerica, Massachusetts, April 19, 2016 — [MilliporeSigma](#) has received accreditation for the quality control of dehydrated culture media tested at its Microbiology Quality Control Laboratory in Darmstadt.

The [ISO/IEC-17025:2005](#) is the international standard in testing and calibration for laboratory quality systems. The accreditation means that global customers in the food, beverage and municipal water industries can be assured that MilliporeSigma's facility adheres to the most stringent international standards for quality in preparation and performance. The accreditation provides a benchmark for lab competence for specific types of testing, measurement and calibration, informing customers that test data supplied by the lab are accurate and reliable.

Having an ISO/IEC-17025:2005 accreditation from Germany's national accreditation body, [DAkkS](#), ensures the full compliance of the lab's [GranuCult™ culture media](#) to the new mandatory standard [ISO 11133:2014](#) concerning the preparation, production, storage and performance testing of culture media. ISO/IEC-17025:2005-certified culture media help lab



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professionals remain consistently compliant and accurate in their microbial testing of food and water samples.

Laboratories are evaluated periodically to ensure continued compliance with requirements and maintenance of operations standards.

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The life science business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany, which operates as MilliporeSigma in the U.S. and Canada, has 19,000 employees and 72 manufacturing sites worldwide, with a portfolio of more than 300,000 products enabling scientific discovery.

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany completed its \$17 billion acquisition of Sigma-Aldrich in November 2015, creating a leader in the \$130 billion global life science industry.

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany is a leading company for innovative and top-quality high-tech products in healthcare, life science and performance materials. The company has six businesses – Biopharmaceuticals, Consumer Health, Allergopharma, Biosimilars, Life Science and Performance Materials – and generated sales of € 12.85 billion in 2015. Around 50,000 employees work in 66 countries to improve the quality of life for patients, to foster the success of customers and to help meet global challenges.

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany is the world's oldest pharmaceutical and chemical company – since 1668, the company has stood for innovation, business success and responsible entrepreneurship. Holding an approximately 70 percent interest, the founding family remains the majority owner of the company to this day. Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany operates as EMD Serono, MilliporeSigma and EMD Performance Materials in the U.S. and Canada.

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