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To whom it may concern,

We are writing to inform you of changes in the cutoff concentrations for reporting selected drugs of abuse analytes. This is to bring our service in line with the current European Workplace Testing Guidelines (EWDTS, 2015). These changes will take effect from 1st September 2021.

The affected analytes are:

Benzoylcegonine – new cutoff 100 µg/L (previously 150 µg/L)

EDDP (methadone metabolite) – new cutoff 75 µg/L (previously 250 µg/L)

Due to instrument sensitivity, buprenorphine and metabolites will continue to use a cutoff concentration of 5 µg/L, which is based on the 2002 EWDTS guidelines. All other cutoff concentrations are unchanged for other drugs of abuse analytes.

Enclosed is our summary of the drugs of abuse service, which details all the cutoff concentrations in use and provides additional interpretative information.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

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