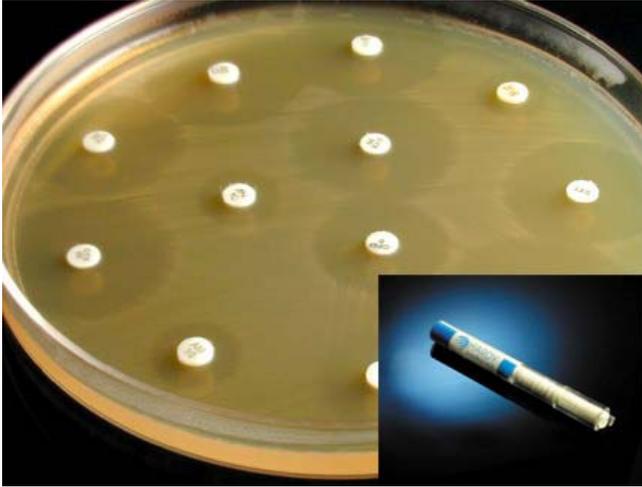


For Immediate Release:

Hardy Releases Telavancin Susceptibility Disks

New Staph Antibiotic Now Available on Disk



Telavancin 30ug, HardyDisk AST

Photo by Christopher Catani

Santa Maria, California; February 1, 2010 – Hardy Diagnostics, an ISO certified biomedical firm, is pleased to announce the release of the new Telavancin 30ug, HardyDisk™ used in agar diffusion susceptibility testing methods (Kirby-Bauer). Hardy Diagnostics is the first company worldwide to achieve 510K clearance to market this susceptibility disk.

Telavancin, a new antibiotic in mankind's arsenal of drugs against bacteria was developed by Theravance, a California based biopharmaceutical firm. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved telavancin injection (brand name: *Vibativ*) for once-daily treatment of adults with complicated skin and skin structure infections (cSSSI) caused by susceptible Gram-positive bacteria, including methicillin-resistant and methicillin-susceptible strains of *Staphylococcus aureus*.

Hardy Diagnostics' HardyDisk™ are paper disks impregnated with an antimicrobial, in this case Telavancin, used for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (AST); also known as disk diffusion or Kirby-Bauer testing. Bacteria that are susceptible to Telavancin will form a zone of clearing no growth around the HardyDisk. This zone is measured and reported to the physician, by the microbiologist, so appropriate antibiotic therapy can be initiated.

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Each cartridge contains 50 disks that are spring loaded for smooth and reliable dispensing. The HardyDisk AST cartridges are designed to be fully compatible with the BBL single or multiple disk dispensers.

ABOUT HARDY DIAGNOSTICS

Hardy Diagnostics is an FDA licensed and ISO 13485 certified manufacturer of medical devices for microbiological procedures in both clinical and industrial laboratories. The company manufactures about 3,000 products for the culture and identification of bacteria and fungi from its Santa Maria, California headquarters. Currently over 6,000 laboratories are serviced by Hardy Diagnostics throughout the nation.

The company was founded in 1980 by Jay Hardy, a Clinical Laboratory Scientist from Santa Barbara, CA. Today, Hardy Diagnostics maintains six distribution centers throughout the U.S. and exports products to over 30 foreign distributors.

The company's mission is to partner with its laboratory customers to prevent and diagnose disease. For more information, visit www.HardyDiagnostics.com.

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