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UTAK Laboratories announce launch of Expanded SMx™ Steroid Control at 2015 AACC

Valencia, CA (July 23, 2015): UTAK Laboratories, Inc., dedicated to meeting the quality control needs of laboratories worldwide, proudly announced today the release of the Expanded Steroid Control manufactured with UTAK's proprietary **SMx™** Serum Specialty Matrix.

The UTAK Expanded Steroid Control now contains Nine Analytes of Interest: Corticosterone, Cortisol, Cortisone, Dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA), Progesterone, 17 α -Hydroxyprogesterone, Testosterone, with the addition of Androstenedione and 11 Deoxycortisol, at clinically relevant levels for mass spectrometry and separation science technology.

"Our goal is always to craft Quality Controls for Clinical and Esoteric laboratories that are as close to a human matrix as possible," said Jim Plutchak, CEO of UTAK. "Due to the issue of endogenous steroid levels in serum-based matrix products, we developed a Steroids Control in our **SMx™** Specialty Matrix." The result is a 3rd party control that Esoteric laboratories can depend on for their laboratory developed tests.

"Inter-laboratory comparison of results, made possible with a uniform control, allows labs to be confident that test results generated are accurate," said Dr. Pippenger. ISO accreditation guidelines note that independent third party quality controls should be used instead of, or in addition to, any control materials supplied by the reagent or instrument manufacturer.¹

For use with any methodology, UTAK's stock and custom quality controls are handcrafted in Valencia, CA and sold to Clinical, Toxicology and Esoteric laboratories globally. For more information on UTAK's Expanded Steroid Control in **SMx™** Serum, offered in individual packs for Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 and a Negative Control, and to request a free evaluation sample, visit: <http://utak.com/smx> or www.serobac.at

About UTAK Laboratories, Inc. – Partner of Serobac GmbH

Founded in 1973, UTAK Laboratories, Incorporated is a recognized market leader of handcrafted quality control products used for analytical measurement in forensic and clinical laboratories. UTAK offers hundreds of stock and custom serum, whole blood, urine and oral fluids controls for use with any methodology, on any testing platform. Headquartered in Valencia, CA, UTAK serves clients globally, including many top university hospitals, government facilities, forensic and research laboratories. ISO-certified, UTAK is family-owned and renowned for its quality products and personalized customer service. For further information and to request a free evaluation sample, visit: www.UTAK.com.

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