



# UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations

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Working Group for Microbiology Standards in Clinical  
Bacteriology

## B 39 Investigation of Dermatological Specimens for Superficial Mycoses



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**PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES**

<b>Comment Number</b>	1		
<b>Date Received</b>	08/09/2014	<b>Professional Body</b>	UKCMN
<b>Section</b>	Various		
<b>Comment</b>			
<p>a. Page 7 Introduction – dermatophytes 5th paragraph line 1 “The dermatophyte of fungi are classified - remove the of</p> <p>b. Page 8 Line 1 - <i>S. dimidiatum</i> should be <i>N. dimidiatum</i> and <i>Phaeoannellomyces (Exophiala) werneckii</i> should be <i>Hortaea (Phaeoannellomyces) werneckii</i></p> <p>c. Page 12 Table 1 - line up fungus names with clinical manifestation</p> <p>d. Page 15 Specimen processing/procedure “4.4 microscopy 4.4.1 Suggest that UV microscopy with calcofluor staining is the recommended microscopy method, with standard light microscopy relegated to 'if UV microscope is not available</p> <p>e. Page 16 Nail Specimens Line 5 make the same as for skin - press down the coverslip to squash out the fragments and render them transparent, and blot off excess KOH</p> <p>f. Page 17 4.5.1 Standard – Skin Paragraph 2 line 1 - <i>Scytalidium</i> (or <i>Neoscytalidium) dimidiatum (Hendersonula toruloidea)</i>, change to <i>Neoscytalidium dimidiatum</i>. Line 4 change <i>Scytalidium hyalinum</i> to <i>Neoscytalidium hyalinum</i></p> <p>g. Page 20 4.5.3 Should it be MALDI ToF not MALDI ToF</p> <p>h. Page 22 5.2 Culture line 6 - Should be <i>Neoscytalidium dimidiatum</i> and <i>Neoscytalidium hyalinum</i></p>			
<b>Financial Barriers</b>			
No.			
<b>Health Benefits</b>			
No.			
<b>Recommended Action</b>	<p>a. <b>ACCEPT</b> The SMI has been amended.</p> <p>b. <b>ACCEPT</b> The SMI has been amended.</p> <p>c. <b>ACCEPT</b> The SMI has been amended.</p> <p>d. <b>NONE</b> The SMI makes it clear that UV microscopy is the method of choice where it is available.</p>		

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