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Mr. Ronald Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

We are pleased to inform you that the Methods Committee on Microbiology adopted the method **VITEK® 2 Gram positive (GP) Biochemical Identification Method** for the identification of Gram positive bacteria including *Listeria* and *Staphylococcus* species as Official First Action on March 1, 2012. The method was assigned *Official Methods*SM number **2012.02**. A notice of the adopted method will be published in the AOAC magazine, *Inside Laboratory Management*. AOAC staff editors will prepare the manuscript for publication in the *Journal of AOAC INTERNATIONAL*. The method will be published as part of the collaborative study and will be included in the *Official Methods of Analysis* online at <http://eoma.aoac.org/> and in the next printed edition.

AOAC would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your contributions in the development of this method.

Sincerely,

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