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Matthew Gamette
Chair
Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations
Via email: matthew.gamette@thecfso.org

Dear Mr. Gamette:

Thank you for your letter to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requesting that the agency develop three new certified reference material programs targeting designer benzodiazepines, mitragynine, and synthetic cannabinoids.

I am pleased to inform you that CDC has included these substances in products in the TOM Kits® line—the Emergent Drug Panel kits (EDP, EDPv1, and the planned EDPv2). As with TOM Kits®, the EDP kits include reference materials that support laboratory screening for drugs of abuse and are available free of charge to eligible laboratories. Additional information is available on our website: <https://www.cdc.gov/chemical-threats-and-toxins-laboratory/php/opioids-laboratory/edp-kits.html>.

We welcome feedback on how to raise awareness of available resources and improve future kits to best address needs of the forensic community.

We appreciate your interest in these important programs and hope you find this information useful. Thank you for taking the time to contact CDC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron S. Bernstein".

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