



**Clinical laboratory testing and *in vitro* diagnostic test systems—Susceptibility testing of infectious agents and evaluation of performance of antimicrobial susceptibility test devices**

**Part 2: Evaluation of performance of antimicrobial susceptibility test devices**

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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee HE-029, Clinical Laboratory Testing and In Vitro Diagnostic Test Systems.

The objective of this Standard is to establish acceptable performance criteria for antimicrobial susceptibility test (AST) devices that are used to determine minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) and/or interpretive category determinations of susceptible, intermediate and resistant (SIR) strains of bacteria to antimicrobial agents in medical laboratories.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from ISO 20776-2:2007, *Clinical laboratory testing and in vitro diagnostic test systems—Susceptibility testing of infectious agents and evaluation of performance of antimicrobial susceptibility test devices—Part 2: Evaluation of performance of antimicrobial susceptibility test*.

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## AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

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## Part 2:

## Evaluation of performance of antimicrobial susceptibility test devices

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 20776 establishes acceptable performance criteria for antimicrobial susceptibility test (AST) devices that are used to determine minimum inhibitory concentrations (MIC) and interpretive category determinations of susceptible, intermediate and resistant (SIR) strains of bacteria and antimicrobial agents in medical laboratories. This part of ISO 20776 specifies requirements for AST devices (including diffusion test systems) and procedures for assessing performance of such devices. It defines how a performance evaluation of an AST device is to be conducted. This part of ISO 20776 has been developed to guide manufacturers in the conduct of performance evaluation studies.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 20776-1, *Clinical laboratory testing and in vitro diagnostic test systems — Susceptibility testing of infectious agents and evaluation of performance of antimicrobial susceptibility test devices — Part 1: Reference method for testing the in vitro activity of antimicrobial agents against rapidly growing aerobic bacteria involved in infectious diseases*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 3.1 Agreement of test results

##### 3.1.1

##### category agreement

##### CA

agreement of SIR results between a breakpoint test or an MIC test and the reference method (ISO 20776-1)

Another representation of the concept:

$$\frac{N_{CA} \times 100}{N}$$