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The following classification changes will be effected by this Notice of Changes:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Subclass</u>	<u>Group(s)</u>
SCHEME:		
Symbols Deleted:	G01N	33/574, 33/57407, 33/57411, 33/57415, 33/57419, 33/57423, 33/57426, 33/5743, 33/57434, 33/57438, 33/57442, 33/57446, 33/57449, 33/57469, 33/57473, 33/57476, 33/5748, 33/57484, 33/57488, 33/57492, 33/57496
Symbols New:	G01N	33/575, 33/57505, 33/5751, 33/57515, 33/5752, 33/57525, 33/5753, 33/57535, 33/5754, 33/57545, 33/5755, 33/57555, 33/57557, 33/5756, 33/57565, 33/5757, 33/57575, 33/5758, 33/57585, 33/5759, 33/57595
Titles Changed:	G01N	33/5735
Warnings New:	G01N	33/57505, 33/57525, 33/5753, 33/57535, 33/5754, 33/57557
Notes Deleted:	G01N	33/574
Notes New:	G01N	33/575
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions Deleted: (no frozen (F) symbol definitions should be deleted)	G01N	33/574, 33/57407, 33/57469, 33/57473, 33/57476, 33/5748, 33/57484
Definitions New:	G01N	33/575, 33/57557, 33/5756, 33/57565, 33/5757, 33/57575, 33/5758

The following subclasses/groups are also impacted by this Notice of Changes (indicate subclasses/groups outside of the project scope, such as those listed in the CRL): C12Q, G01N

This Notice of Changes includes the following [Check the ones included]:

1. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

- ☒ A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)
- ☒ B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning(s)
- ☒ C. New, Modified or Deleted Note(s)
- ☐ D. New, Modified or Deleted Guidance Heading(s)

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2. DEFINITIONS

☒ A. New or Modified Definitions (Full definition template)

☒ B. Modified or Deleted Definitions (Definitions Quick Fix)

3. ☒ REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

4. ☒ CHANGES TO THE CPC-TO-IPC CONCORDANCE LIST (CICL)

5. ☒ CHANGES TO THE CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

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1. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)**SUBCLASS G01N - INVESTIGATING OR ANALYSING MATERIALS BY DETERMINING THEIR CHEMICAL OR PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

Type*	Symbol	Indent Level Number of dots (e.g. 0, 1, 2)	Title “CPC only” text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}**	Transferred to[#]
M	G01N 33/5735	5	{co-enzymes or co-factors, e.g. NAD or ATP}	
D	G01N33/574	4	for cancer	<administrative transfer to G01N33/575>
D	G01N33/57407	5	{Specifically defined cancers}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/57557>
D	G01N33/57411	6	{of cervix}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/5755>
D	G01N33/57415	6	{of breast}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/57515>
D	G01N33/57419	6	{of colon}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/57535>
D	G01N33/57423	6	{of lung}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/5752>
D	G01N33/57426	6	{leukemia}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/57505>
D	G01N33/5743	6	{of skin, e.g. melanoma}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/5751>
D	G01N33/57434	6	{of prostate}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/57555>
D	G01N33/57438	6	{of liver, pancreas or kidney}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/57525>
D	G01N33/57442	6	{of the uterus and endometrial}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/5755>
D	G01N33/57446	6	{of stomach or intestine}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/5753>
D	G01N33/57449	6	{of ovaries}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/57545>
D	G01N33/57469	5	{involving tumor associated glycolinkage, i.e. TAG}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/5756>
D	G01N33/57473	5	{involving carcinoembryonic antigen, i.e. CEA}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/57565>
D	G01N33/57476	5	{involving oncofetal proteins}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/5757>
D	G01N33/5748	5	{involving oncogenic proteins}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/57575>

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D	G01N33/57484	5	{involving compounds serving as markers for tumor, cancer, neoplasia, e.g. cellular determinants, receptors, heat shock/stress proteins, A-protein, oligosaccharides, metabolites}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/5758>
D	G01N33/57488	6	{involving compounds identifiable in body fluids}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/57585>
D	G01N33/57492	6	{involving compounds localized on the membrane of tumor or cancer cells}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/5759>
D	G01N33/57496	6	{involving intracellular compounds}	<administrative transfer to G01N33/57595>
N	G01N33/575	4	for cancer	
N	G01N33/57505	5	of the blood, e.g. leukaemia	
N	G01N33/5751	5	of the skin, e.g. melanoma	
N	G01N33/57515	5	of the breast	
N	G01N33/5752	5	of the lungs	
Q	G01N33/57525	5	of the liver or pancreas	G01N33/57525, G01N33/5754
Q	G01N33/5753	5	of the stomach or small intestine	G01N33/5753, G01N33/57535
N	G01N33/57535	5	of the large intestine, e.g. colon, rectum or anus	
N	G01N33/5754	5	of the renal system, e.g. kidneys or ureters	
N	G01N33/57545	5	of the ovaries	
N	G01N33/5755	5	of the uterine cervix, uterine corpus or endometrium	
N	G01N33/57555	5	of the prostate	
Q	G01N33/57557	5	{of other specific parts of the body, e.g. brain}	G01N33/57557, G01N33/57505, G01N33/5754
N	G01N33/5756	5	{involving tumour-associated glycolinkage [TAG]}	
N	G01N33/57565	5	{involving carcinoembryonic antigen [CEA]}	
N	G01N33/5757	5	{involving oncofoetal proteins}	
N	G01N33/57575	5	{involving oncogenic proteins}	
N	G01N33/5758	5	{involving compounds serving as markers for tumours, cancers or neoplasias, e.g. cellular determinants, receptors, heat shock/stress proteins, A-protein, oligosaccharides or metabolites}	
N	G01N33/57585	6	{involving compounds identifiable in body fluids}	

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N	G01N33/5759	6	{involving compounds localised on the membrane of tumour or cancer cells}	
N	G01N33/57595	6	{involving intracellular compounds}	

*N = new entries where reclassification into entries is involved; C = entries with modified file scope where reclassification of documents from the entries is involved; Q = new entries which are firstly populated with documents via administrative transfers from deleted (D) entries. Afterwards, the transferred documents into the Q entry will either stay or be moved to more appropriate entries, as determined by intellectual reclassification; T = existing entries with enlarged file scope, which receive documents from C or D entries, e.g. when a limiting reference is removed from the entry title; M = entries with no change to the file scope (no reclassification); D = deleted entries; F = frozen entries will be deleted once reclassification of documents from the entries is completed; U = entries that are unchanged.

NOTES:

- **No {curly brackets} are used for titles in CPC only subclasses, e.g. C12Y, A23Y; 2000 series symbol titles of groups found at the end of schemes (orthogonal codes); or the Y section titles. The {curly brackets} are used for 2000 series symbol titles found interspersed throughout the main trunk schemes (breakdown codes).
- U groups: it is obligatory to display the required “anchor” symbol (U group), i.e. the entry immediately preceding a new group or an array of new groups to be created (in case new groups are not clearly subgroups of C-type groups). Always include the symbol, indent level and title of the U group in the table above.
- All entry types should be included in the scheme changes table above for better understanding of the overall scheme change picture. Symbol, indent level, and title are required for all types.
- “Transferred to” column must be completed for all C, D, F, and Q type entries. F groups will be deleted once reclassification is completed.
- When multiple symbols are included in the “Transferred to” column, avoid using ranges of symbols in order to be as precise as possible.
- For administrative transfer of documents, the following text should be used: “<administrative transfer to XX>”, “<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>”, or “<administrative transfer to XX, YY, ...and ZZ simultaneously>” when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
- Administrative transfer to main trunk groups is assumed to be the source allocation type, unless otherwise indicated.
- Administrative transfer to 2000/Y series groups is assumed to be “additional information”.
- If needed, instructions for allocation type should be indicated within the angle brackets using the abbreviations “ADD” or “INV”: <administrative transfer to XX ADD>, <administrative transfer to XX INV>, or <administrative transfer to XX ADD, YY INV, ... and ZZ ADD simultaneously>.
- In certain situations, the “D” entries of 2000-series or Y-series groups may not require a destination (“Transferred to”) symbol, however it is required to specify “<no transfer>” in the “Transferred to” column for such cases.
- For finalization projects, the deleted “F” symbols should have <no transfer> in the “Transferred to” column.
- For more details about the types of scheme change, see CPC Guide.

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B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning notice(s)**SUBCLASS G01N - INVESTIGATING OR ANALYSING MATERIALS BY DETERMINING THEIR CHEMICAL OR PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

Type*	Location	Old Warning notice	New/Modified Warning
N	G01N33/57505		Group G01N 33/57505 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group G01N 33/57557. Groups G01N 33/57557 and G01N 33/57505 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	G01N33/57525		Group G01N 33/57525 is impacted by reclassification into group G01N 33/5754. Groups G01N 33/57525 and G01N 33/5754 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	G01N33/5753		Group G01N 33/5753 is impacted by reclassification into group G01N 33/57535. Groups G01N 33/5753 and G01N 33/57535 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	G01N33/57535		Group G01N 33/57535 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group G01N 33/5753. Groups G01N 33/5753 and G01N 33/57535 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	G01N33/5754		Group G01N 33/5754 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups G01N 33/57525 and G01N 33/57557. Groups G01N 33/57525, G01N 33/57557 and G01N 33/5754 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	G01N33/57557		Group G01N 33/57557 is impacted by reclassification into groups G01N 33/57505 and G01N 33/5754. Groups G01N 33/57557, G01N 33/57505 and G01N 33/5754 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

*N = new warning, M = modified warning, D = deleted warning

NOTE: The "Location" column only requires the symbol PRIOR to the location of the warning. No further directions such as "before" or "after" are required.

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C. New, Modified or Deleted Note(s)**SUBCLASS G01N - INVESTIGATING OR ANALYSING MATERIALS BY DETERMINING THEIR CHEMICAL OR PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Note</u>	<u>New/Modified Note</u>
D	G01N33/574	In this group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relevant features relating to a specifically defined cancer are only classified in groups G01N33/57407 - G01N33/57449 • relevant features describing cancer markers related to multiple forms of cancer are classified in groups G01N33/57484 - G01N33/57496 	<u>Delete</u> the entire Note.
N	G01N33/575		{In this group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relevant features relating to specifically defined cancers are only classified in groups G01N 33/57505 - G01N 33/57557; • relevant features describing cancer markers related to multiple forms of cancer are classified in groups G01N33/5756 - G01N33/57595.}

*N = new note, M = modified note, D = deleted note

NOTE: The "Location" column only requires the symbol PRIOR to the location of the note. No further directions such as "before" or "after" are required.

2. A. DEFINITIONS (new)

G01N 33/575

Definition statement

This place covers:

General binding methods that are:

- for multiple specific forms of cancer or for cancer in general;
- for cancer detection, such as identification of cell type and changes in metabolic activity; or
- for monitoring the progress of cancer, susceptibility to cancer and sensitivity to cancer treatments or medications.

Relationships with other classification places

Classification should also be considered in areas relevant to the nature of the marker per se, e.g. group [G01N 33/68](#) or subclasses [C12N](#), [C07K](#) or [C07D](#). The specific marker must also be identified by use of relevant indexing codes.

Special rules of classification

Methods for which detection is by means of a binding reaction involving a specific marker not previously identified are classified in group [G01N 33/5758](#). Specific markers may be identified by the use of relevant indexing codes.

In group [G01N 33/575](#), binding methods for detection of cancer may include detection of a marker. Classification in group [G01N 33/5758](#) should be considered for the use of markers.

In cases where a general method may detect specific cancers covered by more than one of groups [G01N 33/57505](#) - [G01N 33/57557](#), multiple classification may be considered if the number of symbols is fewer than four. Otherwise, classification should be made only in group [G01N 33/575](#), not in its subgroups.

Aspects for the detection and monitoring of cancers that are classified in more than one of groups [G01N 33/57505](#) - [G01N 33/57557](#) should be further classified in [G01N 33/5756](#) - [G01N 33/5758](#) as appropriate.

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For cancers classified in group [G01N 33/575](#), the [G01N 2800/00](#) indexing scheme is not used.

G01N 33/57557

Definition statement

This place covers:

Binding methods that are used to detect defined cancers for specific parts of the body not covered by groups [G01N 33/57505](#) - [G01N 33/57555](#).

G01N 33/5756

Definition statement

This place covers:

Binding methods that:

- use tumour-associated glycolinkage [TAG] markers for detection and monitoring of cancers that are covered by groups [G01N 33/575](#) - [G01N33/57557](#); or
- are for the identification of antagonists and agonists of such markers.

G01N 33/57565

Definition statement

This place covers:

Binding methods that:

- use carcinoembryonic antigen [CEA] markers for detection and monitoring of cancers that are covered by groups [G01N 33/575](#) - [G01N33/57557](#); or
- are for the identification of antagonists and agonists of such markers.

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G01N 33/5757

Definition statement

This place covers:

Binding methods that:

- use oncofoetal proteins for detection and monitoring of cancers that are covered by groups [G01N 33/575](#) - [G01N33/57557](#); or
- are for the identification of antagonists and agonists of such markers.

G01N 33/5755

Definition statement

This place covers:

Binding methods that:

- use oncogenic proteins for detection and monitoring of cancers that are covered by groups [G01N 33/575](#) - [G01N33/57557](#); or
- are for the identification of antagonists and agonists of such markers.

G01N 33/5758

Definition statement

This place covers:

- Binding methods that use markers not covered by groups [G01N 33/5756](#) - [G01N 33/57575](#) for detection and monitoring of cancers that are covered by groups [G01N 33/575](#) - [G01N33/57557](#);
- Non-specific metastasis markers; or
- Binding methods for the identification of antagonists and agonists of such markers.

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2. B. DEFINITIONS QUICK FIX

Symbol	Location of change (e.g., section title)	Existing reference symbol or text	Action; New symbol; New text
G01N 33/574			<u>Delete</u> the entire Definition.
G01N 33/57407			<u>Delete</u> the entire Definition.
G01N 33/57469			<u>Delete</u> the entire Definition.
G01N 33/57473			<u>Delete</u> the entire Definition.
G01N 33/57476			<u>Delete</u> the entire Definition.
G01N 33/5748			<u>Delete</u> the entire Definition.
G01N 33/57484			<u>Delete</u> the entire Definition.

Notes:

Use this Definitions Quick Fix (DQF) table to:

- Delete an entire definition
- Delete an entire section
- Change a reference symbol
- Delete a reference symbol
- Delete text in a References section
- Correct one error in spelling, article use, or verb tense

Otherwise, use the standard template.

Reminder: Never delete F symbol definitions.

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3. REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

Type*	From CPC Symbol (existing)	To CPC Symbol(s)
D	G01N 33/574	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/575>
D	G01N 33/57407	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/57557>
D	G01N 33/57411	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/5755>
D	G01N 33/57415	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/57515>
D	G01N 33/57419	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/57535>
D	G01N 33/57423	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/5752>
D	G01N 33/57426	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/57505>
D	G01N 33/5743	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/5751>
D	G01N 33/57434	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/57555>
D	G01N 33/57438	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/57525>
D	G01N 33/57442	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/5755>
D	G01N 33/57446	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/5753>
D	G01N 33/57449	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/57545>
D	G01N 33/57469	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/5756>
D	G01N 33/57473	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/57565>
D	G01N 33/57476	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/5757>
D	G01N 33/5748	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/57575>
D	G01N 33/57484	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/5758>
D	G01N 33/57488	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/57585>
D	G01N 33/57492	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/5759>
D	G01N 33/57496	<administrative transfer to G01N 33/57595>
Q	G01N 33/57525	G01N 33/57525, G01N 33/5754
Q	G01N 33/5753	G01N 33/5753, G01N 33/57535
Q	G01N 33/57557	G01N 33/57557, G01N 33/57505, G01N 33/5754

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NOTES:

- Only C, D, F, and Q type entries are included in the table above.
- When multiple symbols are included in the “To” column, do not use ranges of symbols.
- For administrative transfer of documents, the following text should be used: “< administrative transfer to XX>”, “<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>”, or “<administrative transfer to XX, YY, ...and ZZ simultaneously>” when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
- Administrative transfer to main trunk groups is assumed to be the source allocation type, unless otherwise indicated.
- Administrative transfer to 2000/Y series groups is assumed to be “additional information”.
- If needed, instructions for allocation type should be indicated within the angle brackets using the abbreviations “ADD” or “INV”: <administrative transfer to XX ADD>, <administrative transfer to XX INV>, or < administrative transfer to XX ADD, YY INV, ... and ZZ ADD simultaneously>.
- In certain situations, the “D” entries of 2000-series or Y-series groups may not require a destination (“To”) symbol, however it is required to specify “<no transfer>” in the “To” column for such cases.
- RCL is not needed for finalisation projects.

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4. CHANGES TO THE CPC-TO-IPC CONCORDANCE LIST (CICL)

<u>CPC</u>	<u>IPC</u>	<u>Action*</u>
G01N 33/574		DELETE
G01N 33/57407		DELETE
G01N 33/57411		DELETE
G01N 33/57415		DELETE
G01N 33/57419		DELETE
G01N 33/57423		DELETE
G01N 33/57426		DELETE
G01N 33/5743		DELETE
G01N 33/57434		DELETE
G01N 33/57438		DELETE
G01N 33/57442		DELETE
G01N 33/57446		DELETE
G01N 33/57449		DELETE
G01N 33/57469		DELETE
G01N 33/57473		DELETE
G01N 33/57476		DELETE
G01N 33/5748		DELETE
G01N 33/57484		DELETE
G01N 33/57488		DELETE
G01N 33/57492		DELETE
G01N 33/57496		DELETE
G01N 33/575	G01N 33/575	NEW
G01N 33/57505	G01N 33/57505	NEW
G01N 33/5751	G01N 33/5751	NEW
G01N 33/57515	G01N 33/57515	NEW
G01N 33/5752	G01N 33/5752	NEW
G01N 33/57525	G01N 33/57525	NEW
G01N 33/5753	G01N 33/5753	NEW
G01N 33/57535	G01N 33/57535	NEW
G01N 33/5754	G01N 33/5754	NEW
G01N 33/57545	G01N 33/57545	NEW
G01N 33/5755	G01N 33/5755	NEW
G01N 33/57555	G01N 33/57555	NEW
G01N 33/57557	G01N 33/575	NEW
G01N 33/5756	G01N 33/575	NEW
G01N 33/57565	G01N 33/575	NEW
G01N 33/5757	G01N 33/575	NEW
G01N 33/57575	G01N 33/575	NEW
G01N 33/5758	G01N 33/575	NEW
G01N 33/57585	G01N 33/575	NEW
G01N 33/5759	G01N 33/575	NEW

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<u>CPC</u>	<u>IPC</u>	<u>Action*</u>
G01N 33/57595	G01N 33/575	NEW

*Action column:

- For an (N) or (Q) entry, provide an IPC symbol and complete the Action column with “NEW.”
- For an existing CPC main trunk entry or indexing entry where the existing IPC symbol needs to be changed, provide an updated IPC symbol and complete the Action column with “UPDATED.”
- For a (D) CPC entry or indexing entry complete the Action column with “DELETE.” IPC symbol does not need to be included in the IPC column.
- For an (N) 2000 series CPC entry which is positioned within the main trunk scheme (breakdown code) provide an IPC symbol and complete the action column with “NEW”.
- For an (N) 2000 series CPC entry positioned at the end of the CPC scheme (orthogonal code), with no IPC equivalent, complete the IPC column with “CPCONLY” and complete the action column with “NEW”.

NOTES:

- F symbols are not included in the CIDL table above.
- T and M symbols are not included in the CIDL table above unless a change to the existing IPC is desired.

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5. CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

Scheme references impacted by this revision project

<u>Location of reference to be changed</u>	<u>Referenced subclass or group to be changed</u>	<u>Action; New reference symbol; New text</u>
C12Q 1/6886	G01N 33/574	G01N 33/575
G01N 2800/00	G01N 33/574	<p><u>Replace</u> the existing text of Note 3 with the following new text:</p> <p>The present indexing scheme is not used for cancers classified in group G01N 33/575.</p>

Definitions references impacted by this revision project

<u>Location of reference to be changed</u>	<u>Referenced subclass or group to be changed</u>	<u>Section of definition</u>	<u>Action; New reference symbol; New text</u>
C12Q	G01N 33/574	Limiting references	G01N 33/575
C12Q 1/6886	G01N 33/574	Limiting references	G01N 33/575
G01N 33/5011	G01N 33/574	Special rules of classification	<p><u>Replace</u> the existing text with the following new text:</p> <p>Screening for anti-cancer compounds is classified in this place and not in the cancer area, i.e. not in group G01N 33/575. See indexing code G01N 2500/00.</p>
G01N 33/53	G01N 33/574	Definition statement	<p><u>Replace</u> the symbol in the fourth bullet of the fourth paragraph as follows:</p> <p>cancer (G01N 33/575)</p>

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<u>Location of reference to be changed</u>	<u>Referenced subclass or group to be changed</u>	<u>Section of definition</u>	<u>Action; New reference symbol; New text</u>
G01N 33/567	G01N 33/574	Special rules of classification	<p>Replace the existing text of the last sentence of the paragraph with the following new text:</p> <p>Note that indexing codes G01N 2800/00 - G01N 2800/44 are not applicable in conjunction with groups G01N 33/569, G01N 33/571, G01N 33/575 or G01N 33/576.</p>

NOTES:

- The CRL tables above are used for changes to locations **outside** of the project scope. Changes to references in scheme titles or definitions **inside** the project scope will be reflected in the “scheme change” template or one of the “definition” templates.
- In addition to other changes proposed in the tables above, in the column titled “Referenced subclass or group to be changed,” **referenced** D symbols should indicate an action of “delete” or should indicate a replacement symbol and **referenced** F symbols should indicate a replacement symbol.
- When a reference is deleted, text related to that reference will also be deleted unless other references or a range of references associated with the same text remain.