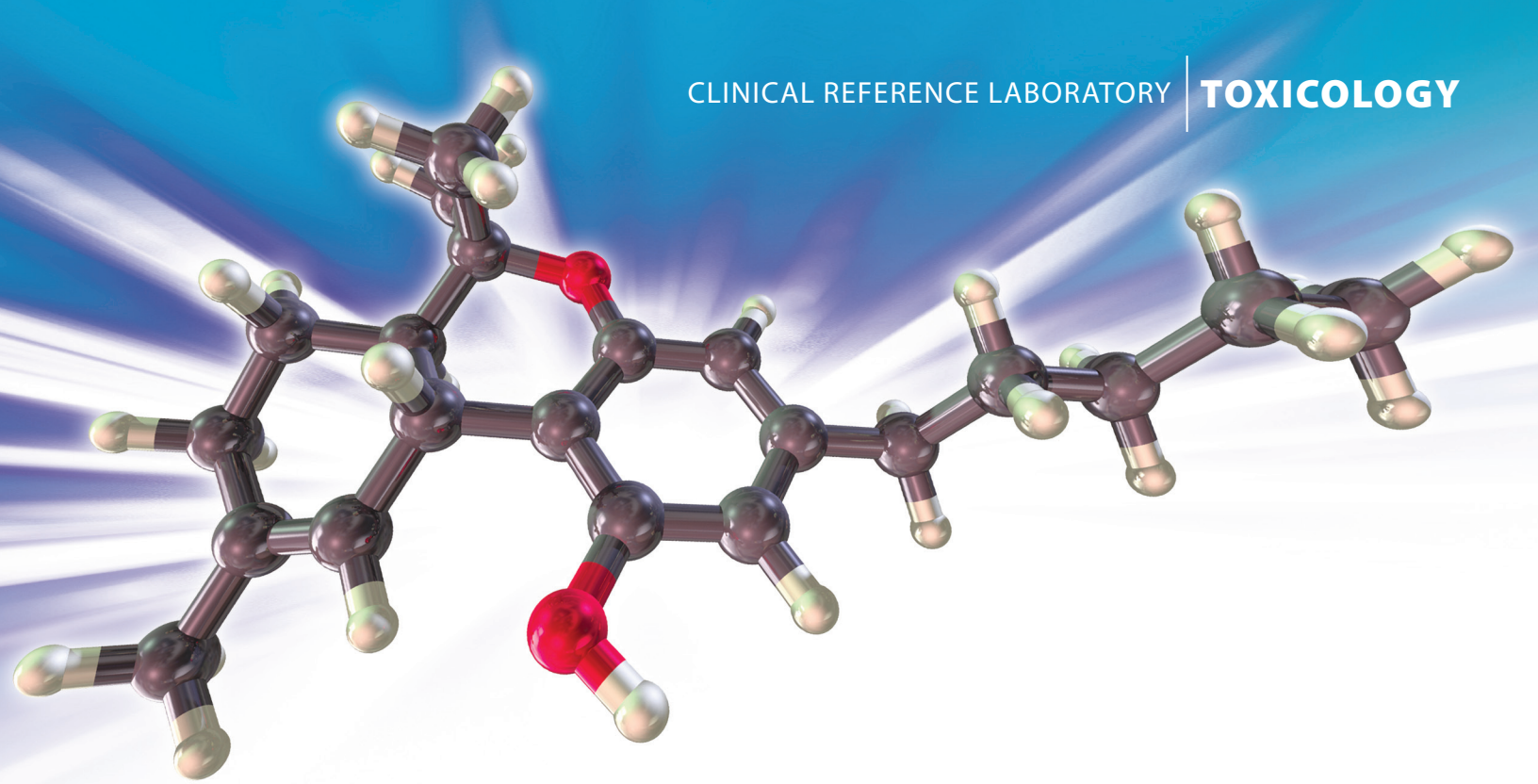

SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA TESTING (TEST CODE PL75)

On March 1st, 2011 the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration issued a final order classifying synthetic cannabinoids as Schedule 1 drugs under the Controlled Substances Act to avoid an imminent hazard to public safety. Sometimes referred to as "K2" or "Spice", synthetic cannabinoids resemble marijuana in the way they affect motor function and are, according to the DEA, responsible for a surge in emergency room visits and calls to poison control centers. These synthetic drugs pose an immediate and serious threat in the workplace. Even when compared to marijuana, users have shown an increased risk for addiction, seizure, and psychosis.

Clinical Reference Laboratory, Inc. (CRL®) has developed urinalysis testing methods for metabolites of the synthetic cannabinoids JWH-018 and JWH-073. Using LC/MS/MS, these metabolites can be detected at the level of 0.2 ng/mL and performed in conjunction with any standard drugs of abuse test.

To learn more about synthetic cannabinoids, the safety risks they pose and how CRL is helping prevent their use in the workplace, please call 800-445-6917 or visit us at crlcorp.com. Please reference test code PL75 when ordering.

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