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METHOD NAME

CompactDry ETB, formerly known as CompactDry "Nissui" ETB

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APPLICABILITY OF METHOD

Target Organism – Enterobacteriaceae

Matrixes – (2008 study) raw ground beef, cooked chicken, lettuce (prewashed, bagged shredded iceberg), frozen fish (cod fillets), instant nonfat dry milk powder and pasteurized milk (2% fat); (2017 study) pasteurized cream, cream cheese, ready to cook fresh vegetables, vegetable juice, raw ground pork, raw bacon, fresh cooked prawns, fish paté, sandwich and cooked chilled rice

Performance claims – Performance equivalent to that of the ISO 21528-2:2004 Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs: Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae – colony count method – part 2: colony count method (2), and to ISO/DIS 2158-2:2014 Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae – Part 2: colony count method (3) for a variety of foods.

REFERENCE METHODS

CATALOG NUMBERS 54005, 54055

ISO 21528-2:2004 Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs: Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae – colony count method – part 2: colony count method (2)

ISO/DIS 2158-2:2014 Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae – Part 2: colony count method (3)

ISO/DIS 2158-2:2017 Horizontal method for the detection and enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae – Part 2: colony count method (4)

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2. Key Diagnostics	2. CompactDry ETB
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PRINCIPLE OF THE METHOD (1)

The CompactDry ETB, formerly known as CompactDry ETB, is a ready-to-use test method for detection and enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae in food and related products. The CompactDry ETB comes pre-sterilized as dry media sheets containing culture medium containing glucose and selective agents, plus a cold-soluble gelling agent which are rehydrated by adding 1 mL of prepared sample. The sample automatically and evenly diffuses throughout the plate. Enterobacteriaceae colonies appear red/purple on the medium. The total Enterobacteriaceae count can be determined in a sample after 24 ± 2 h of incubation at 37 ± 1°C.

DISCUSSION OF THE VALIDATION STUDY (1)

The CompactDry ETB was certified by MicroVal in 2008 and reevaluated in 2017 according to the revised (2016) ISO microbiological method validation standard. Data from matrix studies and inclusivity/exclusivity testing were examined in this report using the AOAC guidelines for AOAC PTM certification. To meet the AOAC requirements, inclusivity strains were added for a total of 50 unique Enterobacteriaceae species, and exclusivity strains were added for a total of 30 unique non-Enterobacteriaceae strains. Product consistency and stability testing was also added. Robustness was assessed as part of the multi-laboratory study. In inclusivity testing, *Serratia marcescens* (raw mince, CRA 1521), *Raoultella ornithinolytica* (ropy cream, CRA 16928), *Serratia proteamaculans* (NCTC 11544) and *Yersinia intermedia* (natural isolate, CRA 380) were not detected by the CompactDry ETB. However, other species of *Serratia (fonticola, liquifaciens, odorifera* and *rubidaea*) were positive the CompactDry ETB, as were *Raoultella planticola* and *Yersinia entercolitica* and *Yersinia fredriksenii*, indicating that the CompactDry ETB can still detect a variety of species within these genera, but not the indicated isolates tested in this study. *Pectobacterium atrosepticum* (industrial isolate, CRA 8031) was not detected by either method (CompactDry ETB or reference method). Typically, this species can metabolize a variety of compounds (starch, lactose, maltose, sucrose, fructose and others) but was not able to grow on CompactDry ETB or VRBGA at 37 ± 1°C in this case. In exclusivity testing, *Pasteurella bettyae* (NCTC 10535) gave typical colonies on both CompactDry ETB and VRBGA. This strain is known to ferment glucose but is oxidase-positive, which is unlike members of the Enterobacteriaceae. *Aeromonas bestarum, Aeromonas eucrenophila* and *Aeromonas hydrophilia* gave typical colonies on VRBGA but were not detected by the CompactDry ETB. No other exclusivity strains tested were detected by the CompactDry ETB, indicating that th

In the single laboratory matrix studies, there were no statistically significant differences in results seen between the CompactDry ETB and the ISO reference method at any contamination levels for raw ground beef, shredded iceberg lettuce, pasteurized cream, raw bacon, sandwich and cooked chilled rice. For the lowest contamination levels of cooked chicken, instant nonfat dry milk powder, cream cheese and vegetable juice, the mean differences in log₁₀ values between methods were <0.5, (0.284, 0.201, -0.185 and -0.334, respectively), however, one side of the CI was outside of the recommended (-0.5, 0.5) range. This indicates that the two methods had similar results, but because the contamination levels were so low, small differences in the number of colonies recorded had a bigger impact on the CIs. There were no statistical differences between the methods in these foods at the higher contamination levels. At the lowest contamination level of frozen fish, the mean difference between methods was -1.350, with a CI (-1.800, 0.910), both indicators well outside the acceptable range. A small number of colonies were isolated from the first dilution, 8 colonies total from 10 CompactDry ETB plates, while the VRBGA averaged 9 CFU/plate. The mean differences and CIs were well within the acceptance criteria at the four higher contamination levels, so the very low contamination level is not a good representation of the method performance. A difference between methods was also seen in the lowest contamination level of raw ground pork. The mean differences and S (-0.530) and the CI was (-0.723, -0.337). In this case, contamination levels were not low (3.842 for CompactDry and 4.373 for VRBGA). However, the mean differences in the two higher contamination levels were small at -0.031 and -0.106.

For ready to cook vegetables and fresh cooked prawns, statistical differences between the methods were seen at two contamination levels. For the ready to cook vegetables, a difference was seen in the CI at the low level (-0.711, 0.054), but the mean difference was <0.5 (-0.329). Because the contamination level was low, the small differences had a bigger impact on the CI. For the high level, mean differences between the methods was small, -0.032, but the upper confident limit was slightly above of the recommended acceptance parameter at -0.514. The CompactDry ETB method had higher variability between the replicates than the ISO method as indicated by the higher sr (0.433 vs. 0.153). For the cooked prawns, there was a significant difference in the middle contamination level, with a mean difference of -0.801 (-1.381, -0.238). The differences in the lower and higher levels were small at 0.039 (-0.075, 0.154) and -0.161 (-0.675, 0.354), respectively. The CI for the high level could be due to the higher standard deviation for the CompactDry ETB in this level. Although not a statistical outlier, one of the five replicates tested in the high level gave counts well below the others.

For the fish paté, the differences between methods were statistically significant at all contamination levels; -0.458 (-0.554, -0.63), 0.533 (0.231, 0.835) and -0.502 (-0.613, -0.391) for the low, middle and high contamination levels, respectively. However, in all cases, the differences were borderline, and the results do not trend in the same direction for all levels. The bias is low for the low and high contamination levels but high for the middle contamination level. The s_r is similar at each level for both methods, and the R² is 0.91. Perhaps the natural flora in this matrix contributed to the difference in the bias.

The multi-laboratory study showed no differences between the methods for pasteurized liquid milk. Mean differences between the methods and CIs were within the recommended acceptable range. The s_r and s_R values were similar for the CompactDry ETB and VRBGA at each contamination level. The low s_R values (<0.2) indicate robust method performance across laboratories. No differences were seen in three different manufactured lots and up to 16 months of storage.

				CompactDry	
No.	Strain	CRA ^a code	Origin/source	"Nissui" ETB ^b Result	VRBGA ^c Result
Inclusivity	strains tested by Campden BRI in 2008				
1	Citrobacter freundii	40	NCTC ^d 9750	+	+
2	Citrobacter freundii	3163	Sausage	+	+
3	Edwardsiella tardia	8392	NCTC 10391	+	+
4	Enterobacter aerogenes	15736	NCTC 10006	+	+
5	Enterobacter cloacae	1472	Dried milk	+	+
6	Enterobacter cloacae	6633	DuPont ^e 2850	+	+
7 8	Escherichia coli Escherichia coli	1476	Dried milk NCIMB ^f 10223	+ +	+
8 9	Escherichia coli	1871 2003	Fish	+	+ +
9 10	Escherichia coli	2003	NCTC 8008	+	+
10	Escherichia coli	2091	NCTC 11603	+	+
12	Escherichia coli	11017	NCTC 12241	+	+
13	Escherichia coli	11626	NCTC 5933	+	+
14	Escherichia coli	15943	NCIMB 700555	+	+
15	Escherichia coli	16041	Raw ground beef	+	+
16	Hafnia alvei	4009	Sandwich	+	+
17	Klebsiella oxytoca	8387	NCTC 8167	+	+
18	Klebsiella oxytoca	15926	ATCC ⁹ 13182	+	+
19	Pantoea agglomerans	15947	NCIMB 11392	+	+
20	Proteus mirabilis	1588	Poultry	+	+
21	Proteus vulgaris	1581	Poultry	+	+
22	Providencia rettgeri	8386	NCTC 7475	+	+
23	Salmonella Dublin	1356	NCTC 9676	+	+
24	Salmonella Enteriditis	1004	Chicken	+	+
25	Salmonella Poona	725	NCTC 4840	+	+
26	Salmonella Typhimurium	11634	ATCC 14028	+	+
27	Serratia marcescens	1521	Raw mince	-	+
28	Shigella boydii	324	NCTC 11321	+	+
29	Shigella flexneri	325	NCTC 9950	+	+
30	Shigella sonnei	326	NCTC 10352	+	+
31	Shigella sonnei	4107	NCTC 9950	+	+
32	Yersinia enterocolitica	4103	NCTC 10352	+	+
Inclusivity	strains tested by Campden BRI in 2017				
33	Buttiauxella warmboldiae	17112	Rainwater	+	+
34	Citrobacter amalonaticus	7458	Beansprouts	+	+
35	Citrobacter braakii	16279	Industrial isolate	+	+
36	Cronobacter sakazakii	16909	Dried milk	+	+
37	Enterobacter agglomerans	1488	Mince	+	+
38	Enterobacter amnigenus	7426	Mushrooms	+	+
39	Enterobacter intermedius	17023	Surface water	+	+
40	Erwinia amylovorans	8037	Industrial isolate	+	+
41	Escherichia fergusonii	7522	Sausages	+	+
42	Escherichia hermanii	7477	Sesame seeds	+	+
43	Escherichia vulneris	2005	Vegetables	+	+
44	Klebsiella pneumoniae	6650	Industrial isolate	+	+
45	Morganella morganii Rostobastorium atrosonticum	5120	Pork Industrial isolate	+	+
46 47	Pectobacterium atrosepticum Providencia alcalifaciens	8031	Chicken	-	-
47 48	Providencia alcalifaciens Rahnella aquatilis	7469 16911	NCIMB 13365	+	+ +
48 49	Raoultella ornithinolytica	16911		т -	+
49 50	Raoultella planticola	16928	Ropy cream ATCC 43176	-	+
50 51	Salmonella bongori	16379	Not known	+	+
52	Salmonella enterica subsp arizonae	16380	Not known	+	+
53	Salmonella enterica subsp diarizonae	16374	Not known	+	+
55	Salmonella enterica subsp houtenae	1376	NCTC 10401	+	+
55	Salmonella Java	1378	NCTC 5706	+	+
56	Salmonella Schwarzengrund	1408	NCTC 6756	+	+
57	Serratia fonticola	4613	Chicken	+	+
58	Serratia liquifaciens	1560	Mince	+	+
59	Serratia proteamaculans	16463	NCTC 11544	-	+
60	Shigella dysenteriae	4275	Industrial isolate	+	+
61	Shimwellia blattae	16931	Cockroach	+	+
62	Yersinia intermedia	380	Industrial isolate	-	+
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	strains tested by Nissui in 2018				
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65	Citrobacter farmeri	NA	Human	+	+
66	Enterobacter gergoviae	NA	ATCC 33028	+	+
67	Serratia rubidaea	NA	ATCC 27593	+	+
68	Serratia odorifera	NA	Unknown	+	+
69	Citrobacter koseri	NA	ATCC 25408	+	+
70	Escherichia blattae	NA	JCM ⁱ 1650	+	+
71	Kluyvera ascorbata	NA	ATCC 33433	+	+
72	Kluyvera cryocrescens	NA	ATCC 33435	+	+
73	Morganella morganii	NA	ATCC 25830	+	+
74	Rahnella aquatilis	NA	JCM 1683	+	+
75	Salmonella Choleraesuis	NA	ATCC 13312	+	+
76	Serratia marcescens	NA	ATCC 13880	+	+

^aCRA code = Cambden BRI Laboratories, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, UK.

^bCompactDry "Nissui" ETB results: "+" = typical growth, "-" = no growth.

^cVRBGA = Violet red bile glucose agar, per ISO 21528-2:2004 and ISO/DIS 21528-2:2014.

^dNCTC = National Collection of Type Cultures, Porton Down, Salisbury, UK.

^eDuPont = Wilmington, DE.

fNCIMB = National Collection of Industrial Food and Marine Bacteria, Aberdeen, Scotland.

^gATCC = American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, VA.

^hNA = Not applicable.

^{*i*}JCM = Japan Collection of Microorganisms, Ibaraki, Japan.

Table 2: Exclusivity results for CompactDry "Nissui" ETB (1)

				CompactDry "Nissui" ETB ^b		
No.	Strain	CRA ^a code	Origin/source	Result	VRBGA ^c Result	
	rains tested by Campden BRI in 2008	CKA" LOUE	Origin/source	Result	VKBGA [®] Kesult	
1	Aeromonas hydrophilia	4111	NCTC ^d 8049	-	+	
1 2	Avibacterium avium	8389	NCTC 11297	-	Ŧ	
2	Bacillus cereus	1761	Dairy product	-	-	
5	Bacillus cereus	4110	NCTC 7464	-	-	
4 5	Bacillus subtilis	4110	NCTC 10400	-	-	
6	Bronchothrix thermospacta	16019	NCTC 10400	-	-	
0	Enterococcus faecalis	4113	NCTC 10822	-	-	
8	Enterococcus faecalis	16049	NCIMB ^e 12280	-	-	
8 9	-	6804	NCIMB 12280	-	-	
	Lactobacillus gasseri			-	-	
10	Pasteurella bettyae	8391	NCTC 10535	+	+	
11	Pediococcus pentosaceus	16030	Brine	-	-	
12	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	8299	NCIMB 10753	-	-	
13	Pseudomonas fluorescens	15937	NCIMB 10586	-	-	
14	Pseudomonas fragi	16050	NCTC 10689	-	-	
15	Staphylococcus aureus	1216	NCTC 10655	-	-	
16	Staphylococcus aureus	1224	Margarine	-	-	
17	Staphylococcus aureus	1227	Frozen cooked prawns	-	-	
18	Staphylococcus aureus	4105	NCIMB 12702	-	-	
19	Vibrio mimicus	6351	NCTC 11435	-	-	
20	Vibrio parahaemolyticus	15737	NCTC 11344	+ ^f	+	
	rains tested by Campden BRI in 2017					
21	Aeromonas bestiarum	17068	Stream water	-	+	
22	Aeromonas eucrenophila	17121	Wet land water	-	+	
23	Aeromonas salmonicida	8388	NCTC 10402	-	-	
24	Bacillus circulans	16584	Pasteurized cream	-	-	
25	Bacillus coagulans	16586	Sterilized milk	-	-	
26	Flavobacterium indologenes	4088	Bamboo shoots	-	-	
27	Lactobacillus acidophilus	7675	Dairy product	-	-	
28	Lactobacillus brevis	16628	NCTC 13386	-	-	
29	Listeria innocua	6602	NCTC 11288	-	-	
30	Listeria monocytogenes	1104	Soft cheese	-	-	
31	Staphylococcus delphinii	16900	NCIMB 8709	-	-	
32	Staphylococcus haemolyticus	7818	Sandwich	-	-	
33	Streptococcus agalactiae	7115	ATCC ⁹ 13813	-	-	
34	Streptococcus pyogenes	16892	NCIMB 13285	-	-	
35	Streptococcus thermophilus	16045	NCIMB 8510	-	-	

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^eNCIMB = National Collection of Industrial Food and Marine Bacteria, Aberdeen, Scotland.

^fGrowth was atypical on CompactDry "Nissui" ETB.

^gATCC = American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, VA.

	Cont lovel		ETB		ISO 21528-2:2004				95% Cl ^e	
Matrix	Cont. level —	Mean ^a	Sr ^b	RSD ^{,c}	Mean	Sr	RSD _r	Mean diff. ^d	LCL ^f	UCL ^g
	1	3.415	0.092	2.69	3.596	0.105	2.92	-0.181	-0.265	-0.097
	2	4.301	0.065	1.51	4.430	0.092	2.08	-0.129	-0.209	-0.048
Raw ground beef	3	5.104	0.217	4.25	5.077	0.190	3.74	0.027	-0.016	0.071
	4	5.457	0.200	3.67	5.628	0.156	2.77	-0.171	-0.339	-0.003
	5	6.464	0.318	4.92	6.547	0.293	4.48	-0.083	-0.149	-0.018
Cooked chicken	1	0.000	0.000	NA ^h	0.000	0.000	NA	0.000	0.000	0.000
	2	0.653	0.568	87.0	0.369	0.598	162	0.284	-0.301	0.869
	3	2.291	0.172	7.51	2.456	0.175	7.13	-0.165	-0.250	-0.080
	4	3.434	0.125	3.64	3.407	0.194	5.69	0.028	-0.105	0.160
	5	4.412	0.095	2.15	4.368	0.092	2.11	0.043	-0.032	0.118
	1	0.000	0.000	NA	0.000	0.000	NA	0.000	0.000	0.000
Pre-washed bagged shredded iceberg	2	2.583	0.367	14.2	2.502	0.520	20.8	0.081	-0.200	0.361
	3	3.935	0.190	4.83	4.161	0.158	3.80	-0.226	-0.296	-0.155
ettuce	4	4.733	0.317	6.69	4.566	0.356	7.80	0.167	0.060	0.274
	5	5.054	0.068	1.35	4.952	0.176	3.55	0.102	0.009	0.195
	1	0.518	0.677	131	1.868	0.285	15.3	-1.350	-1.800	-0.901
	2	2.039	0.208	10.2	2.203	0.217	9.85	-0.164	-0.240	-0.088
rozen fish (cod fillet)	3	2.850	0.134	4.70	3.088	0.108	3.50	-0.238	-0.300	-0.176
	4	3.957	0.144	3.64	4.086	0.147	3.60	-0.129	-0.166	-0.092
	5	4.922	0.245	4.98	5.114	0.184	3.60	-0.192	-0.244	-0.139
	1	0.000	0.000	NA	0.000	0.000	NA	0.000	0.000	0.000
	2	1.862	0.892	47.9	1.661	1.290	77.7	0.201	-0.242	0.644
nstant nonfat dry nilk powder	3	2.804	0.257	9.17	2.921	0.283	9.69	-0.117	-0.202	-0.033
	4	3.642	0.446	12.2	3.767	0.464	12.3	-0.124	-0.240	-0.009
	5	4.917	0.162	3.29	4.853	0.190	3.92	0.064	-0.008	0.136

^aMean of five replicate portions, plated in duplicate, after logarithmic transformation.

^bRepeatability standard deviation.

^cRelative standard deviation for repeatability.

^{*d*}Mean difference between the candidate and reference methods.

^eConfidence interval.

^f95% Lower confidence limit for difference of means.

^{*g*}95% Upper confidence limit for difference of means.

^hNot applicable.

	Cont.	ETB			IS	O/DIS 21528-2:20	14		95% CI ^e	
Matrix	level	Mean ^a	Sr ^b	RSD _r ^c	Mean	Sr	RSDr	Mean diff. ^d	LCL ^f	UCL ^g
	1	2.298	0.117	5.09	2.316	0.100	4.32	-0.019	-0.085	0.048
Pasteurized cream	2	4.064	0.044	1.08	3.953	0.105	2.66	0.111	-0.020	0.242
	3	5.932	0.054	0.91	5.651	0.095	1.68	0.281	0.194	0.368
	1	1.643	0.235	14.3	1.828	0.209	11.4	-0.185	-0.712	0.342
Cream cheese	2	3.682	0.048	1.30	3.834	0.038	0.99	-0.153	-0.207	-0.098
	3	5.495	0.095	1.73	5.666	0.072	1.27	-0.171	-0.346	0.004
Deedu te eest freeh	1	1.778	0.166	9.34	2.106	0.195	9.26	-0.329	-0.711	0.054
Ready to cook fresh vegetables	2	3.292	0.076	2.31	3.408	0.189	5.55	-0.117	-0.271	0.038
vegetables	3	5.643	0.433	7.67	5.610	0.153	2.73	0.032	-0.451	0.514
	1	1.597	0.202	12.7	1.942	0.145	7.47	-0.344	-0.583	-0.106
Vegetable juice	2	3.633	0.079	2.17	3.838	0.067	1.75	-0.205	-0.356	-0.054
	3	5.559	0.094	1.69	5.804	0.044	0.76	-0.245	-0.353	-0.136
	1	3.842	0.061	1.59	4.373	0.110	2.52	-0.530	-0.723	-0.337
Raw ground pork	2	4.744	0.097	2.04	4.775	0.076	1.59	-0.031	-0.110	0.047
	3	6.749	0.017	0.25	6.855	0.048	0.70	-0.106	-0.181	-0.031
	1	2.744	0.277	10.1	2.637	0.409	15.5	0.107	-0.192	0.406
Raw bacon	2	4.449	0.246	5.53	4.344	0.216	4.97	0.104	-0.086	0.295
	3	6.308	0.197	3.12	6.356	0.216	3.40	-0.048	-0.349	0.254
	1	2.361	0.184	7.79	2.322	0.133	5.73	0.039	-0.075	0.154
Fresh cooked prawns	2	4.352	0.324	7.44	5.161	0.748	14.5	-0.810	-1.381	-0.238
	3	5.783	0.394	6.81	5.944	0.083	1.40	-0.161	-0.675	0.354
	1	2.464	0.075	3.04	2.923	0.078	2.67	-0.458	-0.554	-0.363
Fish paté	2	4.434	0.137	3.09	3.901	0.174	4.46	0.533	0.231	0.835
	3	6.240	0.187	3.00	6.741	0.122	1.81	-0.502	-0.613	-0.391
	1	2.415	0.061	2.53	2.618	0.109	4.16	-0.203	-0.326	-0.080
Sandwich	2	4.422	0.070	1.58	4.383	0.142	3.24	0.039	-0.133	0.211
	3	6.525	0.059	0.90	6.635	0.099	1.49	-0.110	-0.229	0.008
	1	1.365	0.201	14.7	1.701	0.125	7.35	-0.336	-0.579	-0.092
Cooked chilled rice	2	3.526	0.008	0.23	3.716	0.091	2.45	-0.191	-0.375	-0.006
	3	5.442	0.170	3.12	5.650	0.113	2.00	-0.207	-0.523	0.109

^{*a*}Mean of five replicate portions, after logarithmic transformation.

^bRepeatability standard deviation.

^cRelative standard deviation for repeatability.

^{*d*}Mean difference between the candidate and reference methods. ^{*e*}Confidence interval.

^f95% Lower confidence limit for difference of means.

⁹95% Upper confidence limit for difference of means.

Laboratory	Non-contaminated		Low Level		Medium Level		High Level	
	CD ETB ^a	ISO 21528-2	CD ETB	ISO 21528-2	CD ETB	ISO 21528-2	CD ETB	ISO 21528-2
1	0.000 ^b	0.000	2.241	2.714	3.343	3.747	4.406	4.588
2	0.000	0.000	2.443	2.655	3.713	3.772	4.823	4.841
3	0.000	0.000	2.279	2.492	3.634	3.648	4.525	4.625
4	0.000	0.000	2.247	2.496	3.343	3.544	4.467	4.578
5	0.000	0.000	2.123	2.483	3.347	3.575	4.370	4.488
6	0.000	0.000	2.344	2.575	3.542	3.622	4.602	4.625
7	0.000	0.000	2.147	2.667	3.554	3.680	4.497	4.656
8	0.000	0.000	2.312	2.479	3.514	3.572	4.577	4.659
9	0.000	0.000	2.072	2.560	3.317	3.603	4.469	4.467
10	0.000	0.000	2.511	2.681	3.504	3.697	4.486	4.472
11 ^c	0.000	0.000	2.160	2.405	3.379	3.342	4.317	4.204

^aCompactDry "Nissui" ETB.

^bResults are reported for each laboratory as a mean of two replicate portions, plated in duplicate, after logarithmic transformation.

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