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Comparative Resistance of *G. stearothermophilus* and *B. atrophaeus* when used with Altapure's Peracetic Acid Decontamination System

Purpose: To show that G. stearothermophilus is more resistant than B. atrophaeus

when used with Altapure's Peracetic acid decontamination system.

Method: Three lots of short strips inoculated with B. atrophaeus were exposed to

Altapure's peracetic acid decontamination and the results were compared with three lots of short strips inoculated with G. stearothermophilus.

Results:

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G. stearothermophilus		B. atrophaeus	
Lot#	SMC D-Value	Lot #	SMC D-Value
908 Test #2	2.3 min	296 Test	1.8 min
976 Test	2.6 min	297 Test	1.8 min
1021 Test	2.6 min	298 Test	2.0 min

Conclusion: The testing shows that G. stearothermophilus is more resistant than B.

atrophaeus when used with Altapure's peracetic acid decontamination

system. These results confirm that G. stearothermophilus is the

appropriate indicator organism for this process.

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