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### **CompactDry "Nissui" ETB**

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APPLICABILITY OF METHOD Target Organism – Enterobacteriaceae Matrixes – (2008 study) raw ground beef, cooked chicken, lettuce (pre- washed, 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,	REFERENCE METHODS 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

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.

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- 1. Compact Dry ETB
- **Compact Dry ETB** 2.

#### **PRINCIPLE OF THE METHOD (1)**

The CompactDry "Nissui" ETB is a ready-to-use test method for detection and enumeration of Enterobacteriaceae in food and related products. The CompactDry "Nissui" 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 "Nissui" 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 "Nissui" ETB. However, other species of Serratia (fonticola, liquifaciens, odorifera and rubidaea) were positive the CompactDry "Nissui" ETB, as were Raoultella planticola and Yersinia entercolitica and Yersinia fredriksenii, indicating that the CompactDry "Nissui" 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 "Nissui" 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 "Nissui" ETB or VRBGA at 37 ± 1°C in this case. In exclusivity testing, Pasteurella bettyae (NCTC 10535) gave typical colonies on both CompactDry "Nissui" ETB and VRBGA. This strain is known to ferment glucose but is oxidase-positive, which is unlike members of the Enterobacteriaceae. Aeromonas bestiarum, Aeromonas eucrenophila and Aeromonas hydrophilia gave typical colonies on VRBGA but were not detected by the CompactDry "Nissui" ETB. No other exclusivity strains tested were detected by the CompactDry "Nissui" ETB, indicating that this candidate method may be more selective than the reference method for certain organisms. In the single laboratory matrix studies, there were no statistically significant differences in results seen between the CompactDry "Nissui" 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 "Nissui" 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 difference was >0.5 (-0.530) and the CI was (-0.723, -0.337). In this case, contamination levels were not low (3.842 for CompactDry "Nissui" 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 "Nissui" 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 "Nissui" 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<sub>r</sub> is similar at each level for both methods, and the R<sup>2</sup> 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 "Nissui" 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.

#### Table 1. Inclusivity results for CompactDry "Nissui" ETB (1)

				CompactDry "Niccui" ETP			
No	Ctroin	CDAg and	Origin/source	"Nissui" ETB <sup>b</sup>			
No.	Strain strains tested by Campden BRI in 2008	CRA <sup>a</sup> code	Origin/source	Result	VRBGA <sup>c</sup> Result		
1	Citrobacter freundii	40	NCTC <sup>d</sup> 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 <sup>e</sup> 2850	+	+		
7	Escherichia coli	1476	Dried milk	+	+		
8	Escherichia coli	1871	NCIMB <sup>f</sup> 10223	+	+		
9	Escherichia coli	2003	Fish	+	+		
10	Escherichia coli	2091	NCTC 8008	+	+		
11	Escherichia coli	2092	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 Klabsialla avutaaa	4009 8387	Sandwich NCTC 8167	+	+		
17 18	Klebsiella oxytoca Klebsiella oxytoca	15926	ATCC <sup>9</sup> 13182	+	+		
18	Pantoea agglomerans	15920	NCIMB 11392	+	+		
20	Proteus mirabilis	1588	Poultry	+	+		
20	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	+	+		
33	strains tested by Campden BRI in 2017 Buttiauxella warmboldiae	17112	Deinweter	+	+		
33 34	Citrobacter amalonaticus	7458	Rainwater Beansprouts	+	+		
34	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	5120	Pork	+	+		
46	Pectobacterium atrosepticum	8031	Industrial isolate	-	-		
47	Providencia alcalifaciens	7469	Chicken	+	+		
48	Rahnella aquatilis	16911	NCIMB 13365	+	+		
49 50	Raoultella ornithinolytica	16928	Ropy cream	-	+		
50 51	Raoultella planticola Salmonella bongori	16820 16379	ATCC 43176	+	+		
51 52	Salmonella bongori Salmonella enterica subsp arizonae	16380	Not known Not known	+ +	+		
52 53	Salmonella enterica subsp drizonae Salmonella enterica subsp diarizonae	16374	Not known Not known	+ +	+ +		
53 54	Salmonella enterica subsp houtenae	1376	NCTC 10401	+	+		
55	Salmonella Java	1378	NCTC 5706	+	+		
55	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	-	+		
Inclusivity	strains tested by Nissui in 2018						
63	Yersinia fredriksenii	NA <sup>h</sup>	ATCC 33641	+	+		

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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 <sup><i>i</i></sup> 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	+	+

<sup>a</sup>CRA code = Cambden BRI Laboratories, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, UK.

<sup>b</sup>CompactDry "Nissui" ETB results: "+" = typical growth, "-" = no growth.

<sup>c</sup>VRBGA = Violet red bile glucose agar, per ISO 21528-2:2004 and ISO/DIS 21528-2:2014.

<sup>*d*</sup>NCTC = National Collection of Type Cultures, Porton Down, Salisbury, UK.

<sup>e</sup>DuPont = Wilmington, DE.

<sup>f</sup>NCIMB = National Collection of Industrial Food and Marine Bacteria, Aberdeen, Scotland.

<sup>g</sup>ATCC = American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, VA.

<sup>h</sup>NA = Not applicable.

<sup>*i*</sup>JCM = Japan Collection of Microorganisms, Ibaraki, Japan.

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

No.   Strain   CR4° code   Origin/source   Result   VRBGA* Result     Inclusivity strains tested by Campden BH in 2008   -   +   +   +     1   Akromona hydrophilio   4111   NCTC'8049   -   +     2   Akrobacterium avium   8389   NCTC 11297   -   -     3   Bacillus cereus   1761   Dairy product   -   -     4   Bacillus cereus   1410   NCTC 7464   -   -     5   Bacillus setuitis   4112   NCTC 10822   -   -     6   Bronchothrik thermospacta   16019   NCTC 10822   -   -     7   Enterococcus faecalis   16049   NCIMB 10325   +   +     10   Pasteurello bettype   8391   NCTC 10822   -   -     11   Pediococcus pertosceus   16030   Brine   -   -     12   Pseudomonas fuoresceus   15937   NCIMB 10753   -   -     14   Pseudomonas fragi					CompactDry	
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3   Bacillus cereus   1761   Dairy product   -   -     4   Bacillus cereus   4110   NCTC 7444   -   -     5   Bacillus subtilis   4112   NCTC 10400   -   -     6   Branchothrix thermaspacta   16019   NCTC 775   -   -     7   Enterococcus faecalis   1009   NCTC 775   -   -     9   Lactobacillus gasseri   6804   NCIMB*12280   -   -     10   Pasteurella bettypae   8391   NCTC 10535   +   +     11   Pediococcus pertosaceus   16030   Brine   -   -     13   Pseudomonas furgai   16050   NCTC 10689   -   -     14   Pseudomonas furgai   1216   NCTC 10655   -   -     15   Staphylococcus aureus   1227   Frozen conkel prawns   -   -     18   Staphylococcus aureus   1321   NCT 10435   -   -     20   Wbrio minicus   <		, ,			-	+
4   Bacillus cereus   4110   NCTC 7464   -   -     5   Bacillus subtilis   4112   NCTC 10400   -   -     6   Branchtohrix thermospacta   16019   NCTC 10822   -   -     7   Enterococcus faecalis   16049   NCTC 1052   -   -     8   Enterococcus faecalis   16049   NCIMB 13081   -   -     10   Pasteurella bettyae   8391   NCTC 10535   +   +     11   Pedicoccus pensoeus   16030   Brine   -   -     13   Pseudomonas fuorescens   15937   NCIMB 10753   -   -     14   Pseudomonas fragi   16050   NCTC 10689   -   -     15   Staphylococcus aureus   1227   Frozen cooked prawns   -   -     16   Staphylococcus aureus   1227   Frozen cooked prawns   -   -     17   Staphylococcus aureus   123   NCTC 11344   +   +     18   Staphyloc					-	-
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9   Lactobacillus gasseri   6804   NCIMB 13081   -   -     10   Pasteurella bettyae   8391   NCTC 10535   +   +     11   Pediocaccus pentosaceus   16030   Brine   -   -     12   Pseudomonas aeurginosa   8299   NCIMB 10753   -   -     13   Pseudomonas fluorescens   15937   NCIMB 10586   -   -     14   Pseudomonas fragi   16050   NCTC 10689   -   -     15   Staphylocaccus aureus   1224   Margarine   -   -     16   Staphylocaccus aureus   1227   Frozen coked prawns   -   -     18   Staphylocacus aureus   1635   NCTC 11435   -   -     20   Vibrio minicus   6351   NCTC 11435   -   +     21   Aeromonas bestirurm   17068   Stream water   -   +     22   Aeromonas salmonicida   8388   NCTC 10402   -   -     23   Aeromonas s	7	Enterococcus faecalis	4113	NCTC 775	-	-
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<sup>*a*</sup>CRA code = Cambden BRI Laboratories, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, UK.

<sup>b</sup>CompactDry "Nissui" ETB results: "+" = typical growth, "-" = no growth.

<sup>c</sup>VRBGA = Violet red bile glucose agar, per ISO 21528-2:2004 and ISO/DIS 21528-2:2014.

<sup>d</sup>NCTC = National Collection of Type Cultures, Porton Down, Salisbury, UK.

<sup>e</sup>NCIMB = National Collection of Industrial Food and Marine Bacteria, Aberdeen, Scotland.

<sup>f</sup>Growth was atypical on CompactDry "Nissui" ETB.

<sup>g</sup>ATCC = American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, VA.

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Matrix	Cont. level —	Mean <sup>a</sup>	Sr <sup>b</sup>	RSD <sup>,c</sup>	Mean	Sr	RSDr	Mean diff. <sup>d</sup>	LCL <sup>f</sup>	UCL <sup>g</sup>
	1	3.415	0.092	2.69	3.596	0.105	2.92	-0.181	-0.265	-0.097
Raw ground beef	2	4.301	0.065	1.51	4.430	0.092	2.08	-0.129	-0.209	-0.048
	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
	1	0.000	0.000	NA <sup>h</sup>	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
Cooked chicken	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	2	2.583	0.367	14.2	2.502	0.520	20.8	0.081	-0.200	0.361
shredded iceberg	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
Frozen 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 milk powder	3	2.804	0.257	9.17	2.921	0.283	9.69	-0.117	-0.202	-0.033
portaci	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

<sup>a</sup>Mean of five replicate portions, plated in duplicate, after logarithmic transformation.

<sup>b</sup>Repeatability standard deviation.

<sup>c</sup>Relative standard deviation for repeatability.

<sup>*d*</sup>Mean difference between the candidate and reference methods.

<sup>e</sup>Confidence interval.

<sup>f</sup>95% Lower confidence limit for difference of means.

<sup>*g*</sup>95% Upper confidence limit for difference of means.

<sup>h</sup>Not applicable.

	Cont.	ETB			IS	ISO/DIS 21528-2:2014			95% Cl <sup>e</sup>	
Matrix	level	Mean <sup>a</sup>	Sr <sup>b</sup>	RSD <sub>r</sub> <sup>c</sup>	Mean	Sr	RSDr	Mean diff. <sup>d</sup>	LCL	UCL <sup>g</sup>
	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
Daarda ta aa ah fua ah	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
vegeranies	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
0	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

<sup>*a*</sup>Mean of five replicate portions, after logarithmic transformation.

<sup>b</sup>Repeatability standard deviation.

<sup>c</sup>Relative standard deviation for repeatability.

<sup>d</sup>Mean difference between the candidate and reference methods. <sup>e</sup>Confidence interval.

<sup>f</sup>95% Lower confidence limit for difference of means.

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	Non-contaminated		Low Level		Medium Level		High Level	
Laboratory	CD ETB <sup>a</sup>	ISO 21528-2	CD ETB	ISO 21528-2	CD ETB	ISO 21528-2	CD ETB	ISO 21528-2
1	0.000 <sup>b</sup>	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 <sup>c</sup>	0.000	0.000	2.160	2.405	3.379	3.342	4.317	4.204

<sup>a</sup>CompactDry "Nissui" ETB.

<sup>b</sup>Results are reported for each laboratory as a mean of two replicate portions, plated in duplicate, after logarithmic transformation.

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