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## TRIAL REPORT

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### **A - OBJECT:**

Comparison between **CHROMagar™ ECC** method for the detection and enumeration of *Escherichia coli* and coliforms and versus FIL-IDF N°73B method (1998) for the enumeration of coliforms - Part 1 (enumeration at 30°C in samples of raw milk, butter and cheese).

### **B - SUPPLIED MATERIAL:**

- ◇ **CHROMagar™ ECC** dose: 250 ml.

### **C - METHODOLOGY:**

- ◇ Enumeration of total coliforms:  
FIL-IDF N°73B: 1998 Norm - Part 1.
- ◇ Detection and enumeration of *Escherichia coli* and coliforms  
**CHROMagar™ ECC** method. Incubation at 37°C during 24h.

### **D - RESULTS:**

#### **-A- Raw milk samples:**

Samples	FIL-IDF 73B: 1998 method (log <sub>10</sub> UFC/ml.)	CHROMagar™ ECC method (log <sub>10</sub> UFC/ml.)
1	2,18	2,04
2	2,57	2,66
3	2,78	2,78
4	2,18	2,34
5	3,08	2,70
6	2,76	2,81
7	2,28	2,41
8	3,32	3,00
9	4,78	4,45
10	2,82	3,08

#### *Statistical comparison:*

Correlation coefficient	<b>0,9240</b>
Average (log <sub>10</sub> ) UFC/ml (FIL-IDF 73B: 1998 method)	2,8750±0,7679
Variation coefficient (FIL-IDF 73B: 1998 method)	26,7110
Average (log <sub>10</sub> ) UFC/ml (CHROMagar™ ECC method)	2,8270±0,6502
Variation coefficient (CHROMagar™ ECC method)	23,0000
Sample volume	10

**-B- Butter samples:**

Samples	FIL-IDF 73B: 1998 method (log <sub>10</sub> . UFC/gr.)	CHROMagar™ ECC method (log <sub>10</sub> .UFC/gr.)
1	3,78	4,40
2	3,08	4,34
3	3,11	3,23
4	3,15	3,28
5	3,98	4,20
6	3,83	4,23
7	2,11	2,43
8	1,90	2,26
9	1,70	2,20
10	2,00	2,00

*Statistical comparison:*

Correlation coefficient	<b>0,8701</b>
Average (log <sub>10</sub> ) UFC/gr (FIL-IDF 73B: 1998 method)	2,8640±0,8696
Variation coefficient (FIL-IDF 73B: 1998 method)	30,3630
Average (log <sub>10</sub> ) UFC/gr (CHROMagar™ ECC method)	3,2570±0,9827
Variation coefficient (CHROMagar™ ECC method)	30,1730
Sample volume	10

**-C- Cheese samples:**

Samples	FIL-IDF 73B: 1998 method (log <sub>10</sub> . UFC/gr.)	CHROMagar™ ECC method (log <sub>10</sub> .UFC/gr.)
1	2,23	2,61
2	2,96	3,15
3	2,04	1,70
4	2,45	3,32
5	4,41	4,50
6	3,57	3,95
7	3,70	3,97
8	3,68	3,93
9	2,00	2,00
10	2,00	2,00

*Statistical comparison:*

Correlation coefficient	<b>0,9001</b>
Average (log <sub>10</sub> ) UFC/gr (FIL-IDF 73B: 1998 method)	2,9040±0,8814
Variation coefficient (FIL-IDF 73B: 1998 method)	30,3510
Average (log <sub>10</sub> ) UFC/gr (CHROMagar™ ECC method)	3,1130±0,9887
Variation coefficient (CHROMagar™ ECC method)	31,7600
Sample volume	10