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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR THE ENUMERATION OF COLIFORMS AND *ESCHERICHIA COLI* BY IDEXX (COLILERT 18) QUANTI-TRAY™

INTRODUCTION

Scope

The method described is applicable to the enumeration of coliform bacteria and *Escherichia coli* in samples of potable quality water, pool waters and environmental waters. It may be used for environmental fresh water samples but not for bottled mineral waters or for designated bathing waters sampled under the bathing water regulations⁵. It is particularly appropriate for samples likely to contain small numbers of coliform bacteria and *E. coli*, such as many private water supplies, since it reduces the work required for confirmation giving a confirmed result within 22 hours.

Background

The total coliform bacterial count is widely regarded as the most reliable indicator of potable water quality. Coliform bacteria are found in the human and animal intestine but may also be environmental in origin. Consequently, they serve as indicators of potential faecal pollution. *E. coli* is only found in human and animal intestines and tests for its presence in water are necessary to confirm that pollution is of human or animal origin.

Coliform bacteria and *E. coli* are sensitive to the disinfection processes used in water treatment and do not multiply in water. They can also be used as indicators of pool waters. They should not be present in 100 mL of waters of potable quality or pool waters¹⁻⁹.

Quanti-Tray™ is a multi-well most probable number (MPN) method incorporating a defined substrate medium which contains *o*-nitrophenyl- β -D-galactopyranoside (ONPG) and 4-methyl-umbelliferyl- β -D-glucuronide (MUG). After incubation at 37°C for 18-22 hours coliform bacteria produce a yellow colour due to the production of β -galactosidase and *E. coli* also produces fluorescence as a result of the action of β -glucuronidase. The MPN is calculated from the number of positive wells.

This method has been subjected to extensive validation trials in the UK for use with mains drinking water¹⁰ and private water supplies¹¹ and is incorporated in the Microbiology of Drinking Water 2002 document¹².

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1.0 DEFINITIONS

In the context of this method the following definitions apply:

Coliform bacteria

Organisms which produce a yellow colour, due to the presence of β -galactosidase, following incubation for 18 - 22 hours at 37°C.

Escherichia coli

Organisms which produce a yellow colour due to the presence of β -galactosidase and blue-white fluorescence under long wavelength UV light due to the presence of β -glucuronidase after incubation for 18 - 22 hours at 37°C.

2.0 PRINCIPLE

A 100 mL volume of the water sample being tested is measured into a bottle and the dehydrated test medium added to it. After the powder has dissolved, the sample containing the medium is dispensed into a sachet. Where numbers up to 200 cfu are expected, a 51-well sachet is used. Where numbers up to 2000 cfu are expected, a 97-well sachet is used. The appropriate sachet is then heat-sealed. Following incubation at 37°C for 18 - 22 hours the numbers of yellow wells and the number of yellow wells that fluoresce are counted. The MPN counts of coliform bacteria and *E. coli* are then read from the appropriate MPN table (pages 7 - 9).

3.0 SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS¹⁶⁻²⁵

Normal microbiology laboratory precautions apply.

3.1 Specimen collection

N/A

3.2 Specimen transport and storage

Compliance with current postal and transportation regulations is essential.

3.3 Specimen processing

- When the UV lamp is used (section 6.3) it is strongly advised that gloves, and either goggles or a face shield (for use with 245 nm UV emitting sources) are worn

The above guidance should be supplemented with local COSHH and risk assessments

4.0 EQUIPMENT

Usual laboratory equipment and in addition :

- 100 mL plastic bottles for Quanti-Tray™/Colilert with antifoam
- Quanti-Trays™ with 51 or 97 wells
- Quanti-Tray™ heat sealer
- Incubator at 37°C \pm 1°C

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- Long wavelength UV light source and viewer
- Quanti-Tray™ reference comparator
- Automatic pipettors and associated sterile tips capable of delivering 1 – 10 mL volumes

5.0 CULTURE MEDIA AND REAGENTS

Sachets of Quanti-Tray™ medium (Colilert 18)
Sterile deionised water if dilutions are required

6.0 SAMPLE PROCESSING

6.1 Sample preparation and dilution

Water samples should be received and handled as described in SOP W1. The nature of the request and condition of the sample should be noted on arrival, the sample stored at 2°C - 10°C. Samples should be analysed as soon as is practicable on the day of collection. In exceptional circumstances, if there is a delay, storage under the above conditions should not exceed 24 hours before the commencement of analysis. A note should be added to the report form stating that the sample was examined more than 6 hours after collection and that it is not known what effect this will have on the results of the examination.

At least 20 minutes before processing of samples is due to begin switch on the heat sealer to warm up.

Prepare any necessary dilutions by transferring the appropriate volume of sample to the 100 mL Quanti-Tray™ bottle and making the volume up to the 100 mL mark **with sterile deionised water**. Process the sample or a dilution for analysis so that the expected MPN lies within 0 – 199 for use with the 51 well tray, or 0 – 1999 for use with the 97 well tray.

6.2 Setting up the test

Pour the sample or its dilution into one of the sterile plastic Colilert bottles containing antifoam to the level line indicating 100 ml. Buffered diluents should **not** be used.

Separate one snap pack of Colilert 18 medium from the strip taking care not to accidentally open the adjacent pack.

Tap the snap pack to ensure that all of the powder is at the bottom.

Open the pack by snapping back the top at the scoreline. **Caution:** Do not touch the opening of the pack.

Add the reagent to the 100 mL sample bottle. Replace the cap and leave to stand for a few minutes (up to ten minutes) until dissolved. After standing mix gently ensuring that the reagent has fully dissolved and dispersed.

Label a Quanti-Tray™. With the plastic facing the palm of the hand and the top uppermost, open the tray by squeezing it. Gently pull the tab on the top of the tray away from the plastic.

Pour the 100mL of sample into the tray. Carefully place the tray in the pre-warmed heat sealer and seal according to manufacturers instructions. Note: Do not keep hold of the tray or tray shelf while doing this.

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Invert Quanti-Trays™ (bottom of the wells uppermost) and place in a 37°C incubator. Do not stack any more than 6 trays high. Incubate for a minimum of 18 hours and not more than 22 hours.

6.3 Reading of results

Remove trays from the incubator and count and record the number of yellow wells in the 51 well tray and the number of yellow wells in the large and small wells of the 2000 (97 well) trays (total coliform bacteria). If necessary compare with the Quanti-Tray™ reference comparator which shows the minimum yellow colour which can be considered positive. If any wells give a borderline yellow colour, the Quanti-Tray™ can be re-incubated for 3 – 4 hours to give a final incubation time of 22 hours. Note: the Quanti-Tray™ results **must not be read after 22 hours**.

Using the UV lamp, count and record the number of wells which are both yellow and fluoresce under UV light (*E. coli*). Disregard any wells that fluoresce but are not yellow. Record the figures, times of inoculation and reading.

7.0 QUALITY CONTROL

Internal quality control procedures must be carried out on each day of testing.

The quantitative internal quality controls are performed using suspensions of positive and negative control organisms known to contain less than 100 colony forming units in the volume tested.

Positive control

Use a mixture of *Escherichia coli* NCTC 9001 and *Klebsiella aerogenes* NCTC 9528

Negative control

Pseudomonas aeruginosa NCTC 10662

Process control suspensions alongside samples being tested.

8.0 CALCULATION OF RESULTS

The numbers of total coliform bacteria and *E. coli* per 100 mL are determined from the MPN tables provided (pages 7-9). If less than 100 mL of sample was used the MPN must be multiplied by the appropriate factor, e.g. if 10 mL of sample was used, multiply the MPN value by 10.

9.0 REPORTING OF RESULTS

If coliform bacteria or *E. coli* are not detected, report as:

'Not detected in 100 mL'

If the test organisms are detected, report as:

'a per 100 mL'

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where **a** is the MPN rounded to the nearest whole number.

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# Large Wells Positive	IDEXX Quanti-Tray/200MPN Table																								
	# Small Wells Positive																								
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
0	<1	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.1	16.1	17.1	18.1	19.1	20.2	21.2	22.2	23.2	24.3
1	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.1	9.1	10.1	11.1	12.1	13.2	14.2	15.2	16.2	17.3	18.3	19.3	20.4	21.4	22.4	23.5	24.5	25.6
2	2.0	3.0	4.1	5.1	6.1	7.1	8.1	9.2	10.2	11.2	12.2	13.3	14.3	15.3	16.4	17.4	18.5	19.5	20.6	21.6	22.6	23.7	24.8	25.8	26.9
3	3.1	4.1	5.1	6.1	7.2	8.2	9.2	10.3	11.3	12.4	13.4	14.4	15.5	16.5	17.6	18.6	19.7	20.8	21.8	22.9	23.9	25.0	26.1	27.1	28.2
4	4.1	5.2	6.2	7.2	8.3	9.3	10.4	11.4	12.5	13.5	14.6	15.6	16.7	17.8	18.8	19.9	21.0	22.0	23.1	24.2	25.2	26.3	27.4	28.5	29.6
5	5.2	6.3	7.3	8.4	9.4	10.5	11.5	12.6	13.7	14.7	15.8	16.9	17.9	19.0	20.1	21.2	22.2	23.3	24.4	25.5	26.6	27.7	28.8	29.9	31.0
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7	7.4	8.5	9.6	10.7	11.8	12.8	13.9	15.0	16.1	17.2	18.3	19.4	20.5	21.6	22.7	23.8	24.9	26.0	27.1	28.3	29.4	30.5	31.6	32.8	33.9
8	8.6	9.7	10.8	11.9	13.0	14.1	15.2	16.3	17.4	18.5	19.6	20.7	21.8	22.9	24.1	25.2	26.3	27.4	28.6	29.7	30.8	32.0	33.1	34.3	35.4
9	9.8	10.9	12.0	13.1	14.2	15.3	16.4	17.5	18.7	19.8	20.9	22.0	23.2	24.3	25.4	26.6	27.7	28.9	30.0	31.2	32.3	33.5	34.6	35.8	37.0
10	11.0	12.1	13.2	14.3	15.5	16.6	17.7	18.9	20.0	21.1	22.3	23.4	24.6	25.7	26.9	28.0	29.2	30.3	31.5	32.7	33.8	35.0	36.2	37.4	38.6
11	12.2	13.4	14.5	15.6	16.8	17.9	19.1	20.2	21.4	22.5	23.7	24.8	26.0	27.2	28.3	29.5	30.7	31.9	33.0	34.2	35.4	36.6	37.8	39.0	40.2
12	13.5	14.6	15.8	16.9	18.1	19.3	20.4	21.6	22.7	23.9	25.1	26.3	27.5	28.6	29.8	31.0	32.2	33.4	34.6	35.8	37.0	38.2	39.4	40.7	41.9
13	14.8	16.0	17.1	18.3	19.5	20.6	21.8	23.0	24.2	25.4	26.6	27.8	29.0	30.2	31.4	32.6	33.8	35.0	36.2	37.5	38.7	39.9	41.1	42.4	43.6
14	16.1	17.3	18.5	19.7	20.9	22.1	23.3	24.4	25.7	26.9	28.1	29.3	30.5	31.7	33.0	34.2	35.4	36.7	37.9	39.1	40.4	41.6	42.9	44.2	45.4
15	17.5	18.7	19.9	21.1	22.3	23.5	24.7	25.9	27.2	28.4	29.6	30.9	32.1	33.3	34.6	35.8	37.1	38.4	39.6	40.9	42.2	43.4	44.7	46.0	47.3
16	18.9	20.1	21.3	22.6	23.8	25.0	26.2	27.5	28.7	30.0	31.2	32.5	33.7	35.0	36.3	37.5	38.8	40.1	41.4	42.7	44.0	45.3	46.6	47.9	49.2
17	20.3	21.6	22.8	24.0	25.3	26.5	27.8	29.1	30.3	31.6	32.9	34.1	35.4	36.7	38.0	39.3	40.6	41.9	43.2	44.5	45.9	47.2	48.5	49.8	51.2
18	21.8	23.1	24.3	25.6	26.9	28.1	29.4	30.7	32.0	33.3	34.6	35.9	37.2	38.5	39.8	41.1	42.4	43.8	45.1	46.4	47.8	49.1	50.5	51.9	53.2
19	23.3	24.6	25.9	27.2	28.5	29.8	31.1	32.4	33.7	35.0	36.3	37.6	39.0	40.3	41.6	43.0	44.3	45.7	47.1	48.4	49.8	51.2	52.6	54.0	55.4
20	24.9	26.2	27.5	28.8	30.1	31.4	32.8	34.1	35.4	36.8	38.1	39.5	40.8	42.2	43.6	44.9	46.3	47.7	49.1	50.5	51.9	53.3	54.7	56.1	57.6
21	26.5	27.8	29.2	30.5	31.8	33.2	34.5	35.9	37.3	38.6	40.0	41.4	42.8	44.1	45.5	46.9	48.4	49.8	51.2	52.6	54.1	55.5	56.9	58.4	59.9
22	28.2	29.5	30.9	32.3	33.6	35.0	36.4	37.7	39.1	40.5	41.9	43.3	44.7	46.2	47.6	49.0	50.5	51.9	53.4	54.8	56.3	57.8	59.3	60.7	62.2
23	29.9	31.3	32.7	34.1	35.4	36.8	38.2	39.7	41.1	42.5	43.9	45.4	46.8	48.3	49.7	51.2	52.7	54.2	55.6	57.1	58.6	60.2	61.7	63.2	64.7
24	31.7	33.1	34.5	35.9	37.3	38.8	40.2	41.6	43.1	44.6	46.0	47.5	49.0	50.5	51.9	53.4	55.0	56.5	58.0	59.5	61.1	62.6	64.2	65.8	67.3
25	33.5	35.0	36.4	37.9	39.3	40.8	42.2	43.7	45.2	46.7	48.2	49.7	51.2	52.7	54.3	55.8	57.3	58.9	60.5	62.0	63.6	65.2	66.8	68.4	70.0
26	35.5	36.9	38.4	39.9	41.3	42.8	44.3	45.9	47.4	48.9	50.4	52.0	53.5	55.1	56.7	58.2	59.8	61.4	63.0	64.7	66.3	67.9	69.6	71.2	72.9
27	37.4	38.9	40.4	41.9	43.5	45.0	46.5	48.1	49.6	51.2	52.8	54.4	56.0	57.6	59.2	60.8	62.4	64.1	65.7	67.4	69.1	70.8	72.5	74.2	75.9
28	39.5	41.0	42.6	44.1	45.7	47.2	48.8	50.4	52.0	53.6	55.2	56.9	58.5	60.1	61.8	63.5	65.2	66.9	68.6	70.3	72.0	73.7	75.5	77.3	79.0
29	41.6	43.2	44.8	46.4	48.0	49.6	51.2	52.8	54.5	56.1	57.8	59.5	61.2	62.9	64.6	66.3	68.0	69.8	71.5	73.3	75.1	76.9	78.7	80.5	82.3
30	43.9	45.5	47.1	48.7	50.4	52.0	53.7	55.4	57.1	58.8	60.5	62.2	64.0	65.7	67.5	69.3	71.0	72.8	74.7	76.5	78.3	80.2	82.1	84.0	85.9
31	46.2	47.9	49.5	51.2	52.9	54.6	56.3	58.1	59.8	61.6	63.3	65.1	66.9	68.7	70.5	72.4	74.2	76.1	78.0	79.9	81.8	83.7	85.7	87.6	89.6
32	48.7	50.4	52.1	53.8	55.6	57.3	59.1	60.9	62.7	64.5	66.3	68.1	70.0	71.9	73.8	75.7	77.6	79.5	81.5	83.5	85.4	87.5	89.5	91.5	93.6
33	51.2	53.0	54.7	56.5	58.3	60.1	62.0	63.8	65.7	67.6	69.5	71.4	73.3	75.2	77.2	79.2	81.2	83.2	85.2	87.3	89.3	91.4	93.5	95.7	97.8
34	53.9	55.7	57.6	59.4	61.3	63.1	65.0	66.9	68.9	70.8	72.8	74.8	76.8	78.8	80.8	82.9	85.0	87.1	89.2	91.4	93.5	95.7	97.9	100.1	102.4
35	56.8	58.6	60.5	62.4	64.4	66.3	68.3	70.3	72.3	74.3	76.3	78.4	80.5	82.6	84.7	86.9	89.1	91.3	93.5	95.7	98.0	100.3	102.6	105.0	107.3
36	59.8	61.7	63.7	65.7	67.7	69.7	71.7	73.8	75.9	78.0	80.1	82.3	84.5	86.7	88.9	91.2	93.5	95.8	98.1	100.5	102.9	105.3	107.7	110.2	112.7
37	62.9	65.0	67.0	69.1	71.2	73.3	75.4	77.6	79.8	82.0	84.2	86.5	88.8	91.1	93.4	95.8	98.2	100.6	103.1	105.6	108.1	110.7	113.3	115.9	118.6
38	66.3	68.4	70.6	72.7	74.9	77.1	79.4	81.6	83.9	86.2	88.6	91.0	93.4	95.8	98.3	100.8	103.4	105.9	108.6	111.2	113.9	116.6	119.4	122.2	125.0
39	69.9	72.2	74.4	76.6	78.9	81.3	83.6	86.0	88.4	90.9	93.3	95.9	98.4	101.0	103.6	106.3	109.0	111.8	114.5	117.4	120.3	123.2	126.1	129.2	132.2
40	73.8	76.2	78.5	80.9	83.3	85.7	88.2	90.7	93.3	95.9	98.5	101.2	103.9	106.7	109.5	112.4	115.3	118.2	121.2	124.2	127.3	130.5	133.7	137.0	140.3
41	78.0	80.5	83.0	85.5	88.0	90.6	93.3	95.9	98.7	101.4	104.3	107.1	110.0	113.0	116.0	119.1	122.2	125.4	128.7	132.0	135.3	138.8	142.3	145.9	149.5
42	82.6	85.2	87.8	90.5	93.2	96.0	98.8	101.7	104.6	107.6	110.6	113.7	116.9	120.1	123.3	126.7	130.1	133.6	137.1	140.8	144.5	148.3	152.2	156.1	160.2
43	87.6	90.4	93.2	96.0	99.0	101.9	105.0	108.1	111.2	114.5	117.8	121.1	124.6	128.1	131.7	135.4	139.1	143.0	147.0	151.0	155.1	159.4	163.8	168.2	172.8
44	93.1	96.1	99.1	102.2	105.4	108.6	111.9	115.3	118.7	122.3	125.9	129.6	133.4	137.4	141.4	145.5	149.7	154.1	158.5	163.1	167.8	172.7	177.7	182.9	188.2

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45	99.3	102.5	105.8	109.2	112.6	116.2	119.8	123.6	127.4	131.3	135.4	139.6	143.9	148.3	152.9	157.6	162.4	167.4	172.6	177.9	183.5	189.2	195.1	201.2	207.5
46	106.3	109.8	113.4	117.2	121.0	125.0	129.1	133.3	137.6	142.1	146.7	151.5	156.5	161.6	166.9	172.5	178.2	184.2	190.4	196.8	203.5	210.5	217.8	225.4	233.3
47	114.3	118.3	122.4	126.6	130.9	135.4	140.1	145.0	150.0	155.3	160.7	166.4	172.3	178.5	185.0	191.8	198.9	206.3	214.2	222.4	231.0	240.0	249.5	259.5	270.0
48	123.9	128.4	133.1	137.9	143.0	148.3	153.9	159.7	165.8	172.2	178.9	186.0	193.5	201.4	209.8	218.7	228.2	238.2	248.9	260.2	272.3	285.1	298.7	313.0	328.2
49	135.5	140.8	146.4	152.3	158.5	165.0	172.0	179.3	187.2	195.6	204.6	214.3	224.7	235.9	248.1	261.3	275.5	290.9	307.6	325.5	344.8	365.4	387.3	410.6	435.2

# Large Wells Positive	IDEXX Quanti-Tray/2000MPN Table																							
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
0	25.3	26.3	27.4	28.4	29.5	30.5	31.5	32.6	33.6	34.7	35.7	36.8	37.8	38.9	39.9	41.0	42.1	43.1	44.2	45.3	46.3	47.4	48.5	49.5
1	26.6	27.6	28.7	29.7	30.8	31.9	32.9	34.0	35.0	36.1	37.2	38.2	39.3	40.4	41.4	42.5	43.6	44.7	45.7	46.8	47.9	49.0	50.1	51.2
2	27.9	29.0	30.0	31.1	32.2	33.2	34.3	35.4	36.5	37.5	38.6	39.7	40.8	41.9	42.9	44.0	45.1	46.2	47.3	48.4	49.5	50.6	51.7	52.8
3	29.3	30.3	31.4	32.5	33.6	34.7	35.7	36.8	37.9	39.0	40.1	41.2	42.3	43.4	44.5	45.6	46.7	47.8	48.9	50.0	51.2	52.3	53.4	54.5
4	30.7	31.7	32.8	33.9	35.0	36.1	37.2	38.3	39.4	40.5	41.6	42.8	43.9	45.0	46.1	47.2	48.3	49.5	50.6	51.7	52.9	54.0	55.1	56.3
5	32.1	33.2	34.3	35.4	36.5	37.6	38.7	39.8	41.0	42.1	43.2	44.3	45.5	46.6	47.7	48.9	50.0	51.2	52.3	53.5	54.6	55.8	56.9	58.1
6	33.5	34.6	35.8	36.9	38.0	39.1	40.3	41.4	42.6	43.7	44.8	46.0	47.1	48.3	49.4	50.6	51.7	52.9	54.1	55.2	56.4	57.6	58.7	59.9
7	35.0	36.2	37.3	38.4	39.6	40.7	41.9	43.0	44.2	45.3	46.5	47.7	48.8	50.0	51.2	52.3	53.5	54.7	55.9	57.1	58.2	59.4	60.6	61.8
8	36.5	37.7	38.9	40.0	41.2	42.3	43.5	44.7	45.9	47.0	48.2	49.4	50.6	51.8	53.0	54.1	55.3	56.5	57.7	58.9	60.2	61.4	62.6	63.8
9	38.1	39.3	40.5	41.6	42.8	44.0	45.2	46.4	47.6	48.8	50.0	51.2	52.4	53.6	54.8	56.0	57.2	58.4	59.7	60.9	62.1	63.4	64.6	65.8
10	39.7	40.9	42.1	43.3	44.5	45.7	46.9	48.1	49.3	50.6	51.8	53.0	54.2	55.5	56.7	57.9	59.2	60.4	61.6	62.9	64.2	65.4	66.7	67.9
11	41.4	42.6	43.8	45.0	46.3	47.5	48.7	49.9	51.2	52.4	53.6	54.9	56.1	57.4	58.6	59.9	61.2	62.4	63.7	65.0	66.2	67.5	68.8	70.1
12	43.1	44.3	45.6	46.8	48.1	49.3	50.5	51.8	53.1	54.3	55.6	56.8	58.1	59.4	60.7	61.9	63.2	64.5	65.8	67.1	68.4	69.7	71.0	72.3
13	44.9	46.1	47.4	48.6	49.9	51.2	52.4	53.7	55.0	56.3	57.6	58.9	60.2	61.5	62.8	64.1	65.4	66.7	68.0	69.3	70.7	72.0	73.3	74.7
14	46.7	48.0	49.3	50.5	51.8	53.1	54.4	55.7	57.0	58.3	59.6	60.9	62.3	63.6	64.9	66.3	67.6	68.9	70.3	71.6	73.0	74.4	75.7	77.1
15	48.6	49.9	51.2	52.5	53.8	55.1	56.4	57.8	59.1	60.4	61.8	63.1	64.5	65.8	67.2	68.5	69.9	71.3	72.6	74.0	75.4	76.8	78.2	79.6
16	50.5	51.8	53.2	54.5	55.8	57.2	58.5	59.9	61.2	62.6	64.0	65.3	66.7	68.1	69.5	70.9	72.3	73.7	75.1	76.5	77.9	79.3	80.8	82.2
17	52.5	53.9	55.2	56.6	58.0	59.3	60.7	62.1	63.5	64.9	66.3	67.7	69.1	70.5	71.9	73.3	74.8	76.2	77.6	79.1	80.5	82.0	83.5	84.9
18	54.6	56.0	57.4	58.8	60.2	61.6	63.0	64.4	65.8	67.2	68.6	70.1	71.5	73.0	74.4	75.9	77.3	78.8	80.3	81.8	83.3	84.8	86.3	87.8
19	56.8	58.2	59.6	61.0	62.4	63.9	65.3	66.7	68.2	69.7	71.1	72.6	74.1	75.5	77.0	78.5	80.0	81.5	83.1	84.6	86.1	87.6	89.2	90.7
20	59.0	60.4	61.9	63.3	64.8	66.3	67.7	69.2	70.7	72.2	73.7	75.2	76.7	78.2	79.8	81.3	82.8	84.4	85.9	87.5	89.1	90.6	92.2	93.8
21	61.3	62.8	64.3	65.8	67.3	68.8	70.3	71.8	73.3	74.9	76.4	77.9	79.5	81.0	82.6	84.2	85.8	87.4	89.0	90.6	92.2	93.8	95.4	97.1
22	63.7	65.3	66.8	68.3	69.8	71.4	72.9	74.5	76.1	77.6	79.2	80.8	82.4	84.0	85.6	87.2	88.9	90.5	92.1	93.8	95.5	97.1	98.8	100.5
23	66.3	67.8	69.4	71.0	72.5	74.1	75.7	77.3	78.9	80.5	82.1	83.8	85.4	87.1	88.7	90.4	92.1	93.8	95.5	97.2	98.9	100.6	102.3	104.1
24	68.9	70.5	72.1	73.7	75.3	77.0	78.6	80.2	81.9	83.6	85.2	86.9	88.6	90.3	92.0	93.8	95.5	97.2	99.0	100.7	102.5	104.3	106.1	107.9
25	71.7	73.3	75.0	76.6	78.3	80.0	81.6	83.3	85.0	86.8	88.5	90.2	92.0	93.7	95.5	97.3	99.1	100.9	102.7	104.5	106.3	108.2	110.0	111.9
26	74.6	76.3	78.0	79.7	81.4	83.1	84.8	86.6	88.4	90.1	91.9	93.7	95.5	97.3	99.2	101.0	102.9	104.7	106.6	108.5	110.4	112.3	114.2	116.2
27	77.6	79.4	81.1	82.9	84.6	86.4	88.2	90.0	91.9	93.7	95.5	97.4	99.3	101.2	103.1	105.0	106.9	108.8	110.8	112.7	114.7	116.7	118.7	120.7
28	80.8	82.6	84.4	86.2	88.1	89.9	91.8	93.7	95.6	97.5	99.4	101.3	103.3	105.2	107.2	109.2	111.2	113.2	115.2	117.3	119.3	121.4	123.5	125.6
29	84.2	86.1	87.9	89.8	91.7	93.6	95.6	97.5	99.5	101.5	103.5	105.5	107.5	109.5	111.6	113.7	115.7	117.8	120.0	122.1	124.2	126.4	128.6	130.8
30	87.8	89.7	91.7	93.6	95.6	97.6	99.6	101.6	103.7	105.7	107.8	109.9	112.0	114.1	116.3	118.5	120.6	122.8	125.1	127.3	129.5	131.8	134.1	136.4
31	91.6	93.6	95.6	97.7	99.7	101.8	103.9	106.0	108.2	110.3	112.5	114.7	116.9	119.1	121.4	123.6	125.9	128.2	130.5	132.9	135.3	137.7	140.1	142.5
32	95.7	97.7	99.9	102.0	104.2	106.3	108.5	110.7	113.0	115.2	117.5	119.8	122.1	124.5	126.8	129.2	131.6	134.0	136.5	139.0	141.5	144.0	146.6	149.1
33	100.0	102.2	104.4	106.6	108.9	111.2	113.5	115.8	118.2	120.5	122.9	125.3	127.8	130.3	132.8	135.3	137.8	140.4	143.0	145.6	148.3	150.9	153.6	156.4
34	104.7	107.0	109.3	111.7	114.0	116.4	118.9	121.3	123.8	126.3	128.8	131.4	134.0	136.6	139.2	141.9	144.6	147.3	150.1	152.9	155.7	158.6	161.5	164.4
35	109.7	112.2	114.6	117.1	119.6	122.1	124.7	127.3	129.9	132.6	135.3	138.0	140.8	143.6	146.4	149.2	152.1	155.0	158.0	161.0	164.0	167.1	170.2	173.3
36	115.2	117.8	120.4	123.0	125.7	128.4	131.1	133.9	136.7	139.5	142.4	145.3	148.3	151.3	154.3	157.3	160.4	163.6	166.8	170.0	173.3	176.6	179.9	183.3
37	121.3	124.0	126.8	129.6	132.4	135.3	138.2	141.2	144.2	147.2	150.3	153.5	156.6	159.9	163.1	166.4	169.8	173.2	176.7	180.2	183.7	187.3	191.0	194.7

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39	135.3	138.5	141.7	145.0	148.3	151.7	155.1	158.6	162.1	165.7	169.4	173.1	176.9	180.7	184.7	188.6	192.7	196.8	201.0	205.3	209.6	214.0	218.5	223.0
40	143.7	147.1	150.6	154.2	157.8	161.5	165.3	169.1	173.0	177.0	181.1	185.2	189.4	193.7	198.1	202.5	207.0	211.7	216.4	221.1	226.0	231.0	236.0	241.1
41	153.2	157.0	160.9	164.8	168.9	173.0	177.2	181.4	185.8	190.3	194.8	199.5	204.2	209.1	214.0	219.0	224.2	229.4	234.8	240.2	245.8	251.5	257.2	263.1
42	164.3	168.6	172.9	177.3	181.9	186.5	191.3	196.1	201.1	206.2	211.4	216.7	222.1	227.7	233.4	239.2	245.2	251.3	257.5	263.8	270.3	276.9	283.6	290.5
43	177.5	182.3	187.3	192.4	197.6	202.9	208.4	214.0	219.8	225.8	231.8	238.1	244.5	251.0	257.7	264.6	271.7	278.9	286.3	293.8	301.5	309.4	317.4	325.6
44	193.6	199.3	205.0	211.0	217.2	223.5	230.0	236.7	243.6	250.7	258.1	265.6	273.3	281.2	289.4	297.8	306.3	315.1	324.1	333.3	342.8	352.4	362.3	372.4
45	214.1	220.9	227.9	235.1	242.7	250.4	258.4	266.7	275.3	284.1	293.2	302.6	312.3	322.3	332.5	343.0	353.8	364.9	376.2	387.9	399.8	412.0	424.5	437.4
46	241.5	250.0	258.9	268.2	277.8	287.7	298.1	308.8	319.9	331.4	343.3	355.5	368.1	381.1	394.5	408.3	422.5	437.0	452.0	467.4	483.3	499.5	516.3	533.5
47	280.9	292.4	304.4	316.9	330.0	343.6	357.8	372.5	387.7	403.4	419.8	436.6	454.1	472.1	490.7	509.9	529.8	550.4	571.7	593.8	616.7	640.5	665.3	691.0
48	344.1	360.9	378.4	396.8	416.0	436.0	456.9	478.6	501.2	524.7	549.2	574.8	601.5	629.4	658.6	689.3	721.5	755.5	791.5	829.7	870.4	913.9	960.6	1011.1
49	461.1	488.4	517.2	547.5	579.4	613.1	648.8	686.7	727.0	770.1	816.4	866.4	920.8	980.4	1046.2	1119.9	1203.3	1299.7	1413.6	1553.1	1732.9	1986.3	2419.2	>2419.2

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Wells positive	Most Probable Number	95% confidence limits	
		Lower	Upper
0	0.0	0.0	3.7
1	1.0	0.3	5.6
2	2.0	0.6	7.3
3	3.1	1.1	9.0
4	4.2	1.7	10.7
5	5.3	2.3	12.3
6	6.4	3.0	13.9
7	7.5	3.7	15.5
8	8.7	4.5	17.1
9	9.9	5.3	18.8
10	11.1	6.1	20.5
11	12.4	7.0	22.1
12	13.7	7.9	23.9
13	15.0	8.8	25.7
14	16.4	9.8	27.5
15	17.8	10.8	29.4
16	19.2	11.9	31.3
17	20.7	13.0	33.3
18	22.2	14.1	35.2
19	23.8	15.3	37.3
20	25.4	16.5	39.4
21	27.1	17.7	41.6
22	28.8	19.0	43.9
23	30.6	20.4	46.3
24	32.4	21.8	48.7
25	34.4	23.3	51.2
26	36.4	24.7	53.9
27	38.4	28.4	56.6
28	40.6	28.0	59.5
29	42.9	29.7	62.5
30	45.3	31.5	65.6
31	47.8	33.4	69.0
32	50.4	35.4	72.5
33	53.1	37.5	76.2
34	56.0	39.7	80.1
35	59.1	42.0	84.4
36	62.4	44.6	88.8
37	65.9	47.2	93.7
38	69.7	50.0	99.0
39	73.8	53.1	104.8
40	78.2	56.4	111.2
41	83.1	59.9	118.3
42	88.5	63.9	126.2
43	94.5	68.2	135.4
44	101.3	73.1	146.0
45	101.9	78.6	158.7
46	118.4	85.0	174.5
47	129.8	92.7	195.0
48	144.5	102.3	224.1
49	165.2	115.2	272.2
50	200.5	135.8	387.6
51	>200.5	146.1	Infinite

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