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STUDY TITLE

Non-GLP Suspension Time-Kill ASTM E2315

Product Identity

Hand Sanitizer

Test Microorganisms

S. aureus ATCC 6538

K. pneumoniae ATCC 13883

C. albicans ATCC 10231

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TEST ARTICLE INFORMATION

Test Substance:	Hand Sanitizer
Test Substance Manufacturer:	StellaLife
Special Handling Requirements:	None
Test Substance Dilution:	None

TEST PARAMETERS

Contact Time(s):	30 seconds
Test Temperature:	Ambient
Testing Replicates:	Double Replicate
Control Substance (Volume):	Phosphate Buffered Saline (10.0mL)
Incubation Temperature:	See Table 1
Test Substance volume:	10.0mL
Inoculum Target Concentration:	$\geq 1 \times 10^6$ CFU/mL
Inoculum Volume:	0.500mL
Plate Wash Media (Volume):	PBS (10.0 mL)
Serial Dilution Media (Volume):	PBS (0.900 mL)
Test plate dilutions:	1, 2, 3
Control plate dilutions:	5, 6, 7
Neutralizer Used (Volume):	Dey-Engley Broth (D/E Broth) (9.0 mL)
Neutralization Inoculum Volume:	0.100 mL
Neutralization Inoculum Target Concentration:	10-100 CFU
Neutralization Dwell Time:	≥ 10 minutes
Volume Plated for Neutralization Plates:	1.000 mL
Growth/Plating Media:	See Table 1

Table 1: Growth Media and Incubation Conditions.

Test Microorganism	Temperature	Incubation Conditions	Growth Media
<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC 6538	36±1°C	Aerobic	Tryptic Soy Agar/Broth (TSA/TSB)
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> ATCC 13883			
<i>C. albicans</i> ATCC 10231	30±1°C		Potato Dextrose Agar (PDA)



TEST METHOD

Preparation of Test Substance

Prior to test initiation, 10.0 mL of test substance was placed in individual sterile conical tubes. The number of contact times, replicates, and the number of test microorganisms was used to determine the number of sterile conical tubes prepared for testing.

Preparation of Control Substance for Microbial Population

Prior to test initiation, 10.0 mL of sterile Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) was placed in individual sterile conical tubes to be used for the microbial population controls. The number of replicates and test microorganisms was considered to determine the number of sterile conical tubes to prepare for testing.

Preparation of Test Culture and Test Inoculum

The test cultures were initiated from the monthly working stock cultures by transferring a loop full of the target microorganism to the appropriate growth media. The test cultures were incubated at the appropriate temperature.

To prepare the test inoculum for *C. albicans*, the test culture plate was washed with 10.0mL sterile Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS). The cultures initiated in broth did not require any further preparation.

Inoculation of Test Substance

The individual test substance aliquots were inoculated and a digital timer was started. The inoculated test substance was vortex mixed and allowed to dwell for the appropriate contact time. Following the completion of the contact time, 1.0 mL of the inoculated test substance was neutralized with sterile D/E Broth and serially enumerated by 1:10 dilutions in sterile PBS. The appropriate dilutions were plated to the appropriate agar.

Inoculation of Control Substance for Microbial Population Control

The microbial population control was taken at the start of testing for time zero for each test microorganism. The same volume of test inoculum used in testing was added to 10.0 mL of sterile PBS. Following inoculation, 1.0 mL of the time zero solutions were immediately neutralized with sterile D/E Broth. The neutralized solutions were serially enumerated by 1:10 serial dilutions in sterile PBS and appropriate dilutions were plated to the appropriate growth agar.



TEST METHOD (cont.)

Neutralization Control Test A – Neutralization Effectiveness

Test microorganisms were diluted to a final suspension that contained a target concentration of 10-100 CFU/mL by 1:10 serial dilutions in sterile PBS. For each test microorganism, the same volume of neutralization media used in testing was inoculated with the dilute test microorganism. A volume of test substance equal to the volume harvested in testing (1.0 mL) was added to the inoculated suspension and vortex mixed. The inoculated neutralization suspension was left to dwell at ambient temperatures for >10 minutes and then 1.0 mL aliquots were plated in duplicate to Tryptic Soy Agar (TSA).

Neutralization Control Test B – Neutralizer Toxicity

Test microorganisms were diluted to a final suspension that contained a target concentration of 10-100 CFU/mL by 1:10 serial dilutions in sterile PBS. For each test microorganism, the diluted microorganism was used to inoculate a volume of sterile neutralization media equal to that used in testing. The inoculated suspension was vortex mixed and a volume of sterile PBS equal to the volume of test substance harvested for testing (1.0 mL) was added to the inoculated neutralization suspension. The suspension was left to dwell at ambient temperatures for >10 minutes and then 1.0 mL aliquots were plated in duplicate to the appropriate growth agar.

Neutralization Control Test C- Test Organism Viability

Test microorganisms were diluted to a final suspension that contained a target concentration of 10-100 CFU/mL by 1:10 serial dilutions in sterile PBS. For each test microorganism, the diluted test microorganism was used to inoculate a volume of sterile PBS equal to the volume of neutralization media used in testing. A volume of sterile PBS equal to the amount of test substance harvested in testing (1.0 mL) was added to the inoculated suspension and vortex mixed. The suspension was left to dwell at ambient temperatures for >10 minutes and then 1.0 mL aliquots were plated in duplicate to the appropriate growth agar.

Sterility and Viability Controls

Sterility and viability controls were performed for all media used in testing. Controls included the following:

A plate containing sterile agar was incubated along with test materials to confirm sterility. A plate containing a 0.100 mL aliquot of PBS used as culture diluent and testing controls was incubated along with test materials to confirm sterility. A plate containing a 0.100 mL aliquot of serial dilution media was incubated along with test materials to confirm sterility. A plate containing a 0.100 mL aliquot of the D/E Broth was incubated along with test materials to confirm sterility. A plate containing a purity streak of each test microorganism was incubated along with test materials to confirm purity and viability of test culture. Any additional media used in the study was plated and incubated along with test materials to confirm sterility.

Incubation of Test and Controls

All test and control plates were incubated for 18-48 hours at the conditions listed in Table 1. The selected incubation time allowed for growth of the surviving test microorganisms, without overgrowth of colonies.



STUDY SUCCESS CRITERIA

The experimental success (controls) criteria follow:

- The initial microbial population demonstrates a starting concentration of at least 1×10^6 CFU/mL.
- For a qualitative NV, tests A, B, C must demonstrate growth for neutralization to be considered.
- For a quantitative NV the average CFU from test A and B must all be $\geq 50\%$ of Test C for neutralization to be considered effective.
- The media sterility controls demonstrate no growth.
- The test microorganism purity control plate demonstrates the presence of the target microorganism and absence of contaminant microorganisms.

PASSING CRITERIA

ASTM International does not specify performance criteria, therefore it may be established by the Study Sponsor.

CALCULATIONS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

$[(\text{Plate count 1} + \text{plate count 2}) / 2] \cdot \text{dilution factor} = \text{CFU/ml}$

$\text{Log}_{10} \text{Reduction} = \text{LR} = \text{Log}_{10}(\text{A}) - \text{Log}_{10}(\text{B})$

Where:

LR= mean \log_{10} of surviving microbial population

A= the mean CFU/mL recovered from the microbial population controls

B= the mean CFU/mL recovered from the test substance at the contact time

$\text{Percent Reduction} = 100 \cdot (1 - 10^{-\text{LR}})$

Where:

PR = Percent Reduction versus microbial population control



RESULTS

Table 2: *S. aureus* ATCC 6538 Percent Reduction and Log₁₀ Reduction Compared to Time Zero.

Test Microorganism	Contact Time	Test Substance	Replicate	CFU/ml	Average CFU/ml	Percent Reduction compared to Time Zero	Log Reduction Compared to Time Zero
<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC 6538	Time Zero		1	5.50E+07	3.33E+07	N/A	
			2	1.15E+07			
	30 seconds		1	<5.00E+00*	<5.00E+00	>99.99998%	>6.82
			2	<5.00E+00*			

*Limit of detection. Values fell below the limit of detection <5.00E+00

Table 3: *K. pneumoniae* ATCC 13883 Percent Reduction and Log₁₀ Reduction Compared to Time Zero.

Test Microorganism	Contact Time	Test Substance	Replicate	CFU/ml	Average CFU/ml	Percent Reduction compared to Time Zero	Log Reduction Compared to Time Zero
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> ATCC 13883	Time Zero		1	1.55E+07	3.35E+07	N/A	
			2	5.15E+07			
	30 seconds		1	<5.00E+00*	<5.00E+00	>99.99998%	>6.82
			2	<5.00E+00*			

*Limit of detection. Values fell below the limit of detection <5.00E+00

Table 4: *C. albicans* ATCC 10231 Percent Reduction and Log₁₀ Reduction Compared to Time Zero.

Test Microorganism	Contact Time	Test Substance	Replicate	CFU/ml	Average CFU/ml	Percent Reduction compared to Time Zero	Log Reduction Compared to Time Zero
<i>C. albicans</i> ATCC 10231	Time Zero		1	4.50E+07	3.43E+07	N/A	
			2	2.35E+07			
	30 seconds		1	<5.00E+00*	1.00E+02	>99.99998%	>6.83
			2	<5.00E+00*			

*Limit of detection. Values fell below the limit of detection <5.00E+00



RESULTS (Cont.)

Table 5: Neutralization Verification against *S. aureus* ATCC 6538.

Test Microorganism	Test Substance	Test	Replicate	Neutralization Validation plate counts (CFU)		Average CFU	Percent Recovery Neutralization	Neutralization Verified
<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC 6538	N/A	C	1	3.50E+01	4.60E+01	3.15E+01	N/A	
			2	1.50E+01	3.00E+01			
	N/A	B	1	5.20E+01	5.70E+01	5.73E+01	181.75%	Yes
			2	6.20E+01	5.80E+01			
	Hand Sanitizer	A	1	3.10E+01	4.30E+01	6.10E+01	193.65%	Yes
			2	1.05E+02	6.50E+01			

Table 6: Neutralization Verification against *K. pneumoniae* ATCC 13883.

Test Microorganism	Test Substance	Test	Replicate	Neutralization Validation plate counts (CFU)		Average CFU	Percent Recovery Neutralization	Neutralization Verified
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> ATCC 13883	N/A	C	1	4.80E+01	5.70E+01	5.03E+01	N/A	
			2	5.30E+01	4.30E+01			
	N/A	B	1	5.60E+01	5.10E+01	5.08E+01	101.00%	Yes
			2	5.30E+01	4.30E+01			
	Hand Sanitizer	A	1	4.20E+01	5.20E+01	4.65E+01	92.54%	Yes
			2	5.20E+01	4.00E+01			

Table 7: Neutralization Verification against *C. albicans* ATCC 10231.

Test Microorganism	Test Substance	Test	Replicate	Neutralization Validation plate counts (CFU)		Average CFU	Percent Recovery Neutralization	Neutralization Verified
<i>C. albicans</i> ATCC 10231	N/A	C	1	1.42E+02	1.60E+02	1.48E+02	N/A	
			2	1.39E+02	1.52E+02			
	N/A	B	1	1.76E+02	1.75E+02	1.70E+02	114.50%	Yes
			2	1.49E+02	1.79E+02			
	Hand Sanitizer	A	1	1.88E+02	1.69E+02	1.76E+02	118.55%	Yes
			2	1.80E+02	1.66E+02			

Table 8: Sterility and Purity Controls.

Control	Result
<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC 6538 Purity	Pure Growth
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> ATCC 13883 Purity	Pure Growth
<i>C. albicans</i> ATCC 10231 Purity	Pure Growth
Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) Dilution Tube Sterility	No Growth
Dey-Engley Neutralizing Broth (D/E Broth) Sterility	No Growth
Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) Culture Diluent Sterility	No Growth
Tryptic Soy Agar Sterility	No Growth



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