

**Table 5. Resuscitation of CVEC of toxigenic *V. cholerae* O1 in the ileal loops of adult rabbits, as determined by fluctuation test**

Date of collection and sample no.	No. of aliquots tested*	No. of aliquots positive for <i>V. cholerae</i> O1 in the ileal loop	No. of loops showing fluid accumulation	<i>V. cholerae</i> O1 counts (cfu/ml) in rabbit ileal loops, on TTGA plates containing streptomycin	
				Range	Median
Oct. 30, 2005 Sample 1794	10	5	0	$2.3 \times 10^3$ to $1.1 \times 10^4$	$4.2 \times 10^3$
Nov. 11, 2005 Sample 1804	11	4	3	$1.4 \times 10^4$ to $6.3 \times 10^5$	$4.3 \times 10^5$
Nov. 15, 2005 Sample 1807	5	3	0	$1.2 \times 10^2$ to $4.8 \times 10^2$	$3.5 \times 10^2$
Nov. 21, 2005 Sample 1814	12	5	2	$2.1 \times 10^2$ to $3.0 \times 10^6$	$3.2 \times 10^5$
Nov. 28, 2005 Sample 1824	8	5	4	$2.1 \times 10^5$ to $5.7 \times 10^6$	$1.4 \times 10^6$
Nov. 28, 2005 Sample 1825	8	3	2	$2.4 \times 10^4$ to $1.2 \times 10^5$	$5.1 \times 10^5$
Dec. 6, 2005 Sample 1834	7	4	1	$1.1 \times 10^3$ to $2.0 \times 10^6$	$1.8 \times 10^4$
Dec. 6, 2005 Sample 1844	6	3	1	$6.0 \times 10^4$ to $9.2 \times 10^5$	$4.1 \times 10^5$
Dec. 13, 2005 Sample 1845	5	1	1	$5.1 \times 10^5$	$5.1 \times 10^5$
Dec. 13, 2005 Sample 1847	5	3	0	$4.1 \times 10^5$ to $9.2 \times 10^5$	$5.2 \times 10^5$
Total	77	36	14	$1.2 \times 10^2$ to $5.7 \times 10^6$	$4.2 \times 10^5$

\*Several aliquots (1 ml) of each water sample were inoculated into different ileal loops. The water samples were negative for *V. cholerae* O1 in conventional enrichment culture, but were positive for CVEC by the AST assay.