

Table 7. Growth kinetics analysis of cholera stool vibrios for the presence of CVEC-like *V. cholerae* O1 cells, after dilution and incubation in environmental water samples

Stool sample ID	Description of sample	<i>V. cholerae</i> O1 counts (cfu/ml)* on TTGA plates containing streptomycin, after enrichment for 1–6 h in BP medium						
		0 h	1 h	2 h	3 h	4 h	5 h	6 h
2575316	Stool sample diluted in environmental water and assayed after incubation for 6 h at room temperature	0	2.3×10^1	1.1×10^2	2.3×10^3	3.6×10^4	9.5×10^4	4.0×10^5
2575647		0	0	1.6×10^2	6.1×10^3	3.9×10^4	8.7×10^4	6.4×10^5
2591469		2.0×10^1	7.0×10^1	8.7×10^2	1.3×10^3	2.6×10^4	1.1×10^5	5.6×10^5
2597952		0	7.0×10^1	1.5×10^2	8.2×10^3	2.9×10^4	2.7×10^5	6.0×10^5
2575316	Stool sample diluted in environmental water and assayed after incubation for 72 h at room temperature	0	0	4.8×10^2	5.5×10^3	2.8×10^4	4.7×10^4	1.8×10^5
2575647		0	0	0	0	2.3×10^2	5.0×10^3	3.2×10^4
2591469		0	0	0	6.0×10^1	1.2×10^3	8.4×10^3	2.5×10^4
2597952		0	0	0	3.2×10^2	9.1×10^3	4.7×10^4	1.2×10^5
2575316	Stool sample diluted in PBS (pH 7.2) and assayed after incubation for 6 h at room temperature	5.2×10^3	1.6×10^4	2.1×10^4	6.3×10^4	1.2×10^5	9.1×10^5	2.0×10^6
2575647		4.5×10^2	6.4×10^2	1.5×10^3	1.1×10^4	9.5×10^4	7.2×10^5	1.1×10^6
2597952		3.6×10^2	1.5×10^3	8.1×10^3	3.5×10^4	1.5×10^5	8.1×10^5	3.2×10^6

*A colony count of zero means no colonies were detected on plating of 100- μ l aliquots of enriched culture. In theory, the concentration should be <10 colonies per ml.