Table 8. Competitive index (infectivity) of *V. cholerae* in different fractions of cholera stools, in competition with a reference strain grown to stationary phase and logarithmic phase

Stool sample ID	Growth phase of reference strain	Mean competitive index of stool vibrios with reference strain (*n* = number of mice inoculated)		
		Whole unfractionated stools	Planktonic cells	Clumped cells
2395693	Logarithmic	4.2 (*n* = 5)	2.1 (*n* = 5)	38.6 (*n* = 5)
	Stationary	45.6 (*n* = 5)	11.6 (*n* = 5)	195.4 (*n* = 6)
2395711	Logarithmic	4.5 (*n* = 5)	2.7 (*n* = 5)	32.5 (*n* = 5)
	Stationary	50.4 (*n* = 5)	30.5 (*n* = 5)	182 (*n* = 5)
2396551	Logarithmic	7.7 (*n* = 7)	3.2 (*n* = 5)	202.1 (*n* = 5)
	Stationary	63.2 (*n* = 5)	16.3 (*n* = 5)	492.4 (*n* = 6)
2401437	Logarithmic	6.1 (*n* = 7)	2.3 (*n* = 5)	112.4 (*n* = 5)
	Stationary	36.5 (*n* = 5)	12.4 (*n* = 5)	543.7 (*n* = 6)
2597952	Logarithmic	62.2 (*n* = 10)	4.8 (*n* = 10)	695.5 (*n* = 8)
	Stationary	325.4 (*n* = 10)	25.5 (*n* = 10)	ND
2599225	Logarithmic	29.6 (*n* = 5)	12.1 (*n* = 5)	324.7 (*n* = 4)
	Stationary	148 (*n* = 5)	75 (*n* = 5)	ND
2587262	Logarithmic	24.0 (*n* = 7)	8.7 (*n* = 7)	470.1 (*n* = 9)
	Stationary	ND	ND	ND
2590265	Logarithmic	9.1 (*n* = 5)	4.2 (*n* = 5)	126.7 (*n* = 5)
	Stationary	72.1 (*n* = 5)	28.2 (*n* = 5)	623.3 (*n* = 5)
2590268	Logarithmic	6.8 (*n* = 5)	3.2 (*n* = 5)	42.9 (*n* = 5)
	Stationary	36.0 (*n* = 5)	27.1 (*n* = 5)	257.5 (*n* = 5)
2591469	Logarithmic	4.5 (*n* = 8)	2.0 (*n* = 6)	90.3 (*n* = 8)
	Stationary	ND	ND	ND

ND, not done.