

**Acceleration of Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing from Positive Blood Cultures by  
Inoculation of Shortly Incubated Solid Medium Cultures into Vitek 2**

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**Table S1.** Mean vital cell count ( $\pm$  standard deviation) of 0.5 McFarland turbidity suspension prepared from short-term cultures and from control cultures for a subset of isolates, n=28

Organisms	Short-term cultures		Control cultures		p value <sup>a</sup>
	Cultivation time, h, mean	cfu/ml of 0.5 McFarland suspension	Cultivation time, h	cfu/ml of 0.5 McFarland suspension	
Gram-positive cocci, n=20	3.9	$3.4 \times 10^7$ $\pm 2.1 \times 10^7$	24	$6.6 \times 10^7$ $\pm 3.8 \times 10^7$	0.0002
Gram-negative rods, n=8	2.3	$2.7 \times 10^7$ $\pm 1.7 \times 10^7$	24	$16.4 \times 10^7$ $\pm 5.5 \times 10^7$	0.008
<b>Total, n=28</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b><math>3.2 \times 10^7</math></b> <b><math>\pm 2.0 \times 10^7</math></b>	<b>24</b>	<b><math>9.4 \times 10^7</math></b> <b><math>\pm 6.2 \times 10^7</math></b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>

<sup>a</sup> Wilcoxon signed-rank test for vital cell count