

Strain	Mean Maximum Cell Density <sup>a</sup>	95% Confidence Interval	p-value <sup>b</sup>
WT	$3.4 \times 10^8$	$1.8 \times 10^8 - 5.1 \times 10^8$	–
<i>Bh</i> ::Comp	$2.6 \times 10^8$	$2.1 \times 10^8 - 3.0 \times 10^8$	0.37
<i>Bh</i> ::UHS <sub>AS</sub>	$2.4 \times 10^8$	$1.4 \times 10^8 - 3.5 \times 10^8$	0.37
<i>Bh</i> ::DHS <sub>ΔIR</sub>	$3.5 \times 10^8$	$2.7 \times 10^8 - 4.4 \times 10^8$	0.96

<sup>a</sup>Cell density is equivalent to spirochetes per mL of blood

<sup>b</sup> p-value of mean maximum cell density compared to the wild type strain