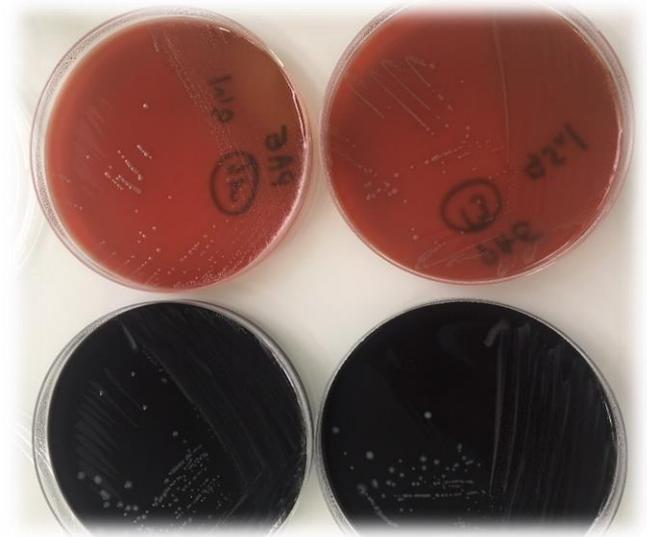


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# Preston broth : is the performance similar for ready to use medium vs home made ?

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# Introduction

**NRL for *Campylobacter*** → **annual PT for French labs**

↪ **ISO 10272 (2017) part 1, protocole B**

↪ **SPF turkey meat**

**+ vials contaminated with *Campylobacter* strains**  
**(NFA Uppsala)**

**All routine laboratories use ready to use media :**

**-> problem = ready to use Preston broth**  
commercialized in Spain by Thermo Fisher scientific  
Not in France

# Introduction

→ test of the performance of Preston broth, ready to use (PRU) and home made (PHM)

↪ quantitative method with serial dilutions considering 2 criteria: productivity and selectivity

Productivity : the *Campylobacter* reference dilution leading to <100 cfu on blood agar must give at least 10 CFU when streaking 10 µL Preston enriched samples.

Selectivity using *E. coli* :  $S_F = D_0 - D_S$        $S_F \geq 2$  for a good result

$D_0$  = the highest dilution of *E. coli* giving at least 10 cfu

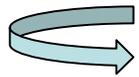
$D_S$  = the highest dilution of *E. coli* after Preston enrichment giving no growth or less than 10 cfu on blood agar.

# Results (1)

## Preston broth productivity : ready to use (PRU) and home made (PHM)

Dilutions	10 <sup>-5</sup>	10 <sup>-6</sup>	10 <sup>-7</sup>	10 <sup>-8</sup>	10 <sup>-9</sup>
<i>C. jejuni</i> (ATCC 33560)	>200	33			
PHM 1	>200	>200	>200	11	ND
PHM 2	>200	>200	>200	ND	ND
PRU	>200	>200	>200	10	>200

Results expressed in **cfu** or **ND** : no detection

 Productivity was good for the 3 batches tested  
(RU and HM)

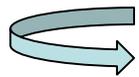
# Results (2)

## Preston broth selectivity : ready to use (PRU) and home made (PHM)

Dilutions	0	10 <sup>-1</sup>	10 <sup>-2</sup>	10 <sup>-3</sup>	10 <sup>-4</sup>	10 <sup>-6</sup>	10 <sup>-7</sup>
<i>E. coli</i> (ATCC 8739)						37	2
PHM 1	>200	ND	ND	ND	ND	6 - 1 = 5	
PHM 2	>200	5	ND	ND	ND	6 - 1 = 5	
PRU	>200	>200	>200	>50	ND	6 - 4 = 2	

Results expressed in ufc or ND : no detection

$$S_F = D_0 - D_S$$



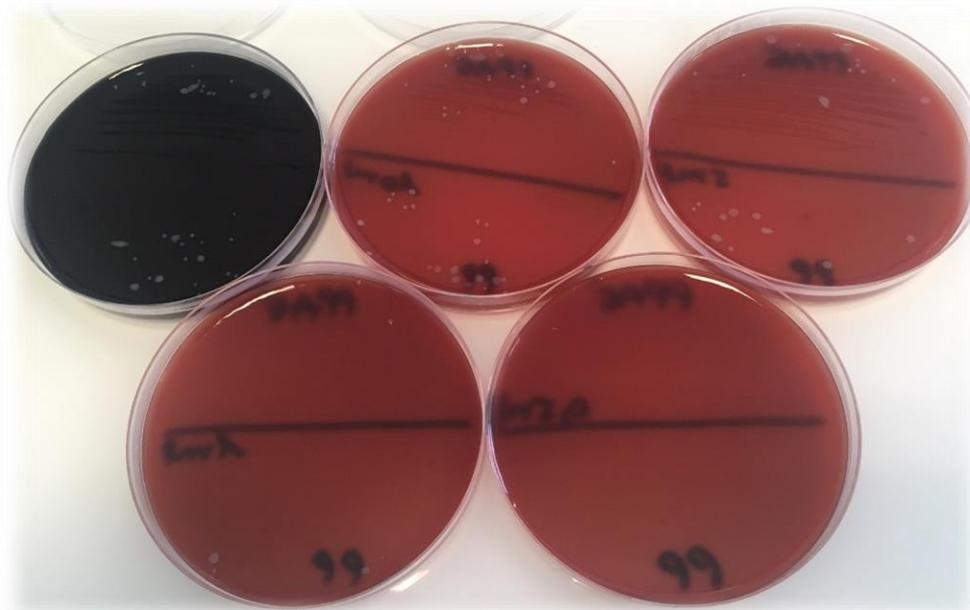
Selectivity was good but different

PHM ( $S_F = 5$ ) and PRU ( $S_F = 2$ )

# Conclusion

**Productivity and selectivity confirmed the good performance of the 3 batches of Preston broth**

**PRU less selective for *E. coli* : *PHM* contains 10mg/L amphotericin B instead of 100 mg/L cycloheximid, which may explain its higher selectivity**



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# Thank you for your attention

