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The Netherlands: protocol (NTA8777:2011) to measure reductions of *Enterococcus faecalis* during exposure in reactors in a suitable test body,

More options available (input-output, other)

Results of 13 studies are presented (anonymously)

We are certified inspection body, methods are low cost, European patents



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Impression of preparations



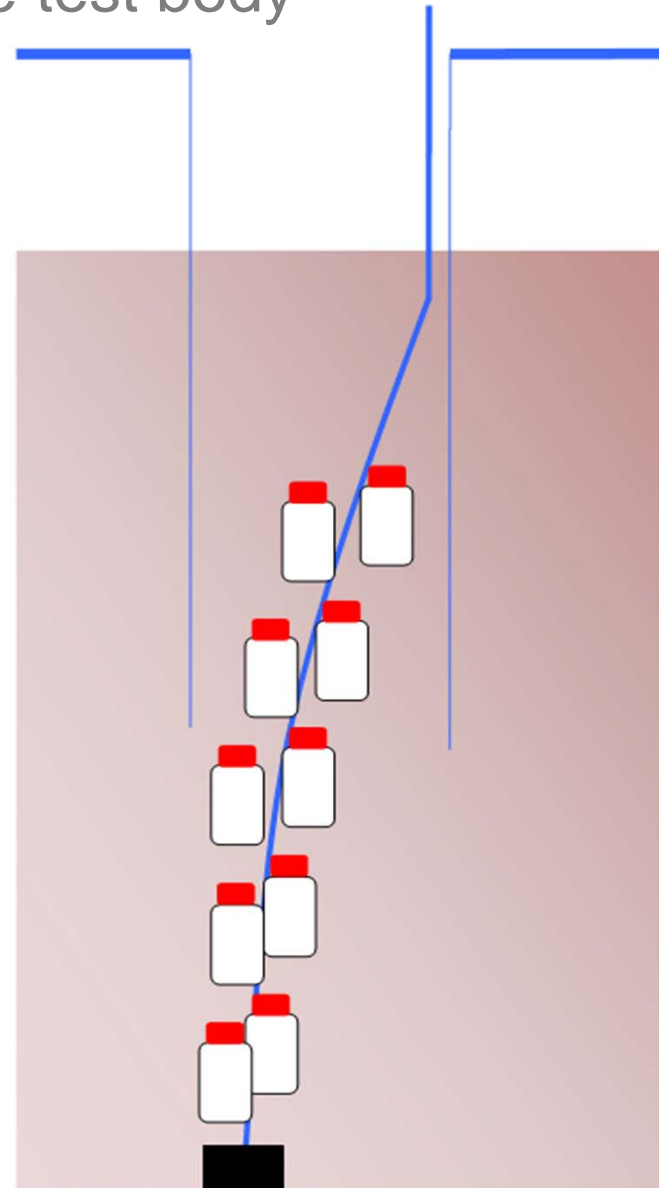
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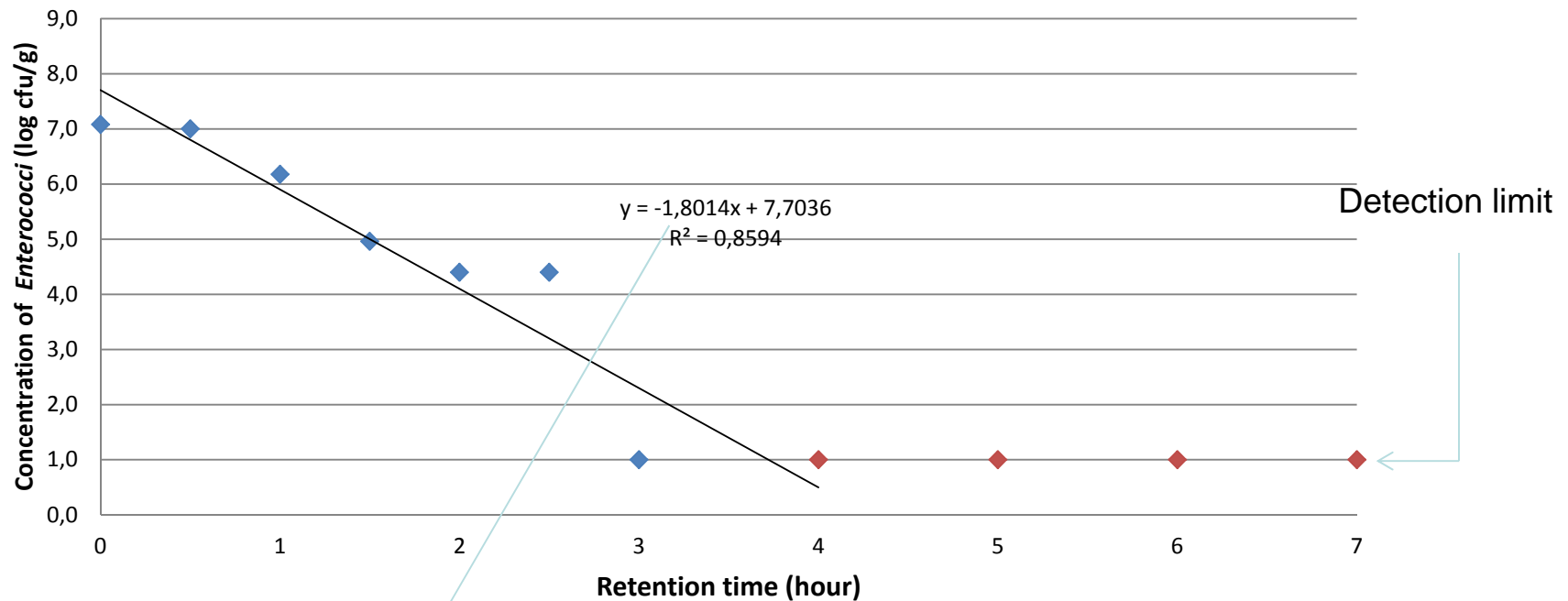
Other EU members



Impression of Enterococcus faecalis exposure in reactors in a suitable test body



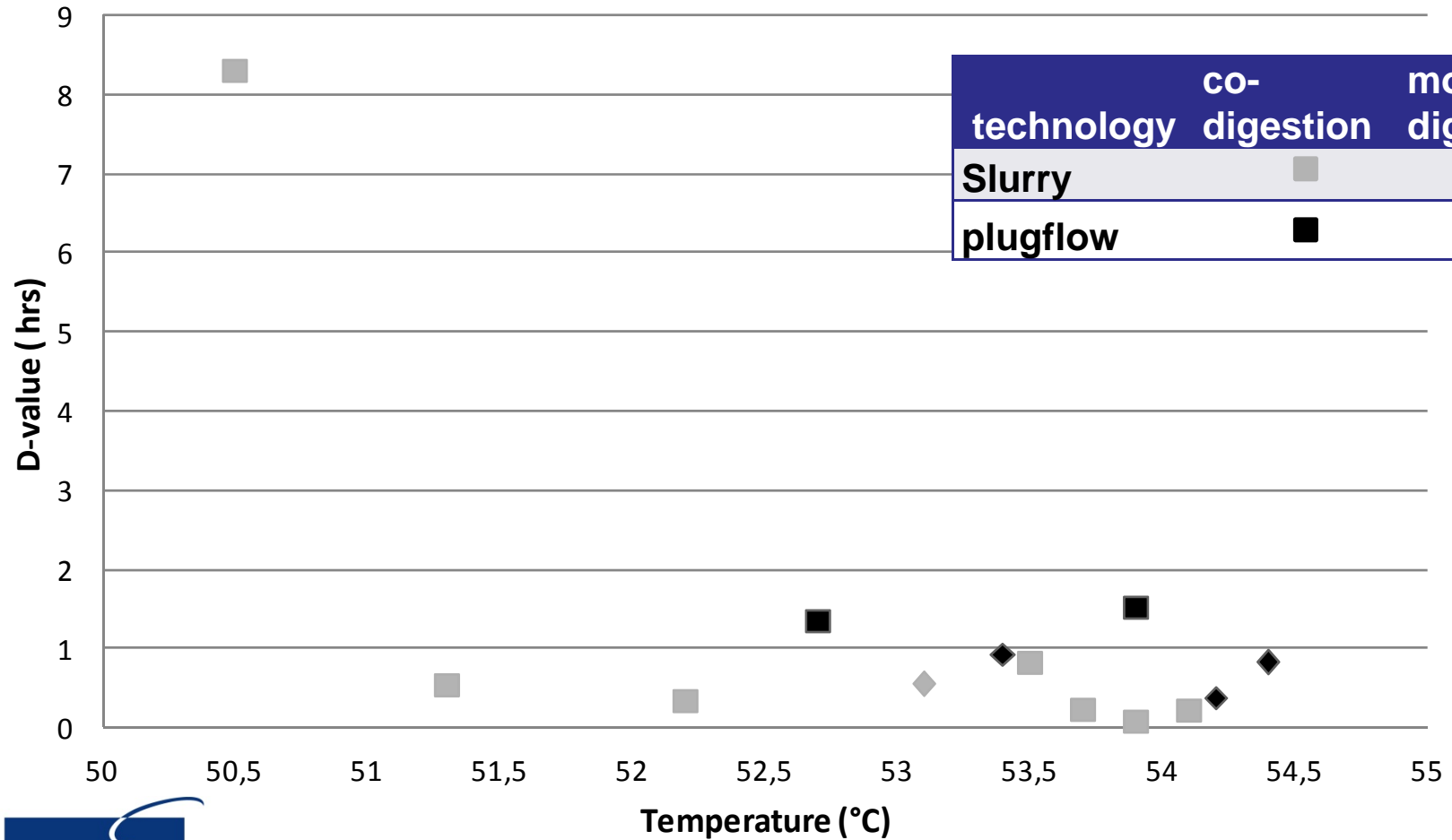
Results of a study: example calculation D-value



- D-value = $(1 / 1,8014) = 0,55$ hrs = 33 minutes
- So we need 33 minutes to lower the concentration *Enterococcaceae* with 1 log-unit. Based on the D-value we can calculate that we need for a $5\log_{10}$ reduction a Guaranteed Minimal Retention Time:
- GMRT: $5 \times 0,55 = 2,75$ hrs = 2 hrs and 45 minutes

Summarized results: obtained D-values

Effect of temperature on D-value of *E. faecalis*



Our results (◆) compared to literature (■)

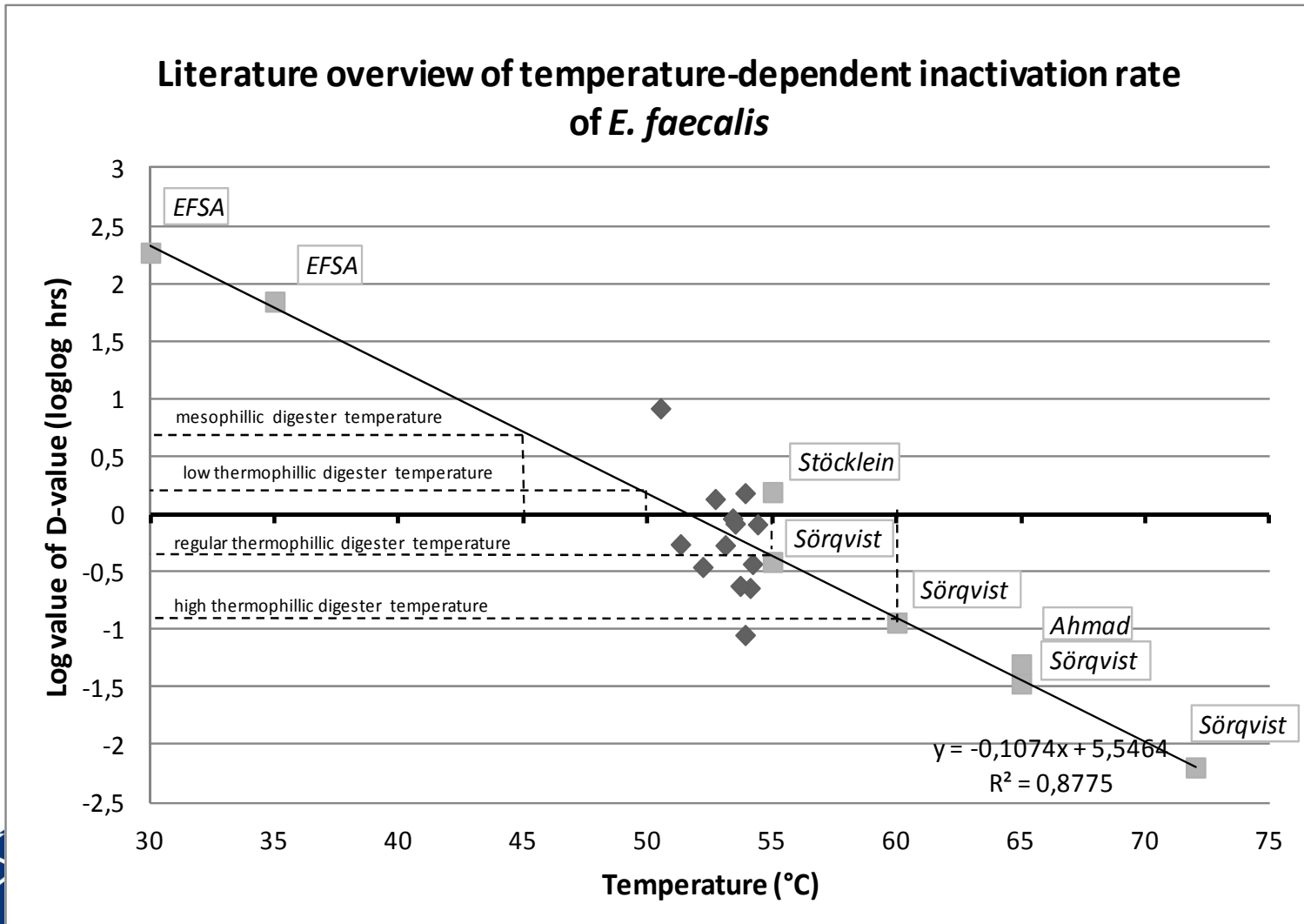
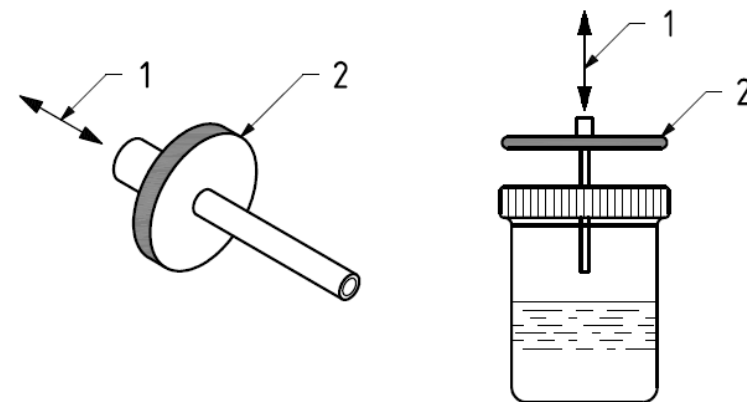


Table with indicated relation between temperature, D-value and Minimal Guaranteed Retention Time (MGRT)

Temperature	log D-value	D-value	MGRT
(°C)	(log hr)	(hr)	(hr)
45	0,7	5,0	25,1
50	0,2	1,6	7,9
55	-0,3	0,5	2,5
60	-0,9	0,1	0,6

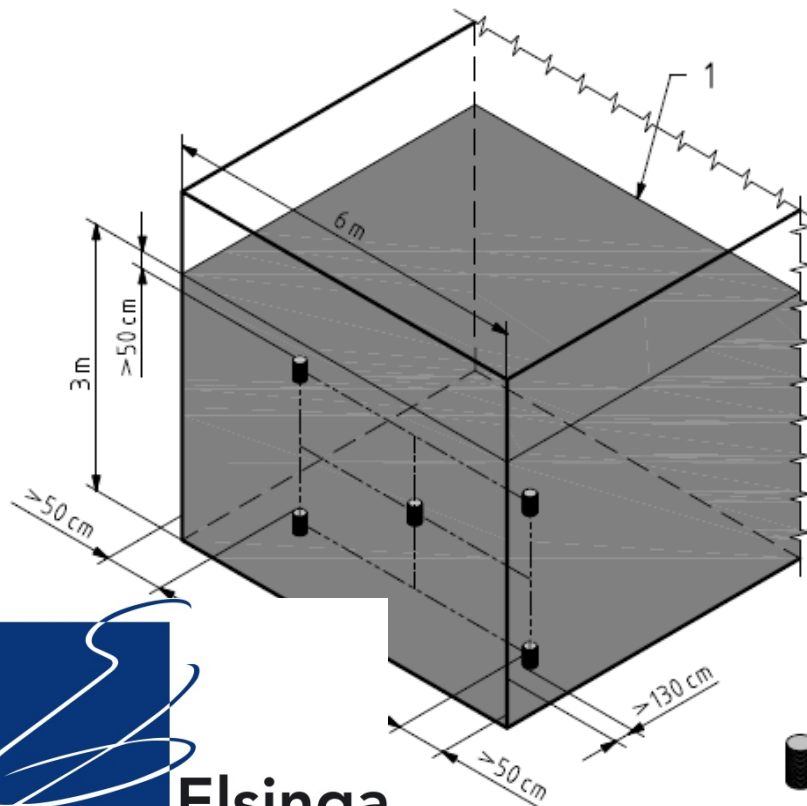
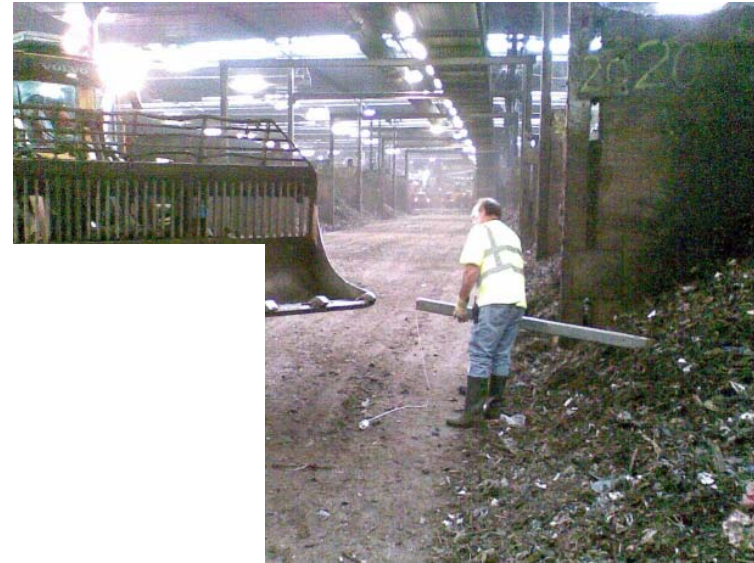
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1. Inoculation composting material with culture *E. faecalis* (ATCC 29212)
2. Pots with filter (0,2 μ m)



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3. Placing pots in the process



 Plastic container containing spiked material (test body)

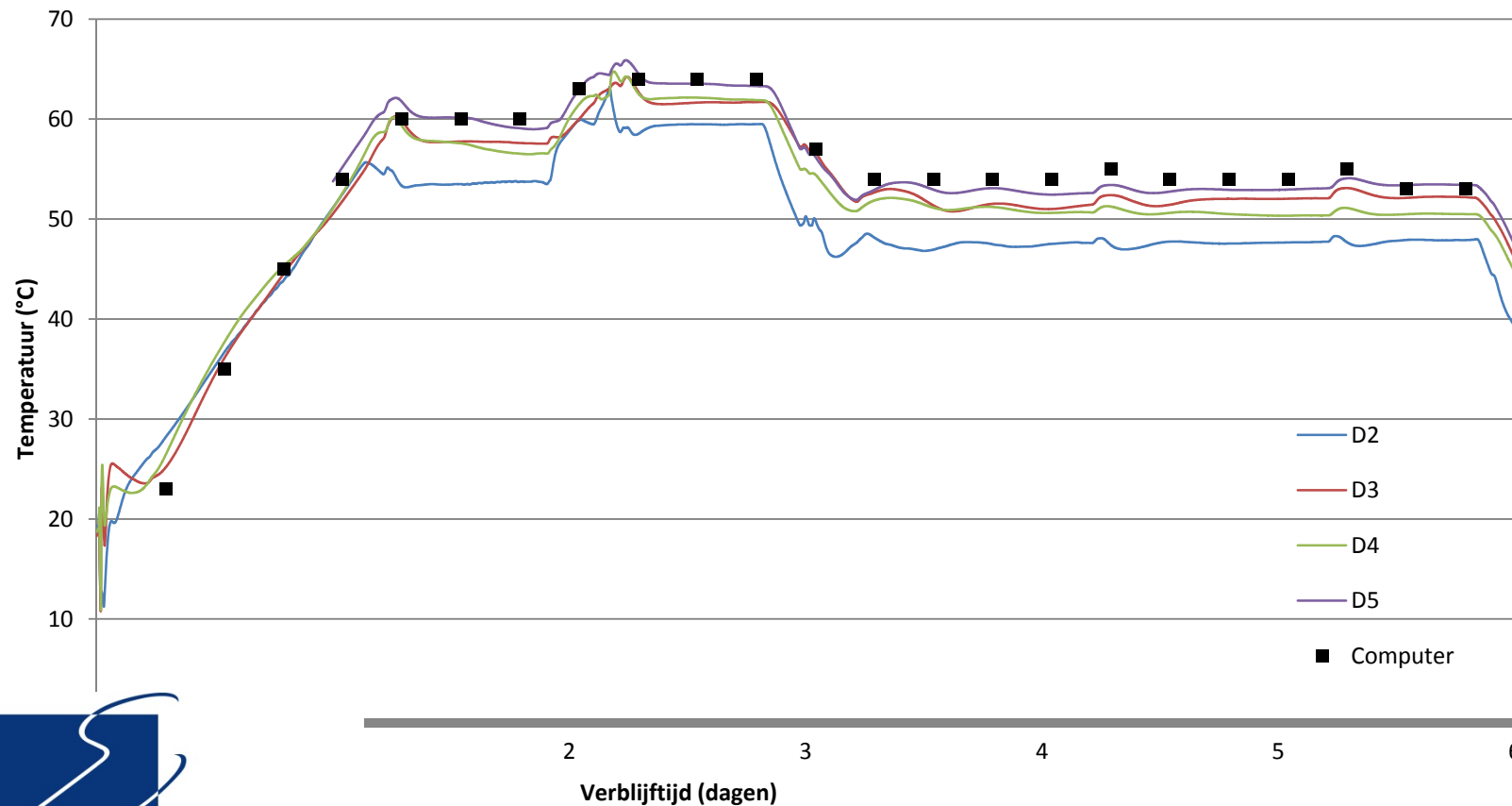
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4. Results: microbiological analyses

Tabel 1:					
Pot nr	time T=0 tunnel	time Tunnel out	time exposure	Enterococc Cfu/gr	Enterococc Cfu/gr
1A				41.000.000	7,61
2A				46.000.000	7,66
3A				31.000.000	7,49
4A				32.000.000	7,51
5A				49.000.000	7,69
Median reference pots				41.000.000	7,61
1	17-8-2012, 6:30	23-8-2012, 6:30	6 d	<1	<0
2	17-8-2012, 6:30	23-8-2012, 6:30	6 d	<1	<0
3	17-8-2012, 6:30	23-8-2012, 6:30	6 d	<1	<0
4	17-8-2012, 6:30	23-8-2012, 6:30	6 d	<1	<0
5	17-8-2012, 6:30	23-8-2012, 6:30	6 d	<1	<0
Median pots after exposure				<1	<0
Demonstrated reduction (log units):					>7,61

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Results: temperature sensors in pots compared with process computer data





Process validation: input-output

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Spot test analysis of microbial contents during composting of kitchen- and garden biowaste: Sampling procedures, bacterial reductions, time-temperature relationships, and their relevance for EU-regulations concerning animal by-products

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Abstract

This study was aimed to collect data and develop methodologies to determine if and how Dutch biowaste composting plants can meet the microbiological requirements set out in EU-Regulations (EC) 1774/2002 and (EC) 1069/2009, and to provide the European Food and Safety Authority (EFSA) with data and analysis for evaluation of these regulations. We examined twenty plant



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The protocol (NTA8777:2011) gives reliable and reproducible results, we have more validation options available (published JEM January 2013)

We are a European wide certified inspection body, methods are low cost, producers of equipment can offer the process validation of their systems in a joint offer. We can also validate existing or new digestion/composting/drying



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