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Title (English) Evaluation of automated sample preparation for detection of <i>Bacillus cereus</i> DNA in animal samples, animal feed and food		
Abstract The automated purification of bacterial DNA from different samples using the ABI Prism 6700 Automated Nucleic Acid Workstation was often hindered by clogging of the purification membrane by particles in the samples. The introduction of a centrifugation step facilitated the possibility to purify <i>Bacillus cereus</i> DNA from 26 different animal-, animal feed- and food samples. The centrifugation can be done at high speed in order to make the pellet hard. When centrifugation was done at 9000 rpm for 5 min (Ct 30.2) as much DNA was recovered as when centrifugation was performed at 2100 rpm for 2 min. (Ct 30.8). It could be seen that free DNA in complex matrices was protected when proteinase K was used as lysis method (Ct 27.9). DNA was degraded in matrices treated by boiling (Ct 38.4), at room temperature (Ct 33.9) as well as by treatment with a commercial lysis buffer; powerlyse (Ct 30.1). The use of a centrifugation step has to be tested also with viable cells.		
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