

Producer	Batch No. of <i>Salmonella</i> -positive salami	MPN/g in GRM samples	Days of curing before testing		
			First curing period (No. of positive sampling units/5)	Second curing period <sup>a</sup> (No. of positive sampling units/5)	Third curing period <sup>b</sup> (No. of positive sampling units/5)
A	15	31	33 (3/5)	54 (1/5)	62 (0/5)
D	25	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	34 (0/5)		
D	26	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	34 (0/5)		
A	47	4,1 <sub>5.2</sub>	47 (0/5)		
A	50	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	42 (0/5)		
A	57	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	40 (0/5)		
A	59	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	40 (0/5)		
D	67	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	34 (0/5)		
A	73	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	40 (0/5)		
A	78	12	36 (1/5)	86 (0/5)	
A	79	29	36 (2/5)	86 (0/5)	
B	82	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	28 (0/5)		
D	84	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	38 (0/5)		
B	96	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	21 (4/5)	54 (0/5)	
D	98	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	47 (0/5)		
D	107	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	44 (0/5)		
C	112	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	49 (0/5)		
B	121	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	20 (3/5)	49 (0/5)	
D	140	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	40 (1/5)	54 (0/5)	
D	143	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	43 (0/5)		
A	147	< 1 <sub>5.2</sub> 3	28 (0/5)		
No of positive salami in the different curing periods (%)			14/105 (13 %)	1/30 (3 %)	0/5 (0 %)
No of positive salami of the study (%)				15/140 (11%)	

<sup>a</sup> it includes the first curing period

<sup>b</sup> it includes the first and the second curing period

Table 1: Salami samples culture-positive for *Salmonella* at different curing time.