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Abstract

Interactions and competition between resident bacteria in food processing environments could affect their ability to survive, grow and persist in microhabitats and niches in the food industry. In this study, the competitive ability of *L. monocytogenes* strains grown together in separate culture mixes with other *L. monocytogenes* (L. mono mix), *L. innocua* (Listeria mix), Gram-negative bacteria (Gram- mix) and with a multigenera mix (Listeria + Gram- mix) was investigated in biofilms on