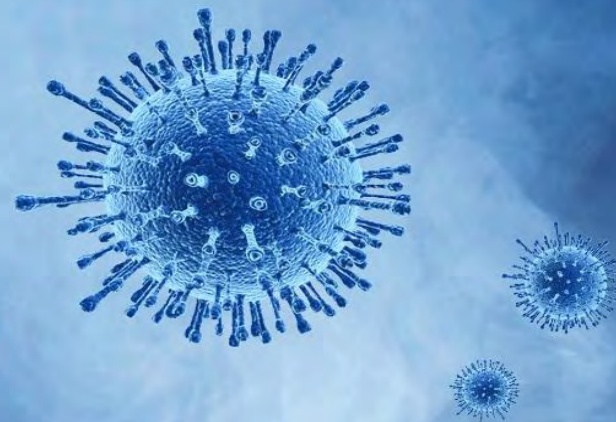


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an Austrian high-tech company for medical solutions with own developed and produced innovations. One main area is research, production and further development of decontamination systems as well as providing disinfection and decontamination services

Mission

„The future of new technologies must be actively pursued today with research and development in order to improve medical care, quality of life and safety.“

DCX Technology - Size works

DCX Technologies has shown the “Proof of Concept” in many different situations. The microbiological results were measured and documented in several tests.

The DCX decontamination is recommended wherever microorganisms or insects pose a threat for humans (public transport, hotels, hospitals, etc.), or products (Food Industry, pharmaceutical industry, etc.)

The DCX decontamination effect virus, bacteria, fungi (yeast and mold) and odor within a validable process.



Tested microorganisms

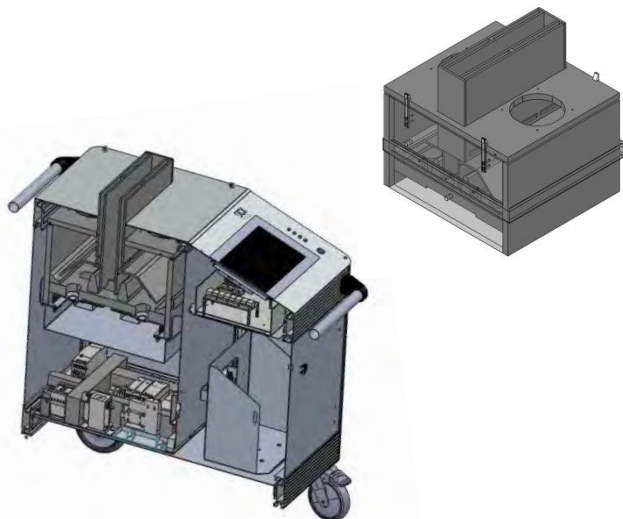
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- Candida albicans (ATCC 10231)
- Aspergillus brasiliensis (ATCC 16404)
- Proteus mirabilis (ATCC 14153)
- Escherichia coli (NCTC 10538)
- Clostridium difficile (ATCC 700057, ATC 9689)
- Human Norovirus (HNV) (GGII.3)
- Feline calicivirus (FCV) (KS 20)
- Geobacillus stearothermophilus (ATCC12980)
- Acinetobacter XDR (Extensively drug resistant)
- ESBL (Extended-Spectrum Beta-Lactamase)
- KPC (Klebsiella pneumoniae Carbapenemase) ATCC–BAA 1705
- MRSA (Methicillin resistant S. aureus) ATCC 43300
- VRE (Vancomycin resistant Enterococcus) ATCC 51299
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DCXpro – inside

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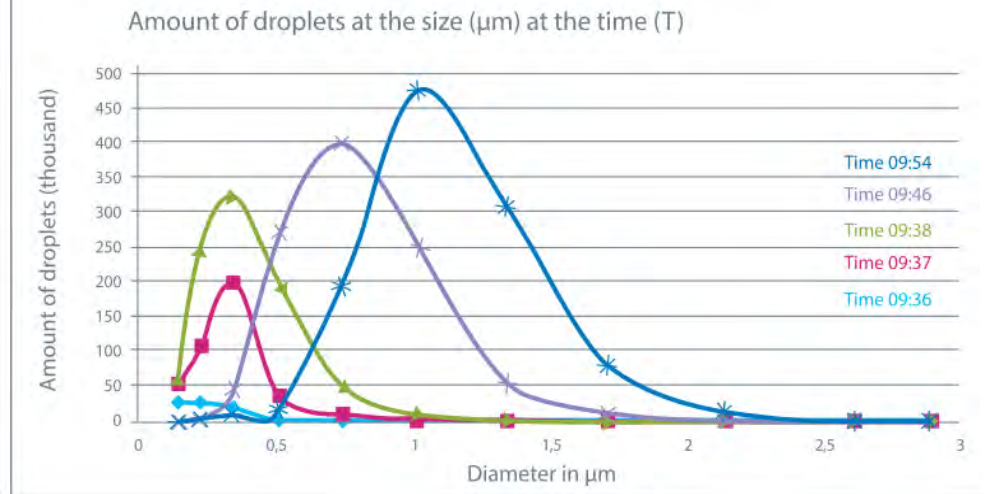
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An insight into the compact design of the DCXpro and the H_2O_2 generator for non-condensing micro aerosol, which has been further developed and optimized for the DCXpro.



Changes in the course of technical development reserved.

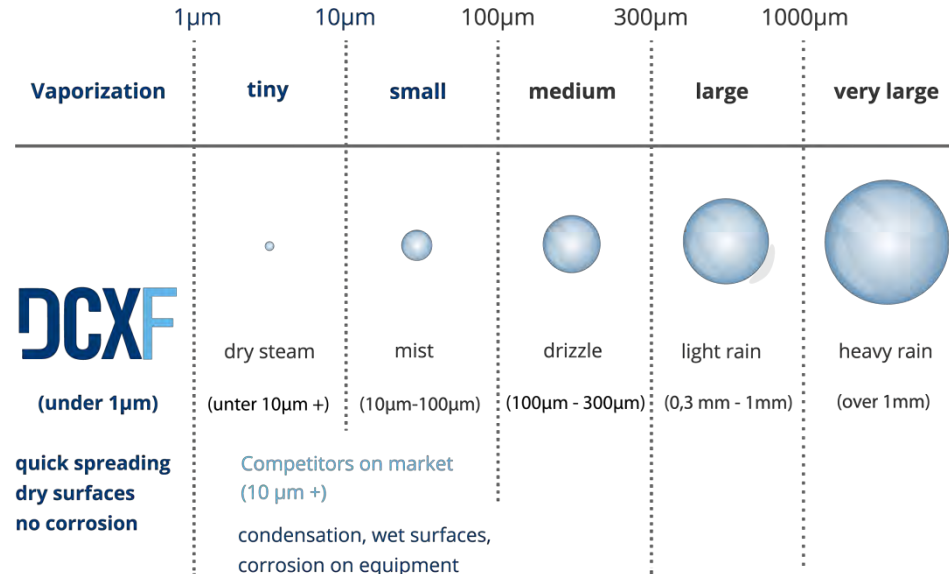
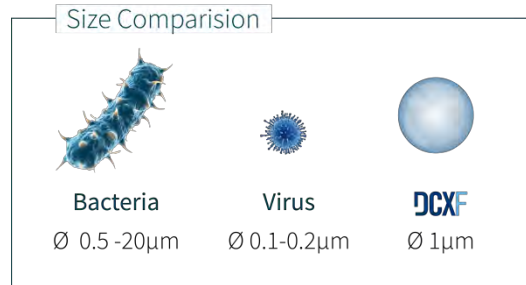
Droplet Distribution (size < 1 μm)



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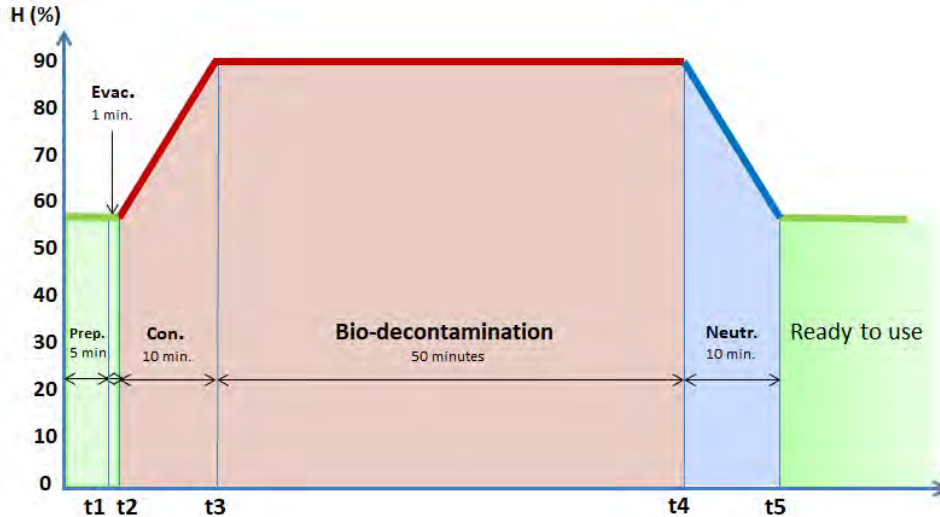
Size matters – our advantage!

The smaller the particles the better in order to achieve a „dry decontamination“ and highest efficiency. DCX creates micro aerosols smaller than 1µm in diameter.



DCX Technology – brief description of the process

The hole process is divided in:



- Preparation(1) und evacuation(2)
- Conditioning(3)
- Decontamination(4)
- Neutralization(5) and room clearance

Average values for the individual phases that apply under defined conditions:

1 TBD – 5 bis 15 min

2 TBD – 1 bis 5 min

3 TBD – >10 bis 20 min

4 TBD – >30 min

5 TBD – 20 bis 60 min

Timeline / product development



DCX type:



DCXpert
Roomsize 3000m³+



DCXpro
Roomsize 1500m³+



DCXplus / DCXplus (lc)
Roomsize 250m³+

Three (4) powerful systems for all your needs



DCXpert



DCXpro

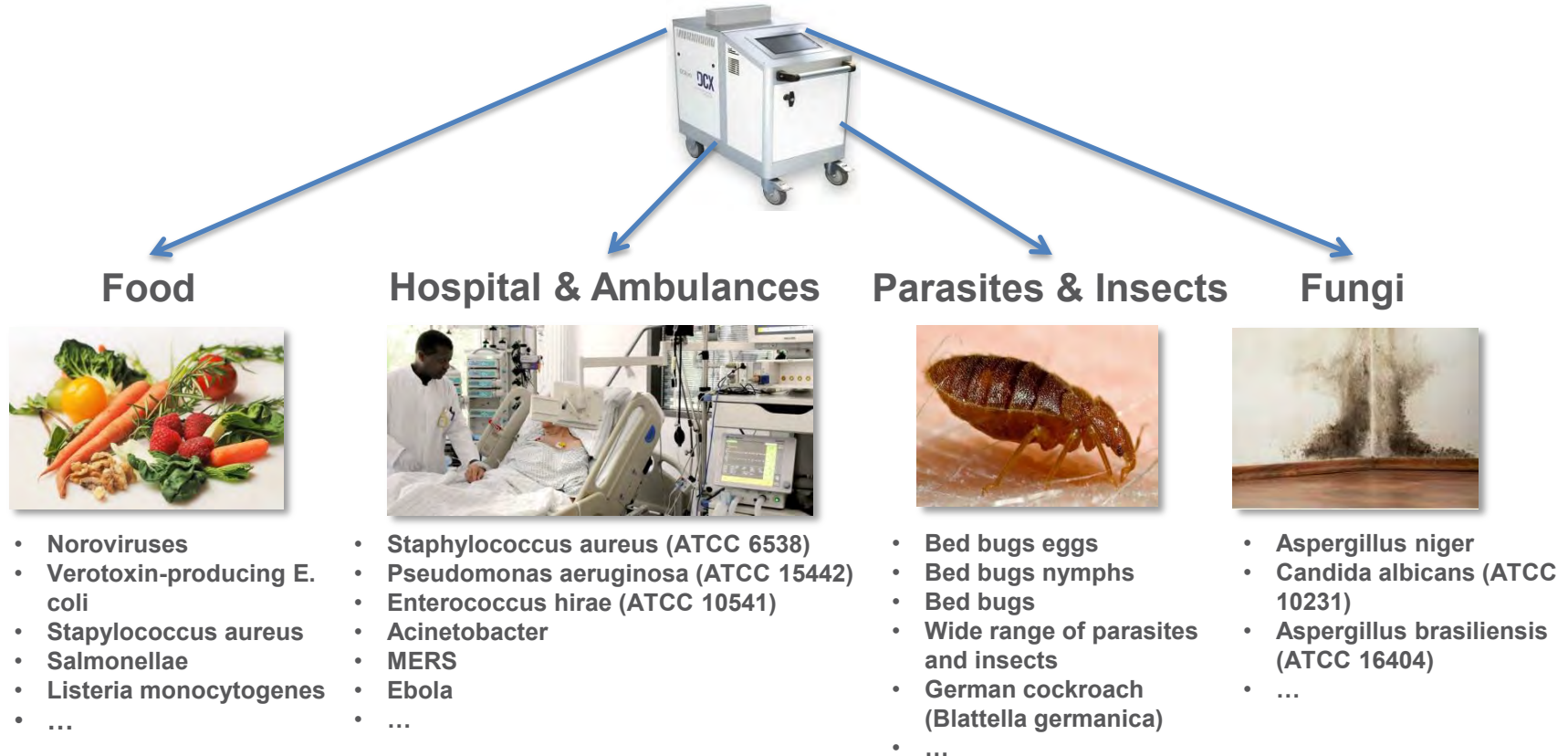


DCXplus

DCXplus (lc)

Roomsize:	3000m ³ +	1500m ³ +	250m ³ +	250m ³ +
Dimensions in mm (L/B/H):	1256 x 590 x 920	900 x 450 x 920	605 x 460 x 776,5	605 x 460 x 776,5
Weight:	appr 90 kg	appr 50 kg	appr 17 kg	appr 15 kg
Voltage:	230 V / 50 Hz	230 V / 50 Hz	12-264 V / 50/60 Hz	12-264 V / 50/60 Hz
Power consumption:	max. 600 Watt	max. 400 Watt	max. 300 Watt	max. 300 Watt
Control:	Display / remote WLAN	Display / remote WLAN	Display / remote WLAN	-- / Remote WLAN
Battery supply:	--	--	Yes / dual slot	--
Certificate:	CE EN 17272	CE EN 17272	CE/UL* EN 17272	CE/UL* EN 17272
Fluids:	F/N/-AP/-25	F/N/-AP/-25	F/N/-AP/-25	F/N/-AP/-25
Systemcheck:	-	-	on board diagnosis (ODB)	on board diagnosis (ODB)
Use for	big halls	middle rooms	smaller rooms	smaller rooms

Application spectrum DCX Technology



DCX Technology - Fields of applications

health care:



ambulances:



airplanes:



public transport:



laboratories:



animal stables:



container:



green houses:



cantine kitchen:



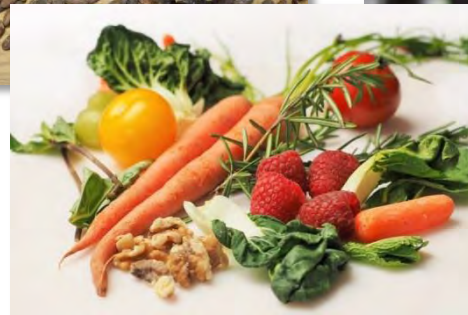
Fields of Applications

- Hospital
- Health care facilities
- Retirement homes
- Nursing homes
- Clinics
- Laboratories
- Pharmaceutical industry
- Ambulances
- Public transport
- Food industry
- Container decontamination
- Kitchens
- Schools
- Kindergarten
- Pest Control
- ...

Overview – Application fields



Kindergarten, senior home



*Vegetables, fruit, cocoa beans,
Packaging / containers*



Hospitals, medical care



Overview – Application fields

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Intensiv care unit



Ambulance



sleeping wagon

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In several tests it was proven that a high level of humidity in combination with large size of aerosols in the air during a room nebulization do not lead to the desired results.

It is precisely these parameters that are optimally controlled with the patented DCX technology.

Tests in neutral accredited laboratories have shown that the germ reduction with DCX dry nebulization is up to $\log 10^8$ levels (within 24 hours*), i.e. significantly higher than with conventional room disinfection methods, such as wipe disinfection.

* The long test duration was deliberately chosen in order to provide evidence of dry nebulization, even longer periods of time

DCX Technology - DIN EN 17272

The results of the DCX dry nebulization are outstanding. Among other things, the following germs were tested and a germ reduction was achieved:

Test validations

Aufgrund der geänderten Auswertung sind für die Versuchvalidierungen nur N_1 und n_1 relevant (die Daten stammen vom jeweiligen Prüftag).

MO-Stamm	N_1	n_1	condition $N_1 / n_1 > 0,5$ fulfilled
S. aureus	$4,7 \times 10^8$	$3,6 \times 10^8$	Ja
E. hirae	$3,1 \times 10^8$	$3,0 \times 10^8$	Ja
E. coli	$7,2 \times 10^8$	$5,2 \times 10^8$	Ja
P. aeruginosa	$8,2 \times 10^8$	$8,2 \times 10^8$	Ja
A. baumannii	$3,2 \times 10^8$	$1,9 \times 10^8$	Ja
C. albicans	$7,0 \times 10^7$	$5,6 \times 10^7$	Ja
B. subtilis	$4,5 \times 10^6$	$4,2 \times 10^6$	Ja

The DCX nebulization technology is certified according to the European test standard DIN 17272.

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Bestätigung 20271781a

Erfüllung der Anforderungen gemäß EN 17272

- Chemische Desinfektionsmittel und Antiseptika — Quantitative Keimträgerprüfung zur luftübertragenen Raumesinfektion durch automatisierte Verfahren — Bestimmung der bakteriziden, fungiziden, levuroziden, sporiziden, tuberkuloziden, mykobakteriziden, viruziden und Phagen-Wirksamkeit im humanmedizinischen Bereich, Veterinärbereich, in den Bereichen Lebensmittel, Industrie, Haushalt und öffentliche Einrichtungen — Prüfverfahren und Anforderungen (Phase 2, Stufe 2)

Die oben angeführte Prüfstelle W.H.U. GmbH bestätigt, dass das Verfahren

DCXpro Vernebelungsgerät mit DCXF-Fluid bei Betrieb mit Trockennebel

der Firma

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In Übereinstimmung mit den Anforderungen gemäß EN 17272 eine

bakterizide, levurozide und sporozide Wirkung
unter geringer Belastung (Bereich Lebensmittel und medizinischer Bereich)
bei einer Expositionszeit von mindestens von 24 Stunden

aufweist

Details sind dem Gutachten 20271781 inkl. anliegender Prüfberichte zu entnehmen.

Bischofshofen, am 24.10.2020

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Gutachten 20271782

DCXpro Vernebelungsgerät mit DCXF-Fluid

Prüfung gemäß EN 17272 - chemische Desinfektionsmittel und Antiseptika —
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Einrichtungen — Prüfverfahren und Anforderungen (Phase 2, Stufe 2)

Dieses Gutachten ist eine Erweiterung der Aussage des Gutachtens 20271781. Details zu den Prüfungen und den Prüfergebnissen sind diesem Gutachten zu entnehmen.

Zusammenfassung

Das Vernebelungsverfahren mit dem Vernebelungsgerät DCXpro und dem vernebelten Desinfektionsmittel DCXF-Fluid führt unter geringer Belastung bei Betrieb mit Trockennebel bei einer Expositionszeit von mindestens 24 Stunden zu einer ausreichenden bakteriziden, levuroziden und sporiziden Wirkung sowohl im Bereich Lebensmittel als auch im medizinischen Bereich. Unter den gleichen Bedingungen wirkt ein Betrieb mit feuchtem Nebel nicht ausreichend mikrobizid.

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Typical disinfection results with use of DCX technology in hospital environment

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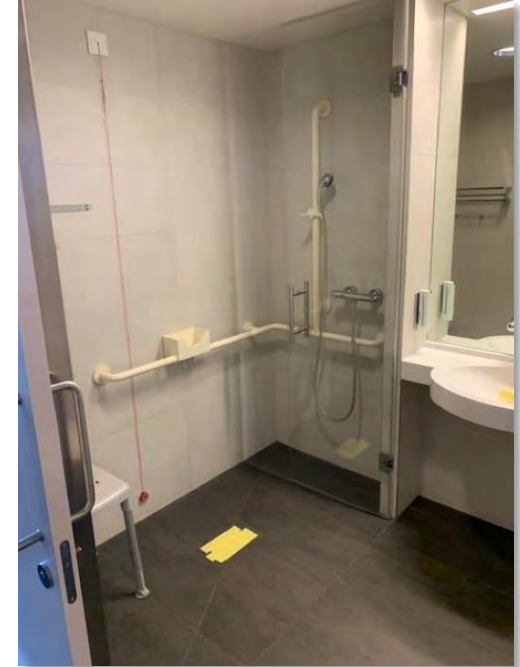
Decontamination of a patient room:



Patient room



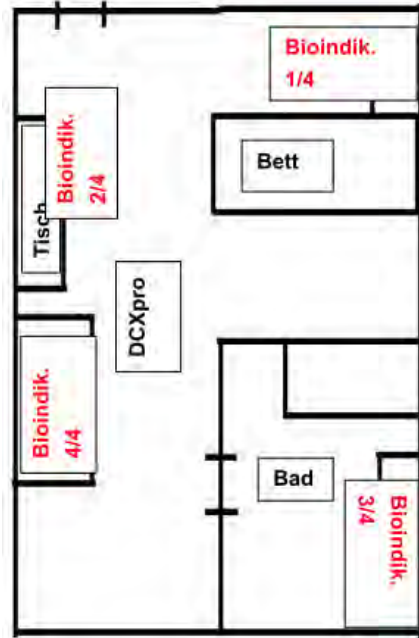
Position of the DCX in the patient room



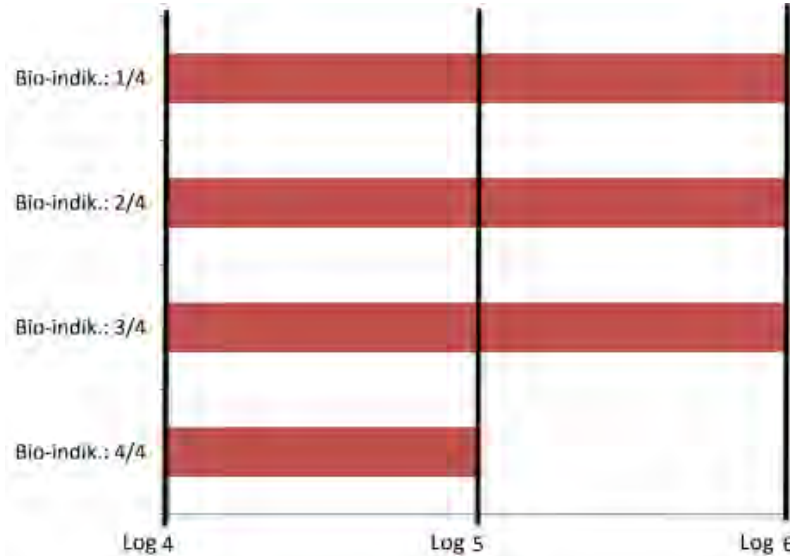
Bathroom

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Decontamination of a patient room / position of the bio indicators & results:



Sketch of the patient room

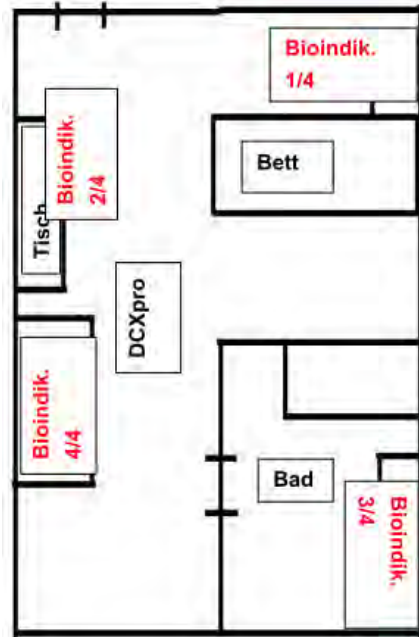


Evaluation of bio indicators / bar chart

External test center:
Laboratory Dr. Mustafa
Medical diagnostic laboratory
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Decontamination of a patient room / position of the bio indicators & results:



Sketch of the patient room

Analysen von *Geobacillus stearothermophilus*

Bioindikatoren

Auftraggeber:

Fa. Braincon GmbH & Co KG
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1190

Ansprechpartner:

Proben erhalten am: 30.01.2020

Proben inkubiert bei 55-60°C:
von: 30.01.2020 18.43
bis: 03.02.2020 09:10

Ergebnisliste:

Bezeichnung/Codierung	Log4	Log5	Log6
Rehaklinik ENNS 30.01.19 1/4	negativ	negativ	negativ
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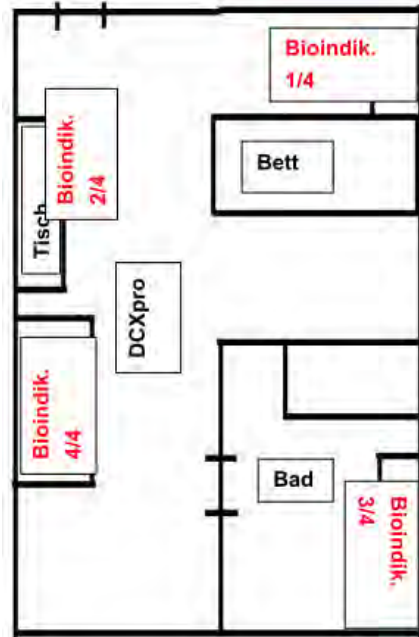
Evaluation report bio indicators from Labor Mustafa / Vienna



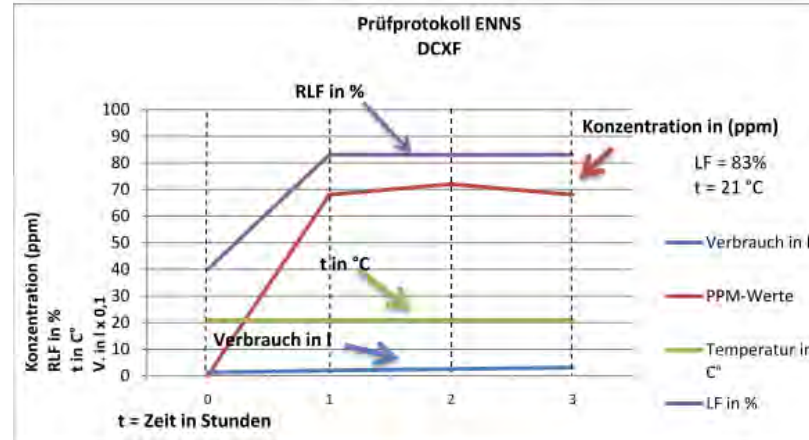
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Decontamination of a patient room / position of the bio indicators & results:



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Graphic display of the PPM values (concentration values), temperature (C), consumptions (liters) and humidity (%)

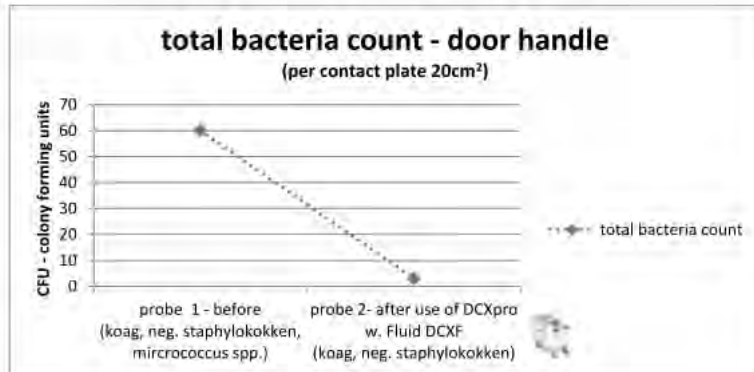
	Nach 1 Std.	Nach 2 Std.	Nach 3 Std.
RLF in %	83%	83%	83%
PPM- Werte	68	72	67
Temperatur in °C	21	22	21
Verbrauch in ml	2000	2500	3100

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Results from the test report (contact test / graphically processed):

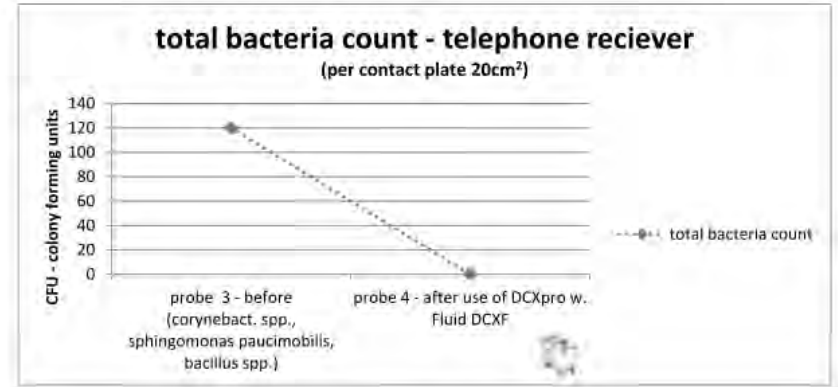
3.7.1 Door handle

- Probe Nr. 1** door handle **before** room disinfection
(koag, neg. staphylokokken, micrococcus spp.) / **60 CFU**
- Probe Nr. 2** door handle **AFTER 3 HOURS** room disinfection
after use of DCXpro w. Fluid DCXF (koag, neg. staphylokokken) / **3 CFU**



3.7.2 Telephone receiver

- Probe Nr. 3** telephone receiver **before** room disinfection
(corynebact. spp., sphingomonas paucimobilis, bacillus spp.) / **120 CFU**
- Probe Nr. 4** telephone receiver **AFTER 3 HOURS** room disinfection
after use of DCXpro w. Fluid DCXF / **0 CFU**



External test center:

**Kepler University Hospital / Austria
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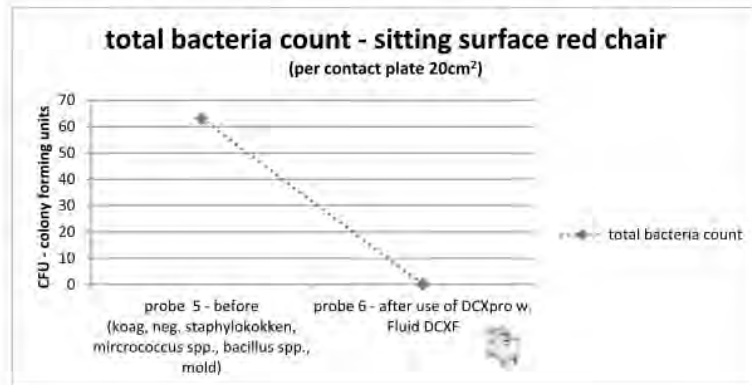
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3.7.3 Sitting surface red chair

Probe Nr. 5 sitting surface red chair **before** room disinfection
(koag, neg. staphylokokken, micrococcus spp., bacillus spp., mold) / **63 CFU**

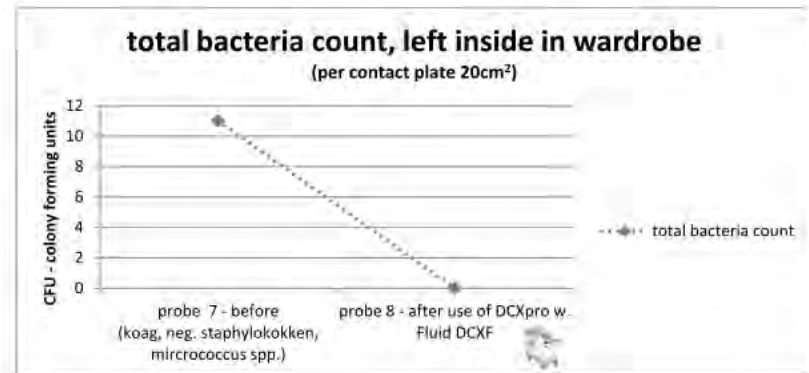
Probe Nr. 6 sitting surface red chair **AFTER 3 HOURS** room disinfection
after use of DCXpro w. Fluid DCXF / **0 CFU**



3.7.4 Left side in wardrobe

Probe Nr. 7 left side in the box **before** room disinfection
(koag, neg. staphylokokken, micrococcus spp.) / **11 CFU**

Probe Nr. 8 left side in the box **AFTER 3 HOURS** room disinfection
after use of DCXpro w. Fluid DCXF / **0 CFU**



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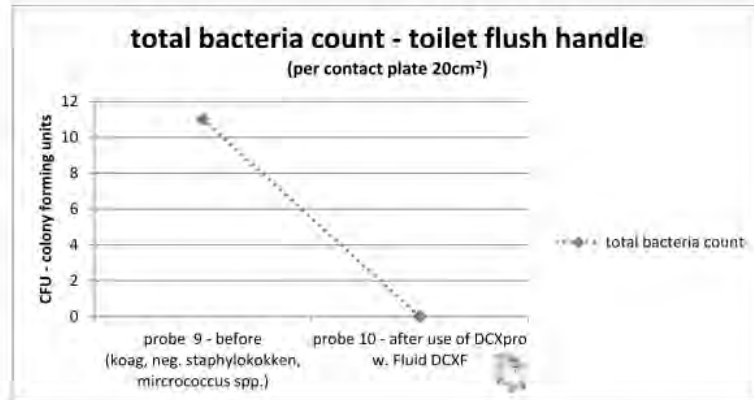
3.7.5 Toilet flush handle

- Probe Nr. 9** toilet flush handle **before** room disinfection
(koag, neg. staphylokokken, micrococcus spp.) / **11 CFU**
- Probe Nr. 10** toilet flush handle **AFTER 3 HOURS** room disinfection
after use of DCXpro w. Fluid DCXF / **0 CFU**

External test center:

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DCX Technology – Fight against nosocomial infections – (example Norovirus)



The Impact Of A Hydrogen Peroxide Vapour Based Decontamination Method On The Infectivity and Detectability of Feline Caliciviruses as Surrogates for Human Noroviruses

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DCX Technology – Fight against nosocomial infections – (example Norovirus)

INTRODUCTION

Human noroviruses are a leading cause of gastroenteritis worldwide and effective decontamination following an outbreak is crucial to avoid recurrent outbreaks. Recently hydrogen peroxide vapour has been shown to be a suitable decontamination system. The aim of this study was to test a decontamination device (DCXpert®) in complete rooms, based on hydrogen peroxide micro aerosol fumigation. As noroviruses are caliciviruses we tested the efficacy of this technology on the feline calicivirus (FCV) as surrogate by determining infectivity and detectability via RT qPCR.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Infectivity

Infectivity tests showed that it was difficult to obtain clear cytopathic effects (CPE) when fumigated viruses were used for infection of CRFK cells. It could be seen that the infected cells were damaged in comparison to the not infected controls but they were not as much lysed as when non treated viruses were used (Fig. 1). Fumigated negative controls did not lead to a changed phenotyp of CRFK cells. This indicates that the CPE of the cells infected with vaporised viruses was to due to the viruses and not to residues of vaporization.

TCID₅₀- determinations could be made from both types of tiles treated for 60 minutes and the ceramic tile fumigated for 120 minutes. A reduction in infectivity of 2 – 3 log₁₀ was observed (see Fig 2). FCVs on PVC tiles that were treated for 120 min did not show CPE. None of the viruses treated with H₂O₂ were able to produce plaques.



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Detectability

It was possible to detect viruses in all samples using RT qPCR. However, there was a reduction of 3 log₁₀ as a result of the 60 and 120 min treatments. Virus numbers counts on the PVC title carrier fumigated for 120 min decreased by 4 log₁₀.

Detection limit

Both PCR and TCID₅₀ data show a reduction of virus numbers on the not treated process control tiles of at least 0.5 log₁₀ compared to the starting concentration (data not shown). This indicates a reduction of virus numbers during the processing caused by drying, elution and transport. This and the use of only 100 µl sample for PCR and titer determination led to a detection limit of a maximum reduction of 3 log₁₀ using TCID₅₀ determination and 4 log₁₀ using PCR.



Fig.1: Cells after treatment with fumigated viruses (B). (A) shows cells 'infected' with process negative control and (C) cells after infection with non treated viruses are shown.

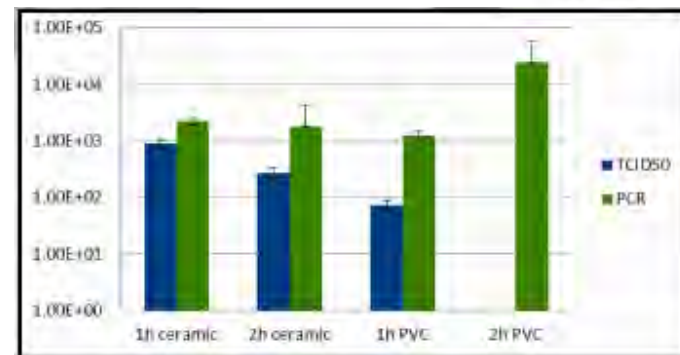


Fig.2: Log₁₀ Reduction of FCV after DCXpert® Treatment. TCID₅₀ determinations showed that no infective viruses were observed after two hours fumigation on PVC.

DCX Technology – Fight against nosocomial infections – (example Norovirus)

CONCLUSION

While TCID₅₀ values and PCR data cannot be compared directly, both methods revealed reduced counts of feline caliciviruses by at least 2 log₁₀ following DCXpert® fumigation when titer determinations were done or 3 log₁₀ when quantification was done by PCR. These observations are in agreement with other studies which have investigated hydrogen peroxide decontamination and which showed a slightly higher reduction (e.g. Bentely et al. 2012: - 4 log₁₀).

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Experimental procedure

PCV- and ceramic tiles were artificially contaminated by 50 µl suspension of feline calicivirus or PBS as a negative control and left to dry for 30 min in a cabinet.

Afterwards the carriers were placed in a room which was decontaminated by the DCXpert® for 60 min and 120 min or left in the cabinet as process controls (all samples in duplicate).

The tiles were washed with 35 ml PBS for 30 min on a shaker to elute the viruses.

The washing solution was stored on ice, transported to the laboratory and used directly and in ten-fold dilutions for titer determination and RNA isolation.

Determination of Infectivity

Infectivity of the viruses in the washing solution and ten-fold dilutions of it was tested by TCID₅₀-determinations and plaque assays using confluent layers Crandell-Reese feline kidney (CRFK) cells. Detectability by RT-qPCR

To test detectability, 100 µl of the washing solution was used for RNA isolation and subsequent RT-qPCR.

Calculation of virus reduction

Drying, elution and transport can lead to a reduction of viruses. Therefore the effect of the DCXpert® was calculated in comparison to the non fumigated process controls. TCID₅₀ values / ml were multiplied with 0.7 to get PFU / ml.



DCX Technology – Research results fighting norovirus

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DCX Technology – Research results fighting norovirus

Introduction

In 2017 15 outbreaks of human norovirus (hNV) in fruit and vegetables were reported in the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed Portal (https://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/rasff_en). For research investigations, surrogates as murine norovirus (MNV) are utilized for studying norovirus infection due to the lack of a cell culture for hNV. It is known that hydrogen peroxide vapour (H_2O_2) can be utilized as cold fog (nebulization at room temperature) in order to inactivate MNV on surface areas. Although hNV contamination of fruit and vegetables is an ongoing problem the virucidal efficiency of this application regarding the inactivation of norovirus on different fresh produce is not characterized.

Materials and Methods

The DCXpert system (DCX Technologies GmbH) and the Diosol Generator MF (DIOP GmbH & Co. KG) (Fig.1) were applied for cold fogging decontamination with H_2O_2 (19 % H_2O_2 , 60 min). MNV (S99 P19) was used in order to illustrate if cold nebulized H_2O_2 inactivates the virus on different fruit and vegetable surfaces (apples, blueberries, cucumbers, strawberries).

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Fig.1: Two different application systems for nebulization of cold H_2O_2 . A: Diosol Generator MF (DIOP GmbH & Co. KG). B: DCXpert (DCX Technologies GmbH).

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After H_2O_2 treatment spiked MNV was recovered from untreated and treated fresh products according to DIN EN ISO 15216-2. Plaque assays were performed after recovery of MNV to compare the quantity of infective MNV.



Fig.2: Fruit and vegetables used in this study (A). Recovery of MNV from cucumber surface (B).

Results

Infective MNV were reduced on smooth surfaces (apples, blueberries) by approximately $4 \log_{10}$ with cold nebulized H_2O_2 (19 % H_2O_2 , 60 min, max. 260 ppm H_2O_2). Cucumbers were chosen as additional vegetable for this study to show the reduction rate due to cold misted H_2O_2 procedure of infective MNV on hard surfaces, because they are more structured than apples and blueberries. However, similar treatment of artificially contaminated cucumbers resulted in lower virucidal efficiency of this application, whereas a median value of $1.9 \log_{10}$ reduction can be determined ($0.6 \log_{10}$ up to $2.8 \log_{10}$).

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Strawberries were used as an example of soft berry fruit with a rougher exterior and inoculated with MNV on the surfaces. There was no reproducible reduction rate of infectious MNV after treatment with 214 ppm of aerosolized H_2O_2 . However, recovery of MNV from untreated strawberries varied between 2.5×10^4 and 1.4×10^7 PFU/mL. The reductions measured during treatment varied between 0.1 and $2.8 \log_{10}$ PFU/mL (Fig.3).

In particular, the influence of H_2O_2 treatment on the color of the fruit was considered. No color differences were detected of apples, blueberries, cucumbers and strawberries due to treatment with H_2O_2 for 60 min.

Details on this study: Weinstock et al., 2018: Inactivation of murine norovirus on fruit and vegetable surfaces by cold nebulized hydrogen peroxide. Food Microbiology. Under review.

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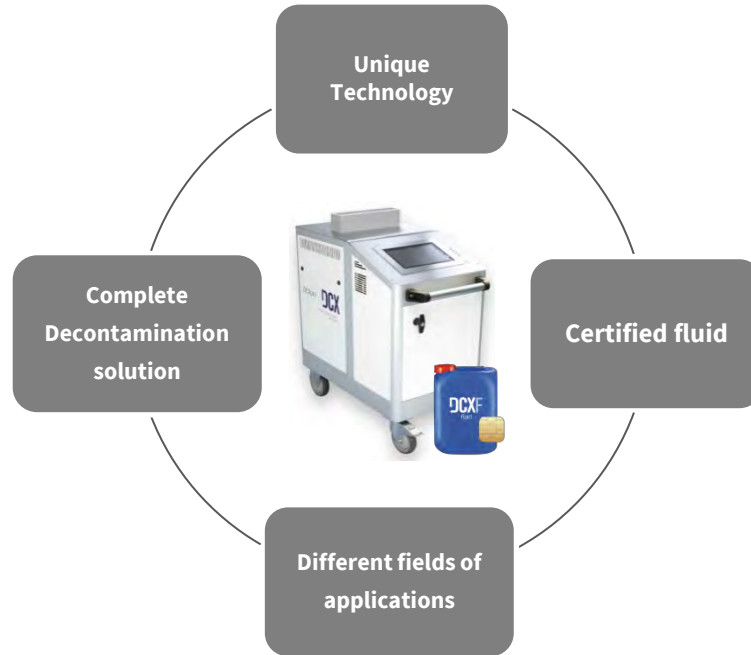
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