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The Occurrence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in Imported Ready-to-Eat Foods in Japan

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The values of CFU were described incorrectly.

<u>Error</u>		<u>Correction</u>
100 CFU/g	⇒	10 CFU/g
400 CFU/g	⇒	40 CFU/g
>100 CFU/g	⇒	>10 CFU/g

Error : The levels of contamination in 3 salami samples and 1 raw ham sample that tested positive were below 100 CFU/g, which is an acceptable level at which this bacterium does not grow, according to food safety criteria for RTE foods by Codex [2] (Table 3). However, bacteria at a level of 100 CFU/g were isolated from 1 salami sample and at a level of 400 CFU/g from a raw ham sample; these levels exceed the limits specified by the criteria established by Codex.

Correction : The levels of contamination in 3 salami samples and 1 raw ham sample that tested positive were below 10 CFU/g (Table 3). Bacteria at a level of 10 CFU/g were isolated from 1 salami sample and at a level of 40 CFU/g from a raw ham sample. Therefore, all positive samples showed the CFU below an acceptable level (<100 CFU/g) at which this bacterium does not grow, according to food safety criteria for RTE foods by Codex [2].

The authors would like to offer our sincere apologies for these mistakes.