



Validation of alternative analysis methods

NF102 – Application to the food industry

# Certificate

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Extension decision dated: **03-06-2025**

Expiry date: **02-07-2026**

The Company:

**bioMérieux SA**  
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Is authorized to affix the NF VALIDATION mark on the alternative analysis method cited below, in accordance with the NF VALIDATION general rules and the certification rules NF102 - Validation of alternative analysis methods (Application to the food industry):

## BACARA®

Validated for the enumeration of presumptive *Bacillus cereus*

Technical sheet  
reference's

Réf 049969 – version **05**

Réf 049969 – version **06**

This decision attests that the alternative analysis method has been assessed by AFNOR Certification and found to conform to the standards cited in page 2/2 and complementary requirements, as specified in the certification reference document. The **principal certified characteristics** are the “analytical performances” as defined in the associated validation study summarized report (relative trueness, accuracy profile, limit of quantification, inclusivity and exclusivity), available on the certification dedicated website <http://nf-validation.org/en>.

This certificate supersedes all previous certificates (last version dated 03-06-2025). This NF VALIDATION certificate, included 2 pages, is valid until **July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**. It is subject to the results obtained upon regular controls carried out by AFNOR Certification. Appropriate decision is made by AFNOR Certification in accordance with the NF VALIDATION general rules and certification rules NF102 - Validation of alternative analysis methods (Application to the food industry).



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The alternative analysis method:

## BACARA®

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Manufactured by:

**bioMérieux SA**  
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Has been certified according to the reference documents and the application scope specified here after:

Validation protocol	<b>NF EN ISO 16140-2</b> (September 2016): Microbiology of the food chain. Method validation - Part 2: Protocol for the validation of alternative (proprietary) methods against a reference method.
Reference method(s)	<b>NF EN ISO 7932</b> (July 2005) <b>and its amendment A1</b> (April 2020): Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs - Horizontal method for the enumeration of presumptive <i>Bacillus cereus</i> - Colony-count technique at 30 degrees C - <b>Amendment 1</b> : inclusion of optional tests
Scope	All human food products (by performing validation assays on a broad range of foods) and feed products.
Restriction(s)	None.
Warning	None.
Other information	The scope includes the option of using a single plate and a single dilution for BACARA® 2 agar (refer to the method's instructions for use).

Please send any queries concerning the performances of the certified alternative method to AFNOR Certification.

You may download the validation study **summarized report** on <http://nf-validation.afnor.org/en>.