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Cleaning and hygiene control is a recurrent concern in many industries. The control is tedious and long and may require heavy settings for obtaining results in short delays. As such, the supply of fast diagnostic tools, reliable and economic, without specific need of equipment, and usable by a broad number of people, even not trained, responds to an important need.

In this respect, Protéus an industrial biotechnology company has developed a new colorimetric test for biocharge evaluation (kits CLEANPIX™), which allow to rapidly estimate the microbial charge on surfaces, and even on liquids.

This colorimetric test with fast reading (two to three hours for biofilms, and eight to twenty hours for surfaces and near sterile media) requires no specific equipment.

The technology detects a vast majority of aerobic and facultative anaerobic microorganisms with a detection threshold covering 1 to 100 germs depending on the species.

Protéus launches its first kit adapted to control surfaces, composed of a sterile swab and two tubes (a test tube with the colorimetric reagent and a wetting tube to moisten the swab).

This test may be used in several industries including the medical and hospital settings and even at home (kitchens, bathrooms, swimming pools...). The targeted industries are varied, ranging from food and feed, cosmetics, and pharmaceuticals industries to the hospitality industry (cooking work surfaces, cold rooms) and in construction (cooling towers, air conditioning units).

The kits are now available and directly commercialized in France by Protéus.

Protéus is a world leader in protein engineering technologies, specialized in developing tailored enzymes. Protéus is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the PCAS Group. Since 2017, PCAS is a part of the Novacap Group, leader in pharmaceutical synthesis and specialty chemicals.

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