***Table 2: Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC) related to the presence of Legionella***

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|  | **HPC 22°C** | | | **HPC 37°C** | | |
| **HPC class (CFU/mL)** | **Samples** | ***Legionella* Positive, n** | ***Legionella* Positive, %** | **Samples** | ***Legionella* Positive, n** | ***Legionella* Positive, %** |
| **HPC ≤ 10** | 110 | 27 | 24.5% | 85 | 12 | 14.1% |
| **10 < HPC ≤ 100** | 45 | 19 | 42.2% | 32 | 15 | 46.9% |
| **100 < HPC ≤ 300** | 26 | 11 | 42.3% | 27 | 7 | 25.9% |
| **300 < HPC ≤ 500** | 41 | 11 | 26.8% | 71 | 25 | 35.2% |
| **HPC > 500** | 69 | 9 | 13.0% | 76 | 18 | 23.7% |
| **HPC not assessed** | 79 | 20 | 25.3% | 79 | 20 | 25.3% |
| **Total** | 370 | 97 | 26.2% | 370 | 97 | 26.2% |