

TABLE 4. BACTERIAL COUNTS (CFUS) FROM TYPE OF SILVER ION FINISH OF PRODUCTS USED IN STUDY

Material	No of swabs	Mean CFU/ swab +/- SE	No of swabs	Mean CFU/ swab +/- SE	Reduction on treated materials compared with untreated products	% reduction error
Powder coating	146	381 (79.7)	107	24 (4.5)	94%	+2.1%, -3.2%
Plastic	258	626 (217.5)	51	15 (4.6)	98%	+0.8%, -2.8%
Wood lacquer	138	678 (266.4)	108	16 (3.9)	98%	+0.7%, -2.8%
Fabric	63	178 (8.2)	81	53 (33.9)	70%	+19.7%, -21.2%
Laminate	45	1,538 (985.5)	27	17 (7.9)	99%	+0.6%, -3.5%