

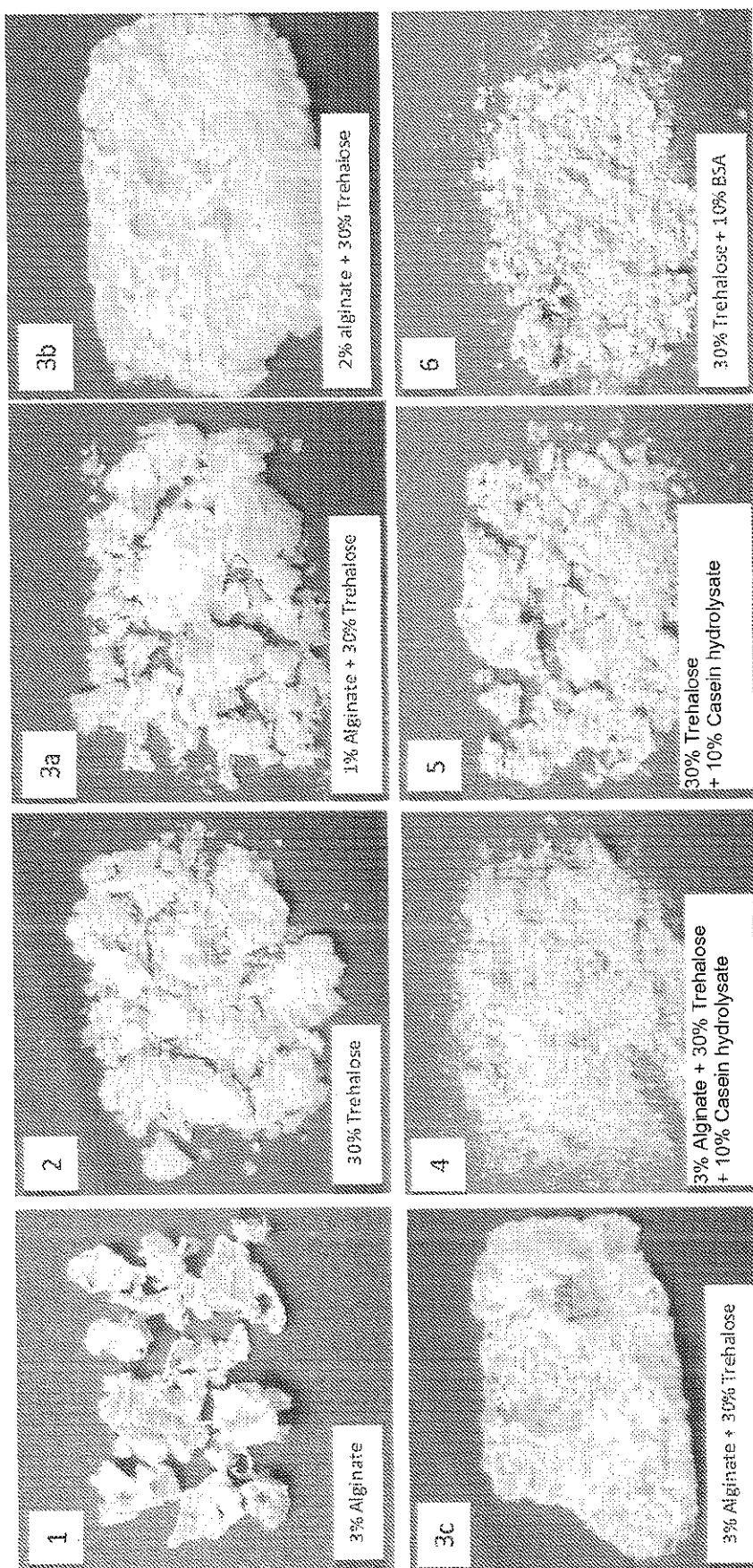


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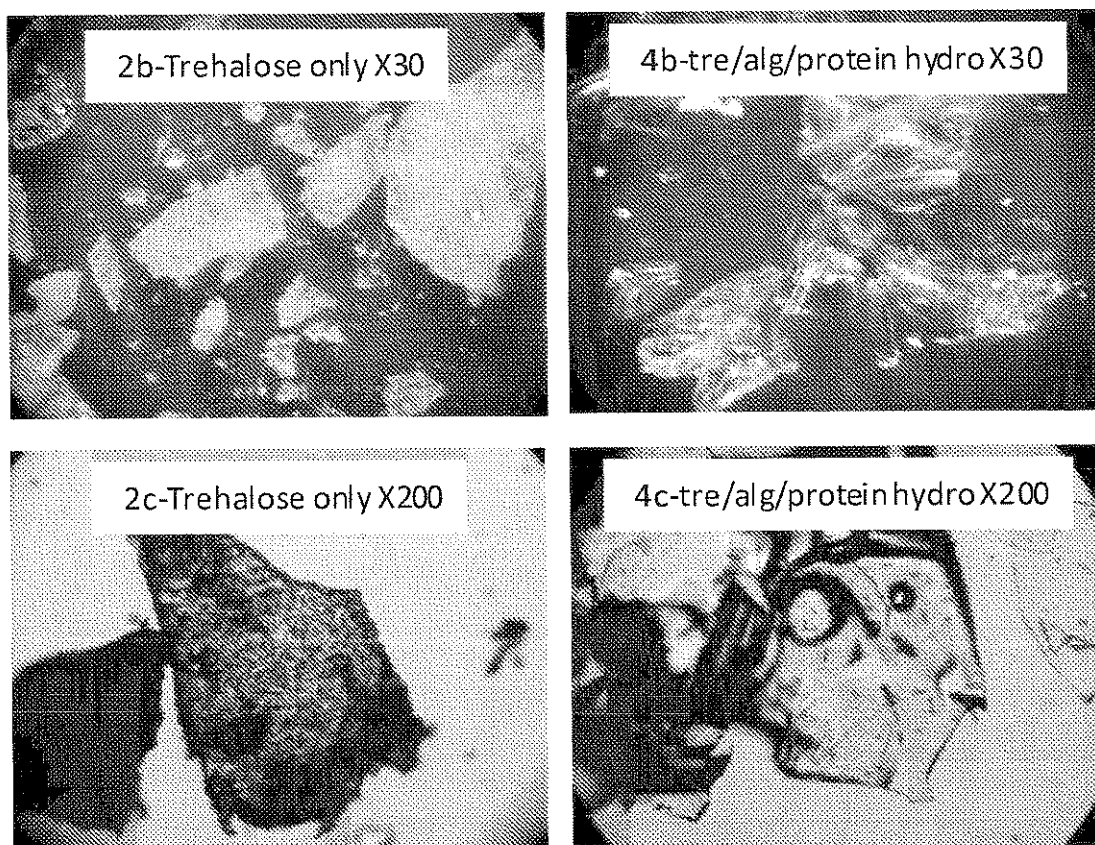
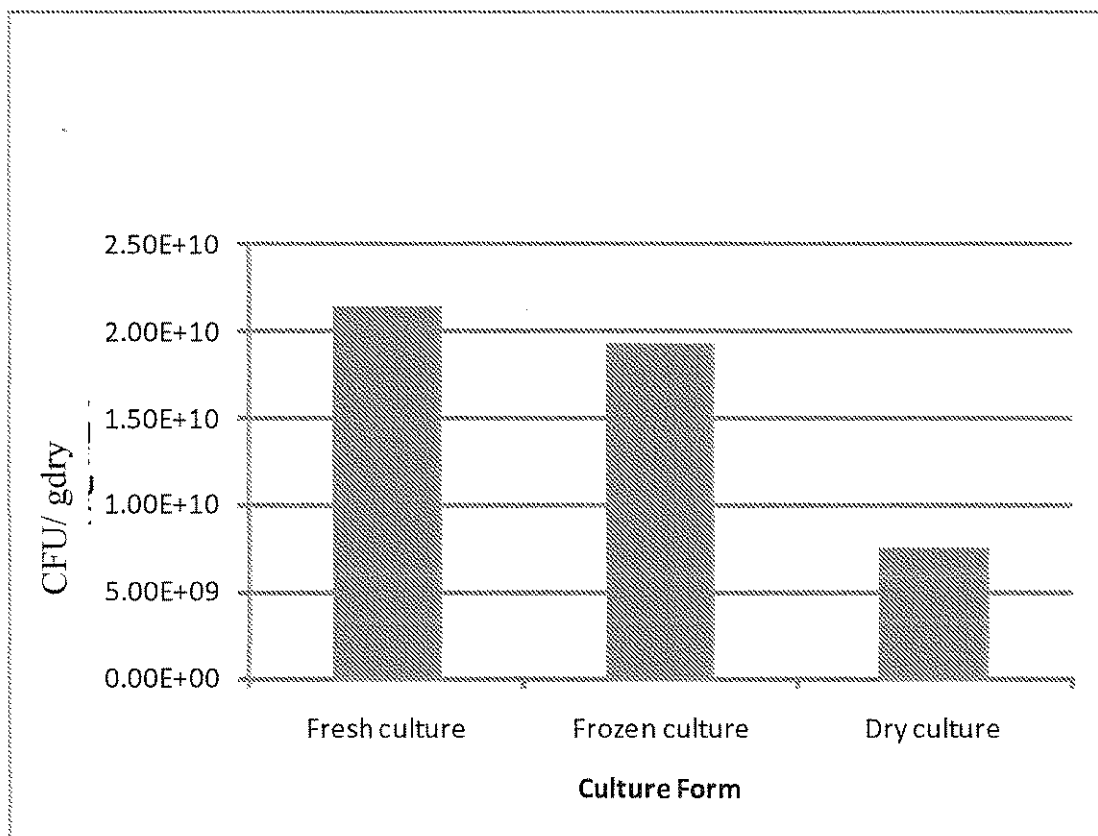
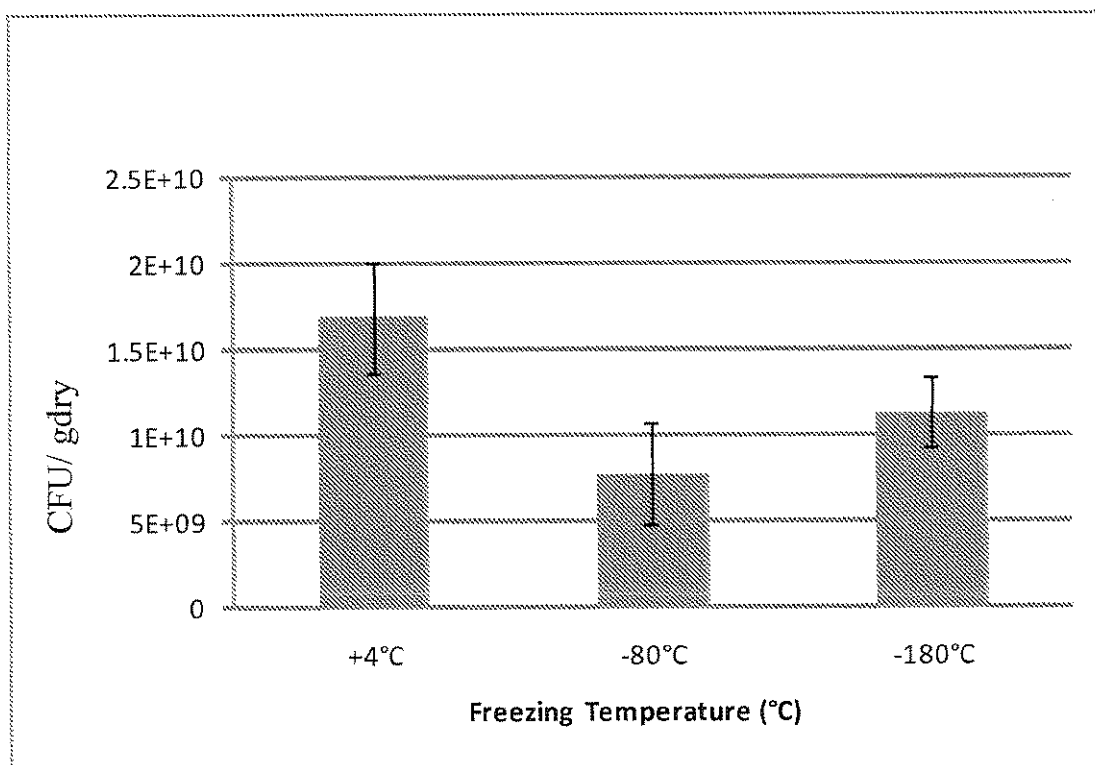
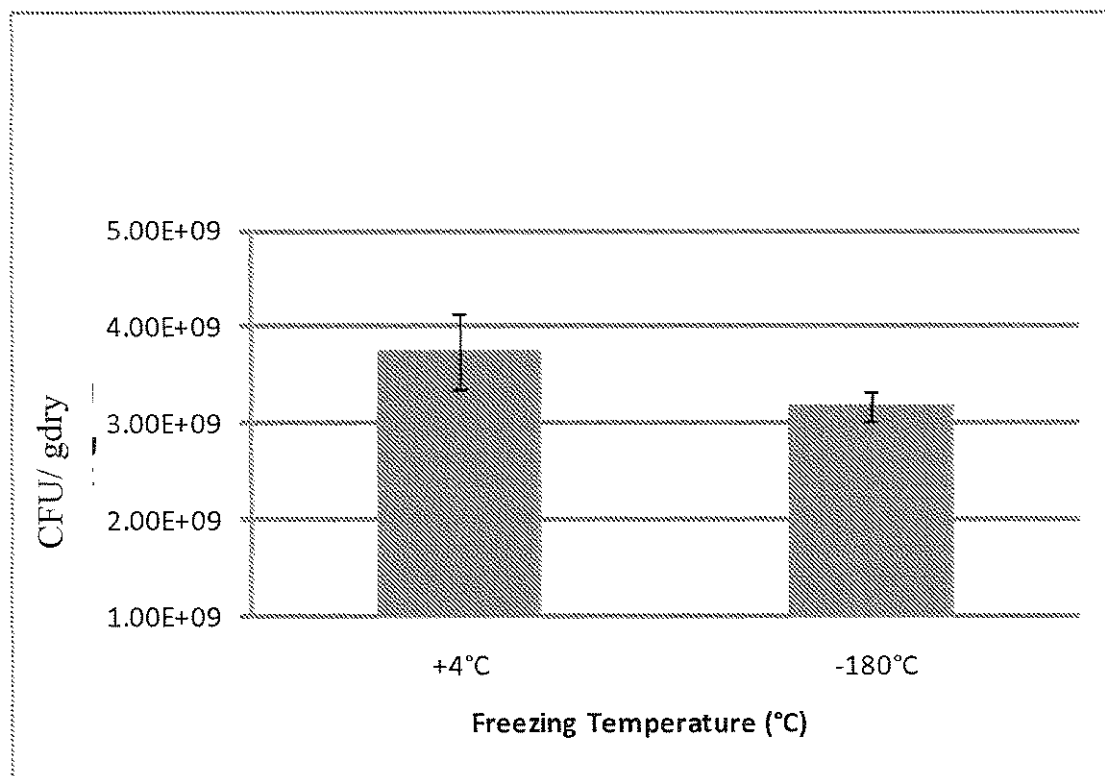


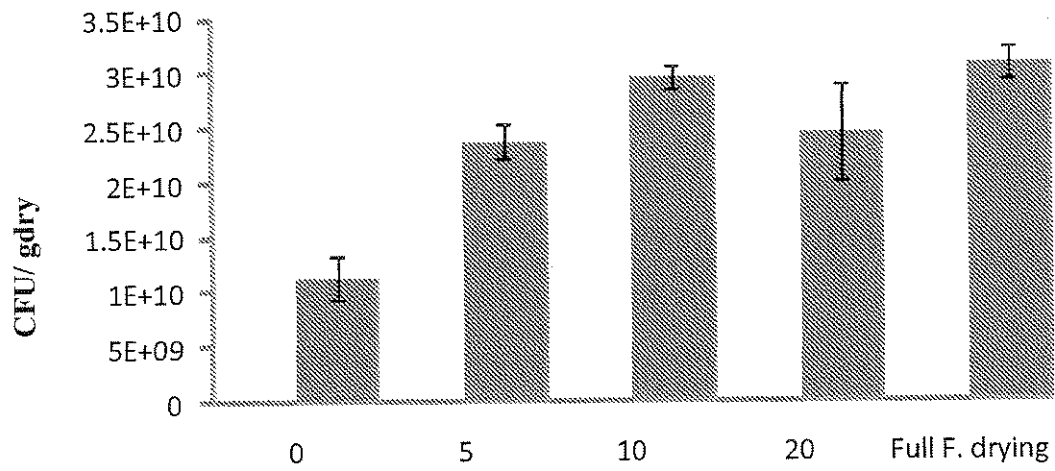
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**Figure 4**

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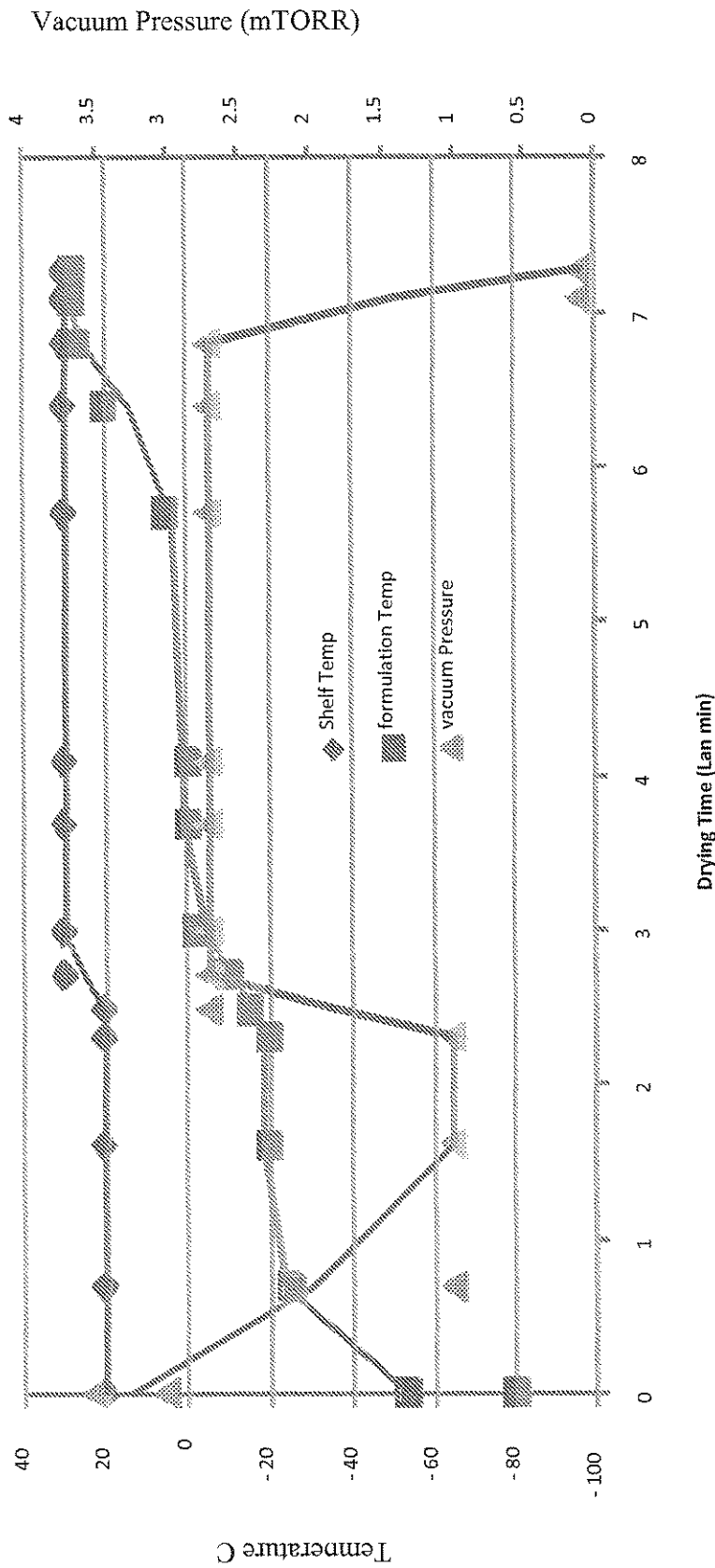
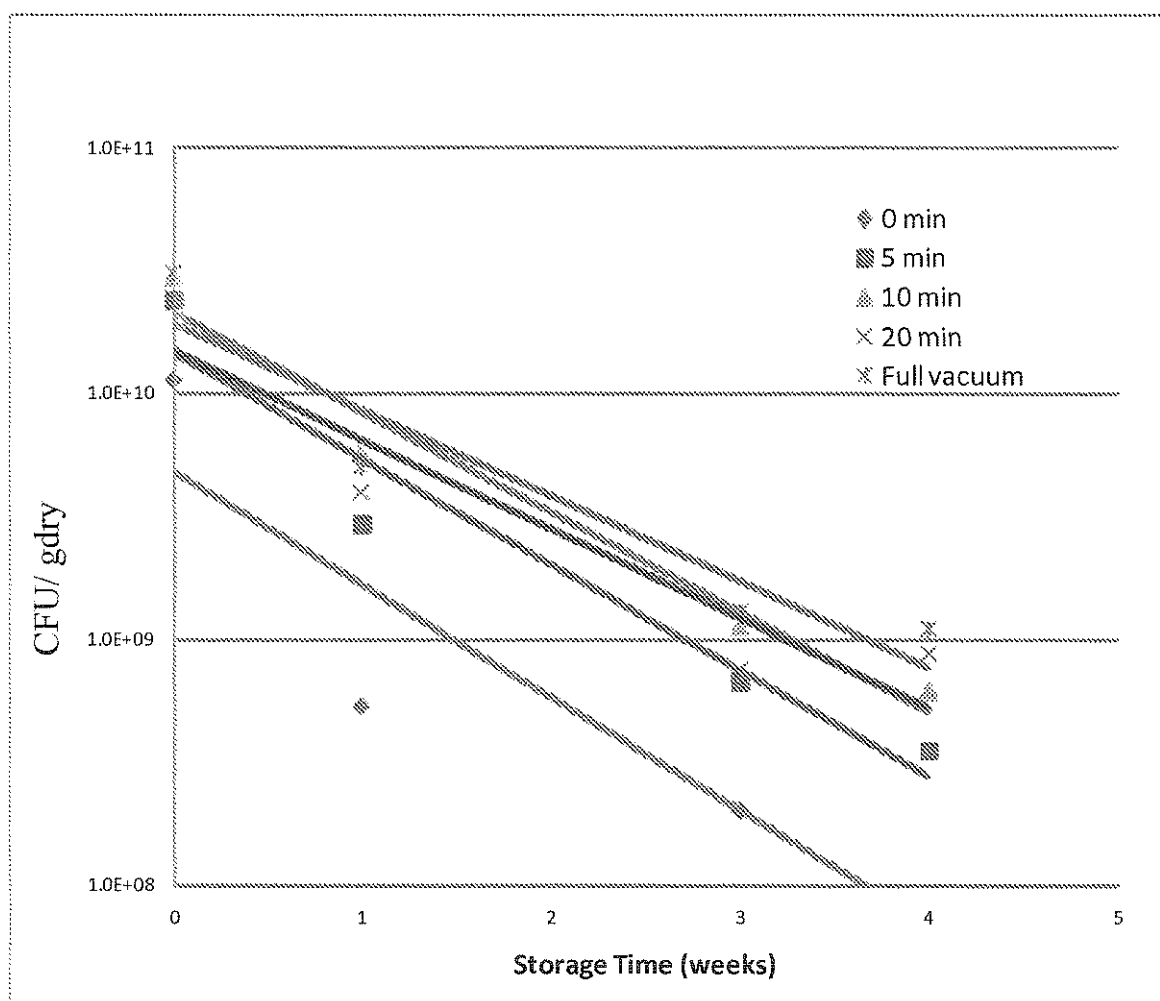


Figure 6

Process loss of <i>L. rhamnosus</i> during drying of different culture type and at different freezing temperatures	
Culture Type	Log loss
Frozen culture	0.91
dry Culture	0.44
Freezing Temperature	
+4°C	0.73
-80°C	0.96
-180°C	0.90
<i>* the losses for freezing temperatures were evaluated on frozen bacterial cultures</i>	
<i>**Process losses were obtained after drying with no additional purging step.</i>	

Figure 7

**Figure 8**