

**Supplementary Table S1.** Interaction significance in mean pathogen concentrations over 30 minutes between storage type, shaker incubation temperature and pathogen species factors.

| Factor  | Levels                               | Marginal Means (Error) |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Storage type</b>                                 |                                      |                        |
| F(3, 34.9) = 24.9                                   | Insulated box with ice brick         | 4.15 (.005)            |
| p < 0.001   | Insulated box no ice brick           | 4.19 (.005)            |
| $\eta^2 = .70$                                      | No insulated box                     | 4.21 (.005)            |
| <b>Shaker incubation temperature</b>                |                                      |                        |
| F(3, 34.9) = 8.0                                    | 20 °C                                | 4.17 (.005)            |
| p < 0.001   | 30 °C                                | 4.18 (.005)            |
| $\eta^2 = .43$                                      | 40 °C                                | 4.20 (.005)            |
| <b>Pathogen species</b>                             |                                      |                        |
| F(1.7, 34.9) = 27.6                                 | <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7               | 4.17 (.004)            |
| p < 0.001   | <i>L. monocytogenes</i>              | 4.19 (.004)            |
| $\eta^2 = .57$                                      |                                      |                        |
| <b>Storage type * Shaker incubation temperature</b> |                                      |                        |
| F(6, 34.9) = 3.9                                    | Insulated box with ice brick (20 °C) | 4.15 (.008)            |
| p = 0.03  | Insulated box with ice brick (30 °C) | 4.15 (.008)            |
| $\eta^2 = .4$                                       | Insulated box with ice brick (40 °C) | 4.15 (.008)            |
|   | Insulated box no ice brick (20 °C)   | 4.17 (.008)            |
|   | Insulated box no ice brick (30 °C)   | 4.19 (.008)            |
|   | Insulated box no ice brick (40 °C)   | 4.20 (.008)            |
|   | No insulated box (20 °C)             | 4.18 (.008)            |
|   | No insulated box (30 °C)             | 4.20 (.008)            |
|   | No insulated box (40 °C)             | 4.24 (.008)            |

**Supplementary Table S2.** Interaction significance in mean pathogen concentrations over 5 days between refrigeration temperature and pathogen species factors.

| Factor  | Levels                            | Marginal Means (Error) |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Refrigeration temperature</b>                    |                                   |                        |
| F(2.8, 85.0) = 22.8                                 | 4 °C                              | 4.38 (.089)            |
| p < 0.001   | 8 °C                              | 4.70 (.096)            |
| $\eta^2 = .43$                                      | 15 °C                             | 5.69 (.100)            |
| <b>Pathogen species</b>                             |                                   |                        |
| F(1.5, 85.0) = 0.3                                  | <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7            | 5.02 (.310)            |
| p > 0.05  | <i>L. monocytogenes</i>           | 4.87 (.508)            |
| $\eta^2 = .01$                                      |                                   |                        |
| <b>Refrigeration temperature * Pathogen species</b> |                                   |                        |
| F(2.8, 85.0) = 3.9                                  | 4 °C ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)    | 4.15 (.090)            |
| p = 0.009   | 4 °C ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> )  | 4.61 (.153)            |
| $\eta^2 = .12$                                      | 8 °C ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)    | 4.59 (.095)            |
|   | 8 °C ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> )  | 4.81 (.169)            |
|   | 15 °C ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)   | 5.88 (.107)            |
|   | 15 °C ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> ) | 5.49 (.169)            |

**Supplementary Table S3.** Interaction significance in mean pathogen concentrations at ambient temperature (22 °C) storage over 10 days between pathogen species and pathogen inoculum level factors.

| Factor                         | Levels                  | Marginal Means (Error) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Pathogen species</b>        |                         |                        |
| F(1.3, 33.1) = 6.6             | <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7  | 6.31 (.105)            |
| p = 0.009                      | <i>L. monocytogenes</i> | 5.68 (.145)            |
| $\eta^2 = .21$                 |                         |                        |
| <b>Pathogen inoculum level</b> |                         |                        |
| F(1.3, 33.1) = 1.4             | 10 <sup>2</sup> CFU/mL  | 3.89 (.125)            |
| p > 0.05                       | 10 <sup>6</sup> CFU/mL  | 8.11 (.128)            |
| $\eta^2 = .05$                 |                         |                        |

| <b>Pathogen species * Pathogen inoculum level</b> |   |             |  |
|---|---|-------------|--|
| F(1.3, 33.1) = 6.1                                |   |             |  |
| p = 0.012   | $10^2$ CFU/mL ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)   | 4.26 (.145) |  |
| $\eta^2 = .20$                                    | $10^2$ CFU/mL ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> ) | 3.52 (.205) |  |
|   | $10^6$ CFU/mL ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)   | 8.36 (.153) |  |
|   | $10^6$ CFU/mL ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> ) | 7.85 (.205) |  |

**Supplementary Table S4.** Interaction significance in mean pathogen concentrations after freeze/thaw effects between pathogen species and days of frozen storage, controlling for baseline pathogen concentration.

| Factor                                | Levels                               | Marginal Means (Error) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Pathogen species</b>               |                                      |                        |
| F(1.0, 38.0) = 5.7                    | <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7               | 2.99 (.146)            |
| p = 0.022                             | <i>L. monocytogenes</i>              | 3.41 (.111)            |
| $\eta^2 = .13$                        |                                      |                        |
| <b>Days frozen</b>                    |                                      |                        |
| F(5.0, 38.0) = 49.9                   | 7 days                               | 4.32 (.175)            |
| p < 0.001                             | 14 days                              | 4.10 (.180)            |
| $\eta^2 = .87$                        | 30 days                              | 3.76 (.170)            |
|                                       | 60 days                              | 3.61 (.189)            |
|                                       | 90 days                              | 3.41 (.313)            |
|                                       | 365 days                             | 0.01 (.247)            |
| <b>Pathogen species * Days frozen</b> |                                      |                        |
| F(5.0, 38.0) = 2.8                    | 7 days ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)     | 4.20 (0.241)           |
| p = 0.032                             | 7 days ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> )   | 4.44 (0.250)           |
| $\eta^2 = .27$                        | 14 days ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)    | 4.11 (0.235)           |
|                                       | 14 days ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> )  | 4.08 (0.272)           |
|                                       | 30 days ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)    | 3.66 (.199)            |
|                                       | 30 days ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> )  | 3.85 (.280)            |
|                                       | 60 days ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)    | 3.51 (.263)            |
|                                       | 60 days ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> )  | 3.71 (.259)            |
|                                       | 90 days ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)    | 3.48 (.560)            |
|                                       | 90 days ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> )  | 3.34 (.286)            |
|                                       | 365 days ( <i>E. coli</i> O157:H7)   | -1.01 (.411)           |
|                                       | 365 days ( <i>L. monocytogenes</i> ) | 1.03 (.277)            |