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APPENDIX IX

MANUAL BACK-UP PROTOCOL

If the automated system should fail for >24 hours or if non-BacT/Alert bottles are received, the following procedures will be used.

1. Examine all bottles for macroscopic growth daily.
2. For macroscopically positive bottles, process as indicated under "Positive Cultures".
3. If macroscopically negative, sub-culture as follows:

Direct Examination: Not required.

Sub-culture:

Incubation Day	Bottle Type	Medium	Incubation
1	FO ₂ , O ₂ or PED	CHOC	CO ₂ , 35°C, x 48 hours
2 & 5	FO ₂ , O ₂ , PED or ANAO ₂	CHOC & BRUC	CO ₂ , 35°C, x 48 hours AnO ₂ , 35°C, x 48 hours