

Table 2. Total number of *K. xylinus* cells and cellulose-deficient mutants of *K. xylinus* in H-S medium and cellulose.

	Cycle I	Cycle II	Cycle III
Total number of cells (CFU/mL)	13 x 10 ⁹	12 x 10 ⁹	11 x 10 ⁹
Mutants (CFU/mL)	13.2 x 10 ³	16 x 10 ³	14.3 x 10 ³
%	0.0012	0.0013	0.0011