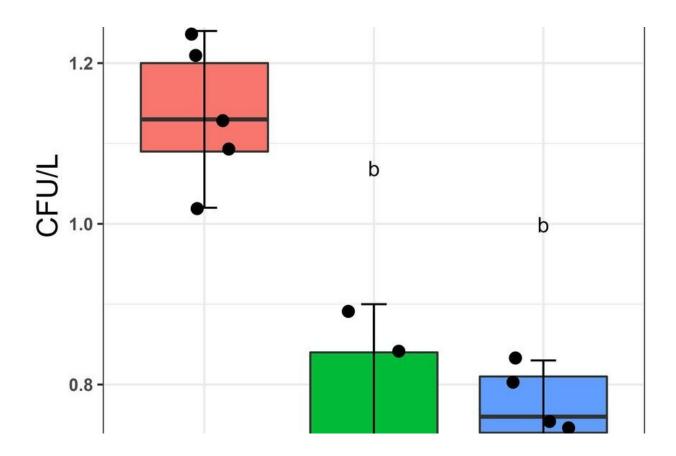


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Effect of sampling processing methods (ISO11731:2017-05) on L. pneumophila culturability. L. pneumophila spiked water samples were membrane filtered (no pre-treatment used as control), followed by heat (50° C/30 min) and acid (KCl-HCl with pH 2.2/5 min) pre-treatment method. These pretreatment methods transformed $\approx 30\%$ culturable Legionella into a non-culturable state. Data are the mean with standard deviation of five replicates, while the same letter within the same treatment is statistically similar according to Tukey's HSD test (p



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