

TABLE 2. *C:V* ratios of different size classes and means of natural bacterial populations and of *E. coli* during exponential and stationary growth phases<sup>a</sup>

Sample	<i>C:V</i> ratio of bacteria in size class (fg of C $\mu\text{m}^{-3}$ )				Mean
	0.001–0.01 $\mu\text{m}^3$	0.01–0.1 $\mu\text{m}^3$	0.1–1 $\mu\text{m}^3$	1–4 $\mu\text{m}^3$	
Lake water	466 $\pm$ 88 (54)	397 $\pm$ 117 (323)	288 $\pm$ 93 (99)	—	382 $\pm$ 121 (476)
<i>E. coli</i> DSM 613	—	—	254 $\pm$ 40 (179)	211 $\pm$ 34 (73)	242 $\pm$ 43 (252)

<sup>a</sup> Values are means  $\pm$  standard deviations. Values in parentheses are numbers of measured cells. —,  $n = 0$ .