

TABLE 3. Elemental versus dry matter content of *E. coli* in late exponential and early stationary growth phases

Element	Elemental/dry matter content (fg/fg) according to:			
	This work	Kung et al. (21)	Epstein and Schultz (11)	Lusk et al. (25) ^a
K	0.042 0.021 ^b	0.012	0.018	
Ca	0.0022 0.0005 ^b	0.0023		
Mg	0.0065 0.0085 ^b	0.0028		0.0024

^a Calculated.

^b Early stationary phase.