

DEVELOPING A NEW METHOD OF MEASURING ENTEROCOCCUS

Have We Been Wasting Money?

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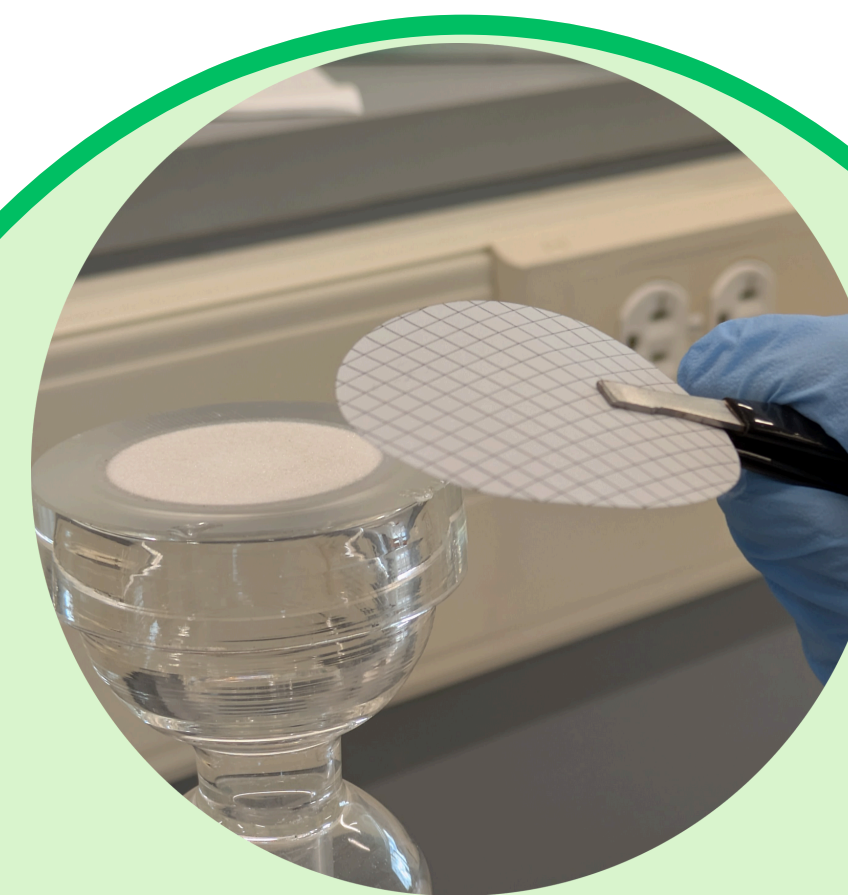
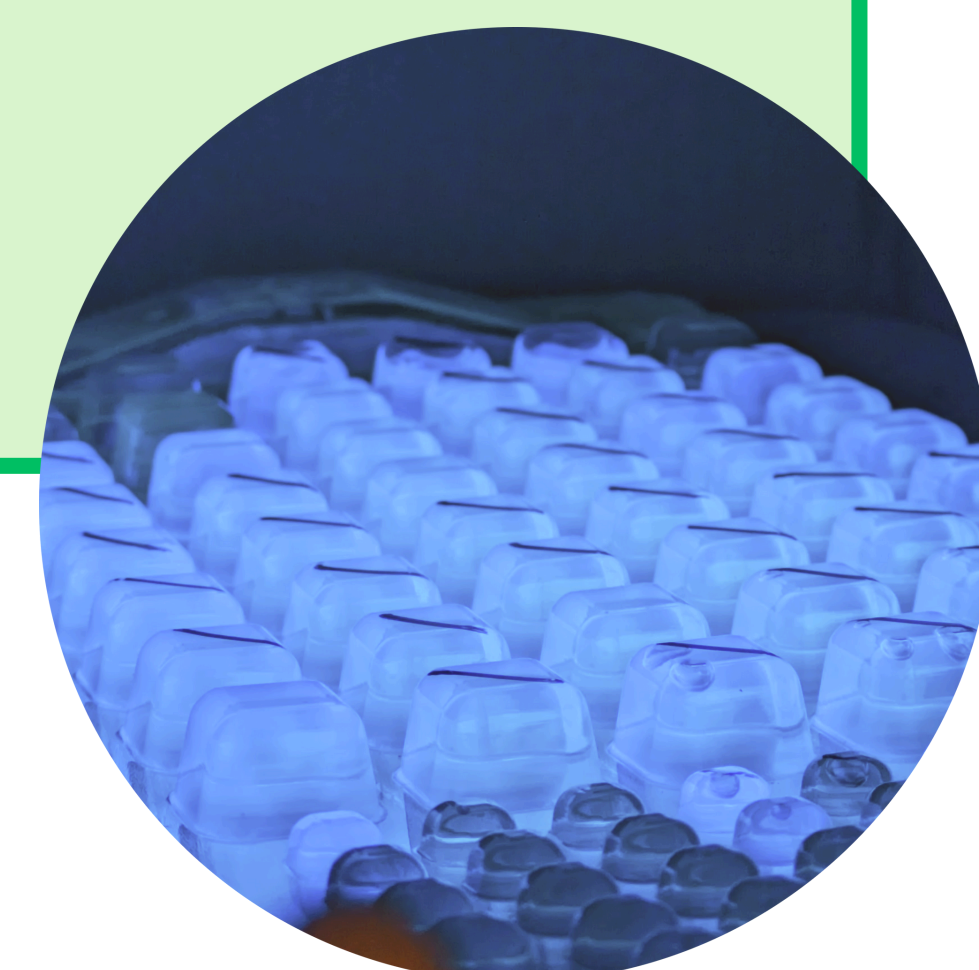


Current methods of sampling Enterococcus bacteria cost about **\$16** per sample using the Enterolert Tray method. We devised an alternate, far cheaper method employing the media broth of ENTEROLERT coupled with membrane filtration, to **reduce costs** by **~85%**.



ENTEROLERT TRAY

- **\$16/Sample**
- Add growth media with fluorescent tag to samples
- Pour samples into the tray and seal
- Incubate at 40°C for 24-28 hours and count positive cells



MEMBRANE FILTRATION

- **\$2.50/Sample**
- Vacuum filter sample through a membrane
- Place membrane in growth media with fluorescent tag
- Incubate membrane at 40°C for 24 hours and
- Enumerate colonies

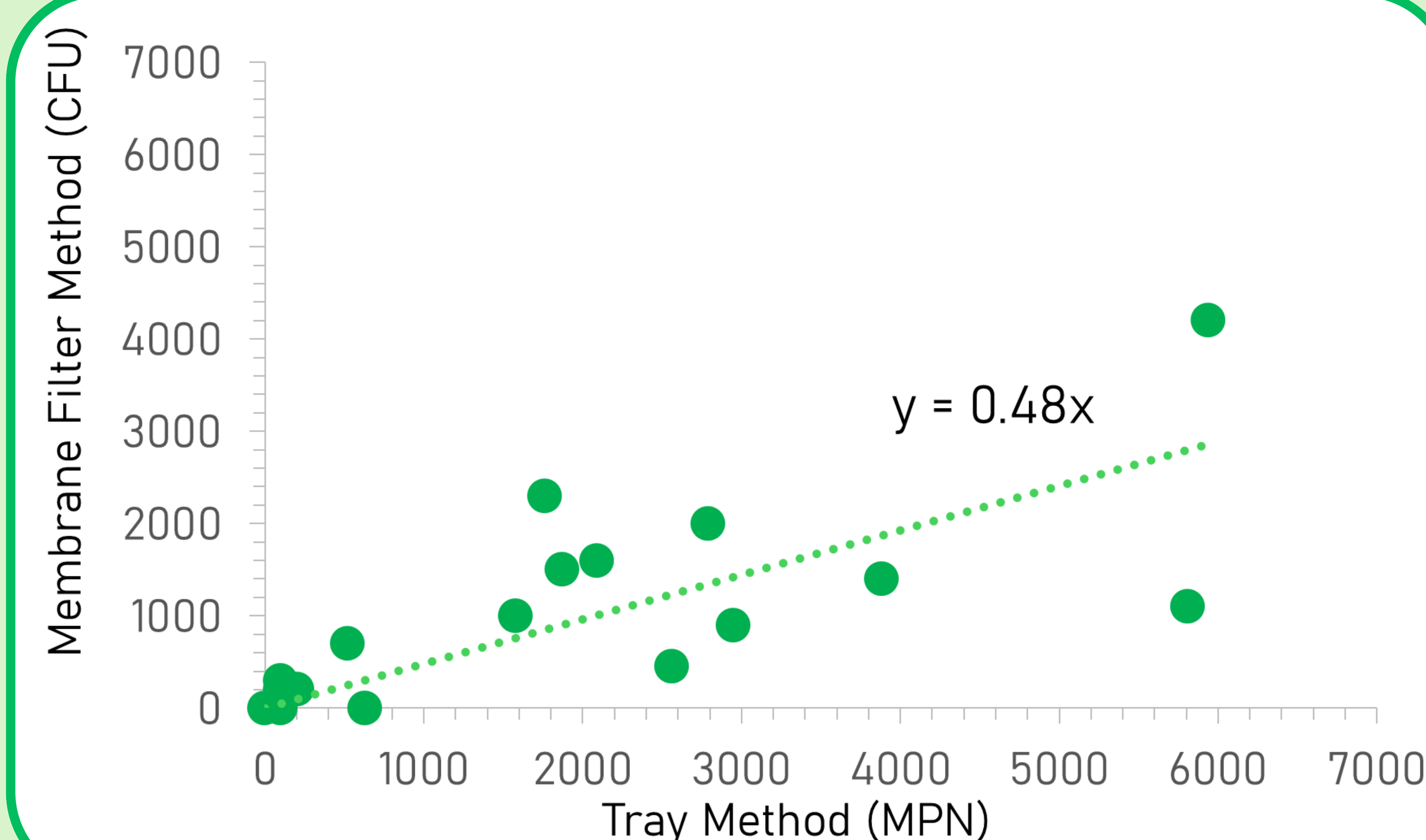
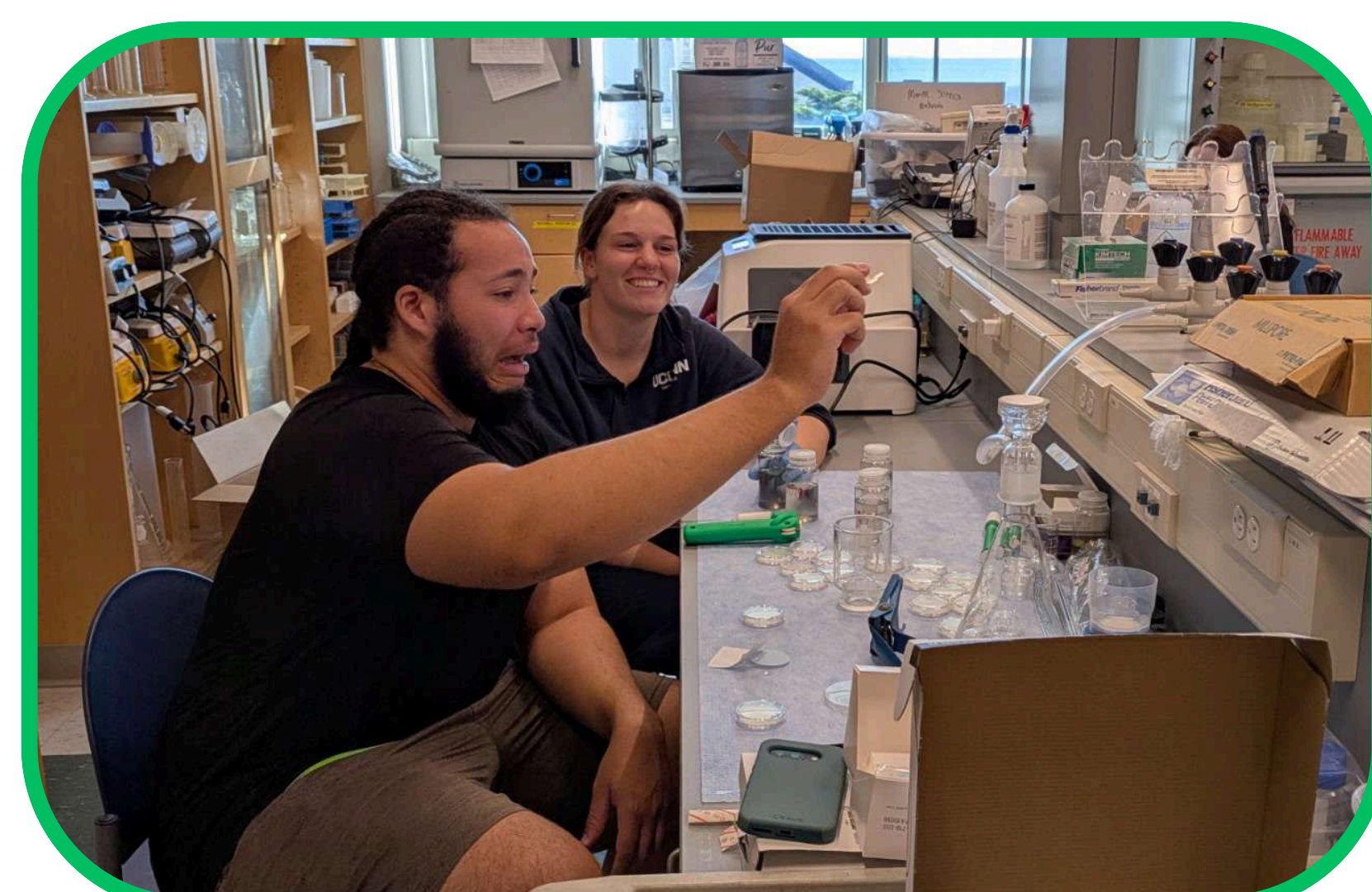
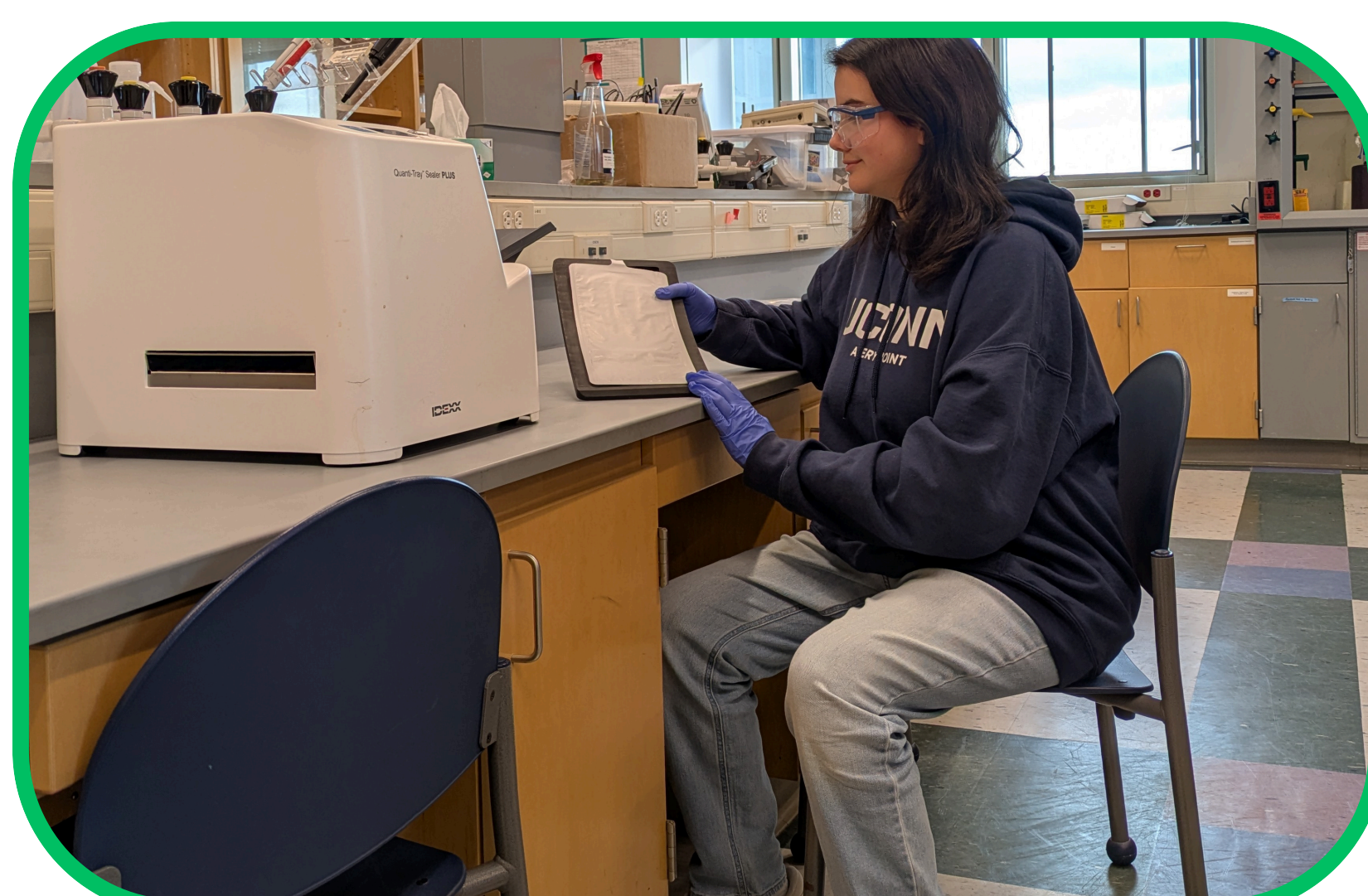


Figure 1. Comparison between the membrane filtration and Enterolert methods of measuring fecal coliform bacteria. Results indicate **no statistically significant difference** between the methods ($p > 0.05$, $n = 18$), supported by a moderately strong R -squared value of 0.56.

CONCLUSIONS

- Membrane is consistently lower but comparable!
- We would use this method in future years.
- More data is needed to determine consistency.

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