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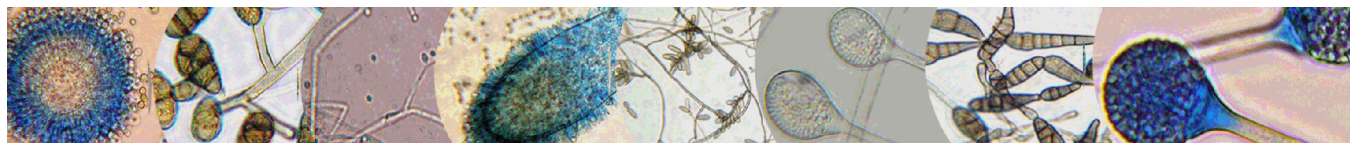
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### 1. Description of Analysis

#### Analytical Laboratory

EMSL Analytical, Inc. (EMSL) is a nationwide, full service, analytical testing laboratory network providing Asbestos, Mold, Indoor Air Quality, Microbiological, Environmental, Chemical, Forensic, Materials, Industrial Hygiene and Mechanical Testing services since 1981. Ranked as the premier independently owned environmental testing laboratory in the nation, EMSL puts analytical quality as its top priority. This quality is recognized by many well-respected federal, state and private accrediting agencies, such as AIHA-LAP, LLC's EMLAP and proficiency testing providers such as AIHA, LLC's EMPAT programs, and assured by our high quality personnel, including many Ph.D. microbiologists and mycologists.

EMSL is an independent laboratory that performed the analysis of these samples. EMSL did not conduct the sampling or site investigation for this report. The samples referenced herein were analyzed under strict quality control procedures using state-of-the-art microbiological methods. The analytical methods used and the data presented are scientifically and legally defensible.

The laboratory data is provided in compliance with AIHA-LAP, LLC policy modules and ISO-IEC 17025 guidelines for the particular test(s) requested, including any associated limitations for the methods employed. These data are intended for use by professionals having knowledge of the testing methods necessary to interpret them accurately.



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### Air Samples - Spore traps:

Spore traps are commercially available sampling devices that capture airborne particles on an adhesive slide. Air is pulled through the device using a vacuum pump. Spores, as well as other airborne particles, are impacted on the collection adhesive. Using spore trap collection methods has inherent limitations. These collection methods are biased towards larger spore sizes.

The analysis for total spore counts is a direct microscopic examination and does not include culturing or growing the fungi. Therefore, the results include both viable and non-viable spores. Some fungal groups produce similar spore types that cannot be distinguished by direct microscopic examination alone (i.e., *Aspergillus/Penicillium*, and others). Other spore types may lack distinguishing features that aid in their identification. These types are grouped into larger categories such as Ascospores or Basidiospores.

Fungal spores are identified and grouped by morphological characteristics including color, shape, septation, ornamentation, and fruiting structures (if present) which are compared to published mycological identification keys and texts. EMSL reports provide spore counts per cubic meter of air to three significant figures. Please note that each spore category is reported to three significant figures. Due to rounding and the application of three significant figures the sum of the individual spore numbers may not equal the total spore count on the report. EMSL does not maintain responsibility for final volume concentrations (counts/m<sup>3</sup>) since this volume is provided by the field collector and can not be verified by EMSL.

EMSL analyzes spore traps using phase contrast microscopy. There is a wide choice of collection devices (Air-O-Cell, Micro-5, Burkhard, etc.) on the market. Differences in analytical method may exist between spore trap devices.

Spore trap results are reported in spores per cubic meter of air. Due to the other airborne particles collected with the spores, EMSL reports a background particle density. Background density is an indication of overall particulate matter present on the sample (i.e. dust in the air). High background concentrations may obscure spores such as the *Penicillium/Aspergillus* group. The rating system is from 1-5 with 1 = 1 - 25% of the background obscured by material, 2 = 26 - 50%, 3 = 51 - 75%, 4 = 76% - 99%, 5 = 100% or overloaded. A background rating of 4 or higher should be regarded as a minimum count since the actual concentrations may be higher than those reported. EMSL will not be held responsible for overloading of samples. Sample volumes are left to the discretion of the company or persons conducting the fieldwork.

Skin fragment density is the percentage of skin cells making up the total background material, 1 = 1 - 25%, 2 = 26 - 50%, 3 = 51 - 75%, 4 = 76-100%. Skin fragment density is considered an indication of the general cleanliness in the area sampled. It has been estimated that up to 90% of household dust consists of dead skin cells.

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### 2. Analytical Results

See attached data reports and charts.

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	Particle Identification	Sample Concentration (counts/m <sup>3</sup> )	Background Concentration (counts/m <sup>3</sup> )	Background Corrected (counts/m <sup>3</sup> )
<b>Lab Sample Number</b> 141805069-0001	Alternaria (Ulocladium)	None Detected	20	Less than Background
	Ascospores	680	9790	Less than Background
	Aspergillus/Penicillium	None Detected	100	Less than Background
<b>Client Sample ID</b> 2613-0587	Basidiospores	200	3710	Less than Background
	Bipolaris++	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Chaetomium	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Cladosporium	200	1400	Less than Background
<b>Location</b> MS rm 106 E2B	Curvularia	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Epicoccum	7*	7*	Equal To Background
	Fusarium	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Ganoderma	20	950	Less than Background
	Myxomycetes++	80	440	Less than Background
<b>Sample Volume (L)</b> 150	Pithomyces++	None Detected	7*	Less than Background
	Rust	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Scopulariopsis/Microascus	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
<b>Sample Type</b> Inside	Unidentifiable Spores	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Zygomycetes	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Botrytis	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
<b>Comments</b>	Polythrincium	None Detected	40	Less than Background
	Spegazzinia	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Zygomphiala/Schizothyrium	None Detected	20	Less than Background
	<b>Total Fungi</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>16484</b>	<b>Less than Background</b>
	Other			
	Hyphal Fragment	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Insect Fragment	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
Pollen	None Detected	7*	Less than Background	
	Analytical Sensitivity 600x:	21	counts/cubic meter	
	Analytical Sensitivity 300x *:	7*	counts/cubic meter	
	Skin Fragments:	1	1 to 4 (low to high)	
	Fibrous Particulate:	1	1 to 4 (low to high)	
	Background:	2	1 to 4 (low to high); 5 (overloaded)	

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	Particle Identification	Sample Concentration (counts/m³)	Background Concentration (counts/m³)	Background Corrected (counts/m³)
<b>Lab Sample Number</b> 141805069-0002	Alternaria (Ulocladium)	None Detected	20	Less than Background
	Ascospores	7740	9790	Less than Background
	Aspergillus/Penicillium	570	100	470
<b>Client Sample ID</b> 2613-0590	Basidiospores	2810	3710	Less than Background
	Bipolaris++	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Chaetomium	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Cladosporium	1100	1400	Less than Background
<b>Location</b> MS rm 121 music	Curvularia	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Epicoccum	None Detected	7*	Less than Background
	Fusarium	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Ganoderma	440	950	Less than Background
	Myxomycetes++	40	440	Less than Background
<b>Sample Volume (L)</b> 150	Pithomyces++	None Detected	7*	Less than Background
	Rust	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Scopulariopsis/Microascus	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
<b>Sample Type</b> Inside	Unidentifiable Spores	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Zygomycetes	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Botrytis	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
<b>Comments</b>	Polythrincium	40	40	Equal To Background
	Spegazzinia	20	None Detected	20
	Zygomphiala/Schizothyrium	None Detected	20	Less than Background
	<b>Total Fungi</b>	<b>12760</b>	<b>16484</b>	<b>Less than Background</b>
	Other			
	Hyphal Fragment	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Insect Fragment	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Pollen	None Detected	7*	Less than Background
	Analytical Sensitivity 600x:		21	counts/cubic meter
	Analytical Sensitivity 300x *:		7*	counts/cubic meter
Skin Fragments:		1	1 to 4 (low to high)	
Fibrous Particulate:		1	1 to 4 (low to high)	
Background:		2	1 to 4 (low to high); 5 (overloaded)	

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<b>Lab Sample Number</b> 141805069-0003	Alternaria (Ulocladium)	None Detected	20	Less than Background
	Ascospores	200	9790	Less than Background
	Aspergillus/Penicillium	10200	100	10100
<b>Client Sample ID</b> 2613-0593	Basidiospores	100	3710	Less than Background
	Bipolaris++	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Chaetomium	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Cladosporium	200	1400	Less than Background
<b>Location</b> MS aud	Curvularia	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Epicoccum	20	7*	13
	Fusarium	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Ganoderma	60	950	Less than Background
<b>Sample Volume (L)</b> 150	Myxomycetes++	None Detected	440	Less than Background
	Pithomyces++	None Detected	7*	Less than Background
	Rust	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Scopulariopsis/Microascus	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
<b>Sample Type</b> Inside	Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Unidentifiable Spores	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Zygomycetes	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Botrytis	20	None Detected	20
<b>Comments</b>	Polythrincium	None Detected	40	Less than Background
	Spegazzinia	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Zygomphiala/Schizothyrium	None Detected	20	Less than Background
	<b>Total Fungi</b>	<b>10800</b>	<b>16484</b>	<b>Less than Background</b>
	Other			
	Hyphal Fragment	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Insect Fragment	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Pollen	None Detected	7*	Less than Background
	Analytical Sensitivity 600x:		21	counts/cubic meter
	Analytical Sensitivity 300x *:		7*	counts/cubic meter
Skin Fragments:		1	1 to 4 (low to high)	
Fibrous Particulate:		1	1 to 4 (low to high)	
Background:		3	1 to 4 (low to high); 5 (overloaded)	

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<b>Lab Sample Number</b> 141805069-0004	Alternaria (Ulocladium)	None Detected	20	Less than Background
	Ascospores	1600	9790	Less than Background
	Aspergillus/Penicillium	100	100	Equal To Background
<b>Client Sample ID</b> 2613-0598	Basidiospores	440	3710	Less than Background
	Bipolaris++	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Chaetomium	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Cladosporium	610	1400	Less than Background
<b>Location</b> MS rm 221	Curvularia	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Epicoccum	None Detected	7*	Less than Background
	Fusarium	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Ganoderma	60	950	Less than Background
	Myxomycetes++	40	440	Less than Background
<b>Sample Volume (L)</b> 150	Pithomyces++	None Detected	7*	Less than Background
	Rust	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Scopulariopsis/Microascus	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
<b>Sample Type</b> Inside	Unidentifiable Spores	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Zygomycetes	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Botrytis	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
<b>Comments</b>	Polythrincium	None Detected	40	Less than Background
	Spegazzinia	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Zygomphiala/Schizothyrium	None Detected	20	Less than Background
	<b>Total Fungi</b>	<b>2850</b>	<b>16484</b>	<b>Less than Background</b>
	Other			
	Hyphal Fragment	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Insect Fragment	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Pollen	7*	7*	Equal To Background
	Analytical Sensitivity 600x:		21	counts/cubic meter
	Analytical Sensitivity 300x *:		7*	counts/cubic meter
Skin Fragments:		1	1 to 4 (low to high)	
Fibrous Particulate:		1	1 to 4 (low to high)	
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<b>Lab Sample Number</b> 141805069-0005	Alternaria (Ulocladium)	20	N/A	N/A
	Ascospores	9790	N/A	N/A
	Aspergillus/Penicillium	100	N/A	N/A
<b>Client Sample ID</b> 2613-0602	Basidiospores	3710	N/A	N/A
	Bipolaris++	None Detected	N/A	N/A
	Chaetomium	None Detected	N/A	N/A
	Cladosporium	1400	N/A	N/A
<b>Location</b> exterior playing fields	Curvularia	None Detected	N/A	N/A
	Epicoccum	7*	N/A	N/A
	Fusarium	None Detected	N/A	N/A
	Ganoderma	950	N/A	N/A
	Myxomycetes++	440	N/A	N/A
<b>Sample Volume (L)</b> 150	Pithomyces++	7*	N/A	N/A
	Rust	None Detected	N/A	N/A
	Scopulariopsis/Microascus	None Detected	N/A	N/A
	Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	None Detected	N/A	N/A
<b>Sample Type</b> Background	Unidentifiable Spores	None Detected	N/A	N/A
	Zygomycetes	None Detected	N/A	N/A
	Botrytis	None Detected	N/A	N/A
<b>Comments</b>	Polythrincium	40	N/A	N/A
	Spegazzinia	None Detected	N/A	N/A
	Zygomphiala/Schizothyrium	20	N/A	N/A
	<b>Total Fungi</b>	<b>16484</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	Other			
	Hyphal Fragment	None Detected	N/A	N/A
	Insect Fragment	None Detected	N/A	N/A
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	Analytical Sensitivity 600x:	21	counts/cubic meter	
	Analytical Sensitivity 300x *:	7*	counts/cubic meter	
	Skin Fragments:	1	1 to 4 (low to high)	
	Fibrous Particulate:	1	1 to 4 (low to high)	
	Background:	2	1 to 4 (low to high); 5 (overloaded)	

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	Particle Identification	Sample Concentration (counts/m³)	Background Concentration (counts/m³)	Background Corrected (counts/m³)
<b>Lab Sample Number</b> 141805069-0006	Alternaria (Ulocladium)	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Ascospores	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Aspergillus/Penicillium	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
<b>Client Sample ID</b> 2613-0606	Basidiospores	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Bipolaris++	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Chaetomium	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Cladosporium	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
<b>Location</b> blank	Curvularia	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Epicoccum	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Fusarium	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Ganoderma	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
<b>Sample Volume (L)</b>	Myxomycetes++	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Pithomyces++	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Rust	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
<b>Sample Type</b> Blank	Scopulariopsis/Microascus	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Unidentifiable Spores	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Zygomycetes	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
<b>Comments</b>	Botrytis	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Polythrincium	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Spegazzinia	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	Zygomphiala/Schizothyrium	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
	<b>Total Fungi</b>	<b>None Detected</b>	<b>None Detected</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	Other			
	Hyphal Fragment	None Detected	None Detected	N/A
Insect Fragment	None Detected	None Detected	N/A	
Pollen	None Detected	None Detected	N/A	
	Analytical Sensitivity 600x:	0	counts/cubic meter	
	Analytical Sensitivity 300x *:	0*	counts/cubic meter	
	Skin Fragments:	1	1 to 4 (low to high)	
	Fibrous Particulate:	1	1 to 4 (low to high)	
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<b>Lab Sample Number</b> 141805069-0007	Alternaria (Ulocladium)	20	20	Equal To Background
	Ascospores	320	9790	Less than Background
	Aspergillus/Penicillium	None Detected	100	Less than Background
<b>Client Sample ID</b> 2613-0612	Basidiospores	80	3710	Less than Background
	Bipolaris++	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Chaetomium	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Cladosporium	420	1400	Less than Background
<b>Location</b> MS library	Curvularia	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Epicoccum	7*	7*	Equal To Background
	Fusarium	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Ganoderma	20	950	Less than Background
<b>Sample Volume (L)</b> 150	Myxomycetes++	None Detected	440	Less than Background
	Pithomyces++	None Detected	7*	Less than Background
	Rust	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Scopulariopsis/Microascus	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
<b>Sample Type</b> Inside	Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Unidentifiable Spores	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Zygomycetes	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Botrytis	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
<b>Comments</b>	Polythrincium	None Detected	40	Less than Background
	Spegazzinia	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
	Zygomphiala/Schizothyrium	None Detected	20	Less than Background
	<b>Total Fungi</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>16484</b>	<b>Less than Background</b>
	Other			
	Hyphal Fragment	None Detected	None Detected	Equal To Background
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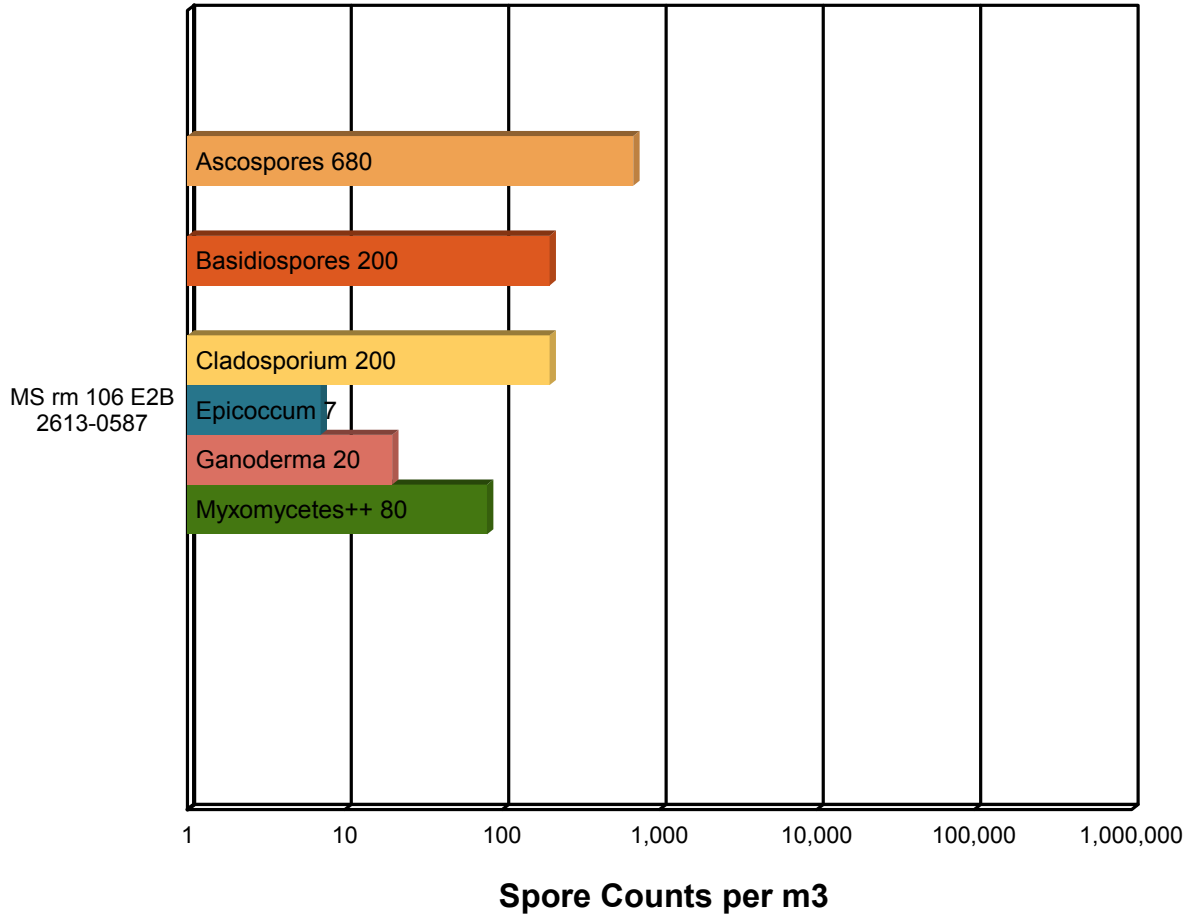
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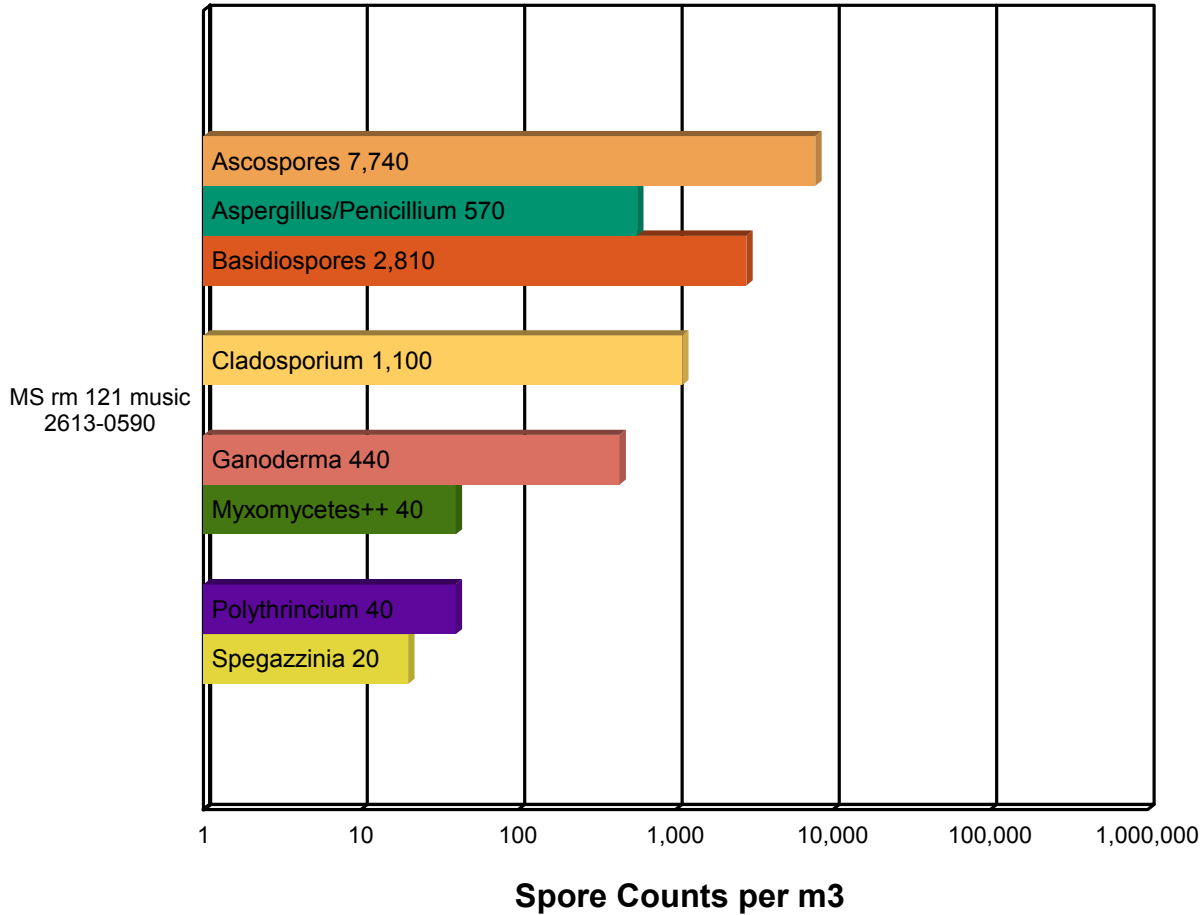
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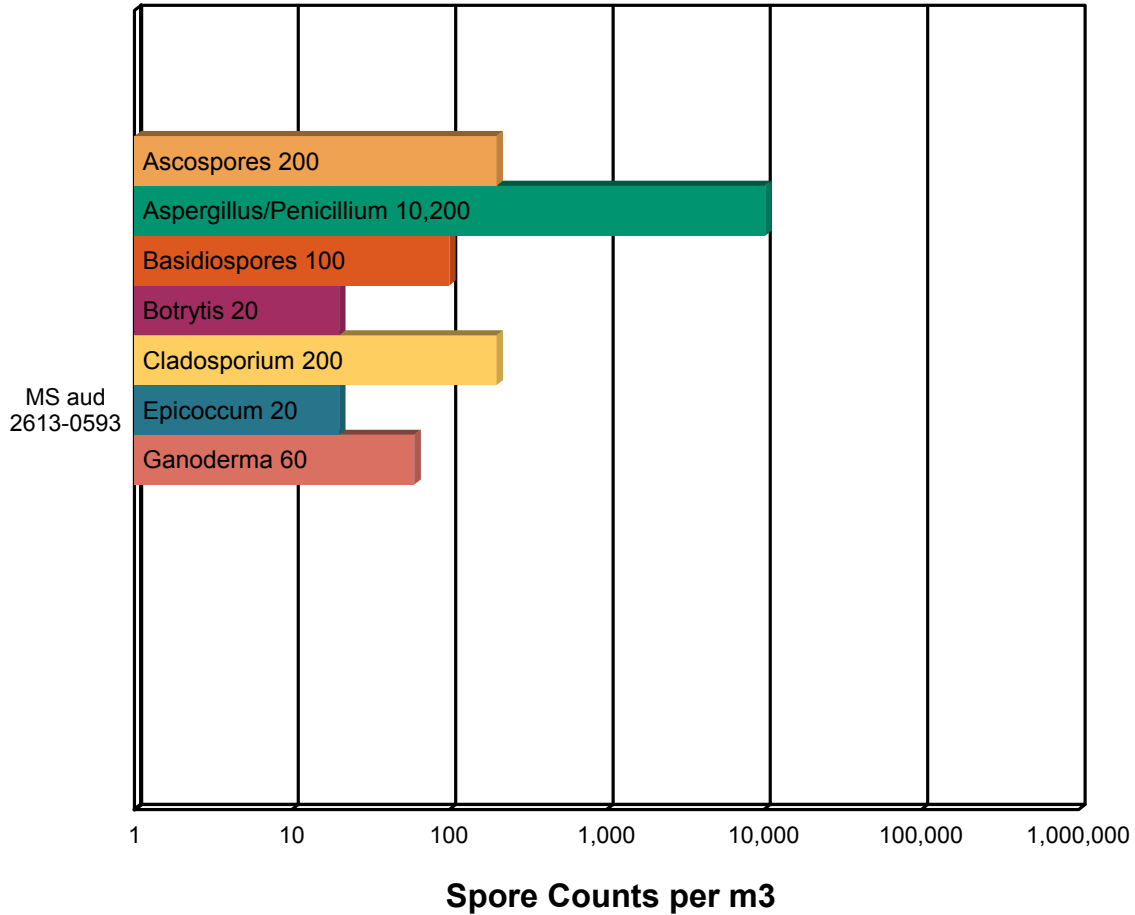
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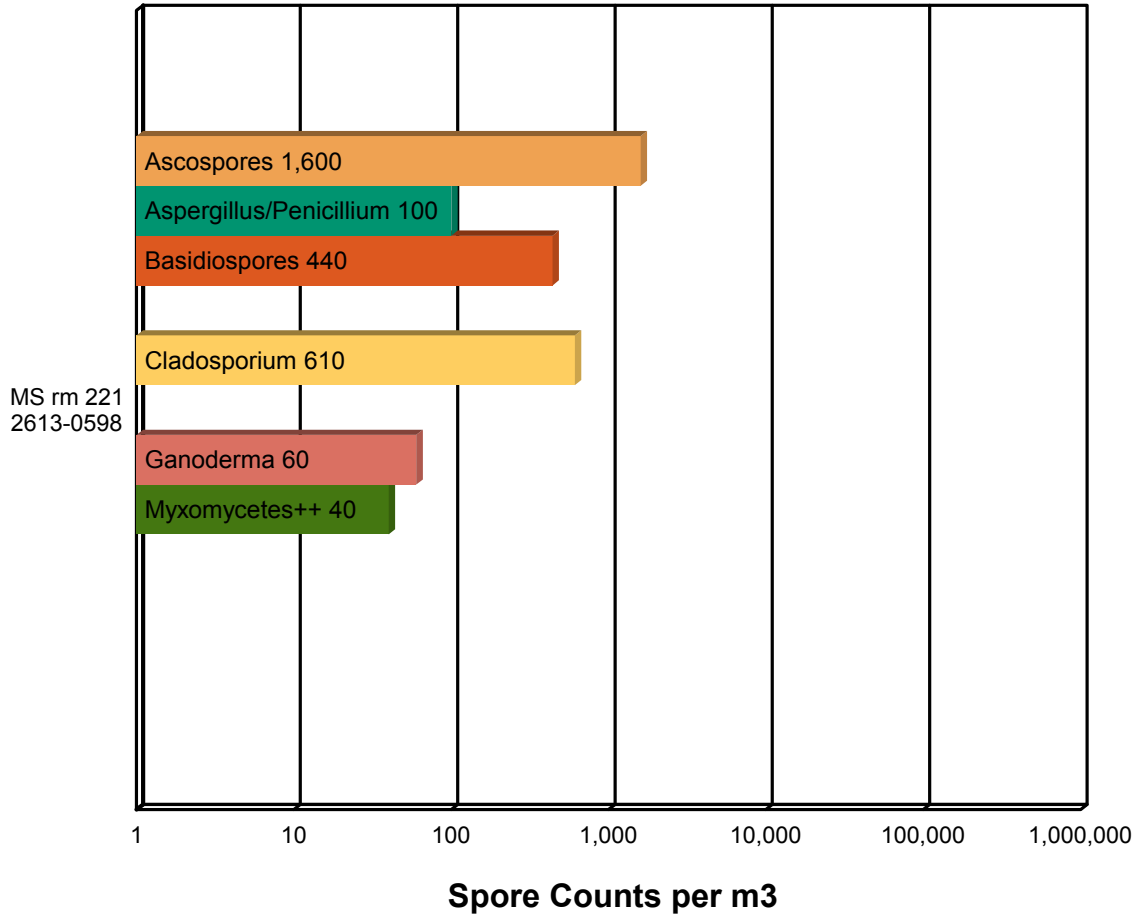
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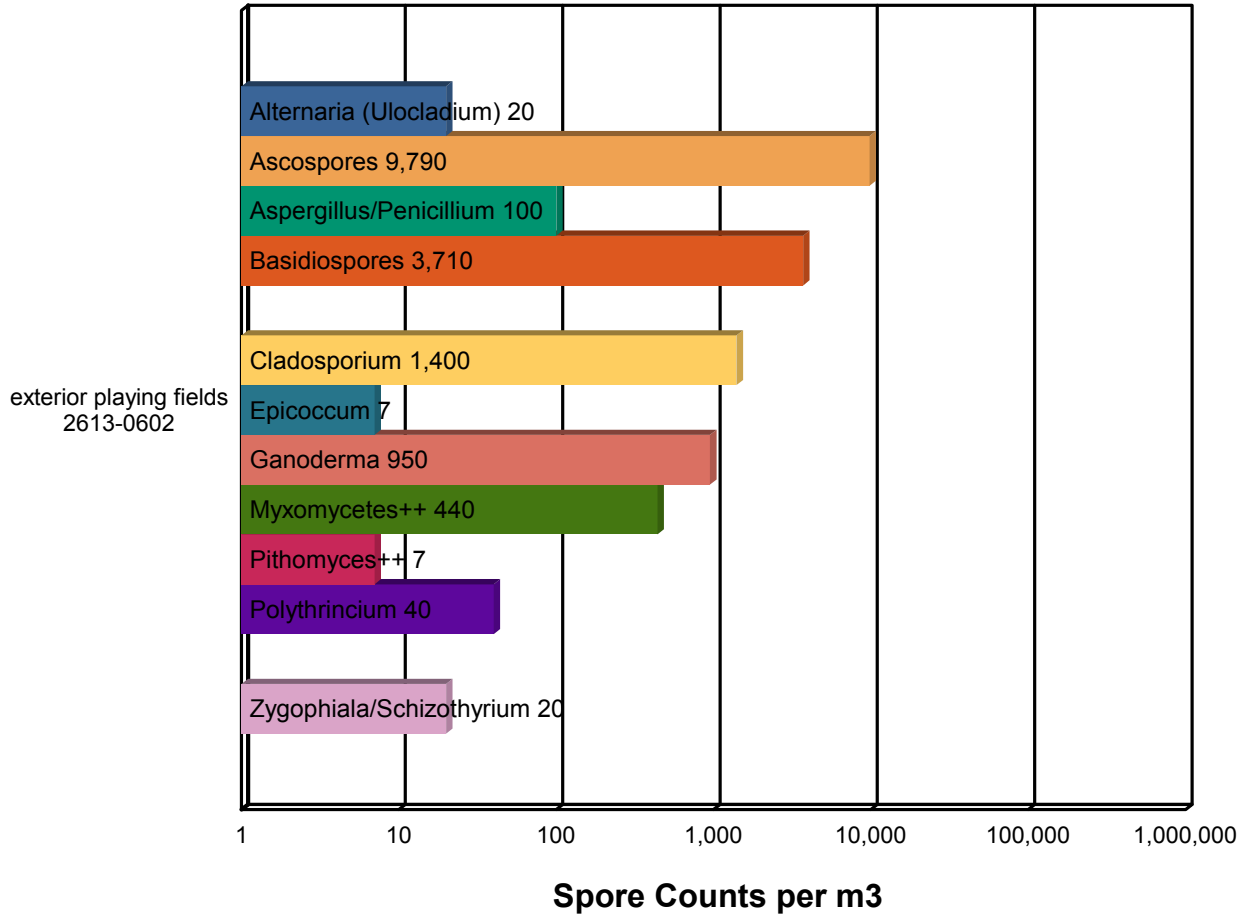
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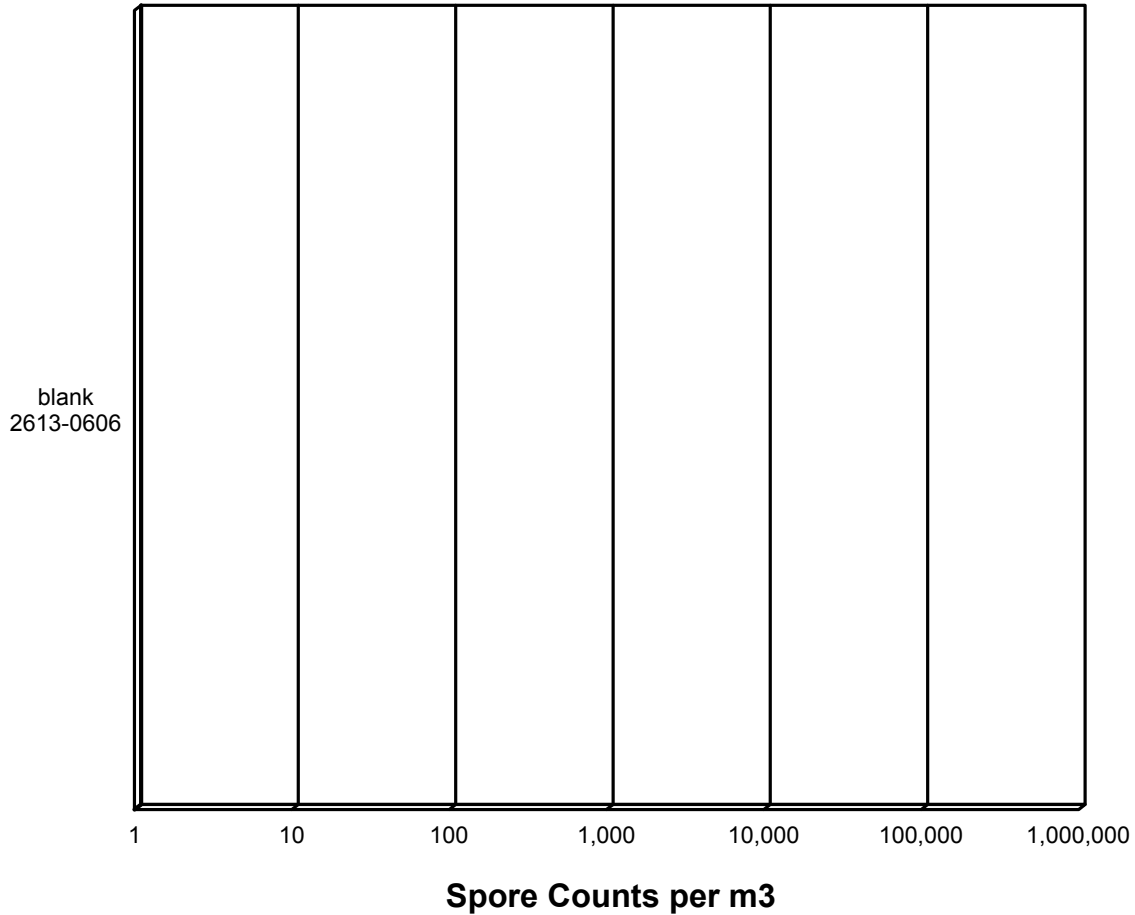
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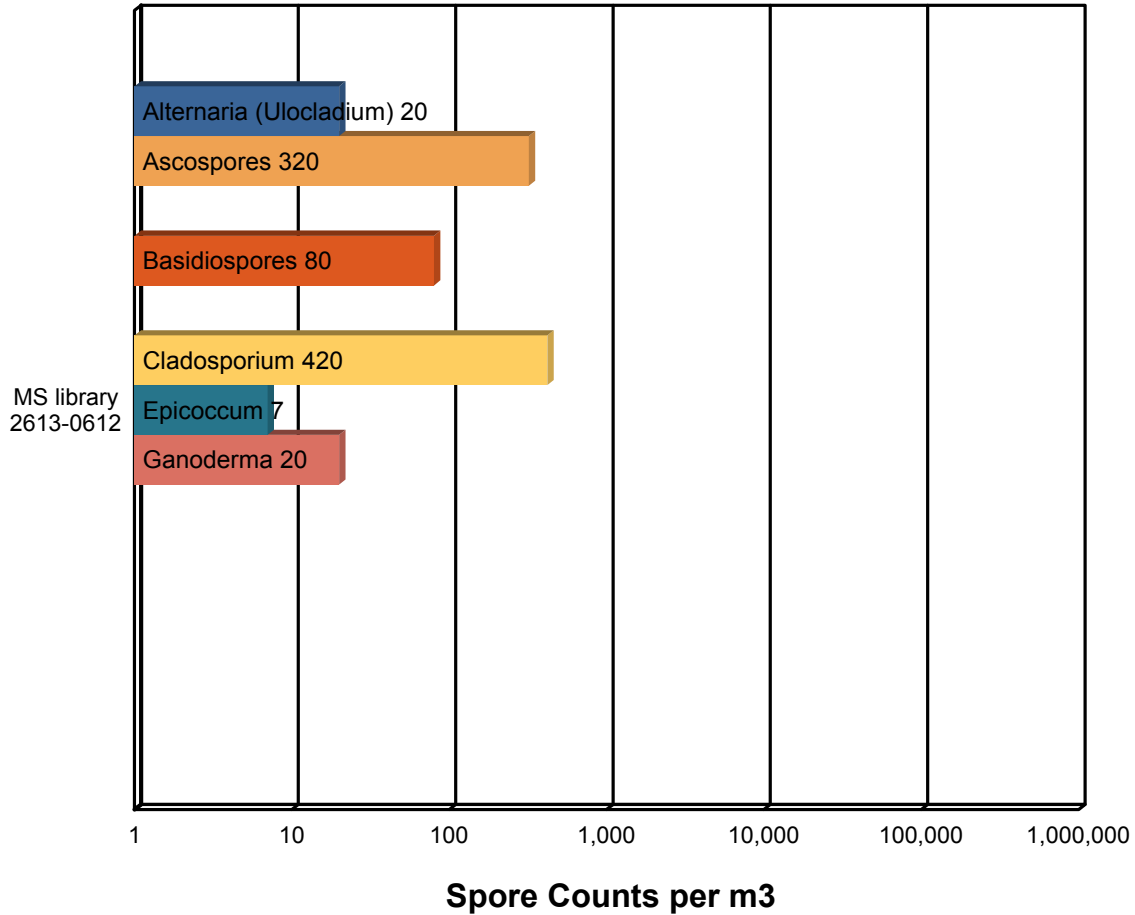
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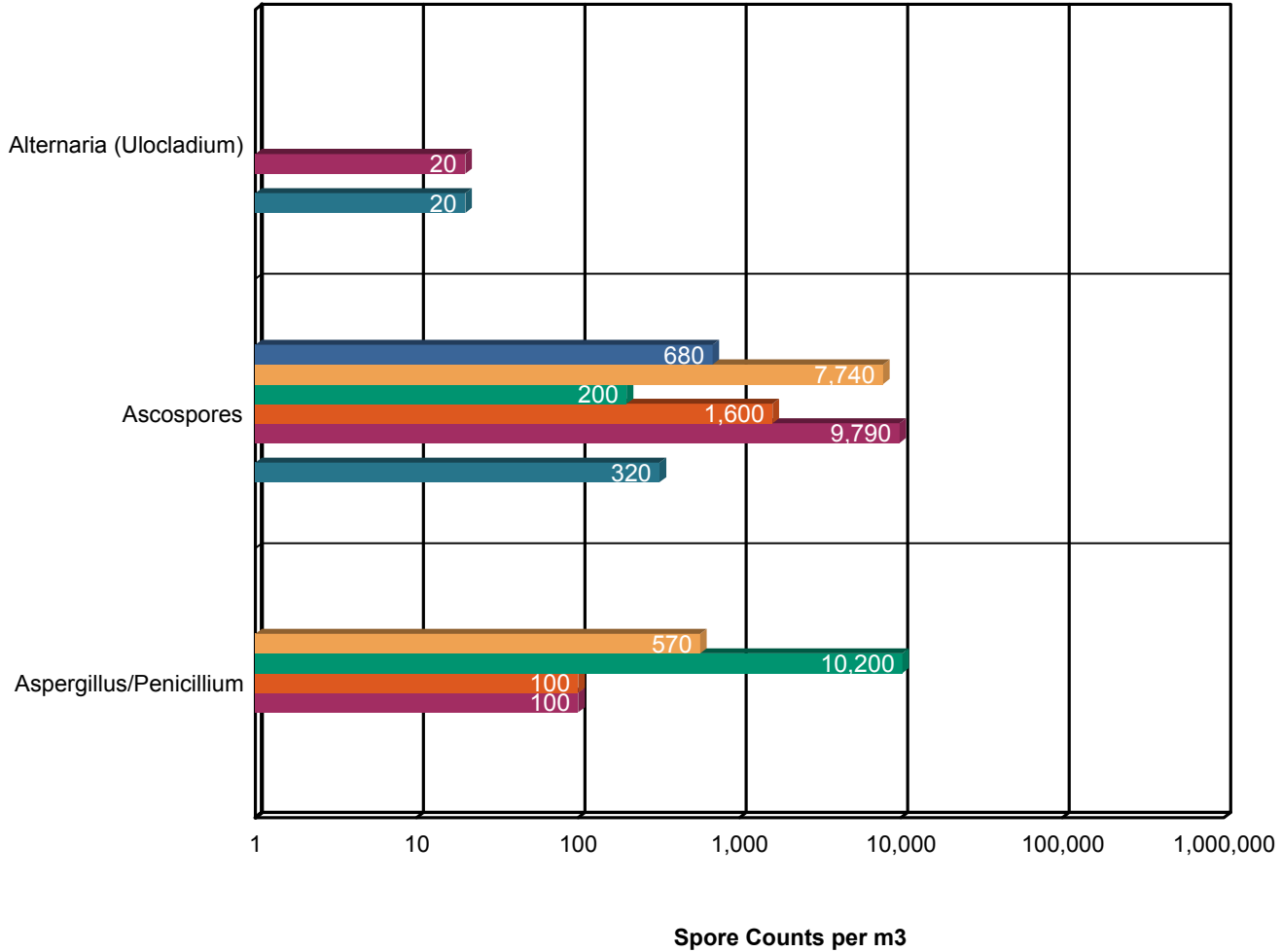
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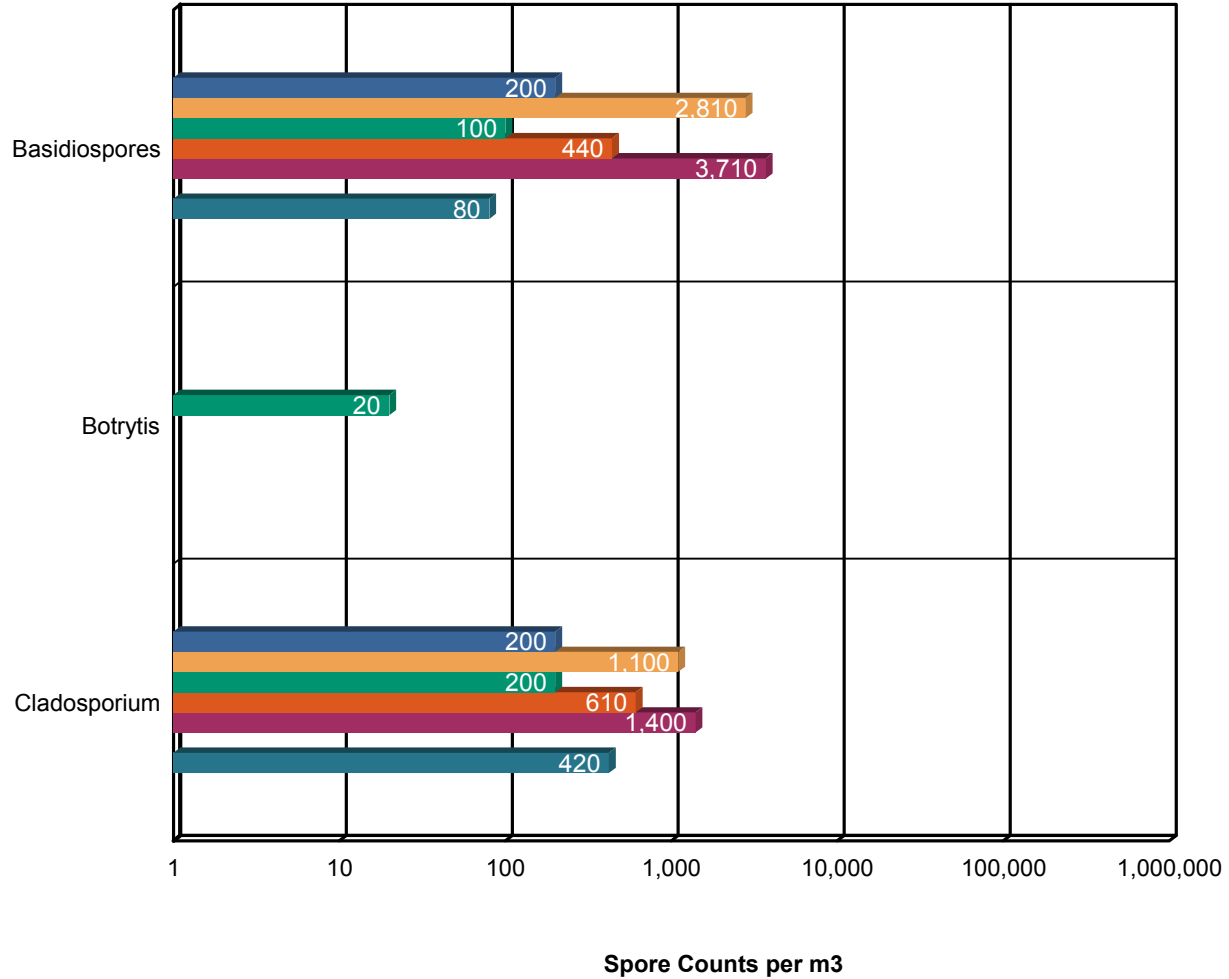
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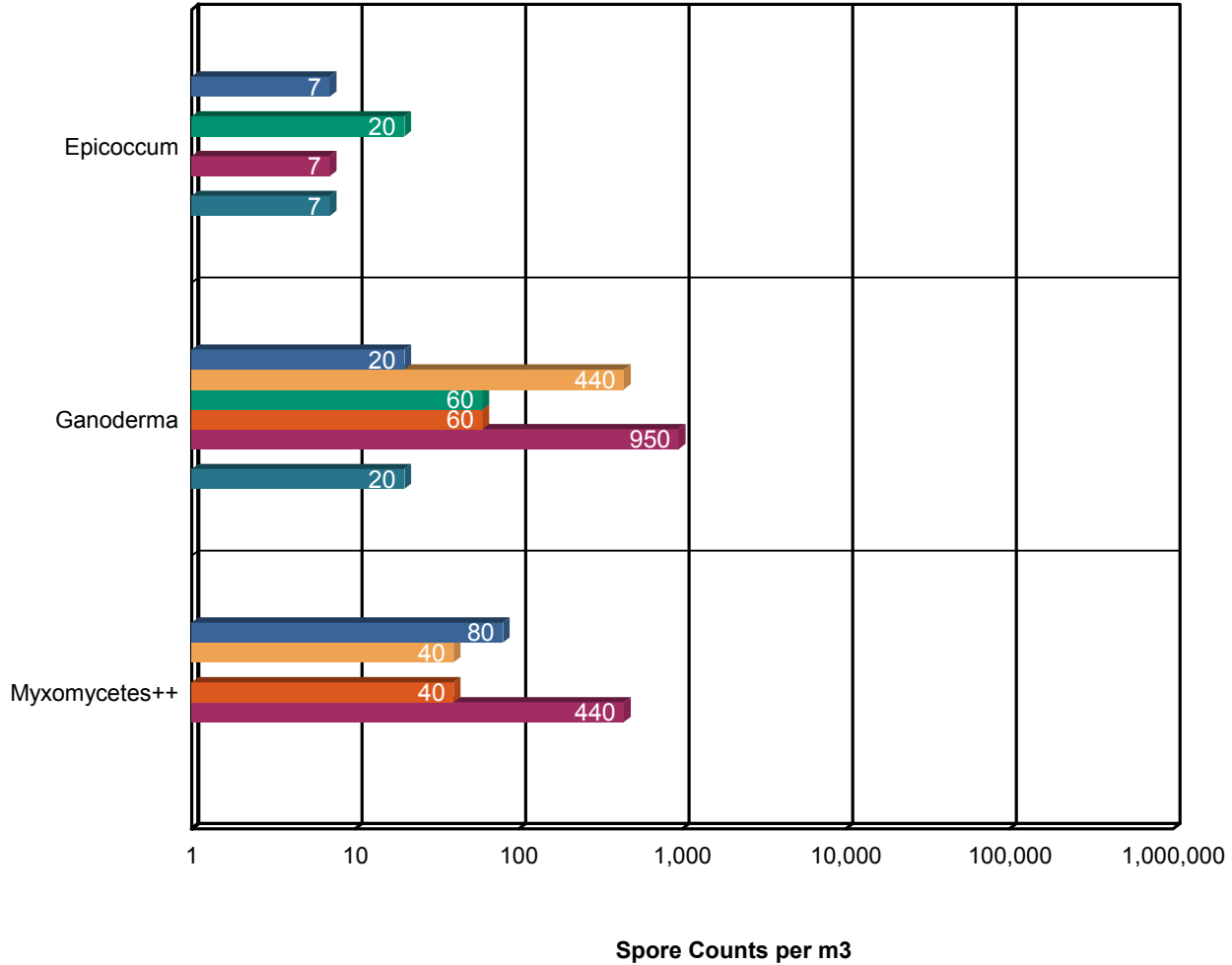
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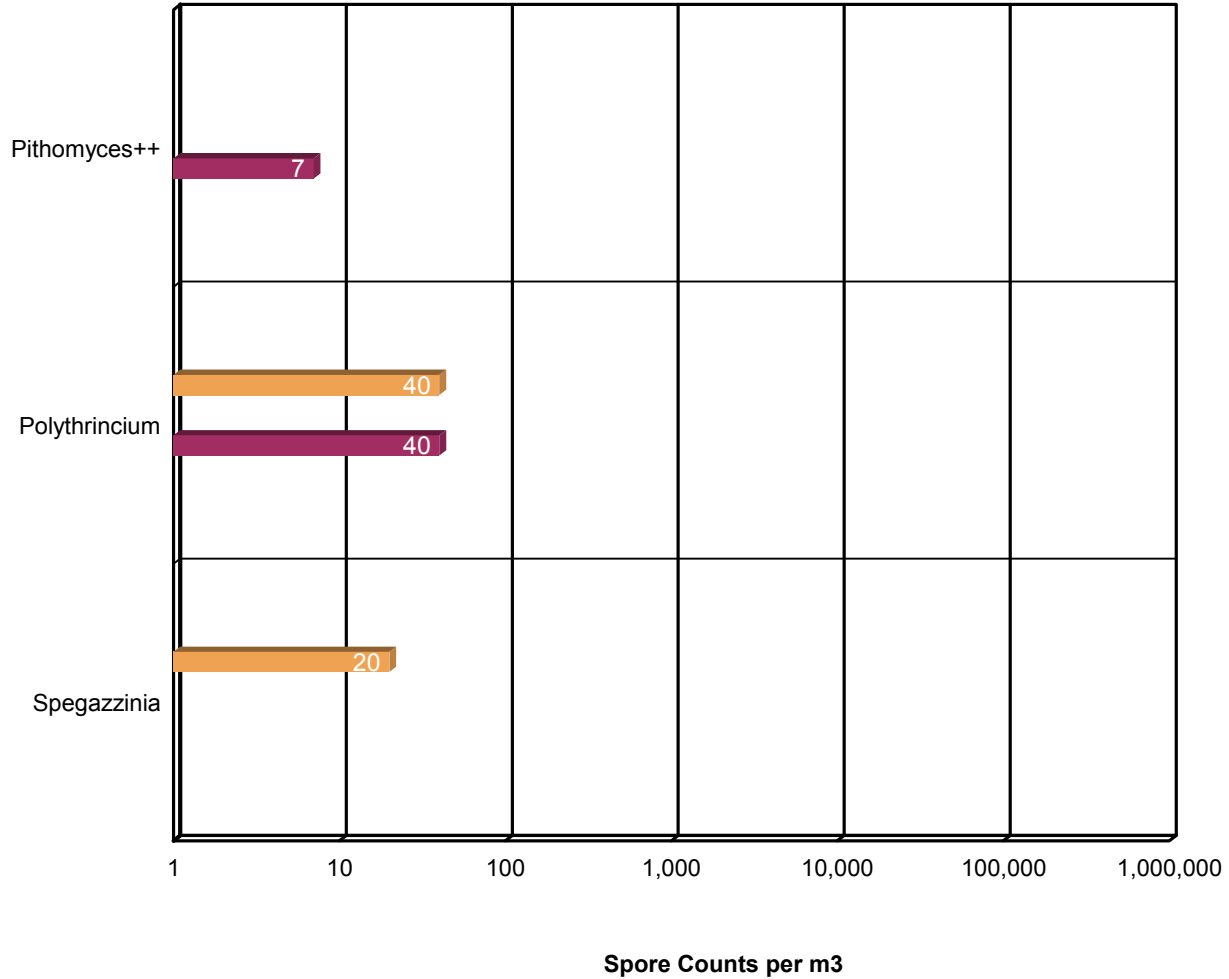
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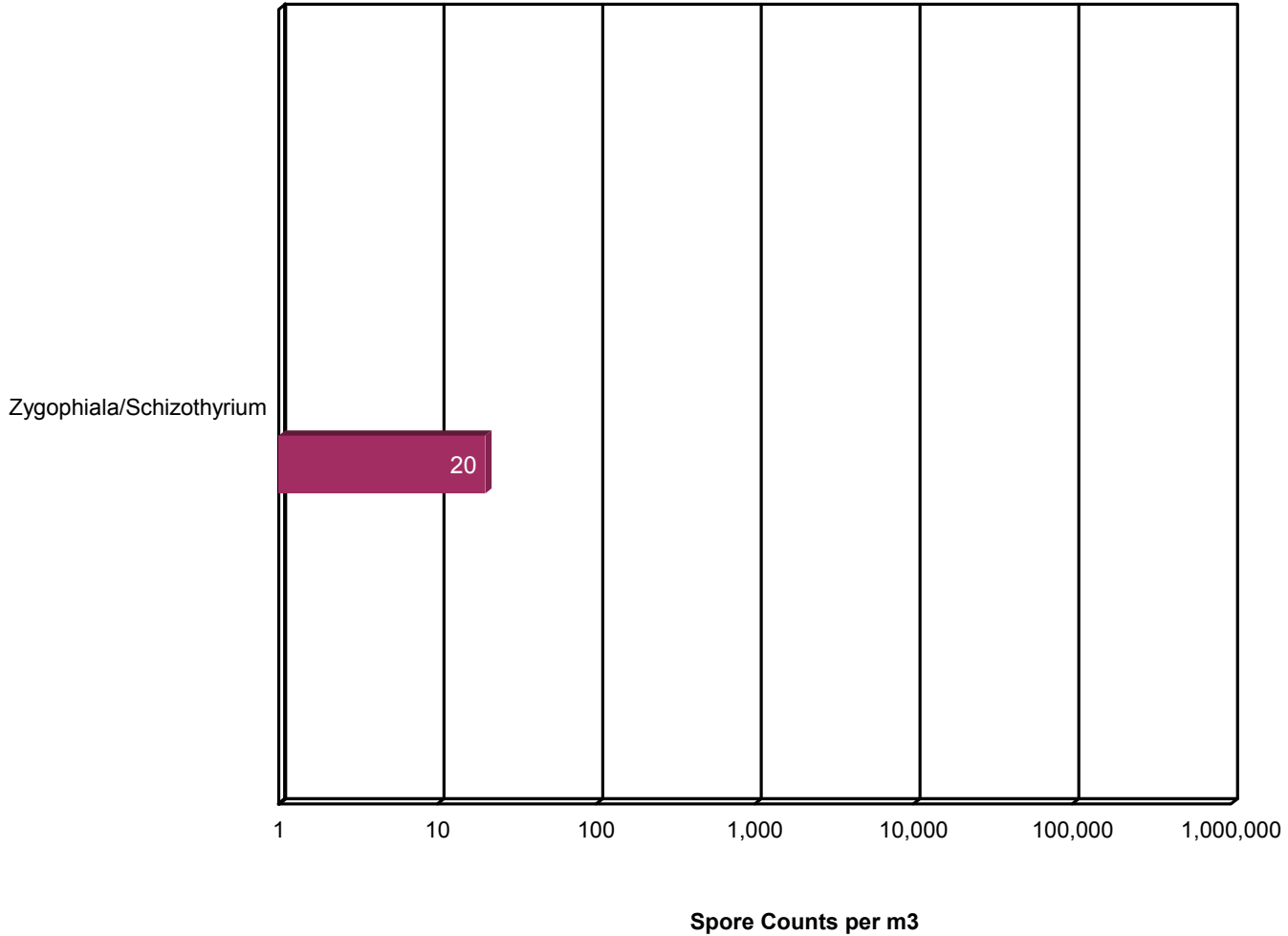
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### 3. Understanding the Results

EMSL Analytical, Inc. is an independent laboratory, providing unbiased and scientifically valid results. These data represent only a portion of an overall IAQ investigation. Visual information and environmental conditions measured during the site assessment (humidity, moisture readings, etc.) are crucial to any final interpretation of the results. Many factors impact the final results; therefore, result interpretation should only be conducted by qualified individuals. The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) has published a good reference book covering sampling and data interpretation. It is entitled, Bioaerosols: Assessment and Control, 1999.

Fungal spores are found everywhere. Whether or not symptoms develop in people exposed to fungi depends on the nature of the fungal material (e.g., allergenic, toxic, or infectious), the exposure level, and the susceptibility of exposed persons. Susceptibility varies with the genetic predisposition (e.g., allergic reactions do not always occur in all individuals), age, pre-existing medical conditions (e.g., diabetes, cancer, or chronic lung conditions), use of immunosuppressive drugs, and concurrent exposures. These reasons make it difficult to identify dose/response relationships that are required to establish "safe" or "unsafe" levels (i.e., permissible exposure limits).

It is generally accepted in the industry that indoor fungal growth is undesirable and inappropriate, necessitating removal or other appropriate remedial actions. The New York City guidelines and EPA guidelines for mold remediation in schools and commercial buildings define the conditions warranting mold remediation. Always remember that water is the key. Preventing water damage or water condensation will prevent mold growth.

This report is not intended to provide medical advice or advice concerning the relative safety of an occupied space. Always consult an occupational or environmental health physician who has experience addressing indoor air contaminants if you have any questions.



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## 4. Glossary of Fungi

<b>ALTERNARIA(ULOCLADIUM)</b>	
<b>Allergic Potential</b>	Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma), Type III (hypersensitivity pneumonitis)
<b>Industrial Uses</b>	Biocontrol of weed plants ·Biocontrol fungal plant pathogens.
<b>Mode of Dissemination</b>	Wind
<b>Natural Habitat</b>	Common saprobe and pathogen of plants. Typically found on plant tissue, decaying wood, and foods. Soil . Air outdoors.
<b>Other Comments</b>	Many species of Ulocladium have been renamed as Alternaria . Alternaria spores are one of the most common and potent indoor and outdoor airborne allergens. Additionally, Alternaria sensitization has been determined to be one of the most important factors in the onset of childhood asthma. Synergy with Cladosporium or Ulocladium may increase the severity of symptoms
<b>Potential or Opportunistic Pathogens</b>	Phaeohyphomycosis {causing cystic granulomas in the skin and subcutaneous tissue}. In immunocompetent patients, Alternaria colonizes the paranasal sinuses, leading to chronic hypertrophic sinusitis
<b>Potential Toxins Produced</b>	Alternariol (AOH) . Alternariol monomethylether (AME). Tenuazonic acid (TeA). Altenuene (ALT). Alternatoxins (ATX)
<b>References</b>	Alternaria redefined. J. Woudenberg et al., Studies in Mycology. Volume 75, June 2013, Pages 171-212
<b>Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment</b>	Indoors near condensation (window frames, showers), House dust (in carpets, and air). Also colonizes building supplies, computer disks, cosmetics, leather, optical instruments, paper, sewage, stone monuments, textiles, wood pulp, and jet fuel
<b>Water Activity</b>	Aw =0.85-0.88 (water damage indicator)

<b>ASCOSPORES</b>	
<b>Allergic Potential</b>	Depends on genus and species.
<b>Industrial Uses</b>	
<b>Mode of Dissemination</b>	Forcible ejection or passive release and dissemination by wind or insects.
<b>Natural Habitat</b>	Everywhere in nature.
<b>Other Comments</b>	Ascospores are the result of sexual reproduction and produced in a saclike structure called an ascus. All ascospores belong to members of the Phylum Ascomycota, which encompasses a plethora of genera worldwide.
<b>Potential or Opportunistic Pathogens</b>	Depends on genus and species.
<b>Potential Toxins Produced</b>	
<b>Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment</b>	
<b>Water Activity</b>	

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## ASPERGILLUS/PENICILLIUM

<b>Allergic Potential</b>	Type I (hay fever, asthma) · Type III (hypersensitivity)
<b>Industrial Uses</b>	Many depending on the species
<b>Mode of Dissemination</b>	Wind · Insects
<b>Natural Habitat</b>	Plant debris · Seed · Cereal crops
<b>Other Comments</b>	Spores of Aspergillus and Penicillium (including others such as Acremonium, Talaromyces, and Paecilomyces) are small and spherical with few distinguishing characteristics. They cannot be differentiated or speciated by non-viable impaction sampling methods. Some species with very small spores may be undercounted in samples with high background debris.
<b>Potential or Opportunistic Pathogens</b>	Possible depending on the species.
<b>Potential Toxins Produced</b>	
<b>Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment</b>	Grows on a wide range of substrates indoors · Prevalent in water damaged buildings · Foods (blue mold on cereals, fruits, vegetables, dried foods) · House dust · Fabrics · Leather · Wallpaper · Wallpaper glue
<b>Water Activity</b>	Aw=0.75-0.94

## BASIDIOSPORES

<b>Allergic Potential</b>	Type I allergies (hay fever, asthma) · Type III (hypersensitivity pneumonitis)
<b>Industrial Uses</b>	Edible mushrooms are used in the food industry.
<b>Mode of Dissemination</b>	Forcible ejection. Wind currents.
<b>Natural Habitat</b>	Forest floors. Lawns · Plants (saprobes or pathogens depending on genus)
<b>Other Comments</b>	Basidiospores are the result of sexual reproduction and formed on a structure called the basidium. Basidiospores belong to the members of the Phylum Basidiomycota, which includes mushrooms, shelf fungi, rusts, and smuts.
<b>Potential or Opportunistic Pathogens</b>	Depends on genus.
<b>Potential Toxins Produced</b>	Amanitins. monomethyl-hydrazine. muscarine. ibotenic acid. psilocybin.
<b>Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment</b>	Depends on genus. Wood products
<b>Water Activity</b>	Unknown.

## BOTRYTIS

<b>Allergic Potential</b>	Type 1 (Hayfever and asthma); Type 2 (hypersensitivity pneumonitis)
<b>Mode of Dissemination</b>	Wind, rain
<b>Natural Habitat</b>	Plant pathogen responsible for causing gray mold (B. cinerea) on raspberries, blackberries, lettuce, cabbage.
<b>Potential or Opportunistic Pathogens</b>	Unknown
<b>Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment</b>	Houseplants, fruits, vegetables
<b>Water Activity</b>	Aw 0.93-0.95

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## CLADOSPORIUM

<b>Allergic Potential</b>	Type I (asthma and hay fever).
<b>Industrial Uses</b>	Produces 10 antigens.
<b>Mode of Dissemination</b>	Air
<b>Natural Habitat</b>	Dead plant matter. Straw. Soil. Woody plants
<b>Potential or Opportunistic Pathogens</b>	Edema. keratitis. onychomycosis. pulmonary infections. Sinusitis.
<b>Potential Toxins Produced</b>	Cladospurin and Emodin.
<b>Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment</b>	Fiberglass duct liner. Paint. Textiles. Found in high concentration in water-damaged building materials.
<b>Water Activity</b>	Aw 0.84-0.88

## EPICOCCUM

<b>Allergic Potential</b>	Hay fever, asthma
<b>Mode of Dissemination</b>	Wind
<b>Natural Habitat</b>	A worldwide saprophytic fungi, being isolated from dead plant material and soil.
<b>Potential or Opportunistic Pathogens</b>	Unknown
<b>Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment</b>	Paper, textiles
<b>Water Activity</b>	0.86-0.90

## GANODERMA

<b>Allergic Potential</b>	Ganoderma species are known to cause allergies in people on a worldwide scale.
<b>Industrial Uses</b>	Biopulping of wood for the paper industry. Potential medicinal use due to: 1. Inhibition of Ras dependent cell transformation, 2. Antifibrotic activity, 3. Immunomodulating activity, 4. Free-radicle scavenging
<b>Mode of Dissemination</b>	Wind.
<b>Natural Habitat</b>	Grows on conifers and hardwoods worldwide, causing white rot, root rot, and stem rot.
<b>Other Comments</b>	Used in traditional Chinese medicine as an herbal supplement. It is also known as a "shelf fungus" because the fruiting body forms a stalk-less shelf on the sides of trees and logs. It is sometimes called "artists konk" because when you scratch the white pores of the fruiting body, the white rubs away and exposes the brown hyphae underneath. Thus, pictures can be produced on the fruiting body.
<b>Potential or Opportunistic Pathogens</b>	Unknown.
<b>Potential Toxins Produced</b>	
<b>Reference</b>	References: Craig, R.L., Levetin, E. 2000. Multi-year study of Ganoderma aerobiology. Aerobiologia 16: 75-81. <a href="http://www.pfc.forestry.ca/diseases/CTD/Group/Heart/heart6_e.html">http://www.pfc.forestry.ca/diseases/CTD/Group/Heart/heart6_e.html</a>
<b>Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment</b>	Unknown.
<b>Water Activity</b>	

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<b>MYXOMYCETES++</b>	
<b>Allergic Potential</b>	Type I
<b>Free moisture required for mold growth</b>	Unknown
<b>Industrial Uses</b>	
<b>Mode of Dissemination</b>	Insects, Water, Wind
<b>Natural Habitat</b>	Decaying logs, Dead leaves , Dung , Lawns , Mulched flower beds, Lawns
<b>Other Comments</b>	Includes Myxomycetes, Smut, and Periconia.
<b>Potential or Opportunistic Pathogens</b>	Unknown
<b>Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment</b>	Rotting lumber

<b>PITHOMYCES</b>	
<b>Allergic Potential</b>	Unknown
<b>Mode of Dissemination</b>	Wind
<b>Natural Habitat</b>	A worldwide saprophytic fungi, being isolated from dead plant material and soil.
<b>Other Comments</b>	Pithomyces++ includes spores of Pithomyces and Pseudopithomyces.
<b>Potential or Opportunistic Pathogens</b>	Mycosis in immunocompromised patients
<b>Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment</b>	Paper
<b>Water Activity</b>	Requires high moisture for spore germination

<b>POLYTHRINCIUM</b>	
<b>Allergic Potential</b>	Allergenic potential in this genus is not well understood, and is currently being studied.
<b>Natural Habitat</b>	Leaves
<b>Potential Opportunist or Pathogen</b>	Unknown
<b>Potential Toxins Produced</b>	
<b>Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment</b>	

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<b>SPEGAZZINIA</b>	
Allergic Potential	Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	
Natural Habitat	Plants, Soils
Potential or Opportunistic Pathogens	Unknown
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	
Water Activity	

<b>ZYGOPHIALA/SCHIZOTHYRIUM</b>	
Allergic Potential	Unknown
Mode of Dissemination	Wind, Rain
Natural Habitat	Plants, on leaves, twigs and fruits of numerous trees and shrubs (one sp. causes flyspeck disease in Apple ).
Potential or Opportunistic Pathogens	Unknown
Suitable Substrates in the Indoor Environment	
Water Activity	

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- Exposure Guidelines for Residential Indoor Air Quality. Environmental Health Directorate, Health Protection Branch, Health Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, 1989.
- Fungal Contamination in Public Buildings: Health Effects and Investigation Methods. Health Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, 2004.
- IICRC: S500 Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Water Damage Restoration. 3rd Edition, Institute of Inspection, Cleaning, and Restoration Certification, Vancouver, WA, 2006

IICRC: S520 Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Mold Remediation. 1st Edition, Institute of Inspection, Cleaning, and Restoration Certification, Vancouver, WA, 2004

- Field Guide for the Determination of Biological Contaminants in Environmental Samples. 2nd Edition, American Industrial Hygiene Association, 2005.

### Consumer Links

Read the full text of AIHA's "The Facts About Mold" consumer brochure.

<http://www.aiha.org/get-involved/VolunteerGroups/Documents/BiosafetyVG-FactsAbout%20MoldDecember2011.pdf>

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/molds/index.html>

CDC Mold Facts

<http://www.cdc.gov/mold/faqs.htm>

CDC Stachybotrys - Questions and answers on Stachybotrys chartarum and other molds

<http://www.cdc.gov/mold/stachy.htm>

IOM, NAS: Clearing the Air: Asthma and Indoor Air Exposures

<http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2000/Clearing-the-Air-Asthma-and-Indoor-Air-Exposures.aspx>

National Library of Medicine-Mold website

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/molds.html>

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Minnesota Department of Health

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New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

<http://conyers.house.gov/index.cfm/issues?p=toxic-mold>

H.R.: The United States Toxic Mold Safety and Protection Act

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### EPA

"Should You Have the Air Ducts in Your Home Cleaned?"

<http://www.epa.gov/iaq/pubs/airduct.html>

General information about molds and actions that can be taken to clean up or prevent a mold problem.

<http://www.epa.gov/asthma/molds.html>

"A Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture, and Your Home" - Includes basic information on mold, cleanup guidelines, and moisture and mold prevention

<http://www.epa.gov/mold/moldguide.html>

"Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings" - Information on remediation in schools and commercial property, references for potential mold and moisture remediators.

[http://www.epa.gov/mold/mold\\_remediation.html](http://www.epa.gov/mold/mold_remediation.html)

### FEMA

"Homes That Were Flooded May Harbor Mold Problems" - Information and tips for cleaning mold.

<http://www.fema.gov/news-release/homes-were-flooded-may-harbor-mold-problems>

"Dealing With Mold & Mildew in Your Flood Damaged Home.

[http://www.fema.gov/pdf/rebuild/recover/fema\\_mold\\_brochure\\_english.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/rebuild/recover/fema_mold_brochure_english.pdf)

"Prompt Flood Cleanup Can Help Prevent Health Problems" - How to clean up in-house mold problems (not large or serious exposures).

<http://www.fema.gov/news-release/prompt-flood-cleanup-can-help-prevent-health-problems>



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of tort, contract or any other legal or equitable theory, in excess of the amount paid to EMSL by client thereunder.

### E. Indemnification

Client shall indemnify EMSL and its officers, directors and employees and hold each of them harmless for any liability, expense or cost, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by reason of any third party claim in connection with EMSL services, the test result data or its use by client