

**Table 1.** Concentrations of heavy metals in different location of River Thames

|           | mg/L     |         |            |        |             |
|-----------|----------|---------|------------|--------|-------------|
|           | Upstream | s. err. | Downstream | s. err | Increase %* |
| Cadmium   | 0.0245   | 0.0035  | 0.0220     | 0.0028 | -10         |
| Copper    | 3.774    | 1.0030  | 3.7800     | 0.7950 | 0           |
| Iron      | 3.1565   | 1.0475  | 6.4805     | 0.9265 | 105         |
| Lithium   | 8.3995   | 0.4825  | 8.9755     | 2.5945 | 6           |
| Manganese | 2.6310   | 0.7518  | 2.7915     | 0.7518 | 6           |
| Potassium | 26.6300  | 14.7400 | 26.3600    | n.a.   | -1          |
| Zinc      | 22.7000  | 3.3200  | 18.3700    | 1.6700 | -19         |

\* Increase in terms of concentration (percentage of increase) from upstream to upstream.

**Table 2.** Relative gene expression of *S. flexneri* *tetR* and *tetA* on treated and untreated Thames water and M9 medium microcosms.

|             | $\log_2(\text{fold increase}) = \text{treated/untreated}^*$ |            |      |
|-------------|---|------------|------|
|             | Upstream  | Downstream | M9   |
| <i>tetR</i> | 1.29  | 1.38       | 1.72 |
| <i>tetA</i> | 0.68  | 0.93       | 5.60 |

\* fold increase of treated/untreated water with 10µg/mL oxytetracycline in upstream, downstream Thames river and M9 medium.

represents significant difference at p<0.05. Error bars represent standard error.

**Table 3.** Concentration of tetracycline degraded in *S. flexneri* 2a YSH6000 culture in downstream water microcosm containing FeCl<sub>3</sub>.

|                                      | Day (μg/L)   |             |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
|                                      | 1            | 3           |
| Downstream FeCl <sub>3</sub> 6 mg/L  | 1.29 (0.19)* | 1.18 (0.17) |
| Downstream FeCl <sub>3</sub> 12 mg/L | 1.46 (0.06)  | 1.86 (0.09) |
| M9 FeCl <sub>3</sub> 6 mg/L          | 3.50 (1.05)  | 1.73 (0.01) |

\* Standard error in brackets