

Pre-treatments	Conditions
Control (Untreated)	No treatment given
Autoclaved	Autoclaved ($121^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.5$; 15 minutes)
Boil	Soaked in boiled water ($100^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.5$) for 4 hours at room temperature and autoclaved ($121^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.5$; 15 minutes)
0.5% (v/v) HNO_3	Soaked in 0.5% (v/v) HNO_3 for 4 hours at room temperature and autoclaved ($121^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.5$; 15 minutes)
1.0% (v/v) HNO_3	Soaked in 1.0% (v/v) HNO_3 for 4 hours at room temperature and autoclaved ($121^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.5$; 15 minutes)
2.0% (v/v) HNO_3	Soaked in 2.0% (v/v) HNO_3 for 4 hours at room temperature and autoclaved ($121^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.5$; 15 minutes)
5.0% (v/v) HNO_3	Soaked in 5.0% (v/v) HNO_3 for 4 hours at room temperature and autoclaved ($121^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.5$; 15 minutes)
0.5% (w/v) NaOH	Soaked in 0.5% (w/v) NaOH for 4 hours at room temperature and autoclaved ($121^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.5$; 15 minutes)
1.0% (w/v) NaOH	Soaked in 1.0% (w/v) NaOH for 4 hours at room temperature and autoclaved ($121^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.5$; 15 minutes)
2.0% (w/v) NaOH	Soaked in 2.0% (w/v) NaOH for 4 hours at room temperature and autoclaved ($121^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.5$; 15 minutes)
5.0% (w/v) NaOH	Soaked in 5.0% (w/v) NaOH for 4 hours at room temperature and autoclaved ($121^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.5$; 15 minutes)