

	<b>PR-M swabs</b>	<b>PO-M swabs</b>	<b>Time in months between swab collection and RNA extraction (mean <math>\pm</math> SD)</b>
<b>lab 1</b>	8	6	11,7 $\pm$ 2,8
<b>lab 2</b>	9	5	12,7 $\pm$ 3,0
<b>lab 3</b>	8	6	11,7 $\pm$ 3,7
<b>lab 4</b>	8	6	12,7 $\pm$ 3,1
<b>lab 5</b>	9	5	13,2 $\pm$ 3,7
<b>lab 6</b>	8	6	12,0 $\pm$ 3,8
<b>lab 7</b>	8	5	12,5 $\pm$ 4,0
<b>lab 8</b>	8	6	12,5 $\pm$ 3,2
<b>lab 9</b>	9	5	11,0 $\pm$ 3,8
<b>lab 10</b>	9	5	13,7 $\pm$ 3,2

*Table S1: Characteristics of vaginal swabs subsets assigned to each participating laboratory. Swabs were collected from pre- (PR-M) and postmenopausal (PO-M) women.*