

Table 2 Frequency of intestinal protozoa and helminths detected in stool samples of food-handlers by 3 laboratory methods (n = 1500 samples)

Intestinal parasite	Direct microscopy		Formol–ether technique		Floatation technique	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Intestinal protozoa						
<i>Entamoeba coli</i>	137	9.1	230	15.3	0	–
<i>Giardia lamblia</i>	112	7.5	146	9.7	124	8.3
<i>Entamoeba histolytica</i>	30	2.0	65	4.3	63	4.2
Total	279	18.6	441	29.4	187	12.5
Intestinal helminths						
<i>Hymenolepis nana</i>	20	1.3	24	1.6	0	–
<i>Schistosoma mansoni</i>	8	0.5	11	0.7	0	–
<i>Taenia saginata</i>	4	0.3	4	0.3	0	–
<i>Strongyloides stercoralis</i>	2	0.1	2	0.1	0	–
Total	34	2.3	41	2.7	0	–