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4. Based on their cultural features and biochemical reactions the organisms are classified as follows:—

*Culture I.*—Tentatively as a non-motile strain of the sub-type *B. communior* (Durham) of the type *B. coli* (Escherich); or to take the differentiation further, as *B. neapolitanus*, a sub-type of *B. coli* (Escherich).

*Culture II.*—Considered tentatively as an atypical form of the *Para-Gaertner* group after Savage.

*Culture III.*—Identical with *M. zymogenes* and placed as a variety of the type of liquefying streptococci, *Streptococcus gracilis*.

5. No inoculations of these cultures have been made into healthy copepods owing to distance from the sea.

6. It is not legitimate to draw any definite conclusions regarding the relationship of these organisms to the destruction of the copepods, as no inoculation experiments have been carried out, and the postulates of Koch have not yet been satisfied. According to the descriptions presented, however, the evidence is strong in favour of Culture III being a possible causal agent.

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