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With the help of three different tracheal tubes made of silicone, an investigation was carried out to establish whether important criteria can be complied with after 100 manual or automated cleaning and disinfection cycles followed by steam sterilisation. The microbial reductions achieved by the entire processing procedure in both procedures were between 7.0 – 9.1. Regarding cytotoxicity and the optical impression, however, both processing procedures differed distinctly.

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