

Technical Information

Sabouraud Chloramphenicol Agar Plate

Product Code: PM 2067

Application: Recommended for the selective cultivation of yeasts and moulds from clinical and non-clinical samples.

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Tryptone	5.000
Peptone	5.000
Dextrose (Glucose)	40.000
Chloramphenicol	0.050
Agar	15.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	5.6±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Principle & Interpretation

Sabouraud Chloramphenicol Agar is cited as Medium C and recommended for cultivation of yeasts and moulds. This medium was described originally by Sabouraud (1) for the cultivation of fungi, particularly useful for the fungi associated with skin infections. The medium is often used with antibiotics such as Chloramphenicol (2) for the isolation of pathogenic fungi from materials containing large numbers of fungi or bacteria. Tryptone and peptone provide nitrogenous and carbonaceous compounds, long chain amino acids, and other essential growth nutrients. Dextrose provides an energy source. Chloramphenicol inhibits a wide range of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria which makes the medium selective for fungi (3). The low pH favors fungal growth and inhibits contaminating bacteria from clinical specimens (4).

Type of specimen

Clinical samples - skin scrapings, nail scrapings, etc. ; Food and dairy samples.

Specimen Collection and Handling:

For food and dairy samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection and processing as per guidelines (5,6,7). For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines (8,9). After use, contaminated materials must be sterilized by autoclaving before discarding.

Warning and Precautions :

In Vitro diagnostic Use. For professional use only. Read the label before opening the pack. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/ face protection. Follow good microbiological lab practices while handling specimens and culture. Standard precautions as per established guidelines should be followed while handling clinical specimens. Safety guidelines may be referred in individual safety data sheets.

Limitations :

- 1.Certain pathogenic fungi may show poor growth on this medium.
- 2.Presence of chloramphenicol may inhibit certain pathogenic fungi.
- 3.Overheating of the medium may result in low productivity and softening of gel.
- 4.Individual organisms differ in their growth requirement and may show variable growth patterns on the medium
- 5.Each lot of the medium has been tested for the organisms specified on the COA. It is recommended to users to validate the medium for any specific microorganism other than mentioned in the COA based on the user's unique requirement.
- 6.It is recommended to store the plates at 24-30°C to avoid condensation.

Performance and Evaluation

Performance of the medium is expected when used as per the direction on the label within the expiry period when stored at recommended temperature.

Methodology

Either streak, inoculate or surface spread the test inoculum (50-100 CFU) aseptically on the plate. Caution: Some pathogenic fungi may produce infective spores which are easily dispersed in air, so examination should be carried out in safety cabinet.

Quality Control

Appearance

Sterile Sabouraud Chloramphenicol Agar in 90 mm disposable plates with smooth surface and absence of black particles/cracks/bubbles

Colour of medium

Light amber coloured medium

Quantity of medium

25 ml of medium in 90 mm disposable plates.

pH

5.40-5.80

Sterility Check

Passes release criteria

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 20-25°C for 48-72 hours (Incubate for 7 days for Trichophyton species).

Cultural Response

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Recovery
# <i>Aspergillus brasiliensis</i> ATCC 16404 (00053*)	50-100	good-luxuriant	
<i>Candida albicans</i> ATCC 10231 (00054*)	50-100	good-luxuriant	>=50%
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 (00013*)	>=103	inhibited	0%
\$ <i>Lactobacillus paracasei</i> ATCC 334	>=103	inhibited	0%
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> ATCC 9763 (00058*)	50-100	good-luxuriant	>=50%
<i>Trichophyton rubrum</i> ATCC 28191	50-100	good-luxuriant	
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 8739 (00012*)	>=103	inhibited	0%

Key : (*)Corresponding WDCM numbers.

(\$) Formerly known as *Lactobacillus paracasei*

(#)Formerly known as *Aspergillus niger*

Storage and Shelf Life

On receipt store between 20-30°C. Use before expiry date on the label. Product performance is best if used within stated expiry period.

Disposal

User must ensure safe disposal by autoclaving and/or incineration of used or unusable preparations of this product. Follow established laboratory procedures in disposing of infectious materials and material that comes into contact with clinical sample must be decontaminated and disposed of in accordance with current laboratory techniques (8,9).

Further Reading



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