



Dehydrated Culture Media
Bases / Media Supplements

Technical Information

Reinforced Medium for Clostridia

Product Code: DM 1443H

Application: - Reinforced Medium for Clostridia is used for the enrichment of Clostridia from pharmaceutical products in accordance with the microbial limit testing by harmonized methodology of USP/EP/BP/JP/IP (Medium 14).

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Peptone	10.000
Beef extract	10.000
Yeast extract	3.000
Glucose monohydrate	5.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Soluble starch	1.000
Cysteine hydrochloride	0.500
Sodium acetate	3.000
Agar	0.500

If necessary adjust the pH so that after sterilization it is 6.8±0.2

*pH can also be measured after sterilization at 25°C

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Principle & Interpretation

Reinforced Medium for Clostridia was devised by Hirsch and Grinstead⁽¹⁾. This media is prepared for the microbial limit testing following harmonized methodology of USP/EP/BP/JP/IP^(2, 3, 4, 5, 8). It is recommended for sterility checking of non-sterile products, nutritional and dietary supplements. It can be used to initiate growth from small inocula and to obtain the highest viable count of clostridia. Barnes and Ingram used the broth medium for diluting an inoculum of vegetative cells of *Clostridium perfringens*^(6, 7). It can be used in studies of spore forming anaerobes, especially *Clostridium butyricum* in cheese, for enumeration of Clostridia in tube dilution counts or for preparation of plates for isolation⁽⁷⁾. Other spore forming anaerobes, Streptococci and Lactobacilli also grow in these media. These are enriched but non-selective media.

Peptone, yeast extract and beef extract provide all the necessary nutrients for the growth of clostridia. Glucose monohydrate is a fermentable carbohydrate while sodium chloride maintains osmotic equilibrium. Cysteine hydrochloride acts as reducing agent. Small amount of soluble starch removes toxic metabolites from the medium. Sodium acetate also acts as a good buffering agent. Small quantity of agar keeps the medium semi solid and helps in maintaining anaerobic conditions.

Methodology

Suspend 38.0 grams of dehydrated medium (the equivalent weight of dehydrated medium per litre) in 1000 ml purified/distilled water. Shake well & heat to dissolve the medium completely. Dispense and sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes or as per validated cycle.

Quality Control



Physical Appearance

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder.

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Light yellow coloured clear solution in tubes.

pH Range 6.60-7.00

Reaction: Reaction of 3.754% aqueous solution at 25⁰C pH 6.8±0.2

Growth Promotion Test

Growth promotion was carried out in accordance with the harmonized method of USP/EP/BP/JP/IP, and growth was observed under anaerobic conditions after an incubation at 30-35°C for ≤48 hours.

Growth promoting properties

Clearly visible growth of microorganism comparable to that previously obtained with previously tested and approved lot of medium occurs at the specified temperature for not more than the shortest period of time specified inoculating not more than 100 cfu under anaerobic condition (at 30-35⁰C for ≤48 hours).

Cultural Response/ characteristics

DM 1443H: Cultural characteristics observed in an anaerobic atmosphere, after an incubation at 30-35°C for 24-48 hours.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Incubation temperature	Incubation period
Growth Promoting				
<i>Clostridium sporogenes</i> ATCC 11437	50 -100	good – luxuriant	30 -35 °C	≤48 hrs
<i>Clostridium sporogenes</i> ATCC 19404	50 -100	good – luxuriant	30 -35 °C	≤48 hrs
<i>Bacteroides vulgates</i> ATCC 8482	50 -100	good – luxuriant	30 -35 °C	≤48 hrs
Additional Microbiological testing				
<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i> ATCC 23 745	50 -100	good – luxuriant	30 -35 °C	≤48 hrs
<i>Clostridium sporogenes</i> ATCC 13124	50 -100	good – luxuriant	30 -35 °C	≤48 hrs

Storage and Shelf Life

Dried Media: Store below 30°C in tightly closed container and use before expiry date as mentioned on the label.

Prepared Media: 2-8^o in sealable plastic bags for 2-5 days.

Further Reading

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