

Technical Information

Antibiotic Assay Medium B

Product Code: DM 2346

Application: - Antibiotic Assay Medium B is used for the microbiological assay of Colistimethate sodium using Bordetella bronchiseptica ATCC 4617 and Escherichia coli ATCC 10536.

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre	
Casein enzymic hydrolysate	17.000	
Papaic digest of soyabean meal	3.000	
Sodium chloride	5.000	
Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate	2.500	
Dextrose	2.500	
Agar	15.000	
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.3±0.2	
**Formula adjusted standardized to suit perform	nance	

^{**}Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Principle & Interpretation

Antibiotic Assay Medium B is used for the microbiological assay of Colistimethate sodium. Combination of casein enzymic hydrolysate and papaic digest of soyabean meal provides essential nutrients for the growth of test organisms. Dextrose provides fermentable source of carbon, and enhances the growth of test organims. Phosphates in the medium enhance buffering action and sodium chloride maintains osmotic equilibrium. It is recommended by various pharmacopoeia (1, 2).

Freshly prepared plates should be used for antibiotic assays. Test organisms are inoculated in sterile seed agar cooled to 40-45°C and spread evenly over the surface of solidified base agar. All conditions in the microbiological assay must be controlled carefully. The use of standard culture media in the test is one of the important step for the good results

Methodology

Suspend 45.0 grams of powder media in 1000 ml distilled water containing 10ml Polysorbate 80. Shake well & heat to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Adjust the pH of the medium, using freshly prepared buffer solution.

Quality Control

Physical Appearance

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Light amber coloured clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates

Reaction

Reaction of 4.5% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH: 7.3±0.2

pH range 7.10-7.50





Cultural Response/ characteristices

DM 2346: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18-24 hours.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Recovery	Antibiotics assayed
Bordetella bronchiseptica ATCC 4617	50-100	luxuriant	>=70%	Colistimethate sodium
Escherichia coli ATCC 10536	50-100	luxuriant	>=70%	Colistimethate sodium

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° in sealable plastic bags for 2-5 days.

Further Reading

1. British Pharmacopoeia, 2009, British Pharmacopoeia Commission

2 European Pharmacopoeia, 2009, European Pharmacopoeia Commission

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