

Technical Information

Trichophyton Agar No.5

Product Code: DM 1535

Application: - Trichophyton Agar No.5 is recommended for differentiation of *Trichophyton* species.

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Vitamin free casein acid hydrolysate	2.500
Dextrose	40.000
Monopotassium dihydrogen phosphate	1.800
Magnesium sulphate	0.100
Nicotinic acid	0.002
Agar	15.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	6.8±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Principle & Interpretation

Trichophyton Agar-5 is recommended for the cultivation of *Trichophyton equinum* which can be identified purely on the basis of nutritional requirements. *T. equinum* requires nicotinic acid for growth and hence is included in the medium. Nutritional tests were originally described by George and Camp (2) as an aid in the routine identification of *Trichophyton* species that seldom produce conidia or that resemble each other morphologically (2). Certain species have distinctive nutritional requirements, whereas others do not.

The method employs a casein basal medium that is vitamin-free (Trichophyton Agar-1, DM1531) to which different vitamins are added i.e. inositol (Trichophyton Agar-2, DM1532), thiamine and inositol (Trichophyton Agar-3, DM1533), thiamine (Trichophyton Agar-4) (DM1534) and nicotinic acid (Trichophyton Agar-5) (DM1535). The method also employs an ammonium nitrate basal medium (Trichophyton Agar-6, DM1536) to which histidine is added (Trichophyton Agar-7, DM1152) (1). The various additives added help to determine the specific vitamin and amino acid requirements of the isolates.

Nutritional requirements are determined by inoculating a control medium and a medium enriched with a specific vitamin or amino acid with *Trichophyton* isolates that have been presumptively identified by gross colony characteristics and microscopic morphology (1, 2, 3-6). Moderate to heavy growth in the vitamin or amino acid-enriched medium compared to little or no growth in the basal medium indicates that the isolate requires that nutrient.

Methodology

Suspend 59.4 grams of dehydrated powder media in 1000 ml distilled water. Mix thoroughly & heat to boil to dissolve the medium completely. Dispense in test tubes and sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Allow to cool the tubes in slanted position.

Quality Control

Appearance

White to light yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel



Dehydrated Culture Media
Bases / Media Supplements

Colour and Clarity

Light amber coloured clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in tubes as slants

Reaction

Reaction of 5.94% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 6.8±0.2

pH Range

6.60-7.00

Cultural Response

DM1535: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 25- 30°C for 2 weeks.

Organism

Trichophyton equinum ATCC 22443

Growth

good-luxuriant

Storage and Shelf Life

Dried Media: Store below 30°C in tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 2-8°C. Use before expiry date on the label.

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

Further Reading

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