

Technical Information

Agar Medium C (Sabouraud-Glucose Agar Medium with Chloramphenicol) Product Code: DM 2067B

Application: - Agar Medium C is recommended for selective cultivation of yeasts and moulds in accordance with British Pharmacopoeia.

Composition**

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Ingredients	Gms / Litre			
Peptones (meat and casein)	10.000			
Glucose monohydrate	40.000			
Chloramphenicol	0.050			
Agar	15.000			
Final pH (at 25°C)	5.6±0.2			
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Principle & Interpretation

Sabouraud Glucose Agar Medium with Chloramphenicol is cited as Medium C and recommended for cultivation of yeasts and moulds by British Pharmacopoeia (1). This medium was formulated originally by Sabouraud (2) for the cultivation of fungi, particularly useful for the fungi associated with skin infections. The medium is often used with antibiotics such as Chloramphenicol (3) for the isolation of pathogenic fungi from materials containing large numbers of fungi or bacteria. Peptones (from meat and casein) supply nitrogenous compounds. Glucose monohydrate act as an energy source. Chloramphenicol inhibits a wide range of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria, which makes the medium selective for fungi (4). The low pH favours fungal growth and inhibits contaminating bacteria from clinical specimens (5).

Some pathogenic fungi may produce infective spores which are easily dispersed in air, so examination should be carried out in safety

Methodology

Suspend 65.05 grams of dehydrated media powder 1000 ml distilled water. Mix thoroughly heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. i.e validated cycle. Mix well before pouring into sterile Petri plates.

Quality Control

Appearance

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder.

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel.

Colour and Clarity

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

Reaction

pH of 6.14% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C

pH Range

5.40-5.80





Growth Promotion Test

Cultural response was observed in accordance with BP, after an incubation at 20-25 °C for <= 5 days. Recovery rate is considered as 100% for bacteria growth on Soyabean Casein Digest Agar and fungus growth on Sabouraud Dextrose Agar.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Recovery	Incubation temperature	Incubation period
Cultural Response					_
Candida albicans ATCC 10231	50 -100	Luxuriant (white colonies)	>=50 %	20 -25 °C	<=5 d
Aspergillus brasiliensis ATCC 16404	50 -100	luxuriant	>=50 %	20 -25 °C	<=5 d
Candida albicans ATCC 2091	50 -100	luxuriant	>=50 %	20 -25 °C	<=5 d
Saccharomyces cerevisiae ATCC 9763	50 -100	luxuriant	>=50 %	20 -25 °C	<=5 d
Escherichia coli ATCC 25922	>=10³	inhibited	0 %	20 -25 °C	<=5 d
Escherichia coli ATCC 8739	>=10³	inhibited	0 %	20 -25 °C	<=5 d
Escherichia coli NCTC 9002	>=10³	inhibited	0 %	20 -25 °C	<=5 d
Trichophyton rubrum ATCC 28191	50 -100	good		20 -25 °C	<=5 d
Lactobacillus casei ATCC 334	>=10³	inhibited	0 %	20 -25 °C	<=5 d

Key: * - Formely known as Aspergillus niger

Storage and Shelf Life

Dried Media: Store between 15-25°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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