

Technical Information

Brucella MiVeg Agar Base, Modified

Product Code : VM1074A

Application:- Brucella MiVeg Agar Base, Modified is used for the enrichment, isolation and cultivation of *Brucella* species and *Campylobacter* species from clinical and non-clinical specimens.

Composition

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
MiVeg hydrolysate	15.000
MiVeg peptone	5.000
Yeast extract	2.000
Dextrose	1.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Sodium citrate	1.000
Sodium bisulphate	0.100
Agar	15.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.0±0.2

** Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters.

Principle & Interpretation

Brucella MiVeg Agar Base, Modified is prepared by using MiVeg peptone and MiVeg hydrolysate in place of peptic digest of animal tissue and casein enzymic hydrolysate so the medium becomes BSE/TSE risks free. This medium is the modification of Brucella Agar Base, Modified that is formulated to support luxuriant growth of fastidious bacteria like *Brucella* species, *Streptococci*, *Pneumococci*, *Listeria*, *Neisseria meningitidis* and *Haemophilus influenzae* (1).

It contains MiVeg peptone and MiVeg hydrolysate provide organic nitrogen to the organisms. Yeast extract mainly serves as a source of Vitamin B complex and it also supplies nitrogenous nutrients. Dextrose serves as an energy source. Sodium bisulphite is a reducing agent while sodium citrate acts as an anticoagulant in detection of Brucella from blood cultures. The medium can be enriched with 5% v/v sterile defibrinated horse blood. Antibiotic mixtures are incorporated into the base, for selective isolation of *Brucella* species, (2, 3). Farrel and Robinson formulated a highly selective antibiotic medium (4). Ethyl violet and Circulin, which were recommended originally, are no longer used (5). When non-selective medium is required, Brucella Broth Base may be employed with the addition of serum only (i.e. without antibiotics).

Brucella species are highly infectious so while handling extreme care should be taken. All presumptive organisms should be further confirmed by additional tests.

Methodology

Suspend 22.05 grams of powder media in 500 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. Cool to 45-50°C and aseptically add sterile 5% v/v inactivated Horse serum (BA2239, inactivated by heating at 56°C for 30 minutes). For *Brucella* species add rehydrated contents of one vial of Brucella Selective Supplement, Modified (MS2161). For cultivation of *Campylobacter* add rehydrated contents of one vial of Campylobacter Supplement III (Skirrow) (MS2008) and sterile reconstituted contents of one vial of Campylobacter Growth Supplement (MS2009). Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

Quality Control

Physical Appearance

Cream to yellow coloured, may have slightly greenish tinge, homogeneous, free flowing powder.

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

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

Reaction

Reaction of 4.41% w/v aqueous solution pH: 7.0±0.2 at 25°C

pH range

6.8-7.20

Cultural Response/Characteristics

Cultural characteristics observed under 10% Carbon dioxide (CO₂), with added Brucella selective supplement (MS2161) and , Campylobacter Supplement III (Skirrow) (MS2008) after an incubation at 35 - 37°C for 24 - 72 hours.

Organisms (ATCC)	Inoculum(CFU)	Growth w/ MS2161	Growth w/ MS2008
<i>Brucella melitensis</i> ATCC(4309)	50-100	Good-luxuriant	-
<i>Brucella suis</i> ATCC(4314)	50-100	Good-luxuriant	-
<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i> ATCC(33291)	50-100	-	Good-luxuriant
<i>Campylobacter coli</i> ATCC(33559)	50-100	-	Good-luxuriant
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC(25922)	≥10 ³	inhibited	inhibited
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC (25923)	≥10 ³	inhibited	inhibited

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

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