

## Technical Information

### MUG MacConkey MiVeg Agar

#### Product Code : VM2080

**Application:-** MUG MacConkey MiVeg Agar is used for the selective isolation and detection of lactose fermenting coliform organisms by a fluorogenic procedure.

#### Composition

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
MiVeg peptone	20.0
Lactose	10.0
Synthetic detergent No. I	1.5
Sodium chloride	5.0
Neutral red	0.03
Crystal violet	0.001
4-Methylumbelliferyl $\beta$ -D-Glucuronide (MUG)	0.1
Agar	15.0
Final pH ( at 25°C)	7.1 $\pm$ 0.2

\*\* Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters.

#### Principle & Interpretation

MUG MacConkey MiVeg Agar is prepared by using MiVeg peptone instead of animal based peptone thus the medium becomes free from BSE/TSE risks. This medium is based on the modification of MacConkey Medium recommended by Trepeta and Edberg (1), used for the selective isolation and detection of lactose fermenting coliform organisms by a fluorogenic procedure. It helps to detect the presence of an enzyme  $\beta$ -glucuronidase thereby rapidly identifying *Escherichia coli* in mixed clinical specimens (2).

MiVeg peptone present in the medium supplies essential nitrogen compounds for the growth of coliforms. Lactose serve as the fermentable carbohydrates source. This medium contains Synthetic detergent No. I and crystal violet which inhibits the growth of gram-positive bacteria.

Neutral red act as the pH indicator. *Escherichia coli* possesses an enzyme glucuronidase which cleaves MUG to release an end product 4-methylumbelliferone resulting a visible greenish- blue fluorescence under long wave ultra-violet light(366 nm).

#### Methodology

Suspend 51.63 grams of powder media in 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. Mix well before pouring.

#### Quality Control

##### Physical Appearance

Pinkish yellow coloured, homogeneous, free flowing powder.

##### Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel.

##### Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Red with purplish tinge, clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in petri plates.

##### Reaction

Reaction of 5.16 % w/v aqueous solution pH: 7.1  $\pm$ 0.2 at 25°C



Dehydrated Culture Media  
Bases / Media Supplements

#### pH range

6.9-7.3

#### Cultural Response/Characteristics

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

Organisms (ATCC)	Inoculum(CFU)	Growth	Recovery	Fluorescence*
<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i> (13048)	10 <sup>2</sup> -10 <sup>3</sup>	luxuriant	>50%	-
<i>Escherichia coli</i> (25922)	10 <sup>2</sup> -10 <sup>3</sup>	luxuriant	>50%	+

Key : \* = fluorescence at 366 nm

## 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. Trepeta R.W. and Edberg S.C., 1984, J. Clin. Microbiol., 19(2):172.
2. MacFaddin J.F., 1985, Media for Isolation-Cultivation-Identification Maintenance of Medical Bacteria, Vol.I, Williams and Wilkins, Baltimore.

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