Technical Information

Charcoal Agar Base, MiVeg

Product Code : VM1344

Application:- Charcoal Agar Base, MiVeg with supplements is used for the cultivation of *Bordetella pertussis* for vaccine production and also for the maintenance of stock cultures.

Composition

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
MiVeg infusion	12.00
MiVeg peptone	10.00
Yeast extract	3.50
Sodium chloride	5.00
Starch, soluble	10.00
Charcoal	4.00
Agar	18.00
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.3±0.2

** Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters.

Principle & Interpretation

Charcoal Agar Base MiVeg is prepared by using vegetable peptones in place of animal based peptones which makes it BSE/TSE risk free. This medium is the modification of Charcoal Agar Base formulated according to the method devised by Mishulow et al (1) which is recommended for the cultivation of *Bordetella pertussis* and its vaccine production. Earlier medium viz. Bordet Gengou, can be replaced by this medium, as the conventional medium for the vaccine production of *Bordetella pertussis* as suggested byEnsminger et al (2) who added charcoal to the medium.
It contains Miveg infusion, MiVeg peptone and yeast extract which supplies essential nutrients to the organisms. Sodium chloride maintains osmotic equilibrium. Starch supports growth of organism as it is the carbohydrate source in the medium. With charcoal it neutrilizes toxic substances like fatty acid, which can inhibit growth of *Bordetella.* The difficulty in the isolation of *Bordetella pertussis* from nasopharyngeal secretions is the repression of unwanted flora during the long incubation period on nutritious media. To resist other contaminants Penicillin can be added to the medium as an antimicrobial agent. However Penicillin resistant floras still cause the contamination which was observed by Lacey (3). Methicillin was found to be superior than Penicillin in suppressing unwanted nasopharyngeal flora as observed by Broome et al (4). Sutcliffe and Abbott found that Cephalexin was still better than Methicillin (5). Therefore this medium with added supplement, Cephalixin and blood is suitable for cultivation of *B.pertussis*.

The media can also be used for the maintenance of stock cultures of *Bordetella pertussis* on slants with weekly subcultures. This media can be converted to Chocolate Agar Base for isolation of *Haemophilus* species.

Methodology

Suspend 31.25 grams of powder media in 450 ml distilled water. Mix thoroughly. Boil to dissolve the medium with frequent stirring. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50°C. Aseptically add sterile 50 ml ofdefibrinated blood and Bordetella Selective Supplement (MS2004).

Quality Control

Physical Appearance

Grey coloured, homogeneous, free flowing powder.

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.8% Agar gel

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Black coloured,opaque gel forms in petri plates andcontains undissolved black particles.

Reaction

Reaction of 6.25 % w/v aqueous solution pH: 7.3 ±0.2 at 25°C

pH range

7.1-7.5

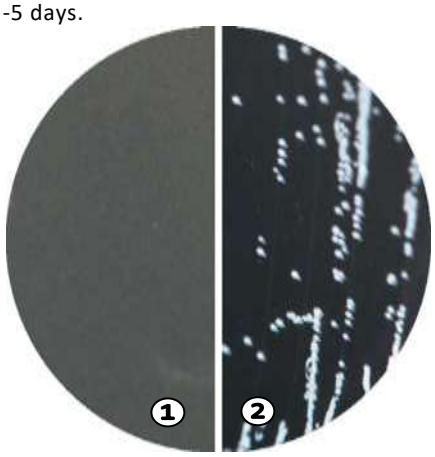
Cultural Response/Characteristics

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 24-48 hours

Organisms (ATCC)	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Recovery
Bordetella bronchiseptica (4617)	10^2-10^3	luxuriant	>50%
Bordetella parapertussis (15237)	10^2-10^3	luxuriant	>50%
Bordetella pertussis (8467)	10^2-10^3	luxuriant	>50%

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: 2-8^0 in sealable plastic bags for 2-5 days.



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1. Control
2. *Bordetella bronchiseptica*

Further Reading

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