Technical Information

*Mic12 (Dodeca) G-IV Plus

Product Code: DE1023

Application: Dodeca G-IV-Plus is an inert flat circular ring having 12 discs of 6 mm diameter on its projections. These discs are coated with antibiotics that aid antibiotic susceptibility testing of gram positive organisms.

Composition**

Each ring contains

Antibiotic	Concentration
Amikacin (AK)	30µg
Amoxycillin (AMX)	25µg
Cefalexin (CN)	30µg
Cefazolin (CZ)	30µg
Co-Trimoxazole (COT)	25µg
Gentamicin (GEN)	10µg
Streptomycin (S)	10µg
Amoxyclav (AMC)	30µg
Tetracycline (TE)	30µg
Ciprofloxacin (CIP)	5µg
Teicoplanin (TEI)	30µg
Erythromycin (E)	15µg

Susceptibility Test Procedure:

1. Prepare plates with Mueller Hinton Agar (DM1173/DM2084) for rapidly growing aerobic organisms as per Bauer-Kirby Method. For *Haemophilus spps* use *Haemophilus* Test Agar(DM2259+MS2117), for *S.pneumoniae* Muller Hinton Agar supplemented with 5% Sheep Blood is to be used, & for *Neisseria spps* : G.C.Agar +1% defined growth supplement (DM1434+MS2025)is recommended. The medium in the plates should be sterile and should have a depth of about 4 mm.
2. Inoculate 4-5 similar colonies with a wire, needle or loop to 5 ml Tryptone Soya Broth (DM1011) and incubate at 35-37°C for 2-8 hours until light to moderate turbidity develops. Compare the inoculum turbidity with that of standard 0.5 McFarland (R1092) (prepared by mixing 0.5 ml of 1.175% barium chloride and 99.5 ml of 0.36N sulfuric acid). Dilute the inoculum or incubate further as necessary to attain comparative turbidity. Alternatively, the inoculum can be standardized by other appropriate optical method (0.08-0.13 OD turbid suspension at 625 nm)
3. Dip a sterile non-toxic cotton swab on a wooden applicator into the standardized inoculum and rotate the soaked swab firmly against the upper inside wall of the tube to express excess fluid. Streak the entire agar surface of the plate with the swab three times, turning the plate at 60° angle between each streaking. Allow the inoculum to dry for 5 - 15 minutes with lid in place.
4. Apply the discs using aseptic technique.
5.Deposit the rings at the centre of the plate using sterile forceps
6. Incubate immediately at 35 ± 2°C and examine after 16-18 hours or longer, if necessary. For fastidious organisms incubate at appropriate temperature and time.
7.Measure the zones showing complete inhibition and record the diameters of the zones to the nearest millimeter using a calibrated instrument like zone scales (PW1096/PW1297)

Principle

Antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) of bacterial and fungal isolates is a common and important technique in most clinical laboratories. The results of these tests are used for selection of the most appropriate antimicrobial agent(s) for treatment against the infectious organisms. Till the 1950s, laboratories were lacking in the methodologies and equipments for the accurate determination of in vitro responses of organisms to antimicrobial agents. Bauer et al (1) began the development of standardized methods for antimicrobial susceptibility testing, using disc diffusion system. However the susceptibility results may not always correlate with the patient's response to therapy. The response of an infected patient to antimicrobial agent(s) is a complex interrelationship of host responses, drug dynamics and microbial activity. Antimicrobial susceptibility tests are either quantitative or qualitative. Disc diffusion test is a qualitative test method. The National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards (NCCLS), now known as Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) has published comprehensive documents regarding the disc diffusion systems. The agar disc diffusion test is the most convenient and widely used method for routine antimicrobial susceptibility testing. In subsequent and current practice, antimicrobial impregnated paper discs are applied onto the agar surface. Based on the Bauer-Kirby Method, standardized reference procedures for the disc systems were published by WHO and FDA and are periodically updated by the CLSI (formerly NCCLS)(2).

For convenience and economy of conducting antimicrobial susceptibility tests multidiscs are designed. These are enhanced extensions of Single Discs. These series of discs gives the privilege to study large number of antibiotics at one time.

These discs are made of unique inert material which enhances their absorption hence allowing faster adheration of discs to the media. Moreover the discs are designed in such a way that each antibiotic on a single ring is at least 24 mm apart from the others, thus reducing the merging of zones. The symbols and concentrations of antimicrobials present are indicated in respect of each peripherally located disc.

Quality Control

Appearance

Flat circular ring of inert material w/ 8 and 4 equidistant arms respectively on the outer & inner periphery, each w/ a 6 mm disc at the end; all the discs impregnated w/different antibiotics, w/corresponding symbols & concentrations printed on the ring.

Cultural response

Average diameter of zone of inhibition is observed on Mueller Hinton Agar (DM1173) after 18-24 hours incubation at 35-37°C for standard cultures.

Organisms(ATCC)	Antibiotic	Std.Zone of diameter(mm)
Escherichia coli ATCC 25922	Amikacin AK 30 mcg	19 -26 mm
	Amoxycillin AMX 25mcg	19 -25 mm
	Cephalexin CN 30mcg	17 -22 mm
	Cefazolin CZ 30 mcg	21 -27 mm
	Co-Trimoxazole COT 25 mcg	23 -29 mm
	Gentamicin GEN 10mcg	19 -26 mm
	Sterptomycin S 10mcg	12 -20 mm
	Amoxyclav AMC 30 mcg	18 -24 mm
	Tetracycline TE 30mcg	18 -25 mm
	Ciprofloxacin CIP 5 mcg	30 -40 mm
Staphylococcus aureus ATCC 25923	Amikacin AK 30 mcg	20 -26 mm
	Amoxycillin AMX 25mcg	28 -36 mm
	Cephalexin CN 30mcg	29 -37 mm
	Cefazolin CZ 30 mcg	29 -35 mm
	Co-Trimoxazole COT 25 mcg	24 -32 mm
	Gentamicin GEN 10mcg	20 -26 mm
	Sterptomycin S 10mcg	14 -22 mm
	Amoxyclav AMC 30 mcg	28 -36 mm
	Tetracycline TE 30mcg	24 -30 mm
	Ciprofloxacin CIP 5 mcg	22 -30 mm
	Teicoplanin TEI 30 mcg	15 -21 mm
	Erythromycin E 15mcg	22 -30 mm
Pseudomonas aeruginosa ATCC 27853	Amikacin AK 30 mcg	18 -26 mm
	Gentamicin GEN 10mcg	16 -21 mm
	Ciprofloxacin CIP 5 mcg	25 -33 mm

Further Reading

1. Bauer, Kirby, Sherris and Turck, 1966, Am. J. Clin. Path., 45: 493
2. Performance standards of Antimicrobial Disc Susceptibility Tests, CLSI Vol. 32 No.3, Jan 2012.

Storage and Shelf Life

On receipt discs should always be stored at -20°C under dry conditions, along with the dessicator provided in individual pack.
Use before expiry date on the label.

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