

Technical Information

Potato Infusion Agar

Product Code: DM 1174

Application: Potato Infusion Agar is recommended for the isolation of *Brucella* species.

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Potato infusion from	200.000
Peptic digest of animal tissue	10.000
Beef extract	5.000
Dextrose	10.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Agar	15.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	6.8±0.2

^{**}Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Principle & Interpretation

Brucella is a strictly aerobic, gram-negative coccobacilli which causes Brucellosis in human being This organism is carried by animals and causes incidental infections in humans. Infection in men usually occurs due to consumption of contaminated milk, meat or direct contact with intected animal. Potato Infusion Agar is used for the isolation of Brucella species (1). It is also used for the cultivation of Brucella species in large scale for antigen and vaccine preparation. This medium enables Brucella species to form typical colonies when isolated from infected materials.

Potato Infusion Agar medium contains infusion of potato, beef extract and peptic digest of animal tissue which provide necessary nutrients required for the growth of *Brucella*. Dextrose serves as source of energy and sodium chloride maintains the osmotic equilibrium of the medium.

Methodology

Suspend 49 grams of powder media in 1000 ml distilled water containing 20 ml glycerol. Shake well & heat to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

Quality Control

Physical Appearance

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

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pH Range:- 6.60-7.00

Cultural Response/Characteristics

DM 1174: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35 - 37°C for 24 - 72 hours.

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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.

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