



Dehydrated Culture Media
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Technical Information

Tryptose Agar, w/ Thiamine HCl

Product Code: DM 1996

Application: - Tryptose Agar, w/Thiamine HCl is used for the isolation, cultivation and differentiation of fastidious microorganisms in an infusion free medium.

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Tryptose	20.000
Dextrose	1.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Thiamine hydrochloride	0.005
Agar	15.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.2±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Principle & Interpretation

Tryptose containing media, rather than the conventionally meat infusion media have been used for the enumeration and isolation of *Brucella* species^(2, 3). Huddleson used Tryptose media for the isolation of *Brucella* species from man⁽¹⁾. Addition of thiamine to tryptose media enhanced the recovery of *Brucella* species especially *Brucella suis*^(4, 5). Tryptose Agar with thiamine HCl is recommended by APHA⁽⁶⁾ and Diagnostic Procedures and Reagents⁽⁷⁾ for the isolation and cultivation of *Brucella* species and also Streptococci, meningococci, pneumococci and other pathogenic bacteria⁽⁸⁾. These media can be used as general purpose media for cultivation of wide variety of organisms. It can also be supplemented with defibrinated blood (sheep, horse) to prepare blood agar for the isolation of fastidious organisms like *Brucella*.

Dextrose is the source of energy. Tryptose serves as nitrogen source while sodium chloride maintains osmotic equilibrium. Blood Agar may be prepared by adding 5%v/v sterile defibrinated blood to molten sterile Tryptose Agar w/ thiamine hydrochloride at 50°C.

Methodology

Suspend 41 grams of powder media in 1000 ml distilled water. Shake well & heat to dissolve the media completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. For blood media, aseptically add 5% v/v sterile defibrinated blood. Mix well and dispense as desired.

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

Basal Medium: Yellow coloured clear to slightly opalescent gel. After addition of 5% v/v sterile defibrinated blood: Cherry red coloured opaque gel forms in Petri plates.

Reaction

Reaction of 4.1% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.2±0.2

pH Range:-

7.00-7.40

Cultural Response/Characteristics

DM 1996: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 48-72 hours with added 5% v/v sterile defibrinated blood in presence of 10% Carbon dioxide(CO₂).





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Organism	Growth
<i>Brucella melitensis</i> ATCC 4309	good-luxuriant
<i>Brucella suis</i> ATCC 4314	good-luxuriant
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> ATCC 6303	good-luxuriant
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> ATCC 19615	good-luxuriant

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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