

## Technical Information

### Phenol Red Starch Broth

#### Product Code: DM 2016

**Application:** - Phenol Red Starch Broth is used for starch fermentation studies of microorganisms.

#### Composition\*\*

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Proteose peptone	10.000
Beef extract	1.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Starch	5.000
Phenol red	0.018
Final pH ( at 25°C)	7.4±0.2

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

#### Principle & Interpretation

Phenol Red Broth Medium is formulated by Vera <sup>(2)</sup> is recommended to determine the fermentation reaction of different carbohydrates for the identification of microorganisms <sup>(3-5)</sup>. Phenol Red Broth Medium with various carbohydrates serves as a differential medium by aiding in differentiation of various species and genera by their ability to ferment the specific carbohydrate, with the production of acid or acid and gas <sup>(6)</sup>.

Phenol Red Starch Broth is used to study starch fermentation in various bacteria.

Proteose peptone and beef extract serve as sources for carbon and nitrogen. Sodium chloride is the osmotic stabilizer. Phenol red is the pH indicator, which turns yellow at acidic pH i.e. on fermentation of starch. Gas formation is seen in Durhams tubes. All the members of *Enterobacteriaceae* family grow well in this medium. In addition to producing a pH colour shift, the production of mixed acids, notably butyric acids, often results

#### Methodology

Suspend 21 grams of powder media in 1000 ml distilled water and mix well. Shake well & heat if necessary to ensure complete dissolution. Distribute in fermentation tubes (tubes containing inverted Durham's tubes). Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes.

#### Quality Control

##### Physical Appearance

Light yellow to pink coloured homogeneous free flowing powder

##### Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Red coloured Clear solution without any precipitate

##### Reaction

Reaction of 2.1% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.4±0.2

**pH Range** 7.20-7.60

##### Cultural Response/ characteristics

DM 2016: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35 - 37°C for 18 - 24 hours.



Dehydrated Culture Media  
Bases / Media Supplements

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Acid	Gas
Citrobacter freundii ATCC 8090	50-100	luxuriant	Weak reaction	Positive reaction
Escherichia coli ATCC 25922	50-100	luxuriant	Negative reaction, no colour change	Negative reaction
Enterobacter aerogenes ATCC 13048	50-100	luxuriant	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Negative reaction
Klebsiella pneumoniae ATCC 13883	50-100	luxuriant	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Negative reaction
Proteus vulgaris ATCC 13315	50-100	luxuriant	Negative reaction, no colour change	Negative reaction
Salmonella Typhi ATCC 6539	50-100	luxuriant	Negative reaction, no colour change	Negative reaction
Salmonella Typhimurium ATCC 14028	50-100	luxuriant	Negative reaction, no colour change	Negative reaction
Serratia marcescens ATCC 8100	50-100	luxuriant	Negative reaction, no colour change	Negative reaction
Shigella flexneri ATCC 12022	50-100	luxuriant	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Negative reaction

## 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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