



Phenol Red Dextrose Broth

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Intended Use:

Recommended for Dextrose fermentation studies of microorganisms.

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Proteose peptone	10.000
HM peptone B #	1.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Dextrose (Glucose)	5.000
Phenol red	0.018
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.4±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Equivalent to Beef extract

Directions

Suspend 21.02 grams in 1000 ml purified / distilled water, mix well. Heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. Distribute in fermentation tubes (tubes containing inverted Durham's tubes). Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50°C.

Principle And Interpretation

Phenol Red Broth Medium is formulated as per Vera (8) and is recommended to determine the fermentation reaction of carbohydrates for the differentiation of microorganisms (1,2,6). 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 (7). Phenol Red Dextrose Broth is used to study dextrose fermentation in various bacteria.

Proteose peptone and HM peptone B 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 dextrose. Gas formation is seen in Durhams tubes. All of the *Enterobacteriaceae* grow well in this medium. In addition to producing a pH colour shift, the production of mixed acids, notably butyric acids, often results in a pungent, foul odour from the culture medium (5).

Type of specimen

Isolated Microorganisms

Specimen Collection and Handling

For isolated Microorganisms samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines. After use, contaminated materials must be sterilized by autoclaving before discarding.

Warning and Precautions :

Read the label before opening the container. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/ face protection. Follow good microbiological lab practices while handling specimens and culture. Standard precautions as per established guidelines should be followed while handling specimens. Safety guidelines may be referred in individual safety data sheets.

Limitations :

- 1.This media is not intended for primary isolation of specimens.
2. Overincubation is not recommended
- 3 Since the medium is pH dependent, adjustment of pH is important for correct results.

Performance and Evaluation

Performance of the medium is expected when used as per the direction on the label within the expiry period when stored at recommended temperature.

Quality Control

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

7.20-7.60

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18-24 hours (longer if necessary).

Organism	Inoculum(CFU)	Growth	Acid	Gas
<i>Citrobacter freundii</i> ATCC 8090	50-100	luxuriant	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Positive reaction, yellow colour
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 (00013*)	50-100	luxuriant	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Positive reaction, yellow colour
# <i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i> ATCC 13048 (00175*)	50-100	luxuriant	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Positive reaction, yellow colour
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> ATCC 13883 (00097*)	50-100	luxuriant	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Positive reaction, yellow colour
<i>Proteus vulgaris</i> ATCC 13315	50-100	luxuriant	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Positive reaction, yellow colour
<i>Salmonella</i> Typhi ATCC 6539	50-100	luxuriant	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Positive reaction, yellow colour
<i>Salmonella</i> Typhimurium ATCC 14028 (00031*)	50-100	luxuriant	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Positive reaction, yellow colour
<i>Serratia marcescens</i> ATCC 8100	50-100	luxuriant	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Positive reaction, yellow colour
<i>Shigella flexneri</i> ATCC 12022 (00126*)	50-100	luxuriant	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Negative reaction, yellow colour

Key : (*) Corresponding WDCM numbers.

(#) Formerly known as *Enterobacter aerogenes*

Storage and Shelf Life

Store between 10-30°C in a tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 15-25°C. Use before expiry date on the label. On opening, product should be properly stored dry, after tightly capping the bottle in order to prevent lump formation due to the hygroscopic nature of the product. Improper storage of the product may lead to lump formation. Store in dry ventilated area protected from extremes of temperature and sources of ignition. Seal the container tightly after use. Product performance is best if used within stated expiry period.

Disposal

User must ensure safe disposal by autoclaving and/or incineration of used or unusable preparations of this product. Follow established laboratory procedures in disposing of infectious materials and material that comes into contact with sample must be decontaminated and disposed of in accordance with current laboratory techniques (3,4).

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