Yersinia Enrichment Broth Base

**Intended use**
Yersinia Enrichment Broth Base is used for the enrichment of *Yersinia* species, in particular *Yersinia enterocolitica* from human and animal intestinal contents.

**Composition**

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<th>Ingredients</th>
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<td>Casitose#</td>
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<td>Yeast extract</td>
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<td>Disodium hydrogen phosphate</td>
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<td>Malachite green</td>
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<td>Final pH ( at 25°C)</td>
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**Directions**
Suspend 13.01 grams in 1000 ml purified / distilled water. Heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. Mix well and dispense in tubes or flasks as desired. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes.

**Principle And Interpretation**

*Yersinia enterocolitica* and related species *Yersinia intermedia*, *Yersinia frederiksenii* and *Yersinia kristensenii* constitute a heterologous group of organisms, some of which are parasites and potential pathogens of humans and animals, while others are apparently saprophytic and free living in water, soil and vegetation (2). *Y. enterocolitica* has been isolated from humans with a variety of clinical symptoms ranging from mild gastroenteritis, appendicitis and terminal ileitis. *Yersinia* has also been isolated from many animal species throughout the world. Human infections probably occur from ingestion of contaminated food products or animal contact. Family and other small outbreaks suggest that person to person transmission occurs.

*Yersinia* is relatively sensitive to acidic conditions; therefore acid foods and fermented products should be analyzed promptly. The most efficient procedure for recovering enteropathogenic bacteria from foods incorporates at least one and often two enrichment steps before plating onto selective differential agar media. Yersinia Enrichment Broth Base is recommended as an enrichment broth for *Yersinia* species. The diagnosis is confirmed by direct isolation of the organisms on solid medium from enrichment broth. Yersinia Enrichment Broth Base contains casitose and yeast extract providing necessary nutrients for growth of *Yersinia*. It has disodium hydrogen phosphate acting as buffer salt. Malachite green in the medium inhibits other contaminating bacteria.

For enrichment of *Y. enterocolitica*, prepare 1:10 homogenate of the food sample by weighing 25 grams of food and adding it to 225 ml of primary enrichment medium. Carefully transfer the homogenate from the blender up to a sterile jar or flask for incubation. After incubation, inoculate in selective enrichment broth (Yersinia Enrichment Broth Base) at a ratio of 1:100. Incubate at 25°C and streak onto a plating agar such as CIN Agar (*Yersinia Selective Agar Base*) after 3 and 5 days.

**Type of specimen**
Clinical samples - Blood; Food and dairy samples

**Specimen Collection and Handling**
For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines (4,5).
For food and dairy samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection and processing as per guidelines (1,3).
After use, contaminated materials must be sterilized by autoclaving before discarding.

**Warning and Precautions :**
In Vitro diagnostic Use only. 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 clinical specimens. Safety guidelines may be referred in individual safety data sheets.

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Limitations:
1. Biochemical tests must be carried out for confirmation.

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 light blue homogeneous free flowing powder

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium
Greenish blue coloured clear to slightly opalescent solution with a slight precipitate.

Reaction
Reaction of 1.3% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 5.8±0.2

pH
5.60-6.00

Cultural Response
M1367: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 25-30°C for 24-48 hours.

Organism | Inoculum (CFU) | Growth
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Escherichia coli ATCC 25922 (00013*) | >=10³ | inhibited
Yersinia enterocolitica ATCC 27729 | 50-100 | good-luxuriant

Key : *Corresponding WDCM numbers.

Storage and Shelf Life
Store between 10-30°C in a tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 2-8°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. Use before expiry date on the label.
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 clinical
sample must be decontaminated and disposed of in accordance with current laboratory techniques (4,5).

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