



GN Broth, Hajna

Intended use

GN Broth, Hajna, is recommended for selective enrichment of gram-negative enteric organisms.

Composition **

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Tryptose	20.000
Dextrose	1.000
Mannitol	2.000
Sodium citrate	5.000
Sodium deoxycholate	0.500
Dipotassium phosphate	4.000
Monopotassium phosphate	1.500
Sodium chloride	5.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.0±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 39.0 grams in 1000 ml purified/distilled water. Heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. Dispense in test tubes or flasks as desired. Sterilize by autoclaving at 115°C (10 lbs pressure) for 15 minutes. AVOID EXCESSIVE HEATING.

Principle And Interpretation

Hajna (4) developed Gram Negative (GN) Broth as an enrichment medium for recovery of *Salmonella* and *Shigella* from clinical and non-clinical specimens such as urine, blood clots, throat swabs, swabs from eating and drinking utensils etc (4,5). GN Broth, Hajna is also recommended by APHA (11) for the microbiological examination of foods. Croft and Miller isolated more strains of *Shigella* from rectal swabs using this medium (1). Taylor and Schelhart showed the superiority of GN Broth to selenite enrichment media for isolation of *Shigella* (12). Hajna (5,6) also suggested the enrichment of organisms from rectal swabs in this medium 1-6 hours before plating on solid media.

The medium contains tryptose, which provides amino acids and other nitrogenous substances to support bacterial growth. The combination of sodium citrate and sodium deoxycholate inhibit gram-positive and some gram-negative bacteria such as coliforms. Phosphates serve as a buffering system. Sodium chloride maintains osmotic equilibrium. The higher concentration of mannitol over dextrose limits the growth of *Proteus* and enhances growth of mannitol fermenting *Salmonella* and *Shigella*. This enrichment broth should be used in conjunction with selective and nonselective plating media to increase the probability of isolating pathogens (9,10,11).

GN Broth, Hajna should be inoculated directly with the specimen. In case of stool specimens, approximately 1 gram should be used for inoculation. Appropriate references for processing of clinical and food samples should be followed (2,3,10,11). After incubation of 6-8 hours and again after 24 hours, sub culturing on selective agar media should be carried out (9).

Type of specimen

Clinical samples - Blood.

Specimen Collection and Handling

For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines (7,8). 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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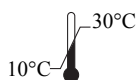
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