

Modified Czapek Dox Agar ,Granulated

GM1170

Intended Use:

Czapek Dox Agar, Modified Granulated is used for the cultivation and maintenance of numerous fungal species.

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Sucrose	30.000
Sodium nitrate	2.000
Magnesium glycerophosphate	0.500
Potassium chloride	0.500
Dipotassium sulphate	0.350
Ferrous sulphate	0.010
Agar	12.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	6.8±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 45.36 grams in 1000 ml purified/distilled water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50°C. Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates. For preparing selective medium (M1170), acidify the media upto pH 3.0-4.0 by the addition of one vial of 10% Lactic acid solution (FD095).

Principle And Interpretation

Czapek Dox Agar, Modified supports the growth of organisms which are able to utilize sodium nitrate as the sole source of nitrogen. It is also used for the cultivation and maintenance of numerous fungal species and also for chlamydospore production by *Candida albicans*(1). The medium has been recommended by various authours for studies of *Aspergillus*, *Penicillium* and *Actinomycetes* (2-5).

Sodium nitrate is the sole source of nitrogen while sucrose is the sole source of carbon. Magnesium glycerophosphate and potassium sulphate help in chlamydospore production by *C. albicans*. Chlamydospore production can be observed by spreading the inoculum between the agar and the Petri plate.

Type of specimen

Clinical samples; Water samples

Specimen Collection and Handling:

For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines (6,7).

For water samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection, processing as per guidelines and local standards.(8)

After use, contaminated materials must be sterilized by autoclaving before discarding.

Warning and Precautions :

In Vitro diagnostic use. For professional 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.

Limitations :

1. Individual organisms differ in their growth requirement and may show variable growth patterns on the medium.
2. Each lot of the medium has been tested for the organisms specified on the COA. It is recommended to users to validate the medium for any specific microorganism other than mentioned in the COA based on the user's unique requirement.

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

White to light yellow colored granular medium.

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.2% Agar gel.

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Light yellow coloured, clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates

Reaction

Reaction of 4.54% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 6.8±0.2

pH

6.60-7.00

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed with added 10% Lactic acid solution (FD095) after an incubation at different temperatures for 24 -48 hours.

Organism	Growth	Incubation temperature
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> ATCC 1028	luxuriant	50°C
# <i>Aspergillus brasiliensis</i> ATCC 16404 (00053*)	luxuriant	30°C
<i>Candida albicans</i> ATCC 10231 (00054*)	luxuriant (Chlamydospores formation)	28°C
<i>Penicillium notatum</i> ATCC 10108	luxuriant	20 - 25°C
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> ATCC 9763 (00058*)	luxuriant	25 - 30°C

Key : *Corresponding WDCM numbers.

Formerly known as *Aspergillus niger*

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. 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 (6,7).

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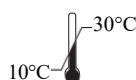
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