



Bromocresol Purple Broth with Lactose

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Intended Use:

Recommended for identification of *Escherichia coli* and coliform bacteria from water samples.

Composition**

Ingredients	g / L
Peptone	10.000
HM extract #	3.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Lactose	10.000
Bromo cresol purple	0.020
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.2±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Equivalent to Meat extract

Directions

Suspend 28.02 grams in 1000 ml purified/distilled water. Heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. Dispense in tubes containing inverted Durhams tubes. Sterilize by autoclaving at Δ 115°C for 20 minutes.

Δ Corresponds to 10 lbs pressure.

Principle And Interpretation

The coliform group of bacteria is the principal indicator of suitability of water for domestic, industrial or other uses. The coliform group density has been established as a criterion of the degree of pollution and thus of sanitary quality. Faecal Streptococci and Enterococci are also indicators of faecal pollution (1). Where it is claimed that drinking water has been processed for safety, the finding of such organism demonstrates a failure of the process. It is a valuable bacterial indicator for determining the extent of faecal contamination of recreational surface waters or drinking water (2). Bromo Cresol Purple Broth with Lactose is used for the identification of *Escherichia coli* and coliforms from water. It is used for enrichment and determining the titre of coliforms in the bacteriological analysis of drinking water (3,4). The medium contains Peptone and HM extract, which supplies the essential nutrients for *E. coli* and other coliforms. Sodium chloride maintains the osmotic equilibrium of the medium. Lactose upon fermentation by coliforms produce acid and is indicated by the pH indicator bromocresol purple. It turns yellow at acidic pH.

Type of specimen

Water samples

Specimen Collection and Handling

For water samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection, processing as per guidelines and local standards (1). 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. Individual organisms differ in their growth requirement and may show variable growth patterns on the medium.

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

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Purple coloured clear solution without any precipitate

Reaction

Reaction of 2.8% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.2±0.2

pH

7.00-7.40

Cultural Response

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

Organism	Growth	Acid	Gas
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 (00013*)	good-luxuriant	positive reaction, yellow colour	positive reaction
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC 29212 (00087*)	fair-good	variable reaction	negative reaction
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> ATCC 13883 (00097*)	good-luxuriant	positive reaction, yellow colour	positive reaction
<i>Salmonella</i> Typhimurium ATCC 14028 (00031*)	good-luxuriant	negative reaction, no colour change	negative reaction

Key : (*) Corresponding WDCM numbers.

Storage and Shelf Life

Store between 10-30°C in a tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 15-30°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 (5,6).

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