HiCrome® RajHans Medium, Modified (Salmonella Agar, Modified)

M1634

Intended Use:

Recommended for identification and differentiation of *Salmonella* species from the members of *Enterobacteriaceae,* especially *Proteus* species.

Composition**

Ingredients	g / L
Tryptone	8.000
Yeast extract	5.000
Peptone	4.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Sodium deoxycholate	1.000
Agar	12.000
Neutral red	0.020
Lactose	3.000
Chromogenic mixture	4.320
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.3±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 42.34 gram in 1000 ml purified/distilled water. Mix well and heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. **DO NOT AUTOCLAVE.** Cool to 45-50°C. Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

Principle And Interpretation

HiCrome® RajHans Medium, Modified is a modification of the original formulation of Rambach (1), used for differentiation of *Salmonella* species from *Proteus* species and other enteric bacteria. The original formulation is based on the novel characteristic of *Salmonella* species to produce acid from propylene glycol, which is detected by indicators present in the medium. These media are unique, because it is not based on acid production by propylene glycol. These media like many other media such as SS Agar, XLD Agar, recommended for the identification and differentiation of *Salmonella* species are based on lactose fermentation (2).

Tryptone, peptone and yeast extract supports the luxuriant growth of bacteria by providing carbonaceous, nitrogenous, vitamin B complex and other essential nutrients. Sodium deoxycholate inhibits gram-positive organisms rendering the medium selective for enteric microorganisms. The chromogenic mixture incorporated in the medium yields pink to red colonies of *Salmonella* . Lactose fermenting organisms form light purple to blue violet colonies. Other enteric gram-negative bacteria form colourless colonies.

Type of specimen

Clinical: faeces, urine, etc.; Water samples; Food samples

Specimen Collection and Handling

For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines (3,4).
For food samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection and processing as per guidelines (5).
For water samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection, processing as per guidelines and local standards (6).
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. The medium is selective for *Salmonella* may not support the growth of other microorganisms.
2. Most of the *Salmonella* strains show pink-red colonies except few which may show colorless colonies.
3. Due to nutritional variations, some strains may show poor growth.
4. Final confirmation of suspected colonies must be carried out by serological and biochemical tests.

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 beige homogeneous free flowing powder

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.2% Agar gel.

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

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

Reaction

Reaction of 4.23% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.3±0.2

pH

7.10-7.50

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 24-48 hours.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Recovery	Colour of colony
Escherichia coli ATCC 25922 (00013*)	50-100	luxuriant	>=50%	light purple
Klebsiella pneumoniae ATCC 13883 (00097*)	50-100	luxuriant	>=50%	blue-violet
Salmonella Enteritidis ATCC 13076 (00030*)	50-100	luxuriant	>=50%	pink-red
Proteus mirabilis ATCC 25933	50-100	luxuriant	>=50%	colourless
Salmonella Typhimurium ATCC 14028 (00031*)	50-100	luxuriant	>=50%	pink-red
Salmonella Typhi ATCC 6539	50-100	luxuriant	>=50%	colourless
Shigella flexneri ATCC 12022 (00126*)	50-100	luxuriant	>=50%	colourless
Staphylococcus aureus subsp. *aureus* ATCC 25923 (00034*)	>=10^4	inhibited	0%	

Key: (*) Corresponding WDCM numbers

Storage and Shelf Life

Store between 15-25°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 (3,4).

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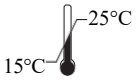

Storage temperature

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