



HiCrome™ *Acinetobacter* Agar Base

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Intended Use

Recommended for selective isolation of *Acinetobacter* species from environmental and clinical samples.

Composition**

Ingredients	g/ L
Peptone special	9.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Selective mix	0.500
Chromogenic mixture	1.350
Agar	15.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.0±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 30.85 gram in 1000 ml purified/distilled water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. **DO NOT AUTOCLAVE**. Cool to 45-50°C and add the rehydrated contents of two vials of AC Selective Supplement (FD271) or one vial of VCC Selective Supplement (FD335). Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

Principle And Interpretation

Acinetobacter species are gram negative bacteria that have been isolated from patients with nosocomial infection, environment, soil, and water. *Acinetobacter* is mostly found in every type of infections (1). There is an alarming situation as *Acinetobacter baumannii* is found to be resistant to most commonly used antibiotics which includes beta-lactams and aminoglycosides (1,2). Immunocompromised patients requiring mechanical respirations are at more risk of infection by *Acinetobacter* species (3).

Peptone special provides nitrogenous, carbonaceous compounds, amino acids, vitamins and other growth factors essential to the organism. Sodium chloride maintains the osmotic balance. Selective mix inhibits gram positive organisms. The chromogenic mixture in the medium allows the differentiation of *Acinetobacter* species from other organisms.

Type of specimen

Clinical sample: Urine, wounds, nasal swabs, etc.

Specimen Collection and Handling:

For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines (4,5).

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

Warning and Precautions :

In Vitro diagnostic Use only. 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.
3. Slight colour variation may be observed depending upon the utilization of the substrate by the organism.

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 yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

White to cream opaque gel forms in Petri plate.

Reaction

Reaction of 3.09% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.0±0.2

pH

6.8-7.2

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed with added supplement (FD271 or FD335) after an incubation at 35-37°C for 24-48 hours.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Recovery	Colour of colony
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> ATCC BAA-1605	50 -100	luxuriant	≥50 %	Light purple -purple
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> ATCC BAA-747	≥10 ⁴	Inhibited	0 %	-
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> ATCC 19606	≥10 ⁴	Inhibited	0 %	-
<i>Acinetobacter lwoffii</i> ATCC 15309	≥10 ⁴	Inhibited	0 %	-
<i>Acinetobacter haemolyticus</i> ATCC 19002	≥10 ⁴	Inhibited	0 %	-
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 (00013*)	≥10 ⁴	Inhibited	0 %	-
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC 29212 (00087*)	≥10 ⁴	Inhibited	0 %	-

Key : (*) Corresponding WDCM numbers.

Storage and Shelf Life

Store dehydrated powder and prepared medium between 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 (4,5).

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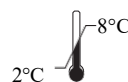
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