



Nutrient Broth

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Intended use

Nutrient Broth is used for the general cultivation of less fastidious microorganisms

Composition**

| Ingredients | g / L |
|-----------------|-------|
| Yeast extract | 1.500 |
| Sodium chloride | 5.000 |

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 6.50 grams in 1000 ml purified / distilled water. Heat, if necessary, to dissolve the medium completely. Dispense into tubes or flasks as desired. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes.

Principle And Interpretation

Nutrient media are basic culture media used for maintaining microorganisms, cultivating fastidious organisms by enriching with serum or blood and are also used for purity checking prior to biochemical or serological testing (1,2). It can be used for the cultivation and enumeration of bacteria which are not particularly fastidious. Addition of different biological fluids such as horse or sheep blood, serum, egg yolk etc. makes it suitable for the cultivation of related fastidious organisms.

Yeast extract provide the necessary nitrogen compounds, carbon, vitamins and also some trace ingredients necessary for the growth of bacteria. Sodium chloride maintains the osmotic equilibrium of the medium.

Type of specimen

Food and dairy samples; Water samples.

Specimen Collection and Handling:

For food and dairy samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection and processing as per guidelines (3,4). For water samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection, processing as per guidelines and local standards (5). After use, contaminated materials must be sterilized by autoclaving before discarding.

Warning and Precautions :

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 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

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Light yellow coloured clear to slightly opalescent solution

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18-48 hours.

| Organism | Inoculum (CFU) | Growth |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 (00013*) | 50-100 | good-luxuriant |
| <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC 27853 (00025*) | 50-100 | good-luxuriant |
| <i>Salmonella</i> Typhi ATCC 6539 | 50-100 | good-luxuriant |
| <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> aubsp.aureus ATCC 25923 (00034*) | 50-100 | good-luxuriant |
| <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> ATCC 19615 | 50-100 | good-luxuriant |

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 (6,7).

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