

Technical Data

ISP Medium No. 3 M358

Intended Use:

Recommended for cultivation and characterization of *Streptomyces* species as per International *Streptomyces* Project.

Composition**

| Ingredients | Gms / Litre |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Oat Meal | 20.000 |
| Agar | 18.000 |
| Trace salts, | - |
| Ferric sulphate heptahydrate | 0.001 |
| Manganese chloride tetrahydrate | 0.001 |
| Zinc sulphate heptahydrate | 0.001 |
| Final pH (at 25°C) | 7.3±0.2 |

^{**}Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 38.0 grams(equivalent weight of dehydrated medium per litre) in 1000 ml purified / distilled water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50°C and mix intermittently while pouring into sterile Petri plates for even distribution of oatmeal.

Principle And Interpretation

ISP Medium No. 3 is formulated based on the original formula of Shirling and Gottleib (1). The medium is often referred to as Oat Meal Agar.

Oatmeal provides the necessary nutrients for growth of Streptomyces. The trace salts solution that constitutes of ferric sulphate, manganese chloride and zinc sulphate provide the essential electrolytes and minerals. The concentration of these salts used per litre in the medium is 1.0 mg (concentration of 0.1 mg%). Inoculate ISP Medium No.1 (M356) with the test organisms and incubate at $30^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.2$ for upto 96 hours. Inoculate the plates of ISP Medium No. 3 by streaking, using 0.1 ml of this test culture inoculum.

Type of specimen

Food samples

Specimen Collection and Handling:

For food samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection and processing as per guidelines (3). 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. Further biochemical tests must be carried out for confirmation.

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 beige homogeneous free flowing powder

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.8% Agar gel

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Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Very light amber coloured opalescent gel with precipitation forms in Petri plates.

Reaction

Reaction of 3.8% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH: 7.3±0.2

pН

7.10-7.50

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 48-72 hours.

| Organism | Growth |
|--|----------------|
| Streptomyces achromogenes ATCC 12767 | good-luxuriant |
| Streptomyces albus subsp albus ATCC 3004 | good-luxuriant |
| Streptomyces lavendulae ATCC 8664 | good-luxuriant |

Storage and Shelf Life

Store between 10-30°C in a tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 15-25°C. Use before expiry date on the label. On opening, product should be properly stored dry, after tightly capping the bottle inorder 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 (1,2).

Reference

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