



## Pike Streptococcal Broth Base

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### Intended Use:

Used for the selective enrichment and cultivation of *Streptococci* from throat swabs and other clinical specimens.

### Composition\*\*

Ingredients	g / L
Tryptone	10.000
Tryptose	10.000
Yeast extract	10.000
Dextrose (Glucose)	0.200
Sodium azide	0.065
Crystal violet	0.002
Final pH ( at 25°C)	7.4±0.2

\*\*Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

### Directions

Suspend 30.26 grams in 1000 ml purified/distilled water. Heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. Dispense in 100 ml amounts in flasks. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50°C and aseptically add 5% v/v sterile defibrinated rabbit blood. Mix well and dispense aseptically in 2 ml amounts in sterile tubes.

### Principle And Interpretation

*Streptococcus* is a genus of spherical, gram-positive bacteria having both pathogenic and commensal role. *Streptococci* are subdivided into groups by antibodies that recognize surface antigens. These groups may include one or more species. The most important groupable streptococci are A, B and D. Individual species of *Streptococcus* are classified primarily based on their hemolytic properties (breakdown of red blood cells in a laboratory). Pike Streptococcal Broth is prepared as per the formula described by Pike (1) for selective enrichment and cultivation of haemolytic streptococci from throat swabs (2). This medium is also used to preserve *Streptococcus pyogenes*, Pneumococci and *Haemophilus influenzae* from nose and throat swabs (3).

Tryptone, tryptose and yeast extract provide nitrogenous nutrients, carbon, sulphur, vitamin B complex, trace elements for the growth of haemolytic Streptococci. Dextrose acts as the energy source. Crystal violet inhibits gram-positive bacteria and sodium azide inhibits gram-negative rods and non-haemolytic Streptococci (4).

### Type of specimen

Clinical samples - nasal swabs, throat swabs, etc.

### Specimen Collection and Handling:

For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines (5,6). 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.

### Performance and Evaluation

Performance of the medium is expected when used as per the direction on the label expiry period when stored at within the recommended temperature.

## Quality Control

### Appearance

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

### Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Yellow coloured clear solution without any precipitate

### Reaction

Reaction of 3.0% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.4±0.2

### pH

7.20-7.60

### Cultural Response

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

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 (00013*)	$\geq 10^4$	inhibited
# <i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i> ATCC 13048 (00175*)	$\geq 10^4$	inhibited
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC 29212 (00087*)	50-100	good-luxuriant
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> subsp. <i>aureus</i> ATCC 25923 (00034*)	$\geq 10^4$	inhibited

Key : \*Corresponding WDCM numbers.

## Storage and Shelf Life

Store between 10-30°C in a tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 20-30°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 clinical sample must be decontaminated and disposed of in accordance with current laboratory techniques (5,6).

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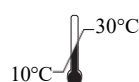
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