

HiCrome™ Candida Differential Agar Plate

MP1297A

Intended Use

Recommended for rapid isolation and identification of *Candida* species from mixed cultures in clinical and non-clinical samples.

Composition**

Ingredients	g/ L
Peptone, special	15.000
Yeast extract	4.000
Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate	1.000
Chromogenic mixture	7.220
Chloramphenicol	0.500
Agar	15.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	6.3±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Either streak, inoculate or surface spread the test inoculum (50-100 CFU) aseptically on the plate.

Principle And Interpretation

Perry and Miller (1) reported that *Candida albicans* produces an enzyme β -N-acetyl- galactosaminidase and according to Rousselle et al (2) incorporation of chromogenic or fluorogenic hexosaminidase substrates into the growth medium helps in identification of *C.albicans* isolates directly on primary isolation. HiCrome™ Candida Differential Agar is a selective and differential medium, which facilitates rapid isolation of yeasts from mixed cultures and allows differentiation of *Candida* species namely *C.albicans*, *C.krusei*, *C.tropicalis* and *C.glabrata* on the basis of colouration and colony morphology. On this medium results are obtained within 48 hours and it is useful for the rapid and presumptive identification of common yeasts in Mycology and Clinical Microbiology Laboratory.

Peptone special and yeast extract provides nitrogenous, carbonaceous compounds and other essential growth nutrients. Phosphate buffers the medium well. Chloramphenicol suppresses the accompanying bacterial flora. *C.albicans* appear as light green coloured smooth colonies, *C.tropicalis* appear as blue to metallic blue coloured raised colonies. *C.glabrata* colonies appear as cream to white smooth colonies, while *C.krusei* appear as purple fuzzy colonies.

Type of specimen

Clinical samples - skin scrapings, urine, etc.

Specimen Collection and Handling

For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines (3,4).

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 pack. 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.Variations in colour intensity may be observed for *Candida* isolates depending on the presence of enzymes.
- 2.Other *Candida* species may produce light mauve coloured colonies which is also produced by other yeast cells. This must be confirmed by further biochemical tests.
- 3.Other filamentous fungi also exhibit colour on this medium.
- 4.Individual organisms differ in their growth requirement and may show variable growth patterns on the medium.
- 5.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

Sterile HiCrome™ Candida Differential Agar in 90 mm disposable plates with smooth surface and absence of black particles/cracks/bubbles

Colour of medium

Light amber coloured medium

Quantity of medium

25 ml of medium in 90 mm disposable plates.

pH

6.10-6.50

Sterility Check

Passes release criteria

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 25-30°C for 40-48 hours.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Recovery	Colour of Colony
<i>Candida albicans</i> ATCC 10231 (00054*)	50-100	good-luxuriant	≥50%	light green
<i>Candida glabrata</i> ATCC 15126	50-100	good-luxuriant	≥50%	cream to white
# <i>Teunomyces krusei</i> ATCC 24408	50-100	good-luxuriant	≥50%	purple, fuzzy
<i>Candida tropicalis</i> ATCC 750	50-100	good-luxuriant	≥50%	blue to purple
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 (00013*)	≥10 ³	inhibited	0%	
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> subsp. <i>aureus</i> ATCC 25923 (00034*)	≥10 ³	inhibited	0%	

Key : (*) Corresponding WDCM numbers.

(#) Formerly known as *Candida krusei*.

Storage and Shelf life

On receipt store between 2-8°C. Use before expiry date on the label. 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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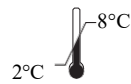
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