Technical Data

Oxytetracycline Glucose Yeast Agar Plate

MP639

Intended Use

Recommended for selective isolation and enumeration of yeasts and moulds in food

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Yeast extract	5.000
Dextrose (Glucose)	20.000
Agar	12.000
Oxytetra Selective Supplement	2vials
Oxytetracycline (2x50 mg)	100.00mg
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.0±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

Acidic media are not completely suitable for counting yeasts and moulds in foods since yeast cells, stressed by heat do not tolerate the acidic conditions necessary to inhibit bacterial contamination. Yeast and moulds growth is often limited by the presence of acid-tolerant bacterial flora. Therefore it is evident that more active media and different selective agents are needed in order to deal with various kinds of foodstuffs, incubation conditions and types of microorganisms to be studied. Under certain conditions and when testing certain foods like milk and milk products, the use of oxytetracycline alone was not sufficient to obtain reliable yeast and moulds counts.

OGYE Agar Base is formulated by Mossel et al for the selective isolation and enumeration of yeast and moulds from foods (3,4). They found that addition of Oxytetra selective supplement to a neutral pH medium increased the recovery / count of yeast and moulds as compared to acidified medium.

Yeast extract provides essential growth nutrients. Dextrose acts as carbon and energy source. Low pH helps to reduce the bacterial flora. Oxytetracycline makes the medium more selective by inhibiting the growth of Lactobacilli encountered in milk and milk-products at low pH. The choice of a suitable media for enumeration of yeasts and moulds greatly depends on the nature of foodstuffs to be tested and the organisms that grow on them. These media remain bacteriostatic when inoculated with not greater than 1 ml of a 10-1 food dilution and incubation at 22°C. The number of yeasts or moulds is calculated per one gram or 1 ml of sample under investigation by multiplying the number of colonies with the dilution factor. Lactic acid bacteria are inhibited on this medium.

Type of specimen

Food samples

Specimen Collection and Handling:

For food samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection and processing as per guidelines (5).

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

Warning and Precautions :

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 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 at the recommended temperature.

Quality Control

Appearance
Sterile Oxytetracycline Glucose Yeast Agar in 90 mm disposable plates.

Colour of medium
Light amber coloured medium

Quantity of medium
25 ml of medium in 90 mm disposable plates.

pH

6.80-7.20

Sterility Test
Passes release criteria

Cultural Response
Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 25-30°C after 2-5 days.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Recovery
# Aspergillus brasiliensis ATCC 16404 (00053*)	50-100	good-luxuriant	
Candida albicans ATCC 10231 (00054*)	50-100	good-luxuriant	>=50%
Escherichia coli ATCC 25922 (00013*)	>=10^4	inhibited	0%
Saccharomyces cerevisiae ATCC 9763 (00058*)	50-100	good-luxuriant	>=50%
Saccharomyces uvarum ATCC 9080	50-100	good-luxuriant	>=50%

Key : (#) Formerly known as *Aspergillus niger* (*) Corresponding WDCM numbers.

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 sample must be decontaminated and disposed of in accordance with current laboratory techniques (1,2).

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