



Alternative Thioglycollate Medium, Sterile powder

MU010G

Intended Use:

(γ irradiated) Recommended for the evaluation of sterility in manufacturing process in accordance with USP.

Composition**

Ingredients	g / L
Tryptone	15.000
Yeast extract	5.000
Dextrose monohydrate	5.500
Sodium chloride	2.500
L-Cysteine	0.500
Sodium thioglycollate	0.500
pH after sterilization	7.1 \pm 0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Sterile powder can be used directly for the evaluation of sterility in manufacturing process. For sterile liquid medium aseptically add 28.5 grams (the equivalent weight of dehydrated medium per litre) in 1000 ml sterile distilled/purified water. Heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. **DO NOT AUTOCLAVE OR OVERHEAT.**

Excessive heating is detrimental. Dispense aseptically in sterile tubes or flasks as desired.

Note: It is preferable to use freshly prepared medium, alternatively it should be boiled and cooled just once prior to use, as on reheating, toxic oxygen radicals are formed.

Principle And Interpretation

Alternative Thioglycollate Medium is formulated as described in N.I.H. Memorandum (1), U.S. Pharmacopeia (2). Alternative Thioglycollate Medium contains sodium thioglycollate that can neutralize the bacteriostatic effect of mercurial preservatives. Absence of agar makes it suitable for testing viscous materials and devices having tubes with small lumina. Tryptone, yeast extract, dextrose, L-cystine provides nitrogenous and carbonaceous compounds, vitamin B complex, trace elements and other essential growth nutrients.

Type of specimen

Pharmaceutical: Sterility testing of viscous products.

Specimen Collection and Handling

For pharmaceutical products, follow appropriate techniques for sample processing in case of viscous materials as mentioned under sterility. (1,2) 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. The tubes should not be reheated as frequent boiling leads to development of toxic products.
2. Prior to use the medium should be boiled once to remove the absorbed oxygen.
3. Before inoculation, the tubes should be brought to room temperature.
4. The medium should not be used in fermentation process as medium contains yeast extract which is high in carbohydrate content.

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 solution without any precipitate.

Reaction

Reaction of 2.9% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.1±0.2

pH

6.90-7.30

Growth Promotion Test

As per United States Pharmacopoeia

Sterility test

No bacterial and fungal growth is observed after 14 days at 30-35°C.

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 30-35°C for not more than 3 days.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth
Growth Promotion Test		
<i>Clostridium sporogenes</i> ATCC 19404 (00008*)	50 -100	luxuriant
<i>Clostridium sporogenes</i> ATCC 11437	50 -100	luxuriant
*\$\$ <i>Phocaeicola vulgatus</i> ATCC 8482	50 -100	luxuriant
Additional Microbiological testing		
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> subsp. <i>aureus</i> ATCC 25923 (00034*)	50 -100	luxuriant
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> subsp. <i>aureus</i> ATCC 6538 (00032*)	50 -100	luxuriant
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC 27853 (00025*)	50 -100	luxuriant
^ <i>Pseudomonas paraeruginosa</i> ATCC 9027 (00026*)	50 -100	luxuriant
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 (00013*)	50 -100	luxuriant
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 8739 (00012*)	50 -100	luxuriant
<i>Salmonella</i> Abony NCTC 6017 (00029*)	50 -100	luxuriant
<i>Clostridium perfringens</i> ATCC 13124 (00007*)	50 -100	luxuriant
<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i> ATCC 23745	50 -100	luxuriant

Key : (*) Corresponding WDCM numbers.

\$\$ Formerly known as *Bacteroides vulgatus* ^ Formerly known as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

Storage and Shelf Life

Store between 10-30°C in 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 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 (3,4).

Reference

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2. The United States Pharmacopoeia-National Formulary (USP-NF), 2022.
3. Isenberg, H.D. Clinical Microbiology Procedures Handbook 2nd Edition.
4. Jorgensen, J.H., Pfaller, M.A., Carroll, K.C., Funke, G., Landry, M.L., Richter, S.S and Warnock., D.W. (2015) Manual of Clinical Microbiology, 11th Edition. Vol. 1.

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