

BHI HiVeg™ Agar w/PABA

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Intended Use:

Recommended for improved growth of pathogens from blood from patients undergoing sulphonamide treatment.

Composition**

Ingredients	g / L
HiVeg™ infusion	10.000
HiVeg™ special infusion	7.50
HiVeg™ peptone	10.000
Dextrose (Glucose)	2.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Disodium hydrogen phosphate	2.500
p-Amino benzoic acid (PABA)	0.050
Agar	1.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.4±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 38.05 grams in 1000 ml purified/distilled water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50°C. Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

Principle And Interpretation

BHI HiVeg™ Agar w/PABA is highly nutritious media which can support luxuriant growth of wide variety of microorganisms including bacteria, yeasts and moulds (1) and is often used for isolation of pathogens from clinical specimens especially blood (2). Para amino benzoic acid is an active inhibitor of the bacteriostasis produced by the sulfonamide drugs; also it serves as an accessory growth factor for several species of bacteria (3). Therefore para amino benzoic acid incorporated in the medium helps to neutralize the effect of antimicrobials present in the blood of patients under sulphonamide therapy making isolation of organisms from blood easier. Agar in the medium reduces the oxygen tension and favors growth of facultative and obligatory anaerobic microorganisms. BHI HiVeg™ Agar w/PABA is prepared by using vegetable peptones in place of animal based peptones which make the media free of BSE/TSE risks. HiVeg™ peptone, HiVeg™ special infusion and HiVeg™ infusion provides carbon, nitrogen, amino acids and vitamins. Dextrose serves as a source of energy. Sodium chloride helps in maintaining the osmotic equilibrium.

Type of specimen

Please add specimens

Specimen Collection and Handling

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 clinical specimens. Safety guidelines may be referred in individual safety data sheets.

Limitations

1. Further biochemical tests must be carried out for complete identification.

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 amber coloured, clear to very slightly opalescent solution without any precipitate

Reaction

Reaction of 3.8% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.4±0.2

pH

7.20-7.60

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed with added 0.5 grams of sulphadiazine per litre after an incubation i) Bacteria at 35-37°C for 18-24 hours ii) Fungal at 25-30°C for 24-48 hours iii) Bacteroides species anaerobically for 18-48 hours .

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth
<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i> ATCC 25285	50-100	good-luxuriant
<i>Candida albicans</i> ATCC 10231 (00054*)	50-100	good-luxuriant
<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> ATCC 13090	50-100	luxuriant
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> ATCC 6303	50-100	luxuriant
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> ATCC 19615	50-100	good-luxuriant

Key : *Corresponding WDCM numbers.

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 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 (4,5).

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