



# Sabouraud Dextrose Agar

**SMH063** 

For cultivation of C.albicans in accordance with the harmonized method of USP/EP/BP/JP.

| Composition**        |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Ingredients          | Gms / Litre |
| Mycological, peptone | 10.000      |
| Dextrose             | 40.000      |
| Agar                 | 15.000      |
|                      |             |

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

## **Directions**

Sabouraud Dextrose Agar is a ready to use solid media in glass bottle. The medium is pre-sterilized; hence it does not need sterilization. Medium in the bottle can be melted either by using a pre-heated water bath or any other method. Slightly loosen the cap before melting. When complete melting of medium is observed dispense the medium as desired and allowed to solidify.

# **Principle And Interpretation**

Sabouraud Dextrose Agar is Carliers modification (1) of the formulation described by Sabouraud (2) for the cultivation of fungi (yeasts, moulds), particularly useful for the fungi associated with skin infections. This medium is also employed to determine microbial contamination in food, cosmetics, and clinical specimens (3).

Mycological peptone provides nitrogenous compounds. Dextrose provides an energy source. High dextrose concentration and low pH favours fungal growth and inhibits contaminating bacteria from test samples (4).

Some pathogenic fungi may produce infective spores which are easily dispersed in air, so examination should be carried out in safety cabinet. For heavily contaminated samples, the plate must be supplemented with inhibitory agents for inhibiting bacterial growth with lower pH.

## **Quality Control**

Appearance

Sterile glass bottle containing clear to slightly opalescent Sabouraud Dextrose Agar.

**Colour** Light Amber coloured medium

**Quantity of medium** 100 ml of medium in glass bottle

**Reaction** 5.40- 5.80

**Sterility test** Passes release criteria

### Cultural response

Cultural characteristics after melting the medium and pouring into sterile petri plates. The plates are inoculated with following test organisms and incubation at 25°C for 7 days.

| Organism                          | Growth    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Aspergillus niger ATCC            | Luxuriant |
| 16404<br>Candida albicans ATCC    | Luxuriant |
| 10231<br>Saccharomyces cerevisiae | Luxuriant |
| ATCC 9763                         |           |

*Trichophyton rubrum ATCC* Luxuriant 28191

#### **Storage and Shelf Life**

Store between 15-25°C. Use before expiry date on the label.

#### Reference

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