



XLD AGAR (XYLOSE LYSINE DEOXYCHOLATE AGAR) (as per USP/BP/JP/EP) TMH 112

INTENDED USE

For selective differentiation and enrichment medium of *Salmonella* and *Shigella* species

COMPOSITION

Ingredients	Gms/Ltr.
Agar	13.500
Lacose monohydrate	7.500
Sucrose	7.500
Sodium thiosulphate	6.800
L-Lysine	5.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Xylose	3.500
Yeast extract	3.000
Sodium deoxycholate	2.500
Ferric ammonium citrate	0.800
Phenol red	0.080

PRODUCT SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION

XYLOSE LYSINE DEOXYCHOLATE AGAR is used as a selective and differential medium for the recovery of *Salmonella* and *Shigella* species. This medium is a selective as well as differential medium formulated by Taylor for the isolation and identification of enteric pathogens especially *Shigellae* from stool samples. Human *Salmonellae* infections are most commonly caused by ingestion of food, milk or water contaminated by human or animal excreta. The medium is also employed for pharmaceutical testing and non-sterile product testing for the detection of *Salmonella* after enrichment in Rappaport Vassialidias *Salmonella* Enrichment Broth in accordance with the harmonized method of USP/EP/BP/JP/IP.

PRINCIPLE

Deoxycholate, ferric ammonium citrate and sodium thiosulphate are selective agents that inhibit gram-positive microorganisms. Essential nutrients, growth factors for growth of microorganism are provided by yeast extract. Xylose, sucrose and lactose are the fermentable sugars in this medium.



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PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Most enteric organisms except *Shigella* ferment xylose to produce acid. *Salmonella* also produce decarboxylate lysine which keeps the pH neutral or slightly alkaline. At this pH *Salmonella* species can produce hydrogen sulphide from the reduction of thiosulphate. This is indicated by Ferric ammonium citrate producing black or black-centred colonies. Some organisms, such as *Citrobacter*, can also decarboxylate lysine. However, they ferment lactose and sucrose which keeps the pH too low for the production of hydrogen sulphide. Bacteria that ferment none of these sugars, e.g., *Shigella*, appear as red, translucent colonies. Yellow colonies indicate a rapid fermentation of lactose and acid pH, as demonstrated by *Escherichia coli*. Since *Salmonella* ferment xylose as readily as coliforms, a second differential mechanism, lysine decarboxylase, is utilized. Those organisms that ferment xylose as well as decarboxylate lysine exhaust the xylose rapidly and the lysine reaction causes a pH reversal to the alkaline reaction similar to *Shigella*. Lactose and Sucrose are added in excess to prohibit this same reversion by lysine-positive coliforms.

Sodium thiosulphate helps in reactivation of sulphur containing compounds and prevents the desiccation of these compounds during storage. It also forms the substrate for enzyme thiosulphate reductase, which breaks it to form H₂S. Thiosulphate and ferric ammonium citrate are the H₂S indicators in the medium. Sodium thiosulphate is also inactivator of halogens, mercurial and aldehyde and can minimize its toxicity in the testing sample, if any during microbial limit tests. Sodium chloride maintains the osmotic equilibrium in this medium. Phenol red is the pH indicator.

INSTRUCTION FOR USE

1. Dissolve 55.18 grams of dehydrated medium in 1000 ml distilled water.
2. Gently heat with frequent agitation until the medium boils.
3. DO NOT AUTOCLAVE OR OVERHEAT.
4. Transfer immediately to a water bath at 50°C.
5. After cooling, pour into sterile Petri plates.

QUALITY CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS

Appearance of Powder: Light yellow to pink colour, homogeneous free flowing powder

Appearance of prepared medium: Red colour, clear to slightly opalescent gel

pH (at 25°C): 7.4 ± 0.2

INTERPRETATION:

Culture characteristics observed after inoculating incubation period of 18 - 24 hours at 35 ± 2°C.

Microorganisms	ATCC	*Inoculum (CFU)	Appearance of colony	Standard recovery (%)
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i>	14028	50-100	Red with black centers	≥ 50%
<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	6539	50-100	Red with black centers	≥ 50%



<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	25933	50-100	Grey with black centers	≥ 50%
<i>Shigella flexneri</i>	12022	50-100	Red coloured	30-40%
<i>Shigella sonnei</i>	25931	50-100	Red coloured	30-40%
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	25922	50-100	Yellow	20 - 30%
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	25923	≥ 1000	----	0%
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	29212	≥ 1000	----	0%

STORAGE & STABILITY

Dehydrated powder, hygroscopic in nature, store in a dry place, in tightly-sealed containers below 25°C and protect from direct Sunlight. Under optimal conditions, the medium has a shelf life of 4 years. When the container is opened for the first time, note the time and date on the label space provided on the container. After the desired amount of medium has been taken out replace the cap tightly to protect from hydration.

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NOTE: Please consult the Material Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.