

# TM 1952 – AGAR MEDIUM F (CRYSTAL VIOLET, NEUTRAL RED, BILE AGAR W/ GLUCOSE) (as per EP/BP)

### **INTENDED USE**

For detection and enumeration of Enterobacteria.

#### PRODUCT SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION

It is selective medium recommended for detection of Enterobacteriaceae species as recommended by British Pharmacopoeia and is also cited as Agar medium, F. Mossel et al added glucose to the medium observing improved detection of coliforms. Incubation can be carried out at different temperatures and incubation time depending upon the group of Enterobacteriaceae to be recovered. The red colour is due to absorption of neutral red and a subsequent colour change of the dye when the pH of medium falls below 6.8.

## **COMPOSITION**

Ingredients	Gms / Ltr
Pancreatic digest of gelatin	7.000
Yeast extract	3.000
Lactose monohydrate	10.000
Bile salts	1.500
Glucose monohydrate	10.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Neutral red	0.030
Crystal violet	0.002
Agar	15.000

### **PRINCIPLE**

Gelatin and yeast extract provide nitrogenous and carbonaceous compounds, long chain amino acids, vitamins and other nutrients essential for bacterial metabolism. This media is selective due to presence of the inhibitors; bile salts and crystal violet. Crystal violet inhibits gram-positive organisms especially Staphylococci. Neutral red indicator helps to detect lactose monohydrate and glucose monohydrate fermentation. Lactose and glucose fermenting strains grow as red or pink and may be surrounded by a zone of acid precipitated bile. Sodium chloride maintains the osmotic equilibrium in the medium.

# **INSTRUCTION FOR USE**

- Dissolve 50.12 grams (the equivalent weight of dehydrated medium per litre) in 1000 ml purified /distilled water.
- Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely.
- DO NOT HEAT IN AN AUTOCLAVE. Cool to 45-50°C.
- Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

# **QUALITY CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS**

**Appearance of Powder** : Light yellow to pink homogeneous free flowing powder.

: Reddish purple coloured clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates. Appearance of prepared medium

: 7.4±0.2 pH (at 25°C)











### **INTERPRETATION**

Cultural characteristics observed after incubation.

Microorganism	ATCC	Inoculum (CFU/ml)	Growth	Recovery	Colour of colony	Incubation Temperatu re	Incubati on Period
Enterobacter aerogenes	13048	50 -100	Good- luxuriant	>=50 %	Pink-red	35-37°C	18-24 Hours
Escherichia coli	25922	50 -100	Good- luxuriant	>=50 %	Pink-red	35-37°C	18-24 Hours
Salmonella Enteritidis	13076	50 -100	Good- luxuriant	>=50 %	Light-pink	35-37°C	18-24 Hours
Staphylococcus aureus subsp. aureus	25923	>=10³	Inhibited	0 %	-	35-37°C	18-24 Hours
Escherichia coli	8739	50 -100	Luxuriant	>=50 %	Pink-red	35-37°C	18-24 Hours
Staphylococcus aureus subsp. aureus	6538	>=10³	Inhibited	0 %	-	35-37°C	18-24 Hours

## **PACKAGING:**

In pack size of 500 gm bottles.

# **STORAGE**

Dehydrated powder, hygroscopic in nature, store in a dry place, in tightly-sealed containers between 25-30°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.

**Product Deterioration:** Do not use if they show evidence of microbial contamination, discoloration, drying or any other signs of deterioration.

# **DISPOSAL**

After use, prepared plates, specimen/sample containers and other contaminated materials must be sterilized before discarding.

# **REFERENCES**

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**NOTE:** Please consult the Material Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling Practices. \*For Lab Use Only Revision: 08 Nov., 2019







