

TMS 03- LYSINE IRON AGAR SLANT

INTENDED USE

For detection of enteric organism especially *Salmonella arizonae*, based on their ability to decarboxylate or deaminate lysine and to form hydrogen sulphide (H₂S)

PRODUCT SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION

Lysine Iron Agar was developed by Edwards and Fife to detect lactose fermenting Salmonellae. Salmonellae are known to decarboxylate lysine rapidly and produce large amounts of hydrogen sulphide. This medium is a sensitive medium for the detection of lactose fermenting and lactose non-fermenting *Salmonella* species. Many strains of this group ferment lactose very rapidly thus suppressing H₂S production on Triple Sugar Iron Agar. So there is a possibility that the organisms frequently found in food poisoning outbreaks could be overlooked. Thatcher and Clark described the isolation of *Salmonella* species from foods from selective agar and to inoculate it on Lysine Iron Agar and Triple Sugar Iron together. Using these two media greater discrimination can be made between coliform organisms e.g. *Escherichia coli* and *Shigella* species.

COMPOSITION

| Ingredients | Gms / Ltr |
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| Agar | 15.000 |
| L-Lysine | 10.000 |
| Peptone | 5.000 |
| Yeast extract | 3.000 |
| Dextrose (Glucose) | 1.000 |
| Ferric ammonium citrate | 0.500 |
| Sodium thiosulphate | 0.040 |
| Bromocresol purple | 0.020 |

PRINCIPLE

Peptone and yeast extract provide essential nutrients. Dextrose is a source of fermentable carbohydrate. Ferric ammonium citrate and sodium thiosulphate are indicators of H₂S formation. Cultures that produce hydrogen sulphide cause blackening of the medium due to ferrous sulphide production. Lysine decarboxylation causes an alkaline reaction (purple colour) to give the amine cadaverine and the organisms which do not decarboxylate lysine, produce acid butt (yellow colour). Organisms that deaminate lysine, form alpha - ketocarboxylic acid, which reacts with iron salt near the surface of the medium under the influence of oxygen to form reddish-brown compound. The medium is stabbed to the base of the butt and streaked on slant.

INSTRUCTION FOR USE

Inoculate the bacterial culture with an inoculating needle by stabbing the base of the butt and streaking on the slants.

QUALITY CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS

| Appearance |
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| Quantity | of | Medium |
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| pH (at 25 | 5°C |) |

- Purple coloured, clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in tubes as slants
- 8 ml of medium in glass tube.
- : 6.7±0.2







INTERPRETATION

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation.

| Microorganism | ATCC | Growth | H₂S | Slant | Butt | Incubation Temperature | Incubation Time |
|---------------------------|-------|-----------|--|---|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Escherichia coli | 25922 | Luxuriant | Negative reaction | Alkaline reaction, purple or no colour change | Alkaline reaction, purple or no colour change | 35-37°C | 18-24 hours. |
| Citrobacter freundii | 8090 | Luxuriant | Positive reaction, blackening of medium | Alkaline reaction, purple or no colour change | Acidic reaction, yellowing of the medium | 35-37°C | 18-24 hours. |
| Shigella flexneri | 12022 | Luxuriant | Negative reaction | Alkaline reaction, purple or no colour change | Acidic reaction, yellowing of the medium | 35-37°C | 18-24 hours. |
| Proteus mirabilis | 25933 | Luxuriant | Positive reaction, blackening of medium | Deep red,lysine deamination | Acidic reaction, yellowing of the medium | 35-37°C | 18-24 hours. |
| Salmonella arizonae | 13314 | Luxuriant | Positive reaction, blackening of medium | Alkaline reaction, purple or no colour change | Alkaline reaction, purple or no colour change | 35-37°C | 18-24 hours. |
| Salmonella enteritidis | 13076 | Luxuriant | Positive reaction, blackening of medium | Alkaline reaction, purple or no colour change | Alkaline reaction, purple or no colour change | 35-37°C | 18-24 hours. |
| Salmonella typhimurium | 14028 | Luxuriant | Positive reaction, blackening of medium | Alkaline reaction, purple or no colour change | Alkaline reaction, purple or no colour change | 35-37°C | 18-24 hours. |

PACKAGING:

Kit of 10 Ready-To-Use Slants containing 8 ml medium in each glass tube.

STORAGE

On receipt, store tubes in the dark at 2 - 8°C. Avoid freezing and overheating. Do not open until ready to use. Minimize exposure to light. Tubed media stored as labeled until just prior to use may be inoculated up to the expiration date and incubated for the recommended incubation times. Allow the medium to warm to room temperature before inoculation. **Product Deterioration:** Do not use tubes if they show evidence of microbial contamination, discoloration, drying or other signs of deterioration.

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.

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PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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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: 27thNov. 2019

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