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Product :
BRAIN HEART INFUSION AGAR (BHI AGAR)

Specification

General purpose solid medium for fastidious pathogenic microorganisms.

Formula * in g/L

Enzymatic digest of animal tissues, and
 brain-heart extract 27.5
 Sodium chloride..... 5.0
 Di-sodium phosphate..... 2.5
 Dextrose..... 2.0
 Agar..... 15.0

Final pH 7,4 ±0,2 at 25 °C

* Adjusted and /or supplemented as required to meet performance criteria

Directions

Suspend 52 g of powder in 1 L of distilled water and bring to the boil. Distribute in tubes or flasks and sterilize in the autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes.

Description

Brain Heart Infusion is used for the cultivation of fastidious bacteria (streptococci, pneumococci, meningococci, etc.) and is also recommended for the cultivation of pathogenic fungi.

Growth of the accompanying bacterial microbiota can be almost completely suppressed by adding 20 iu penicillin and 40 µg streptomycin per mL culture medium.

If this medium is to be used for the selective isolation of fastidious fungi (especially of *Histoplasma capsulatum* and *Blastomyces*) add 10% sterile defibrinated blood and for mixed infected samples also add 0,05 µg/mL cycloheximide and 0,5 µg/mL chloramphenicol.

This medium is not suitable for obtaining characteristic haemolytic reactions even after addition of blood because of its glucose content.

Quality control

Incubation temperature: 37°C ±1,0

Incubation time: 24±2h

Inoculum: Practical range 100 ± 20 CFU. Min. 50 CFU (Productivity) acc. ISO 11133:2014/Amd 1:2018 . Spiral Plate

Microorganism	Growth	Remarks
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC® 25923	Productivity > 0.70	-
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC® 6538	Productivity > 0.70	-
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC® 19433	Productivity > 0.70	-
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC® 8739	Productivity > 0.70	-
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> ATCC® 19615	Productivity > 0.70	-
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> ATCC® 49619	Productivity > 0.70	add blood 5%



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Storage

For laboratory use only. Keep tightly closed, away from bright light, in a cool dry place (+4 °C to 30 °C).