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Dey Engley Neutralizing Agar Contact Plate (90mm Plate) (γ -irradiated) (Triple Pack) (pack of 10) (EP005IT)

Intended Use

Dey Engley Neutralizing Agar Contact Plate (90mm plate) (γ -irradiated) (Triple Pack) (pack of 10) (EP005IT) is a medium for testing of disinfectants, where neutralization of the chemical is important for determining its bactericidal activity.

Product Summary and Explanation

Dey-Engley Neutralizing Agar is formulated as per the procedure described by Engley and Dey to neutralize a broad spectrum of disinfectants and preservative antimicrobial chemicals, including quaternary ammonium compounds, phenolics, iodine, chlorine preparations, mercurials, formaldehyde, and glutaraldehyde.⁽¹⁾ A strongly bacteriostatic substance inhibits the growth and reproduction of bacteria without killing them. These bacteria hold the ability to cause infection under favourable conditions. D/E Neutralizing media neutralizes higher concentrations of residual antimicrobials as compared with other standard neutralizing formulations, such as Lethen media, Thioglycollate media, and Neutralizing Buffer.^(2,3) Complete neutralization of disinfectants is crucial and disinfectant residues can result in a false negative (no-growth) test. D/E Neutralizing Agar allows differentiation between bacteriostasis and true bactericidal action of disinfectant chemicals by effectively neutralizing the inhibitory action of disinfectant carryover.^(4,5) This is a significant characteristic to consider when evaluating a disinfectant. D/E Neutralizing Agar is also recommended for use in disinfectant evaluations, environmental sampling (swab and contact plate methods), and testing of water- miscible cosmetics.⁽⁶⁾

Principles of the Procedure

Dey-Engley Neutralizing Agar Contact Plate contains casein enzymic hydrolysate which provide essential nutrients for metabolism. Dextrose is an energy and carbon source. Yeast extract is also a rich source of vitamin B-complex. The present formulation incorporates neutralizing substances for almost all the active products used as antiseptics and disinfectants. Sodium bisulfite neutralizes aldehydes; sodium thioglycollate neutralizes mercurials; sodium thiosulfate neutralizes iodine and chlorine,⁽¹⁾ lecithin neutralizes quaternary ammonium compounds; and polysorbate 80, a non-ionic surface-active agent, neutralizes substituted phenolics.⁽⁷⁻¹⁰⁾ Bromocresol purple is an indicator for dextrose utilization. Due to the high concentration of lecithin, bromocresol purple and dextrose are added to the medium. Those organisms that ferment dextrose will turn the medium from purple to yellow.

Formula / Liter

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Casein enzymic hydrolysate	5.00
Yeast extract	2.50
Dextrose	10.00
Sodium thiosulphate	6.00
Sodium thioglycollate	1.00
Sodium bisulphite	2.50
Lecithin	7.00
Polysorbate 80	5.00
Bromocresol purple	0.02
Agar	15.00

Formula may be adjusted and/or supplemented as required to meet performance specifications





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Precautions

1. Prepared plated media are For *in vitro* Diagnostic Use or For Laboratory Use as labeled.
2. Directions for use should be read and followed carefully.
3. If excessive moisture is observed, invert the bottom over an off-set lid and allow to air dry in order to prevent formation of a seal between the top and bottom of the plate during incubation.
4. Observe aseptic techniques and established precautions against microbiological hazards throughout all procedures, since it must be assumed that all specimens/samples collected might contain infectious microorganisms.

Product Deterioration

Do not use plates if they show evidence of microbial contamination, discoloration, drying, cracking or other signs of deterioration.

Directions

Either streak, inoculate or surface spread the test inoculum (50-100 CFU) aseptically on the plate.

Quality Control Specifications

Appearance	Sterile Dey/Engley Neutralizing Agar in 90mm contact plate (gamma-irradiated)
Colour	Purple coloured medium
Reaction	7.40- 7.80
Quantity of medium	25-27 ml of medium in 90mm plates

Dose of irradiation : 10.00- 25.00

Sterility Check: Passes release criteria.

Cultural Response

Growth Promotion was carried out in accordance with the harmonized method and growth was observed after an incubation as specified.

Recovery rate

Recovery rate is considered 100% for bacteria growth on Soyabean Casein Digest Agar and fungus growth on Sabouraud Dextrose Agar.

Expected Cultural Response:

Sr. No.	Organisms	Results to be achieved CFU)					
		Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Observed Lot value (CFU)	Recovery	Incubation Temperature	Incubation Period
	Growth at 30-35°C for <= 3 days						
1.	<i>Salmonella Abony</i> NCTC6017	50 - 100	luxuriant	35 -100	>=70 %	30 -35 °C	18 -24 hrs
2.	<i>Escherichia coli</i> NCTC 9002	50 - 100	luxuriant	35 -100	>=70 %	30 -35 °C	18 -24 hrs
3.	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC 9027	50 - 100	luxuriant	35 -100	>=70 %	30 -35 °C	18 -24 hrs





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4.	<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 11229	50 - 100	luxuriant	35 -100	≥70 %	30 -35 °C	18 -24 hrs
5.	<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 8739	50 - 100	luxuriant	35 -100	≥70 %	30 -35 °C	18 -24 hrs
6.	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> ATCC 19659	50 - 100	luxuriant	35 -100	≥70 %	30 -35 °C	18 -24 hrs
7.	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> ATCC 6633	50 - 100	luxuriant	35 -100	≥70 %	30 -35 °C	18 -24 hrs
8.	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 6538	50 - 100	luxuriant	35 -100	≥70 %	30 -35 °C	18 -24 hrs
	Growth at 20-25° C for ≤ 5 days						
9.	<i>Aspergillus brasiliensis</i> ATCC 16404	50 - 100	luxuriant	8 -80	≥70 %	20 -25 °C	≤5 d
10.	<i>Candida albicans</i> ATCC 10231	50 - 100	luxuriant	35 -100	≥70 %	20 -25 °C	≤5 d
11.	<i>Candida albicans</i> ATCC 2091	50 - 100	good-luxuriant	35 -100	≥70 %	20 -25 °C	≤5 d
12.	<i>Penicillium chrysogenum</i> ATCC 11709	50 - 100	luxuriant	35 -100	≥70 %	20 -25 °C	≤5 d

The organisms listed are the minimum that should be used for quality control testing.

Test Procedure

Refer to appropriate references for standard test procedures.

Results

Refer to appropriate references and test procedures for interpretation of results.

Storage

On receipt, store plates at 20-25°C.

Expiration

Refer to the expiration date stamped on the pack. Prepared plates stored in their original sleeve wrapping at 15-25°C until just prior to use may be inoculated up to the expiration date and incubated for recommended incubation times.

Product Disposal

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

Limitations of the Procedure

1. Some diagnostic tests may be performed with the primary plate. However, a pure culture is recommended for the majority of biochemical tests and other identification procedures.





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2. Consult appropriate references for further information.

Packaging

Product Name : Dey Engley Neutralizing Agar Contact Plate (90mm Plate)

Product Code : EPO05IT

Available Pack sizes : γ -irradiated, Triple Pack (Pack of 10 plates)

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