

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION SHEET

Wang's Semisolid Medium (DM1015)

Intended Use

Wang's Semisolid Medium (DM1015) is recommended for storage and transportation of Campylobacter species.

Product Summary and Explanation

Campylobacter (meaning "curved bacteria") is a genus of Gram-negative, microaerophilic, oxidase-positive, catalasepositive, non-fermentative bacteria. Due to delays in culturing specimens, despite improved techniques isolation of *Campylobacter* species from foods may still be complicated. As a result methods that maintain the viability of *Campylobacter* during transport and storage of specimens are important, especially for specimens that are collected far away from the processing laboratories. Major objective of a transport medium is to maintain the clinical sample as near to their original state as possible with minimum deterioration and to minimize hazards to specimen handlers. This is accomplished by using tightly fitting collection devises confined within proper protective containers.⁽¹⁾ Wangs Medium is an enriched, semisolid medium formulated by Wang,⁽²⁾ as recommended by APHA.⁽³⁾ Wangs Semisolid Medium is used for the transport and storage of cultures of *Campylobacter* species from food such as undercooked meat, poultry, unpasteurised milk, bile and water and can be used for maintenance of *Campylobacter* species.⁽²⁾

Principles of the Procedure

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Wang's Semisolid Medium contains casein enzymic hydrolysate and peptic digest of animal tissue, which is a source of nitrogen. Yeast extract provides additional nutritious growth factors. Dextrose is a source of carbon and energy. Sodium bisulphite accelerates growth of organisms. Sodium chloride helps to maintain the osmotic balance. Addition of 0.5% agar makes the medium semisolid for maintaining viability of cultures for transport and storage by providing a semisolid consistency to prevent oxygenation and spillage during transport.⁽¹⁾ Addition of 5-10% defibrinated horse blood provides supplementary source of nutrition for growth.

Formula / Lifer		
Ingredients	Gms / Liter	
Casein enzymic hydrolysate	10.00	
Peptic digest of animal tissue	10.00	
Dextrose	1.00	
Yeast extract	2.00	
Sodium chloride	5.00	
Sodium bisulphite	0.10	
Agar	5.00	
Final pH : 7.0 ± 0.2 at 25°C		
Formula may be adjusted and/or supplemented as required to meet performance		
specifications		

Precautions

- 1. For Laboratory Use only.
- 2. IRRITANT. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system, and skin.

Directions

- 1. Suspend 33.1 grams of the medium in 900 ml distilled water.
- 2. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely.
- 3. Autoclave at 121°C, 15 lbs pressure for 15 minutes / validated cycle.
- 4. Cool to 45-50°C and aseptically add 100 ml sterile defibrinated sheep blood.
- 5. Mix well and dispense aseptically in tubes as desired.
- 6. Allow the tubes to cool in an upright position.





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Quality Control Specifications

Dehydrated Appearance	hydrated Appearance Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder	
Prepared Medium	Medium amber coloured clear solution without any precipitate	
Reaction of 3.31% Solution	pH : 7.0 ± 0.2 at 25°C	
Gel Strength	Semisolid, comparable with 0.5% Agar gel forms in tubes as butt	

Expected Cultural Response: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 5 days with added sterile defibrinated sheep blood. Growth observed upon subculturing on Campylobacter Agar Base (DM054).

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	Organishis	Growth	
	1.	Campylobacter jejuni ATCC 29428	good-luxuriant

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 for interpretation of results.

Storage

Store the sealed bottle containing the dehydrated medium at 10- 30°C. Once opened and recapped, place container in a low humidity environment at the same storage temperature. Protect from moisture and light.

Expiration

Refer to the expiration date stamped on the container. The dehydrated medium should be discarded if not free flowing, or if the appearance has changed from the original color. Expiry applies to medium in its intact container when stored as directed.

Limitations of the Procedure

- 1. For identification, organisms must be in pure culture. Morphological, biochemical and/or serological tests should be performed for final identification.
- 2. Consult appropriate texts for detailed information and recommended procedures.

Packaging

Product Name : Wang's Semisolid Medium Product Code : DM1015 Available Pack sizes : 500gm

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