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Fungal Broth w/ low pH (Mycological Broth w/ low pH) (DM112)

Intended Use

Fungal Broth w/ low pH (Mycological Broth w/ low pH) (DM112) is recommended for selective enumeration and cultivation of saprophytic fungi and aciduric bacteria

Product Summary and Explanation

Various culture media have been developed for the growth of fungi. As compared to the media for majority of bacterial strains, fungal media are of simple composition, usually consisting of a peptone, dextrose and agar. Selectivity is achieved by lowering the pH, incorporating dyes or adding antimicrobial agents.

Mycological media are basal media to which antifungal agents may be added for checking their effect on fungi or bacteria to render them selective for isolation and cultivation of fungi. Fungal Agar with low pH is used for saprophytic fungi. Generally the earlier media for fungi relied on an acidic pH to make the media less suitable for the growth of many bacteria.⁽¹⁾ Huppert and Walker⁽²⁾ formulated the media Fungal Agar w/ low pH which is a selective agar for culturing and enumerating fungi and aciduric bacteria from beverages, poultry⁽³⁾ and clinical material.⁽⁴⁾ Fungal Broth w/ low pH is similar in composition to Fungal Agar w/ low pH, except agar.

Principles of the Procedure

Fungal Broth w/ low pH (Mycological Broth w/ low pH) contains papaic digest of soyabean meal in the medium which provides nitrogen, vitamins and minerals required for bacterial growth. Dextrose is a carbon and energy source required for the growth of fungi.

Formula / Liter

Ingredients	Gms / Liter
Papaic digest of soyabean meal	10.00
Dextrose	10.00
Final pH: 4.8 ± 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 50 grams of the medium in one liter of distilled water.
2. Heat if necessary, to dissolve the medium completely.
3. Autoclave at 121°C, 15 psi pressure, for 15 minutes / validated cycle.

Quality Control Specifications

Dehydrated Appearance	Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder
Prepared Medium	Light amber coloured, clear solution in tubes
Reaction of 5.0% Solution	pH : 4.8 ± 0.2 at 25°C
Gel Strength	Not Applicable





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Expected Cultural Response: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 25-30°C for 48-72 hours (For Trichophyton species longer incubation may be required for upto 7 days).

Sr. No.	Organisms	Results to be achieved	
		Inoculum (CFU)	Growth
1.	<i>Aspergillus brasiliensis</i> ATCC 16404	50 -100	good-luxuriant
2.	<i>Candida albicans</i> ATCC 10231	50 -100	good-luxuriant
3.	<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i> ATCC 11506	50 -100	good-luxuriant
4.	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> ATCC 9763	50 -100	good-luxuriant
5.	<i>Saccharomyces uvarum</i> ATCC 28098	50 -100	good-luxuriant
6.	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 25923	$\geq 10^3$	inhibited
7.	<i>Trichophyton mentagrophytes</i> ATCC 9533	50 -100	good-luxuriant

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

Test Procedure

Refer appropriate references for specific test procedures.

Results

Refer appropriate references and test procedures 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 : Fungal Broth w/ low pH (Mycological Broth w/ low pH)

Product Code : DM112

Available Pack sizes : 500gm

References

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