



PRODUCT SPECIFICATION SHEET

MacConkey Broth Purple (Double Strength) w/BCP (DM153)

Intended Use

MacConkey Broth Purple (Double Strength) w/ BCP (DM152) is recommended for the presumptive identification of coliforms from large samples.

Product Summary and Explanation

MacConkey Broth is a modification of the original bile salt broth recommended by MacConkey, containing 0.5% sodium taurocholate and litmus as an indicator.⁽¹⁾ MacConkey further suggested variations of this formula using neutral red indicator instead of litmus.^(2, 3) MacConkey Broth is used for cultivating gram-negative, lactose-fermenting bacilli and as a presumptive test for coliform organisms. It has been used to analyze food,⁽⁴⁾ milk^(5, 6) and water samples⁽⁶⁻⁹⁾ for coliforms. In addition, this medium has also been used in the rapid detection of shiga-toxin producing *E. coli* in fecal samples. MacConkey Broth is recommended in the USP as a test medium for *E. coli* in the microbiological examination of nonsterile products.⁽¹⁰⁾

MacConkey Broth Purple (Double Strength) w/ BCP is a modification of MacConkey Medium, by Childs and Allen.⁽¹¹⁾ In this medium neutral red due to its inhibitory effect, is substituted by the less inhibitory bromocresol purple dye. BCP is more sensitive in recording pH variation in the medium.

Principles of the Procedure

Peptic digest of animal tissue provides necessary nitrogen and vitamin source. Lactose serves as the fermentable carbohydrate source. Sodium chloride maintains the osmotic balance of the cells. Sodium taurocholate inhibits gram-positive organisms. Bromocresol purple serves as the pH indicator which turns yellow under acidic condition. Lactose fermentation turns the medium yellow due to the acid production. The colour change of the dye is observed when the pH of the medium falls below 6.8. Lactose non-fermenting organisms like *Salmonella* and *Shigella* do not alter the appearance of the medium. Solid specimens have to be homogenized in appropriate diluents such as physiological saline, phosphate buffers, etc., while liquid specimens are directly inoculated. The inoculation must be effected at 10% v/v in Durhams tubes. It is necessary to use the medium at double strength, inoculating equal volumes of specimen and medium, if the inoculum is greater than 1 ml.

Formula / Liter

Ingredients	Gms / Liter
Peptic digest of animal tissue	40.00
Lactose	20.00
Sodium taurocholate	10.00
Sodium chloride	10.00
Bromocresol purple	0.02
Final pH: 7.4 ± 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 80 grams of the medium in one liter of distilled water.
2. Heat if necessary, to dissolve the medium completely.
3. Mix well and distribute into test tubes with inverted Durham tubes.
4. Autoclave at 121°C, 15 psi pressure, for 15 minutes / validated cycle.
5. Cool the tubes before inoculation.

Quality Control Specifications



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Dehydrated Appearance	Light yellow to beige homogeneous free flowing powder
Prepared Medium	Purple clear solution without any precipitate or scum
Reaction of 8.0% Solution	pH : 7.4 ± 0.2 at 25°C
Gel Strength	Not Applicable

Expected Cultural Response: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation 35-37°C for 18-24 hours.

Sr. No.	Organisms	Results to be achieved			
		Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Acid Production	Gas Production
1.	<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i> ATCC 13048	50 -100	good-luxuriant	positive reaction yellow color	positive reaction
2.	<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922	50 -100	good-luxuriant	positive reaction yellow color	positive reaction
3.	<i>Salmonella Choleraesuis</i> ATCC 12011	50-100	fair - good	negative reaction	negative reaction
4.	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 25923	>=10 ³	inhibited	--	--
5.	<i>Salmonella Typhimurium</i> ATCC 14028	50 -100	fair to good	negative reaction, no colour change	negative reaction

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

Test Procedure

Refer to appropriate references for specific procedures isolation of coliforms from large samples such as water or waste water.

Results

- Lactose-fermenting organisms grow well in MacConkey Broth and produce acid, causing the medium to turn yellow. Gas production is also observed, which collects in the inverted Durham tube.
- Non-fermenting organisms produce good growth, but will not produce acid or gas.

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

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

Packaging

Product Name : MacConkey Broth Purple (Double Strength) w/BCP.

Product Code : DM153

Available Pack sizes : 100gm / 500gm

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