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Antibiotic Assay Medium No.20 (Yeast Beef Broth) (DM004)

Intended Use

Antibiotic Assay Medium No.20 (Yeast Beef Broth) is recommended for microbiological assay of Amphotericin B using *Candida tropicalis*.

Product Summary and Explanation

Antibiotic assay media are prepared according to the specifications of the USP⁽¹⁾, European Pharmacopeia⁽²⁾ and AOAC International⁽³⁾ and by the FDA.⁽⁴⁾ The antibiotic media are identified numerically with names assigned by Grove and Randall in *Assay Methods of Antibiotics*.⁽⁵⁾ The activity (potency) of an antibiotic can be demonstrated under suitable conditions by its inhibitory effect on microorganisms.⁽¹⁾ Reduction in antimicrobial activity may reveal changes not demonstrated by chemical methods.⁽¹⁾ Antibiotic assays are performed by the cylinder plate method and the turbidimetric "tube" assay. The use of antibiotic assay medium for the liquid formulation used in the performance of antibiotic assay was reported by Schmidt and Moyer.⁽⁶⁾ Ripperre et al reported that turbidimetric methods for determining the potency of antibiotics are inherently more accurate and more precise than agar diffusion procedures.⁽⁷⁾ Antibiotic Assay Medium No. 20 also known as Yeast beef broth is used for turbidometric assay of Amphotericin B using *Candida tropicalis* ATCC 13803 as test organism. This medium is also used in assaying mycostatic activity in pharmaceutical related preparations.

Principles of the Procedure

Antibiotic Assay Medium No. 20 contains peptic digest of animal tissue, beef extract and casein enzymic hydrolysate which provides carbon, nitrogen and other essential nutrients and growth factors for enhanced growth of *Candida tropicalis*. Yeast extract is a source of B complex vitamins. Dextrose stimulates the growth by providing carbon and energy. Sodium chloride maintains the osmotic equilibrium of the medium and retains the cell viability and cell integrity. Phosphates in the medium enhance the buffering action.

Turbidimetric Assay

The turbidimetric method is based on the change or inhibition of growth of a microbial culture in a liquid medium containing a uniform solution of an antibiotic. Turbidimetric determinations have the advantage of requiring a short incubation period, providing test results after 3 or 4 hours. However, the presence of solvents or other inhibitory materials may influence turbidimetric assays more markedly than cylinder plate assays. After incubation of the test organism in the working dilutions of the antibiotics, the amount of growth is determined by measuring the light transmittance using spectrophotometer. The concentration of antibiotic is determined by comparing amounts of growth obtained with that given by the reference standard solutions. Use of this method is appropriate only when test samples are clear.

Formula / Liter

Ingredients	Gms / Liter
Peptic digest of animal tissue (Peptone)	5.00
Casein enzymic hydrolysate	10.00
Beef extract	1.50
Yeast extract	6.50
Dextrose	11.00
Sodium chloride	3.50
Dipotassium phosphate	3.68
Monopotassium phosphate	1.32
Final pH: 6.6 ± 0.2 at 25°C	
Formula may be adjusted and/or supplemented as required to meet performance specifications	





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Precautions

1. For Laboratory Use only.
2. IRRITANT. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system, and skin.
3. All conditions in the microbiological assay must be controlled carefully.
4. The use of standard culture medium in the test is one of the important steps for obtaining good results.

Directions

1. Suspend 42.5 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.
4. Cool and dispense as desired.

Quality Control Specifications

Dehydrated Appearance	Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder
Prepared Medium	Medium amber coloured clear solution
Reaction of 4.25% Solution	pH : 6.6 ± 0.2 at 25°C
Gel Strength	Not Applicable

Expected Cultural Response: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18-48 hours.

Sr. No.	Organisms	Results to be achieved		
		Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Serial dilution With
1.	<i>Candida tropicalis ATCC 13803</i>	50 -100	good-luxuriant	Amphotericin B

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

Test Procedure

Preparation of Stock cultures

1. Maintain stock cultures on agar slants and make transfers at 1- or 2-week intervals.
2. Using sterile purified water, saline or Antibiotic Medium No. 3, prepare the inoculum for assay by washing growth from a fresh 24-48 hour agar slant and further dilute the culture to obtain the desired organism concentration.
3. In some turbidimetric assays, an 18- 24hour culture of the test organism grown in Antibiotic Medium No. 3, diluted to obtain the optimal number of organisms, is used.

Turbidimetric Assay

1. Use glass or plastic test tubes (i.e., 16 × 125 mm or 18 × 150 mm) that are relatively uniform in length, diameter and thickness and substantially free from surface blemishes.
2. Tubes that will be placed in the spectrophotometer should be matched and free of scratches or blemishes.
3. Clean the tubes thoroughly to remove all antibiotic residues and traces of cleaning solution and, prior to subsequent use, sterilize tubes that have been previously used.
4. Prepare working dilutions of the antibiotic reference standards in specific concentrations.
5. To a 1 mL quantity of each solution in a suitable tube, add 9 mL of inoculated broth, as required.
6. Prepare similar solutions of the assay materials containing approximately the same amounts of antibiotic activity and place in tubes.
7. Incubate the tubes for 3-4 hours at the required temperature, generally in a water bath. At the end of the incubation period, stop growth by adding 0.5 mL of 1:3 formalin.
8. Determine the amount of growth by measuring light transmittance with a suitable spectrophotometer.





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- Determine the concentration of the antibiotic by comparing the growth obtained with that given by reference standard solutions.
- Refer to appropriate procedures outlined in the references for a complete discussion of antibiotic assay methods.

Results

Refer to 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

- 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 : Antibiotic Assay Medium No.20 (Yeast Beef Broth)

Product Code : DM004

Available Pack sizes : 500gm

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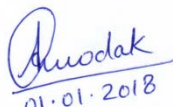

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