

Legionella BCYE Agar w Vancomycin + Colistin

Selective medium for detection of *Legionella* spp.

TYPICAL FORMULA	(g/l)
Yeast Extract	10.0
Activated Charcoal	2.0
ACES Buffer	10.0
Potassium Hydroxide	2.8
α -Ketoglutarate	1.0
L-Cystine	0.4
Ferric Pyrophosphate	0.25
Vancomycin	0.002
Colistin	0.015
Agar	12.0
Final pH 6.8 \pm 0.2	

DESCRIPTION

Legionella BCYE Agar w Vancomycin + Colistin is a selective medium used for the isolation of *Legionella* species from clinical specimens.

PRINCIPLE

Yeast extract provides amino acids, nitrogen, carbon, vitamins and minerals. Activated charcoal decomposes hydrogen peroxide, a metabolic product toxic to *Legionella* spp, and may also collect carbon dioxide and modify surface tension. ACES buffer (N-2-acetamido-2-aminoethane sulfonic acid) and potassium hydroxide maintain the proper pH for optimal growth. Alpha-ketoglutarate, cysteine and ferric pyrophosphate are incorporated to satisfy the specific nutritional requirements of *Legionella* species. Vancomycin inhibits Gram-positive organisms and colistin inhibits is effective against sensitive Gram-negative bacteria, such as Enterobacteriaceae, except *Proteus* spp. Agar is the solidifying agent.

TECHNIQUE

Culture specimens from swab by rolling the swab over the agar surface to obtain isolated colonies. Incubate plates at 35 \pm 2°C for at least 2 days in humidified atmosphere (air with 2.5% CO₂ can be beneficial for the growth of some *Legionella* but is not essential).

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Colonies of *Legionella* are often white-grey-blue-purple in colour, but can be brown, pink, lime-green or deep-red. They are smooth with an entire edge and exhibit a characteristic ground-glass appearance.

STORAGE AND TRANSPORT CONDITIONS

2-8°C away from light, until the expiry date on the label. However, our stability studies have shown that the transport at 18-25°C for 4 days, or at 35-39°C for 48 hours, does not alter in any way the performance of the product. Eliminate if signs of deterioration or contamination are evident.

WARNING AND PRECAUTIONS

The product does not contain hazardous substances in concentrations exceeding the limits set by current legislation and therefore is not classified as dangerous. It is nevertheless recommended to consult the safety data sheet for its correct use. The product is designed for *In vitro* diagnostic use and must be used only by properly trained operators.

DISPOSAL OF WASTE

Disposal of waste must be carried out according to the national and local regulations in force.

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PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

NAME

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PRESENTATION

Ready to use plates (90 mm) containing 22±1 ml of medium

STORAGE

2-8°C

PACKAGING

Ref.	Content	Packaging
10424	20 plates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 plates in thermally soldered film • 2 x 10 plates in cardboard box

pH OF THE MEDIUM

6.8 ± 0.2

USE

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TECHNIQUE

Refer to technical sheet of the product

APPEARANCE OF THE MEDIUM

Black, opaque

SHELF LIFE

6 months

QUALITY CONTROL

1. Control of general characteristics, label and print
2. Sterility control
7 days at 22 ± 1°C, in aerobiosis
7 days at 36 ± 1°C, in aerobiosis
3. Microbiological control
Inoculum for productivity: 50-100 CFU
Inoculum for selectivity: 10⁴-10⁶ CFU
Incubation Conditions: 2-5 days at 35 ± 2°C











Microorganism

<i>Legionella pneumophila</i>	ATCC® 33152
<i>Legionella bozemanii</i>	NCTC 11368
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	ATCC® 25923
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	ATCC® 25922

Growth

Good
Good
Partially to completely inhibited
Partially to completely inhibited

TABLE OF SYMBOLS

 Batch code	 <i>In vitro</i> Diagnostic Medical Device	 Manufacturer	 Use by	 Fragile, handle with care
 Catalogue number	 Temperature limitation	 Contains sufficient for <n> tests	 Caution, consult instructions for use	 Do not reuse



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