

# **BRAIN HEART INFUSION AGAR**

Medium for growing fastidious microorganisms

TYPICAL FORMULA (g/L)	
Brain Heart, Infusion from	17.5
Peptone	10.0
Glucose	2.0
Disodium Phosphate	2.5
Sodium Chloride	5.0
Agar	15.0
Final pH= $7.4 \pm 0.2$	

#### DESCRIPTION

BRAIN HEART INFUSION AGAR is used to cultivate fastidious microorganisms.

#### **PRINCIPLE**

Infusion from beef heart, calf brains and peptone provide nitrogen, carbon, sulphur and vitamins. Glucose is a carbon energy source that facilitates organisms growth. Sodium chloride maintains the osmotic balance of the medium. Disodium phosphate is a buffering agent whilst agar is a solidifying agent.

# **TECHNIQUE**

Inoculate the medium with the specimen by stabbing the butt and streaking the slope using a sterile loop to ensure an adeguate dispersion of the organisms. Tubes are incubated at 36+/-1 °C for 24-96 hours.

#### **INTERPRETATION of RESULTS**

This kind of tubes can be used to cultivate both obligate aerobes and facultative anaerobes: anaerobes can grow in the butt of the medium whilst aerobes will grow on the slant.

#### **STORAGE**

15-25 °C away from light, until the expiry date on the label or until signs of deterioration or contamination are evident.

### **WARNING and PRECAUTIONS**

For laboratory use.

The product doesn't contain dangerous substances according to directives 1999/45/CE and 2001/60/CE or for which exist recognized exposure limits.

# **DISPOSAL of WASTE**

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

### REFERENCES

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# **PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**

### **NAME**

**BRAIN HEART INFUSION AGAR** 

#### **PRESENTATION**

Ready-to-use glass tubes containing 10+/-1 ml.

### PACKGING

Code	Content	Packaging
30084	10 tubes x 10 ml	10 tubes in cardboard box

# pH OF THE MEDIUM

7.4 ± 0.2

#### USE

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Refer to technical sheet of the product.

# APPEARANCE OF THE MEDIUM

Light to medium amber medium.

### **SHELFLIFE**

1 year

## **QUALITY CONTROL**

- 1. Control of general characteristics, label and print.
- Sterility control:

7 days at  $25 \pm 1$  °C, in aerobiosis. 7 days at  $36 \pm 1$  °C, in aerobiosis.

Microbiological control:

Inoculum for productivity: 10-100 UFC/ml. Inoculum for selectivity: 10<sup>4</sup>-10<sup>5</sup> UFC/ml. Inoculum for specificity: ≤ 10<sup>4</sup> UFC/ml. Incubation conditions:24-96 h at 36  $\pm$  1 °C.

Microorganism		Growth
Streptococcus pneumoniae	ATCC 6305	Good
Streptococcus pyogenes	ATCC 19615	Good
Staphylococcus aureus	ATCC 25923	Good
Neisseria meningitidis	ATCC 13090	Fair

# **TABLE of SYMBOLS**

Symbol	Meanings
IVD	In vitro Diagnostic Medical Device
<b></b>	Manifacturer
REF	Catalogue number
$\square$	Use by
-X	Temperature limitation
<u> </u>	Do not reuse
Σ	Kit content
[]i	Consult accompanying documents
LOT	Batch code

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