Technical Specification Sheet



Selenite Broth SKU: 700003476, 700003477, 700003478, 700003479 NCM0172

Intended Use

Selenite Broth is used for the selective enrichment of *Salmonella* spp. in a laboratory setting. Selenite Broth is not intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions in humans.

Description

Selenite Broth was originated by Leifson, while observing good recovery of *Salmonella* spp. and reduced growth of fecal coliforms. *Salmonella* organisms are also injured in food-processing procedures, including exposure to low temperatures, sub-marginal heat, drying, radiation, preservatives or sanitizers.

Selenite Broth conforms with the American Public Health Association (APHA). Many modifications of Selenite Broth exist, including Selenite Cystine Broth, from the original formula described as Selenite F Broth by Leifson.

Typical Formulation

Enzymatic Digest of Casein 2.5 g/L
Enzymatic Digest of Animal Tissue 2.5 g/L
Lactose 4.0 g/L
Sodium Phosphate 10.0 g/L
Sodium Selenite 4.0 g/L

Final pH: 7.0 ± 0.2 at 25°C

Formula is adjusted and/or supplemented as required to meet performance specifications.

Precaution

Refer to SDS

Preparation

- 1. Dissolve 23 g of the medium in one liter of purified water.
- 2. Heat until bubbles are observed on the bottom of the flask. DO NOT OVERHEAT. (Over-heating will result in the color shifting from pale yellow to orange).
- 3. DO NOT AUTOCLAVE.

Quality Control Specifications

Dehydrated Appearance: Powder is homogeneous, free flowing, and off-white.

Prepared Appearance: Prepared medium is clear, with no to light precipitate and very pale yellow to light amber.

Expected Cultural Response: Cultural response after aerobic incubation for 18-24 hours at $37 \pm 1^{\circ}$ C then sub-cultured on TSA or XLD, incubated and examined for growth at 18-24hrs.



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Microorganism	Approx. Inoculum (CFU)	Expected Results
Enterococcus faecalis ATCC® 29212	>1000	TSA- Partially inhibited to complete inhibition
Escherichia coli ATCC® 11775	>1000	TSA- Partially inhibited to complete inhibition
Escherichia coli ATCC® 25922	>1000	TSA- Partially inhibited to complete inhibition
Pseudomonas aeruginosa ATCC® 27853	>1000	TSA- Partially inhibited to complete inhibition
Salmonella enteritidis ATCC® 13076	10 - 100	XLD >10 cfu
Salmonella typhi ATCC® 19430	10 - 100	XLD >10 cfu
Salmonella typhimurium ATCC® 14028	10 - 100	XLD >10 cfu
Shigella sonnei ATCC® 25931	10 - 100	XLD >10 cfu

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

Test Procedure

For a complete discussion on the isolation and identification of *Salmonella* spp., refer to appropriate references.

Results

Refer to references for the characteristic growth of Salmonella spp.

Expiration

Refer to expiration date stamped on 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

Due to nutritional variation, some strains may be encountered that grow poorly or fail to grow on this medium.

<u>Storage</u>

Store dehydrated medium at 2 - 30°C. Once opened and recapped, place the container in a low humidity environment at the same storage temperature. Protect from moisture and light by keeping container tightly closed.

References

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