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Product Instructions

Fraser Broth

Intended Use

Fraser Broth is a selective medium used for the secondary enrichment of *Listeria monocytogenes* and *Listeria spp*., as described in ISO 11290-1:2017. Fraser Broth is not intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions in humans or animals.

Description

Fraser Broth was developed as a modification of UVM medium and is based on the formula as described by Fraser and Sperber. *Listeria spp*. hydrolyze the esculin to esculetin which reacts with the ferric ammonium citrate resulting in a black precipitate and a visible positive reaction. Lithium chloride suppresses the growth of *Enterococci* in the medium, as *Enterococci* can also hydrolyze esculin. Enzymatic digest of animal tissues, casein, meat extract and yeast extract provide the essential vitamins, minerals, amino acids, nitrogen and carbon, while sodium chloride maintains the osmotic balance. The selective components acriflavine and nalidixic acid are blended into the base powder and inhibit the growth of *Escherichia coli*. Ferric ammonium citrate is added to the tempered broth after sterilization. According to ISO 11290-1:2017, the test portion is inoculated into the primary enrichment medium Half Fraser (Demi-Fraser) Broth (ISO), followed by secondary enrichment in Fraser Broth (ISO) and then sub-cultured onto Harlequin Listeria Chromogenic Agar according to Ottaviani & Agosti (700004790 | 700004791 | 700004792 | 700004793 | 700004794 | NCM1004). The medium conforms to the performance and formulation requirements of ISO 11290-1:2017.

Typical Formulation	
Enzymatic Digest of Animal Tissues	5.0g/L
Enzymatic Digest of Casein	5.0g/L
Meat Extract	5.0g/L
Yeast Extract	5.0 g/L
Esculin	1.0 g/L
Disodium Hydrogen Phosphate	9.6 g/L*
Potassium Dihydrogen Phosphate	1.35 g/L
Sodium Chloride	20.0 g/L
Lithium Chloride	3.0 g/L
Acriflavine	0.025 g/L
Nalidixic Acid	0.02 g/L

pH: 7.2 ± 0.2 at 25°C

*equivalent to Disodium Hydrogen Phosphate Dihydrate 12.0 g/l

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

Supplement	
700004872 | NCM4009-0.5 or 700002053 | BP0220010	Ferric Ammonium Citrate

Precaution

Refer to SDS

Preparation of DCM

1. Dissolve 55 grams of the medium in 1 liter of purified water.
2. Mix thoroughly
3. Autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes.
4. Cool to 45–50°C.
5. Aseptically add 2 vials of 700004872 | NCM4009-0.5* or 1 vial of 700002053 | BP0220010 Ferric Ammonium Citrate Supplement and mix thoroughly before dispensing.

Test Procedure

To isolate *Listeria monocytogenes* and other *Listeria* spp., refer to ISO 11290-1:2017.

Quality Control Specifications

Dehydrated Appearance: Powder is homogeneous, free flowing, and beige.

Prepared Appearance: Prepared medium is yellow to amber and clear with none to slight precipitate.

Expected Cultural Response: The medium was prepared according to label directions, incorporating 700004872 | NCM4009-0.5 or 700002053 | BP0220010 Ferric Ammonium Citrate and 10 mL volumes inoculated with the organisms listed below. Cultures were incubated at 37 ± 1°C under aerobic atmosphere and examined for growth at 22–26 hours. Following incubation, 10 µL was sub-cultured onto TSA at 37 ± 1°C and examined for growth at 22–26 hours or onto Harlequin® Listeria Chromogenic Agar (LCA, NCM1004)* at 37 ± 1°C and plates examined for growth at 40–48 hours.

Microorganism	Wdcm	Approx. Inoculum (CFU)	Expected Results				Actual Results
			Growth in HF	Reaction in HF*	Recovery on HLCA**	Recovery on TSA	
Listeria monocytogenes + *Escherichia coli* + *Enterococcus faecalis*	00021 00013 00087	10 – 100 > 10^4 > 10^4	Growth	Black coloration	>10 cfu Blue colonies with opaque halo	Not applicable	Meets Expected Result
Listeria monocytogenes + *Escherichia coli* + *Enterococcus faecalis*	00109 00012 00009	10 – 100 > 10^4 > 10^4	Growth	Black coloration	>10 cfu Blue colonies with opaque halo	Not applicable	Meets Expected Result
Escherichia coli	00012	> 10^4	Inhibition	None	Not applicable	Total inhibition	Meets Expected Result
Escherichia coli	00013	> 10^4	Inhibition	None	Not applicable	Total inhibition	Meets Expected Result
Enterococcus faecalis	00009	> 10^4	Partial to Complete Inhibition	None	Not applicable	< 100 cfu	Meets Expected Result
Enterococcus faecalis	00087	> 10^4	Partial to Complete Inhibition	None	Not applicable	< 100 cfu	Meets Expected Result

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

Results

Listeria is presumptively indicated by the blackening of Fraser Broth after 25 ± 1 hours incubation at 37°C ± 1°C.

*Sub-culture onto LCA provides presumptive *L. monocytogenes* or *L. ivanovii,* if colonies are blue-green surrounded by an opaque halo. Consider presumptive *Listeria spp*. if blue-green colonies with or without opaque halo.

Expiration

Refer to expiration date stamped on the container. The dehydrated medium should be discarded if not free flowing, or if appearance has changed from the original color. Expiry applies to medium in its intact container when stored as directed.

Limitations of the Procedure

1. Some strains of *L. monocytogenes* exposed to stress conditions, particularly acid stress, can show a very weak halo
2. Some rare *L. monocytogenes* are characterized by a slow PIPLC activity. Such organisms will take longer to develop a halo.

Storage

Store dehydrated culture media at 2–30°C away from direct sunlight. 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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