

Medium used for the identification and determination of antibiotic potency by the microbial assay technique following the USP specifications.

CONTENTS (Liter)

Peptone	5.0 g
Yeast Extract	1.5 g
Beef Extract	1.5 g
Sodium Chloride	3.5 g
Dextrose	1.0 g
Dipotassium Phosphate	3.68 g
Monopotassium Phosphate	1.32 g
Final pH = 7.0 \pm 0.2 at 25°C	

PROCEDURE

Suspend 17.5 G of powder in 1 L of distilled or deionized water. Heat to boiling until completely dissolved. Sterilize by autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes. Cool to 45 - 50°C in water bath. Mix well. Pour into tubes.

INTERPRETATION

Antibiotic Assay Broth No.3 is a medium used for the identification and determination of antibiotic potency by the microbial assay technique following the USP specifications. Peptone, yeast extract and beef extract are the nitrogen and vitamin sources. Sodium chloride maintains the osmotic balance. Dextrose is a carbon and energy source. Dipotassium phosphate and monopotassium phosphate are the buffering agents.

TECHNIC

Inoculate the specimen using a sterile needle to the medium. Incubate at 35 \pm 2°C for 18 - 24 hours. Refer appropriate references for recommended test procedure.

QUALITY CONTROL FOR USE

<u>Dehydrated medium</u> Appearance: free-flowing, homogeneous Color: light beige <u>Prepared medium</u> Appearance: slightly opalescent Color: light amber Incubation conditions: $35 \pm 2^{\circ}C / 18 - 24$ hours

Microorganism	ATCC	Inoculum CFU	Growth
Enterococcus hirae	10541	50-100	good
Escherichia coli	9637	50-100	good
Klebsiella pneumoniae	13883	50-100	good
Staphylococcus aureus	6538	50-100	good

• STORE

The powder is very hygroscopic. Store the powder at room temperature, in a dry environment, in its original container tightly closed and use it before the expiry date on the label. Store prepared medium at 2 - 8°C.

REFERENCES

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PACKAGE

Cat. No : MB-A1316 500 G

