Crystal Violet Pectate Agar



Medium used for the isolation and cultivation of pectinolytic microorganisms.

CONTENTS (Liter)

Pectin	5.0 g
Yeast Extract	1.0 g
Ammonium Sulfate	2.0 g
Phosphates	3.5 g
Crystal Violet	0.0015 g
Agar	12.0 g
Final pH = 7.2 ± 0.2 at 25° C	

PROCEDURE

Suspend 23.5 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 petri dishes.

INTERPRETATION

Crystal Violet Pectate Agar is a medium used for the isolation and cultivation of pectinolytic microorganism. Pectin is a substrate of pectinase. Yeast extract provides necessary nutrients and vitamin B complex. Ammonium sulfate is the source of nitrogen. Phosphates are buffering agents in the medium. Crystal violet inhibits the growth of Gram-positive bacteria. Agar is the solidifying agent. Pectinase activity is detected by flooding the plate with 1% hexadecyltrimethyl ammonium bromide solution. Pectinolytic microorganisms are indentified by clear zone after adding the solution.

TECHNIC

Inoculate the plates with spreading the specimen on surface of the medium using a sterile loop. Incubate at 36 \pm 1°C for 24 - 72 hours. Pour 1% hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide solution over cultured plate. Refer appropriate references for recommended test procedure.

QUALITY CONTROL FOR USE

Dehydrated medium

Appearance: free-flowing, homogeneous

Color: beige to light purple

Prepared medium

Appearance : slightly opalescent, may have a slight precipitate

Color: very light purple

Incubation conditions: 36 \pm 1°C / 24 - 72 hours

Microorganism	ATCC	Inoculum CFU	Growth	Clear zone
Erwinia carotovora	15713	50-100	good	+
Erwinia chrysanthemi	11663	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 or until signs of deterioration are evident. Store prepared medium at $2 - 8^{\circ}$ C.

REFERENCES

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PACKAGE

Cat. No : MB-C0833 Crystal Violet Pectate Agar	500 G
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