Raka Ray No.3 Agar



Medium used for the isolation and cultivation of lactic acid bacteria from beer and brewing processes.

CONTENTS (Liter)

Tryptone	20.0 g
Yeast Extract	5.0 g
Liver Extract	1.0 g
Maltose	10.0 g
Fructose	5.0 g
Glucose	5.0 g
Betaine Hydrochloride	2.0 g
Diammonium Citrate	2.0 g
L-Aspartic Acid	2.5 g
Magnesium Sulfate	0.98 g
Manganese Sulfate	0.42 g
Dipotassium Phosphate	2.0 g
N-Acetyl Glucosamine	0.5 g
Potassium Glutamate	2.5 g
Agar	19.0 g
Final pH = 5.4 ± 0.2 at 25° C	

PROCEDURE

Suspend 77.9 G of powder in 1 L of distilled or deionized water. Add 2 vials of Raka Ray No.3 Agar supplement (MB-R0746). 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.

Raka Ray No.3 Agar supplement

1vial contents (each vial is sufficient for 500mL of medium)

Cycloheximide 0.0035 g
Phenylethyl Alcohol 1.5 g
Tween 80 5.0 mL

INTERPRETATION

Raka Ray No.3 Agar is a medium used for the isolation and cultivation of lactic acid bacteria from beer and brewing processes. Tryptone, yeast extract and liver extract provide carbon, nitrogen, vitamins, amino acids and essential nutrients. Maltose, fructose and glucose are carbon energy sources. Betaine hydrochloride, Nacetyl glucosamine and tween 80 stimulate growth of lactobacilli. Diammonium citrate and dipotassium phosphate are the buffering agents. L-aspartic acid and potassium glutamate are sources of amino acids. Magnesium sulfate and manganese sulfate are added as trace elements. Agar is the solidifying agent. Cycloheximide and phenylethyl alcohol made the medium more selective by inhibiting yeast and Gram negative organisms.

TECHNIC

Inoculate the specimen using a sterile loop to the medium or using the overlay technique. Incubate at 30 \pm 2°C for 48 hours up to 7 days under anaerobic condition. Refer appropriate references for recommended test procedure.

QUALITY CONTROL FOR USE

<u>Dehydrated medium</u>

Appearance: free-flowing, homogeneous

Color: light beige Prepared medium

Appearance: slightly opalescent with slight precipitates

Color: light amber

Incubation conditions: 30 ± 2°C / 48 hours up to 7 days under anaerobic condition

Microorganism	ATCC	Inoculum CFU	Growth
Lactobacillus delbrueckii subsp. bulgaricus	11842	50-100	good
Lactobacillus fermentum	9338	50-100	good
Lactobacillus plantarum	8014	50-100	good
Escherichia coli	25922	≥10³	inhibited
Saccharomyces cerevisiae	76625	≥10³	inhibited

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.

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PACKAGE

Cat. No : MB-R1334 Raka Ray No.3 Agar	500 G
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