



Antibiotic Assay Medium No.19

M101

Antibiotic Assay Medium No.19 is used for the microbiological assay of Amphotericin B, Candicidin and Nystatin using *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* .

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Peptic digest of animal tissue (Peptone)	9.400
Yeast extract	4.700
Beef extract	2.400
Dextrose	10.000
Sodium chloride	10.000
Agar	23.500
Final pH (at 25°C)	6.1±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 60.0 grams in 1000 ml distilled water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium, completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes.

Advice : Recommended in the microbiological assay of Amphotericin B, Candicidin and Nystatin

Principle And Interpretation

Antibiotic Assay media are used in the performance of antibiotic assays. Grove and Randall have elucidated those antibiotic assays and media in their comprehensive treatise on antibiotic assays (1). Schmidt and Moyer have reported the use of antibiotic assay medium for the liquid formulation used in the performance of antibiotic assay (2). This media is prepared according to USP (3) and by FDA (4). This medium is as per specification of Krishbaum and Arett (5).

Peptic digest of animal tissue (Peptone), yeast extract and beef extract provides nutrients and growth factor. Dextrose provides the energy source and sodium chloride maintains the osmotic equilibrium of the medium.

Freshly prepared plates should be used for antibiotic assays. Test organisms are inoculated in sterile seed agar precooled to 40-45°C and spread evenly over the surface of solidified base agar.

Quality Control

Appearance

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 2.35% Agar gel.

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Yellow coloured clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates

Reaction

Reaction of 6.0% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 6.1±0.2

pH

5.90-6.30

Cultural Response

M101: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 29-31°C for 24-48 hours.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Recovery	Antibiotics assayed
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> ATCC 2601	50-100	luxuriant	>=70%	Nystatin

Saccharomyces cerevisiae 50-100 luxuriant $\geq 70\%$ Amphotericin
ATCC 9763 B, Candicidin

Storage and Shelf Life

Store below 30°C in tightly closed container and use freshly prepared medium . Use before expiry date on the label

Reference

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