



HiCrome™ Salmonella Agar

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Intended Use:

Recommended for the isolation and differentiation of *Salmonella* species from coliforms by chromogenic method from clinical and non-clinical samples.

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Peptone	6.000
Yeast extract	2.500
Bile salts mixture	1.000
Chromogenic mixture	5.400
Agar	13.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.7±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 27.9 grams in 1000 ml purified/distilled water. Gently heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. DO NOT AUTOCLAVE. Cool to 45-50°C. Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

Principle And Interpretation

Salmonella species have been isolated from humans and almost all animals throughout the world. They cause many types of infections from mild, self-limiting gastroenteritis to life threatening typhoid fever. *Salmonella* Typhi and *Salmonella* Paratyphi A & B cause gastroenteritis, bacteremia and enteric fever, *Salmonella* Choleraesuis causes gastroenteritis and enteric fever, especially in children. *Salmonella* Typhimurium is the most frequently isolated serotype of *Salmonella*. *Salmonella* is a cause of food poisoning (5).

HiCrome™ Salmonella Agar is a modification of the original formulation of Rambach (6) and is used for the differentiation of *Salmonella* species from other enteric bacteria. Rambach formulation differentiates *Salmonella* based on propylene glycol utilization and presence of a chromogenic indicator. However, HiCrome™ Salmonella Agar medium uses only a chromogenic mixture for identification and differentiation of *Salmonella* species.

Peptone and yeast extract provides nitrogenous, carbonaceous compounds and other essential growth nutrients. *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella* are easily distinguishable due to their colony characteristics. *Salmonella* forms light purple coloured colonies with a purple halo.

E.coli and other β-glucuronidase positive organism exhibits a characteristic blue colour, due to presence of the enzyme β-glucuronidase. Other organisms form colourless colonies. The characteristic light purple and blue colour is due to the chromogenic mixture (2). Bile salts mixture inhibits gram-positive organisms.

Conventional method employees the H₂S production property for *Salmonella* detection which is also exhibited by other non *Salmonella* species such as *Citrobacter*, *Proteus*, etc. Hence further biochemical confirmation is required for further identification. *Salmonella* species isolated from food or clinical samples exhibit light purple colour with halo due to the specific enzyme substrate reaction.

Type of specimen

Clinical samples: faeces, urine; Food samples; Water samples

Specimen Collection and Handling

For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines (3,4).

For food samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection and processing as per guidelines (7).

For water samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection, processing as per guidelines and local standards (1).

After use, contaminated materials must be sterilized by autoclaving before discarding.

Warning and Precautions

In Vitro diagnostic use only. Read the label before opening the container. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection. Follow good microbiological lab practices while handling specimens and culture. Standard precautions as per established guidelines should be followed while handling clinical specimens. Safety guidelines may be referred in individual safety data sheets.

Limitations

1. The medium is selective for *Salmonella* may not support the growth of other microorganisms.
2. Most of the *Salmonella* strains show purple colonies except few which may show colorless colonies.
3. Due to nutritional variations, some strains may show poor growth.
4. Final confirmation of suspected colonies must be carried out by serological and biochemical tests.

Performance and Evaluation

Performance of the medium is expected when used as per the direction on the label within the expiry period when stored at recommended temperature.

Quality Control

Appearance

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.3% Agar gel.

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Light amber coloured, slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates

Reaction

Reaction of 2.79% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.7±0.2

pH

7.50-7.90

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 24-48 hours.

Organism	Growth	Inoculum (CFU)	Recovery	Colour of Colony
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> subsp. <i>aureus</i> ATCC 25923 (00034*)	inhibited	≥10 ³	0%	
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> subsp. <i>spizizenii</i> ATCC 6633 (00003*)	inhibited	≥10 ³	0%	
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 (00013*)	luxuriant	50-100	≥50%	blue
<i>Proteus vulgaris</i> ATCC 13315	good	50-100	40-50%	colourless
<i>Salmonella Typhimurium</i> ATCC 14028 (00031*)	luxuriant	50-100	≥50%	light purple w/ halo
<i>Salmonella Enteritidis</i> ATCC 13076 (00030*)	luxuriant	50-100	≥50%	light purple w/ halo
<i>Salmonella Typhi</i> ATCC 6539	good-luxuriant	50-100	≥50%	light purple w/ halo

Storage and Shelf Life

Store dehydrated powder and prepared medium at 2-8°C. Use before expiry period on the label. Use before expiry date on the label. On opening, product should be properly stored dry, after tightly capping the bottle in order to prevent lump formation due to the hygroscopic nature of the product. Improper storage of the product may lead to lump formation. Store in dry ventilated area protected from extremes of temperature and sources of ignition Seal the container tightly after use. Use before expiry date on the label. Product performance is best if used within stated expiry period.

Disposal

User must ensure safe disposal by autoclaving and/or incineration of used or unusable preparations of this product. Follow established laboratory procedures in disposing of infectious materials and material that comes into contact with clinical sample must be decontaminated and disposed of in accordance with current laboratory techniques (3,4).

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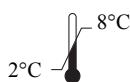
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