



# NZ Amine A Broth

**M1306** 

NZ Amine A Broth is used for the cultivation of Escherichia coli .

Composition**		
Ingredients	Gms / Litre	
Casein acid hydrolysate	1.000	
NZ Amine A	10.000	
Sodium chloride	5.000	
Magnesium chloride	2.000	
**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parar	neters	

Directions

Suspend 18 grams in 1000 ml distilled water. Heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Mix well and dispense as desired.

## **Principle And Interpretation**

*Escherichia coli* is commonly used as a model organism for bacteria in general. Because of its ubiquity, E. coli is frequently studied in microbiology and is the current "workhorse" in molecular biology. *E. coli* plays an important role in modern biological engineering. Researchers can alter the bacteria to serve as "factories" to synthesize DNA and/or proteins, which can then be produced in large quantities using the industrial fermentation processes. One of the first useful applications of recombinant DNA technology was the manipulation of *E. coli* to produce human insulin for patients with diabetes. *E. coli* grow rapidly in NZ Amine A Broth (1) as it provides necessary metabolites for the cell, which would otherwise have to be synthesized by the cell (2).

Casein acid hydrolysate and NZ Amine A provide necessary nutrients and cofactors required for the growth of *E. coli*. Sodium chloride helps to maintain the osmotic balance whereas magnesium ions serves as immediate activator required for a number of enzymatic reactions, including DNA replication of the cell.

# **Quality Control**

#### Appearance

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

#### Colour and Clarity of Prepared medium

Light to medium amber coloured clear to slightly opalescent solution

#### **Cultural Response**

M1306: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18-24 hours.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth
Cultural Response		
Escherichia coli ATCC	50-100	good-luxuriant
23724		
Escherichia coli ATCC	50-100	good-luxuriant
53868		

## **Storage and Shelf Life**

Store below 30°C in tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 2 - 8°C. Use before expiry date on the label.

## Reference

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