

Technical Data

Veal Infusion Agar

M328

Veal Infusion Agar is recommended for the cultivation of fastidious pathogenic bacteria.

Composition**

| Ingredients | Gms / Litre |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Veal infusion from | 500.000 |
| Proteose peptone | 10.000 |
| Sodium chloride | 5.000 |
| Agar | 15.000 |
| Final pH (at 25°C) | 7.4±0.2 |

^{**}Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 40.00 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. Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

Principle And Interpretation

Veal is the meat produced from very young cattle, most commonly male calves from dairy herds. Veal is often compared to beef but is lighter in colour and finer in texture. Infusions from veal are highly nutritious for the growth of fastidious organisms that have exacting growth requirements needing many cellular building block molecules in order to survive. Veal infusion Agar recommended by APHA, is used for the cultivation of fastidious pathogenic bacteria (1).

Veal infusion Agar is used in preparation of stock cultures of *Escherichia coli*, in preparation of *E. coli* cultures to test their ability in invading mammalian cells and in microbial examination of egg and egg products (2).

Veal infusion and proteose peptone provide nitrogen, carbon and other growth nutrients required for the growth of many fastidious microorganisms. Sodium chloride maintains osmotic equilibrium of the medium.

Quality Control

Appearance

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel.

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Light amber coloured clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates.

Reaction

Reaction of 4.0% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH: 7.4±0.2

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7.20-7.60

Cultural Response

M328: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18-48 hours.

| Organism | Inoculum (CFU) | Growth | Recovery |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| Cultural Response | | | |
| Neisseria meningitidis ATCO | C50-100 | luxuriant | >=70% |
| 14632 | | | |
| Staphylococcus epidermidis | 50-100 | luxuriant | >=70% |
| ATCC 12228 | | | |
| Streptococcus pneumoniae | 50-100 | luxuriant | >=70% |
| ATCC 6305 | | | |

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Streptococcus mitis ATCC 50-100 luxuriant >=70% 9895

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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2. Horwitz (Ed.), 2000, Official Methods of Analysis of the AOAC International, 17th Ed., Gaithersburg.

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