



Potato Dextrose Broth

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Potato Dextrose Broth is recommended for the isolation and enumeration of yeasts and moulds .

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Potatoes, infusion from	200.000
Dextrose	20.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	5.1±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 24 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 before dispensing. In specific work, when pH 3.5 is required, acidify the medium with sterile 10% tartaric acid. The amount of acid required for 100 ml. of sterile, cooled medium is approximately 1 ml. Do not heat the medium after addition of the acid.

Principle And Interpretation

Potato Dextrose Broth is recommended by APHA (1) and F.D.A. (2) for plate counts of yeasts and moulds in the examination of foods and dairy products (3). Potato Dextrose Broth is also used for stimulating sporulation, for maintaining stock cultures of certain dermatophytes and for differentiation of typical varieties of dermatophytes on the basis of pigment production (4).

Potato infusion and dextrose promote luxuriant fungal growth. Adjusting the pH of the medium by tartaric acid to 3.5, inhibits the bacterial growth. Heating the medium after acidification should be avoided.

Quality Control

Appearance

Off-white to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Light amber coloured clear to slightly opalescent solution in tubes

Reaction

Reaction of 2.4% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 5.1±0.2

pH

4.90-5.30

Cultural Response

M403: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 25-30°C for 4-5 days.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Ascospore formation
Cultural Response			
* <i>Aspergillus brasiliensis</i> ATCC 16404	50-100	luxuriant	negative
<i>Candida albicans</i> ATCC 10231	50-100	luxuriant	negative
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> ATCC 9763	50-100	luxuriant	positive

*Key:-Formerly known as *Aspergillus niger*

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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