

# **Technical Data**

## **HM Peptone B Agar**

**M806** 

#### Intended use

HM Peptone B Agar is used as a general purpose nutrient medium which can support growth of not particularly fastidious bacteria

## Composition\*\*

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Peptone	10.000
HM peptone B#	3.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Agar	15.000
Final pH ( at 25°C)	7.6±0.2

<sup>\*\*</sup>Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

#### **Directions**

Suspend 33.0 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. Cool to 45-50°C. Mix well and pour the medium in sterile Petri plates.

## **Principle And Interpretation**

The majority of organisms to be studied in medical bacteriology are either pathogens or commensals of the human body, and in order to obtain suitable growth the artificial culture medium should provide nutrients and a pH (about 7.2) approximating to those of the tissues and body fluids. For routine purposes many of these nutrients are supplied by aqueous extracts of meat and peptone, which is a product of the digestion of protein (1).

Meat Extract Agar B can be used as a general-purpose nutrient medium and is also recommended for preparation of pure culture of *Candida* species for carrying out fermentation studies (2). Meat Extract B Agar is a non-selective nutrient medium containing meat extract B and peptone as a source of nitrogen and carbon and sodium chloride as a source of electrolytes.

#### Type of specimen

Clinical samples - Blood ; Food and dairy samples ; Water samples

## **Specimen Collection and Handling**

For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines (3,4). For food and dairy samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection and processing as per guidelines (1,2,8). For water samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection, processing as per guidelines and local standards.(3) 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 guidleines should be followed while handling clincal specimens. Saftey guidelines may be referred in individual safety data sheets

## **Limitations:**

This medium is general purpose medium and may not support the growth of fastidious organisms.

<sup>#</sup> Equivalent to Beef extract

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## **Quality Control**

#### **Appearance**

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

#### Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel

#### Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Yellow coloured, clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates

#### Reaction

Reaction of 3.3% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH: 7.6±0.2

#### pН

7.40-7.80

#### **Cultural Response**

M806: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18-48 hours.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Recovery
Candida albicans ATCC 10231 (00054*)	50-100	luxuriant	>=70%
Escherichia coli ATCC 25922 (00013*)	50-100	luxuriant	>=70%
Pseudomonas aeruginosa ATCC 27853 (00025*)	50-100	luxuriant	>=70%
Salmonella Typhi ATCC 6539	50-100	luxuriant	>=70%
Staphylococcus aureus ATCC 25923 (00034*)	50-100	luxuriant	>=70%

Key: \*Corresponding WDCM numbers.

## 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. Store below 10-30°C in a tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 2-8°C. Use before expiry date on the label. On opening, product should be properly stored dry, after tightly capping the bottle inorder 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. 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 (6,7).

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