



Buffered Tryptone Glucose Yeast Extract Broth

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Buffered Tryptone Glucose Yeast Extract Broth is recommended for isolation and enumeration of *Clostridium perfringens* from food specimens

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Casein enzymic hydrolysate	50.000
Peptic digest of animal tissue	5.000
Yeast extract	20.000
Dextrose	4.000
Disodium phosphate	5.000
Sodium thioglycollate	1.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.3±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 8.5 grams in 100 ml distilled water. Heat, if necessary to dissolve the medium completely and dispense 15 ml into 20x150 mm test tubes or 100 ml in 170 ml bottles. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 8 minutes (tubes) or 15 minutes (bottles).

Principle And Interpretation

Clostridium perfringens food poisoning is one of the most common types of foodborne illness (2). A heat labile enterotoxin produced only by sporulating cells (3) induces the major symptoms of diarrhoea in perfringens poisoning (4). Although the enterotoxin is not preformed in the food, the foods in which conditions are favorable for sporulation may contain enterotoxin (5,6). Buffered Tryptone Glucose Yeast Extract Broth is prepared as recommended by APHA (1) for enrichment as well as for cultivation of *C. perfringens* from food samples. Buffered Tryptone Glucose Yeast Extract Broth is also used to obtain pure cultures of *C. perfringens* before proceeding for confirmation. Endospores are not usually produced in this medium (1).

The medium contains casein enzymic hydrolysate, peptic digest of animal tissue and yeast extract, which provides carbon and nitrogen, vitamins and other essential nutrients. Dextrose is the fermentable sugar. Disodium phosphate buffers the medium well. Sodium thioglycollate present in the medium acts as a reducing agent and maintains a low oxygen tension in the medium.

For enrichment 2 grams of food sample is inoculated in 15-20 ml of sterile Buffered Tryptone Glucose Yeast Extract Broth (M951). After incubation of 20-24 hours at 35-37°C the culture from the tubes showing turbidity and gas production is streaked on TSC Agar Plates (M837) containing egg yolk to obtain presumptive *C. perfringens*.

Quality Control

Appearance

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Light amber coloured clear solution without any precipitate

Reaction

Reaction of 8.5% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.3±0.2

pH

7.10-7.50

Cultural Response

M951: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18-48 hours.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth
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<i>Clostridium botulinum</i> ATCC 25763	50-100	good-luxuriant
<i>Clostridium perfringens</i> ATCC 12924	50-100	good-luxuriant
<i>Clostridium sporogenes</i> ATCC 11437	50-100	good-luxuriant

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.

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