



Yeast Glucose Beef Agar

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Yeast Glucose Beef Agar is used for the cultivation of lactic Streptococci for determining growth characteristics.

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Peptic digest of animal tissue	10.000
Beef extract	10.000
Yeast extract	3.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Dextrose	5.000
Agar	15.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.0±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 48 grams in 1000 ml distilled water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely and dispense as desired. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes.

Principle And Interpretation

The Lactic Acid Bacteria (LAB) comprise a clad of gram positive low-GC, acid tolerant, non-sporulating, non-respiring rod or cocci that are associated by their common metabolic and physiological characteristics. These bacteria produce lactic acid as the major metabolic endproduct of carbohydrate fermentation. The industrial importance of the LAB is evidenced by their generally regarded safe (GRAS) status, due to their ubiquitous appearance in food and their contribution to the healthy microflora of human mucosal surfaces. The genera that comprise the LAB are at its core *Lactobacillus* , *Leuconostoc* , *Pediococcus* , *Lactococcus* , and *Streptococcus* as well as the more peripheral *Aerococcus* , *Teragenococcus* , *Vagococcus* , and *Weisella* (1, 2).

Lactococci (formerly Lancefield group N streptococci) are used extensively as starter inocula in dairy fermentations, with humans estimated to consume 1018 lactococci annually. Partly due to their industrial relevance, both *Lactococcus lactis* subspecies (lactis and cremoris) are widely used as generic LAB models for research. Yeast Glucose Beef Agar is used for the cultivation of lactic Streptococci (3).

Dextrose provides an energy source for the growth of microorganisms. Yeast extract, peptic digest of animal tissue and beef extract provide the necessary growth factors and nutrients. Sodium chloride helps to maintain osmotic balance of the cells.

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 4.8% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.0±0.2

pH

6.80-7.20

Cultural Response

M966: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18-24 hours.

Organism

Growth

Leuconostoc dextranicum good-luxuriant

Streptococcus cremoris good-luxuriant
ATCC 19257
Lactobacillus lactis ATCC good-luxuriant
8000
Streptococcus thermophilus good-luxuriant
ATCC 14485

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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