



Dextrose Tryptone Broth, Modified

M914

Dextrose Tryptone Broth, Modified is recommended for the detection and enumeration of mesophilic and thermophilic aerobic microorganisms in foods.

Composition**

| Ingredients | Gms / Litre |
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| Casein enzymic hydrolysate | 10.000 |
| Dextrose | 5.000 |
| Dipotassium phosphate | 1.250 |
| Yeast extract | 1.000 |
| Bromocresol purple | 0.040 |
| Final pH (at 25°C) | 6.7±0.2 |

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 17.29 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 and dispense into sterile tubes.

Principle And Interpretation

Canned foods are most often prone to flat-sour spoilage due to contamination by either mesophilic or thermophilic aerobic spore-formers. Williams (1) evolved Dextrose Tryptone Agar, a suitable medium for cultivation and enumeration of the thermophilic bacteria. It is also recommended for general cultural studies by Cameron (2) and other associations (3-7). Dextrose Tryptone Broth, Modified (M914) is more nutritious and well buffered than Dextrose Tryptone Broth (M122) due to inclusion of yeast extract and dipotassium phosphate. Dextrose Tryptone Broth, Modified is similar in composition to Dextrose Tryptone Agar, Modified (M913), except agar. This medium is useful for enumeration of mesophilic organisms, thermophiles in cereals and cereal products, dehydrated fruits and vegetables and spices (8).

Casein enzymic hydrolysate and yeast extract provides essential nutrients to the organisms. Dextrose serves as an energy source while bromo cresol purple is a pH indicator. Dipotassium phosphate buffers the medium. Acid producing organisms produce yellow coloured medium. The tubes should be incubated at 55°C for 48 hours in a humid incubator.

Quality Control

Appearance

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Purple coloured, clear solution in tubes

Reaction

Reaction of 1.73% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 6.7±0.2

pH

6.50-6.90

Cultural Response

M914: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 54-56°C for 36-48 hours.

| Organism | Inoculum (CFU) | Growth | Colour of medium |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---|------------------|
| <i>Bacillus brevis</i> ATCC 8246 | 50-100 | good-luxuriant(with or without dextrose fermentation) | yellow |

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| <i>Bacillus coagulans</i> ATCC 8038 | 50-100 | good-luxuriant | yellow |
| <i>Bacillus stearothermophilus</i> ATCC 7953 | 50-100 | good-luxuriant | yellow |

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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