

Technical Data

MRS HiVeg Broth, Modified (Lactobacillus Heteroferm Screen MV1164 HiVeg Broth)

Modified MRS HiVeg Broth is recommended for the isolation and cultivation of Lactobacillus species from foods.

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Dextrose	20.000
HiVeg peptone No. 3	10.000
Yeast extract	5.000
Sodium acetate	5.000
2-Phenylethyl alcohol	3.000
Ammonium citrate	2.000
Dipotassium phosphate	2.000
Magnesium sulphate	0.100
Manganese sulphate	0.050
Bromo cresol green	0.040
Cycloheximide	0.004
Final pH (at 25°C)	4.3±0.2

^{**}Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 47.20 grams in 1000 ml distilled water containing 1 ml polysorbate 80. Mix thoroughly and dispense in tubes containing inverted Durham's tubes. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. If necessary, adjust the pH with glacial acetic acid after sterilization.

Warning: Cycloheximide is very toxic. Avoid skin contact or aerosol formation and inhalation.

Principle And Interpretation

MRS Media is the modification of MRS medium of deMan et al (1) recommended for isolation and cultivation of *Lactobacilli* causing spoilage of salad dressings (2, 3).

HiVeg peptone no. 3 and dextrose supply nitrogen, carbon and other elements essential for the growth of Lactobacilli. Polysorbate 80 a mixture of oleic esters, supplies fatty acids required by *Lactobacilli*. Ammonium citrate, sodium acetate, 2-phenylethyl alcohol and Cycloheximide inhibit gram-negative organisms, moulds and certain gram-positive bacteria. Certain yeasts are also suppressed because of the presence of Cycloheximide.

Inoculate 1ml of 1:10 dilutions of the dressing sample into three MRS HiVeg Broth tubes. Incubate at 32° C for 72 hours \pm 2 hours. Positive tubes have trapped CO2 in the Durham's tubes or bubbles of CO2 clinging to the inside of the tube and a colour change from green to yellow indicating acid production.

Quality Control

Appearance

Light blue to bluish grey homogeneous free flowing powder

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Green coloured clear to slightly opalescent solution in tubes

Reaction

Reaction of 4.72% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH: 4.3±0.2

pН

4.10-4.50

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed in presence of 5-10% Carbon dioxide(CO2) after an incubation at 35-37°C for upto 3 days.

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Cultural Response

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth
Cultural Response		
Lactobacillus acidophilus	50-100	luxuriant
ATCC 4356		
Lactobacillus fermentum	50-100	luxuriant
ATCC 9338		
Lactobacillus plantarum	50-100	luxuriant
ATCC 8014		

Storage and Shelf Life

Store dehydrated and the prepared medium at 2 - 8°C in tightly closed container. Use before expiry date on the label.

Reference

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