

## Specification

Selective supplement for isolation and confirmation of *Listeria monocytogenes* formulated according to ISO 11290-1 and 2:1996 Amd 2004.

## Presentation

10 Freeze dried vials

with: 3 ± 0.1 g

### Packaging Details

23x60 mm glass vials, tag labelled, plastic cap - 10 vials per box.

### Shelf Life

49 months

### Storage

2-25 °C

## Composition

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Polymyxin B.....	38350 IU
Cycloheximide.....	0.025
Ceftazidime.....	0.010
Nalidixic acid.....	0.010

Note: Each vial is sufficient to supplement 470 ml of Listeria Agar Base according to Ottaviani and Agosti

Reconstitute the original

freeze-dried vial

by adding 1 vial with

Sterile distilled water..... 6 ml

## Description /Technique

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Completed with all its supplements the Agar Listeria Ottaviani & Agosti is a selective and differential medium for the detection of *Listeria* species and the presumptive identification of *Listeria monocytogenes*.

The selectivity is achieved by the high concentration of lithium chloride and the mixture of antimicrobics. The differential activity is due to the chromogenic substrate to detect the  $\beta$ -glucosidase enzyme that is present in all *Listeria* species.

The specific identification is obtained by the L- $\alpha$ -phosphatidylinositol, that acts as substrate for a phospholipase C present only in *Listeria monocytogenes* and some strains of *Listeria ivanovii*. The combination of both substrates allows the differentiation *L. monocytogenes*, which grow in produces colonies blue-green in colour and surrounded by an opaque zone, from the other *Listeria* species, which blue-green colonies but without any halo. This differentiation is evident after incubating the plates for 24 ± 2 hours at 37 °C.

Sometimes, especially with highly contaminated samples, it is possible that some colonies, white in colour, are not *Listeria* growth. In this case an enrichment step is recommended prior to plate inoculation.

Observations: Most *Listeria ivanovii* also produce an opaque halo around the colonies after 48 h of incubation. This presumptive evidence must be confirmed by performing the biochemical or serological identification tests (Rhamnose / Xylose sugar fermentation, hemolysis tests, CAMP test, etc.) or any test confirming the species without hesitation.

### Technique:

Add 1 bottle supplement Ottaviani & Agosti (L-alpha-phosphatidylinositol) and 1 vial supplement Ottaviani & Agosti for complete 500 ml medium.

Homogenize by mixing and distribute in Petri dishes. The solidified cool medium appears homogeneously turbid.

There are many standardised methodologies (ISO, FDA-BAM, AOAC, AFNOR, etc.). The technician must follow the protocol validated in his laboratory.

## Quality control

### Physical/Chemical control

Color : White

pH: at 25°C

### Microbiological control

Spiral Spreading: Practical range 100 ± 20 CFU. min. 50 CFU (productivity) / 10<sup>4</sup>-10<sup>6</sup> CFU (selectivity).

Microbiological control according to ISO 11133:2014/A1:2018.

Analytical methodology according to ISO 11133:2014/A1:2018; A2:2020.

Aerobiosis. Incubation at 37 °C ± 1, reading after 44 ± 4h

### Microorganism

*Escherichia coli* ATCC<sup>®</sup> 25922, WDCM 00013*Enterococcus faecalis* ATCC<sup>®</sup> 29212, WDCM 00087*L. monocytogenes* ATCC<sup>®</sup> 13932, WDCM 00021*Listeria innocua* ATCC<sup>®</sup> 33090, WDCM 00017*Listeria monocytogenes* ATCC<sup>®</sup> 35152

### Sterility Control

Incubation 48 h at 30-35 °C and 48 h at 20-25 °C: NO GROWTH.

Check at 7 days after incubation in same conditions.

### Growth

Inhibited

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Good - Blue colonies with white halo

Good - Blue colonies without white halo

Good - Blue colonies with white halo

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