



Oxidase Discs

DD018

Oxidase Discs are used for detection of oxidase production by microorganisms like *Neisseria*, *Alcaligenes*, *Aeromonas*, *Vibrio*'s, *Campylobacter* and *Pseudomonas*, which give positive reactions and for excluding *Enterobacteriaceae*, which give negative reactions.

Directions

Oxidase reaction is carried out by touching and spreading a well isolated colony on the oxidase disc. The reaction is observed within 5-10 seconds at 25-30°C. A change later than 10 seconds or no change at all is considered negative reaction.

Precautions

1. „Do not use stainless steel or nichrome inoculating wires, as false positive reaction may result from surface oxidation products formed during flame sterilization.
2. „Growth from media containing dyes is not suitable for testing.
3. „Timing is critical (5-10 sec) for interpretation of results.
4. „Perform oxidase test on all gram-negative bacilli.
5. „Cytochrome oxidase production may be inhibited by acid production. False negative reactions may be exhibited by *Vibrio*, *Aeromonas* and *Plesiomonas* species when grown on a medium containing fermentable carbohydrate e.g. MacConkey Agar (M081). Colonies taken from media containing nitrate may give unreliable results. The loss of activity of the oxidase reagent is caused by auto-oxidation which may be avoided by adding 0.1% ascorbic acid (3).

Principle And Interpretation

Certain bacteria possess either cytochrome oxidase or indophenol oxidase (an iron-containing haemoprotein), which catalyzes the transport of electrons from donor compounds (NADH) to electron acceptors (usually oxygen). In the oxidase test, a colourless dye such as N, N-dimethyl-p-phenylenediamine serves as an artificial electron acceptor for the enzyme oxidase. The dye is oxidized to form indophenol blue, a coloured compound. The test is useful in the initial characterization of aerobic gram-negative bacteria of the genera *Aeromonas*, *Plesiomonas*, *Pseudomonas*, *Campylobacter* and *Pasteurella*.

Oxidase discs are sterile filter paper discs impregnated with N, N-dimethyl-p-phenylenediamine oxalate, ascorbic acid and *a*-naphthol. These discs overcome the necessity of daily preparation of fresh reagent. Gordon and McLeod (1) introduced oxidase test for identifying gonococci based upon the ability of certain bacteria to produce indophenol blue from the oxidation of dimethyl-p-phenylenediamine and *a*-naphthol. Gaby and Hadley (2) introduced a more sensitive method by using N, N-dimethyl-p-phenylenediamine oxalate where all staphylococci were oxidase negative. In a positive reaction the enzyme cytochrome oxidase combines with N,N-dimethyl-p-phenylenediamine oxalate and *a*-naphthol to form the dye, indophenol blue.

Quality Control

Appearance

Filter paper discs of 10 mm diameter

Cultural response

Typical oxidase reaction given by 18-48 hour culture observed within 5-10 seconds at 25-30°C.

Organism	Reaction Observed
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC 27853	positive : deep purplish blue colouration of disc

<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> ATCC 19424	positive : deep purplish blue colouration of disc
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922	negative : purplish blue colouration after 10 sec/ no colour change
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 25923	negative : no colour change

Storage and Shelf Life

Store at 2 - 8°C. Use before expiry date on the label.

Reference

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- 2.Gaby W.L and Hadley C., 1957. J. Bact., 74:356
- 3.Steel. K.J. 1962. J. Appl. Bact. 25:445

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Kovac's Reagent Strip

DD019

Kovac's Reagent Strips are used to detect indole producing bacteria.

Directions

Indole production by organisms is observed by inserting the Kovac's reagent strip between the plug and inner wall of the tube, above the inoculated Peptone Water (M028) and incubating at 35-37°C for 18-24 hours.

Preparation of Kovac's reagent

Kovac's reagent is prepared by dissolving 10 gm of p-dimethyl aminobenzaldehyde in 150 ml of isoamyl alcohol and then slowly adding 50 ml of concentrated hydrochloric acid.

Principle And Interpretation

The various enzymes involved in the degradation of tryptophan to indole are collectively called as tryptophanase, a general term used to denote the complete system of enzymes (2). The presence of indole is detected by the Kovac's reagent strip which turns pink in the presence of indole.

Kovac's Reagent Strips are sterile filter paper strips impregnated with Kovac's reagent. Peptone is used in the preparation of Peptone Water because of its high tryptophan content. When tryptophan is degraded by bacteria, indole is produced. Tryptone Water (M463) can also be used to detect indole production in the identification of members of coliform group (1).

Quality Control

Appearance

Filter paper strips of 70 mm x 5 mm.

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18-24 hours by inserting Kovac's Reagent Strips between the plug and inner wall of tube, above the inoculated Peptone Water (M028).

Organism	Growth	Indole
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922	luxuriant	positive reaction, pink colour at the lower portion of the strip.
<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i> ATCC 13048	luxuriant	negative reaction, no colour change.

Storage and Shelf Life

Store at 2 - 8°C. Use before expiry date on the label.

Reference

- Eaton A.D, Clesceri L.S., Greenberg. A.E, Rice E. W.(Eds) 2005, Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and wastewater, 21st ed., APHA, Washington DC.
- MacFaddin J. F., 2000, Biochemical Tests for Identification of Medical Bacteria, 3rd ed., Philadelphia: Lippincott. Williams and Wilkins.

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Plate Count Agar (Standard Methods Agar)

M091

Intended use

Recommended for the determination of plate counts of microorganisms in food, water, waste water and also from clinical samples.

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Tryptone	5.000
Yeast extract	2.500
Dextrose (Glucose)	1.000
Agar	15.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.0±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 23.5 grams in 1000 ml purified/distilled water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50°C. Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

Principle And Interpretation

Plate Count Agar is formulated as described by Buchbinder et al (2) which is recommended by APHA (1,6,7) and FDA (3). Tryptone provides nitrogenous and carbonaceous compounds, long chain amino acids, and other essential nutrients. Yeast extract supplies Vitamin B complex. APHA recommends the use of pour plate technique. The samples are diluted and appropriate dilutions are added in Petri plates. Sterile molten agar is added to these plates and plates are rotated gently to ensure uniform mixing of the sample with agar. The poured plate count method is preferred to the surface inoculation method, since it gives higher results. Plate Count Agar is also suitable for enumerating bacterial count of sterile rooms.

Type of specimen

Clinical samples - Blood; Food and dairy samples; Water samples

Specimen Collection and Handling

For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines (4,5).

For food and dairy samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection and processing as per guidelines (6,7).

For water samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection, processing as per guidelines and local standards(1).

After use, contaminated materials must be sterilized by autoclaving before discarding.

Warning and Precautions :

In Vitro diagnostic Use. Read the label before opening the container. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/ face protection. Follow good microbiological lab practices while handling specimens and culture. Standard precautions as per established guidelines should be followed while handling clinical specimens. Safety guidelines may be referred in individual safety data sheets

Limitations :

1. This medium is general purpose medium and may not support the growth of fastidious organisms.

Performance and Evaluation

Performance of the medium is expected when used as per the direction on the label within the expiry period when stored at recommended temperature.

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 yellow coloured clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates

Reaction

Reaction of 2.35% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.0±0.2

pH

6.80-7.20

Cultural Response

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

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Recovery
<i>Bacillus subtilis subsp. spizizenii</i> ATCC 6633 (00003*)	50-100	luxuriant	≥70%
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC 29212 (00087*)	50-100	luxuriant	≥70%
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 (00013*)	50-100	luxuriant	≥70%
<i>Lactobacillus casei</i> ATCC 9595	50-100	luxuriant	≥70%
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> subsp. <i>aureus</i> ATCC 25923 (00034*)	50-100	luxuriant	≥70%
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> ATCC 19615	50-100	luxuriant	≥70%

Key : *Corresponding WDCM numbers.

Storage and Shelf Life

Store between 10-30°C in a tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 20-30°C. Use before expiry date on the label. On opening, product should be properly stored dry, after tightly capping the bottle in order to prevent lump formation due to the hygroscopic nature of the product. Improper storage of the product may lead to lump formation. Store in dry ventilated area protected from extremes of temperature and sources of ignition. Seal the container tightly after use. Use before expiry date on the label.

Product performance is best if used within stated expiry period.

Disposal

User must ensure safe disposal by autoclaving and/or incineration of used or unusable preparations of this product. Follow established laboratory procedures in disposing of infectious materials and material that comes into contact with clinical sample must be decontaminated and disposed of in accordance with current laboratory techniques (4,5).

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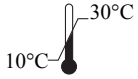
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device



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Yeast extract Agar, Modified

M456I

Yeast extract Agar, Modified is recommended for enumeration of microorganisms from water.

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Tryptone	6.000
Yeast extract	3.000
Agar	15.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.2±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 24 grams in 1000 ml distilled water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50°C. Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

Principle And Interpretation

Yeast Extract Agar, Modified is a non selective medium formulated according to the ISO specification ISO 6222:1999 for enumeration of microorganisms from water.

Necessary growth nutrients are provided by tryptone and yeast extract. These serve as source of nitrogen, vitamins, growth factors as well as crude source of carbon. Agar acts as a solidifying agent.

Quality Control

Appearance

Cream to yellow coloured homogeneous free flowing powder

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Yellow coloured clear to very slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates.

Reaction

Reaction of 2.4% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.2±0.2

pH

7.00-7.40

Cultural Response

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

Cultural Response

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Recovery
Cultural Response			
<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i> ATCC 13048	50-100	luxuriant	≥70%
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922	50-100	luxuriant	≥70%
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC 27853	50-100	luxuriant	≥70%
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 25923	50-100	luxuriant	≥70%

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

1. ISO 6222:1999 water quality Enumeration of culturable microorganisms Colony count by incubation in a nutrient agar culture medium.

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Slanetz and Bartley Medium

M612I

Intended use

Recommended for detection and enumeration of faecal Streptococci from water samples by membrane filtration technique. The composition and performance criteria of this medium are as per the specifications laid down in ISO/DIS 7899 -2: 2000.

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Tryptose	20.000
Yeast extract	5.000
Dextrose	2.000
Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate	4.000
Sodium azide	0.400
2,3,5-Triphenyl tetrazolium chloride	0.100
Agar	15.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.2±0.1

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 46.5 grams in 1000 ml purified / distilled water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. DO NOT AUTOCLAVE OR OVERHEAT. Excessive heating is detrimental. Cool to 45-50°C. Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

Principle And Interpretation

Slanetz and Bartley Medium was originally devised by Slanetz and Bartley (9) for the detection and enumeration of Enterococci by membrane filtration technique. It can be also used as a direct plating medium (2,8). M612I differs from M612 in the type of buffering system used. This medium composition is as per specifications laid in ISO (5).

Tryptose and yeast extract serves as a source of essential nutrients along with B-complex vitamins and nitrogenous nutrients. The medium is highly selective for Enterococci. Sodium azide has inhibitory effect on gram-negative organisms. Triphenyl Tetrazolium Chloride is reduced to the insoluble formazan inside the bacterial cell forming dark red-coloured colonies. When the medium is incubated at higher temperature (44-45°C), all red or maroon colonies can be considered as presumptive Enterococci (7,10)

The Department of Health (3) has recommended this medium to be used for enumeration of Enterococci in water supplies. Water is filtered through a membrane filter which is then placed on the surface of the Slanetz and Bartley Medium plates and incubated at 35°C for 4 hours and then at 44-45°C for 44-48 hours. Red or maroon colonies are counted as Enterococci. The preliminary incubation at 35°C helps for the recovery of stressed organisms. Not all the species reduce TTC, hence pale colonies also should be considered. Food samples are homogenized and so diluted with physiological saline to give 15-150 colonies on each petri plate. Homogenates or dilutions are spread on agar surface and incubated at 35°C for 48 hours. Pink or dark red colonies with a narrow whitish border are counted (8).

Type of specimen

Water samples.

Specimen Collection and Handling:

For water samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection, processing as per guidelines and local standards (1). After use, contaminated materials must be sterilized by autoclaving before discarding.

Warning and Precautions :

Read the label before opening the container. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/ face protection. Follow good microbiological lab practices while handling specimens and culture. Standard precautions as per established guidelines should be followed while handling specimens. Safety guidelines may be referred in individual safety data sheets.

Limitations :

1. Further biochemical testing is required for identification of species.

Performance and Evaluation

Performance of the medium is expected when used as per the direction on the label within the expiry period when stored at recommended temperature.

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 yellow coloured clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates

Reaction

Reaction of 4.65% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.2±0.1

pH

7.10 -7.30

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 44-45°C for 44-48 hours.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Recovery	Colour of colony
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC 50-100 29212 (00087*)		good-luxuriant	≥50%	red or maroon
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC 50-100 19433 (00009*)		good-luxuriant	≥50%	red or maroon
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> WDCM 00176	50-100	good-luxuriant	≥50%	red or maroon
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> ATCC 50-100 6057 (00177*)		good-luxuriant	≥50%	red or maroon
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> WDCM 00178	50-100	good-luxuriant	≥50%	red or maroon
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 (00013*)	≥10 ⁴	inhibited	0%	
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 8739 (00012*)	≥10 ⁴	inhibited	0%	
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> subsp. <i>aureus</i> ATCC 6538 (00032*)	≥10 ⁴	inhibited	0%	
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> subsp. <i>aureus</i> ATCC 25923 (00034)*	≥10 ⁴	inhibited	0%	

Key : * - Corresponding WDCM numbers

Storage and Shelf Life

Store between 10-30°C in a tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 2-8°C. Use before expiry date on the label. On opening, product should be properly stored dry, after tightly capping the bottle in order to prevent lump formation due to the hygroscopic nature of the product. Improper storage of the product may lead to lump formation. Store in dry ventilated area protected from extremes of temperature and sources of ignition Seal the container tightly after use. Product performance is best if used within stated expiry period.

Disposal

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Iron Sulphite Agar Modified

M1852I

Intended Use:

Recommended for the enumeration of sulfite – reducing bacteria growing under anaerobic conditions. The composition and performance criteria of this medium are as per the specifications laid down in ISO 15213:2003

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Casitose ▲	15.000
Soya peptone	5.000
Yeast extract	5.000
Disodium disulfite	1.000
Ferric ammonium citrate	1.000
Agar	15.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.6±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

▲ - Equivalent to Enzymatic digest of casein

Directions

Suspend 42 grams in 1000 ml purified / distilled water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Dispense as desired and sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50°C. Mix well and dispense into sterile tubes or pour into sterile Petri plates.

Principle And Interpretation

Iron Sulphite Agar, Modified is recommended by ISO for the enumeration of sulphite reducing bacteria.(3). Most Clostridia possess sulfite reductase in their cytoplasm but they are unable to expel them to the exterior. So when H₂S is produced from sulfite, the colony becomes dark due to the formation of precipitates of iron sulfide from citrate.

Casitose and soya peptone provides carbon, nitrogen compounds, vitamins, minerals and amino acids necessary for the growth of organism. Yeast extract serves as a rich reservoir of vitamins especially B-complex vitamins. Ferric citrate ammonium citrate and Disodium sulfite serves as are H₂S indicators, wherein *Clostridium perfringens* reduces the sulfite to sulfide which in turn reacts with the iron and forms a black iron sulfide precipitate, seen as black colonies. Agar is the solidifying agent.

Enumeration with this medium can be performed using either tubes or plates. In case of tubes distribute 20-25 ml of the medium in tubes and inoculate 1 ml of test sample or 1 ml of serial dilutions of 10⁻¹ and 10⁻² in molten state. Allow to solidify, and pour 2-3 ml of the same medium in each tube to overlay. In case of Petri plates, transfer 1 ml of test sample or initial dilution. Further dilution can be carried out and 1 ml of each dilution (10⁻¹ and 10⁻²) is transferred to an empty Petri plate. Cool the medium to 44-47°C and pour 15-20 ml of the medium to the Petri plate containing the inoculum. Mix the inoculum and allow the medium to solidify. Overlay the medium with 5-10 ml of the same medium.

After solidification, incubate the medium at 36-38°C for 24-48 hours. If thermophilic bacteria are suspected, a second of tubes is incubated at 49-51°C for 24-48 hours. After incubation, black coloured colonies, possibly surrounded by a black zone are counted as sulphite reducing bacteria.

Type of specimen

Isolated Microorganisms

Specimen Collection and Handling

For isolated microorganisms, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection, processing as per guidelines and local standards (3). After use, contaminated materials must be sterilized by autoclaving before discarding.

Warning and Precautions

Read the label before opening the container. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/ face protection. Follow good microbiological lab practices while handling specimens and culture. Standard precautions as per established guidelines should be followed while handling specimens. Safety guidelines may be referred in individual safety data sheets.

Limitations

1. Further biochemical and serological testing is required for complete identification.

Performance and Evaluation

Performance of the medium is expected when used as per the direction on the label within the expiry period when stored at recommended temperature.

Quality Control

Appearance

Light yellow to brownish yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Yellow coloured, slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates

Reaction

Reaction of 4.2% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.6±0.2

pH

7.40-7.80

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed under anaerobic conditions, after an incubation at 36-38°C for 24-48 hours.

Organism	Inoculum	Growth	Recovery	Colour of colony
<i>Clostridium botulinum</i> ATCC 25763	50-100	luxuriant	≥50%	black
<i>Clostridium butyricum</i> ATCC 13732	50-100	luxuriant	≥50%	black
<i>Clostridium sporogenes</i> ATCC 19404 (00008)*	50-100	luxuriant	≥50%	black
<i>Clostridium perfringens</i> ATCC 13124 (00007)*	50-100	luxuriant	≥50%	black
<i>Clostridium perfringens</i> ATCC 12916 (00080)*	50-100	luxuriant	≥50%	black
<i>Desulfotomaculum</i> <i>nigrificans</i> ATCC 19998	50-100	luxuriant	≥50%	black
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 (00013)*	50-100	good	40-50%	no blackening
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 8739 (00012)*	50-100	good	40-50%	no blackening

Key : (*) - Corresponding WDCM numbers

Storage and Shelf Life

Store between 10-30°C in a tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 20-30°C. Use before expiry date on the label. On opening, product should be properly stored dry, after tightly capping the bottle in order to prevent lump formation due to the hygroscopic nature of the product. Improper storage of the product may lead to lump formation. Store in dry ventilated area protected from extremes of temperature and sources of ignition. Seal the container tightly after use. Product performance is best if used within stated expiry period.

Disposal

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