



Antibiotic Assay Medium E

M1347

Antibiotic Assay Medium E is used in the microbiological assay of Neomycin sulphate and Framycetin sulphate using *Bacillus subtilis* and *Bacillus pumilus* .

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Peptic digest of animal tissue (Peptone)	5.000
Meat extract	3.000
Disodium hydrogen phosphate.12H ₂ O	26.900
Agar	10.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.9±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 28.67 grams of dehydrated medium 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.

Principle And Interpretation

Antibiotic Assay Medium E is widely used as seed agar in the plate assay of Framycetin sulphate and Neomycin sulphate using *Bacillus subtilis* and *Bacillus pumilus* as test organism.

Peptic digest of animal tissue (Peptone) and meat extract supplies nutrients essential for microbial growth. Phosphates are incorporated in the medium to provide good buffering action. The low concentration of agar facilitates proper diffusion of antibiotic in the seed agar. This medium is formulated in accordance to British Pharmacopoeia (1) and European Pharmacopoeia (2).

Freshly prepared plates should be used for antibiotic assays. Test organisms are inoculated in sterile seed agar cooled to 40-45°C and spread evenly over the surface of solidified base agar. Zones of inhibition around the antibiotic are then measured. All conditions in the microbiological assay must be controlled carefully. The use of standard culture media in the test is one of the important steps for good results.

Quality Control

Appearance

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Gelling

Firm, comparable with 1.0% Agar gel.

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Light yellow coloured clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates

Reaction

Reaction of 2.87 % w/v aqueous solution after sterilization. pH : 7.9±0.2

pH

7.70 - 8.10

Cultural Response

M1347: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18-24 hours.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Recovery	Antibiotics assayed
<i>Bacillus pumilus</i> NCTC 824150-100		luxuriant	≥70%	Neomycin sulphate,

<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> ATCC 6633 50-100	luxuriant	$\geq 70\%$	Framycetin sulphate Neomycin sulphate, Framycetin sulphate
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Storage and Shelf Life

Store below 30°C in tightly closed container and use freshly prepared medium . Use before expiry date on the label

Reference

1. British Pharmacopoeia, 2009, The Stationery office British Pharmacopoeia
2. European Pharmacopoeia, 2009, European Department, for the Quality of Medicines.

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