

For detection, enumeration and confirmation of *Listeria monocytogenes*



CHROMagar™Listeria Method

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Plate Reading

- L. monocytogenes
- → blue, diameter less than 3 mm, regular and white halo

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Listeria monocytogenes is a widespread bacteria, present in the soil, sewage or faecal matter. Its ability to form listerial biofilms on contact surfaces makes it difficult to eliminate. This pathogen can cause serious food poisoning and is therefore frequently a microbial Q.C. target in food processing facilities to avoid food contamination. Contamination can occur at all steps of the food manufacturing chain from raw materials to place of consumption.

CHROMagarTM has developed a rapid method for the detection of *L. monocytogenes* in food stuff, comprising the following simple steps (1) enrichement in half-frazer broth for 24h, (2) isolation in CHROMagarTM Listeria, (3) confirmation of *Listeria monocytogenes* species in CHROMagarTM Identification Listeria.

CHROMagar™ Listeria Method vs ISO 11290 Method:

	CHROMagar™ Listeria Method	ISO 11290 Method (classical)
Number of Enrichments	1 for 24 h	2 = total 48 h
Number of plates Incubation	1 plate for 24 h	4 plates for 24 h & 48 h
Number of confirmatory tests	1 test	7 tests
Time to result: Negative results Positive results	After 2 days After 3 days	After 5 days After 7 days

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Medium Performance

CLEAR READING

Since *L. monocytogenes* and *L. innocua* have similar biochemical properties, they cannot be differentiated on traditional media (Palcam, Oxford). CHROMagar™ Listeria helps to easily differentiate *Listeria monocytogenes* from other *Listeria* directly at the isolation step: the colonies are blue and surrounded by a white halo due to a specific phospholipase activity.





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SIMPLICITY/QUICK RESULTS

Classical confirmatory tests for the *L. monocytogenes* species include many tedious and time consuming steps (purification + catalase + haemolysis + dextrose + rhamnose + xylose...) CHROMagar™ Identification Listeria simplifies the species confirmatory step and reduces the workload, hence improves the efficiency of the laboratory.

A single spot of a suspect colony out of **CHROMagarTM** Listeria directly put onto **CHROMagarTM** Identification Listeria, will provide confirmation of *L. monocytogenes* species within 24 hours.





