

Specification

Selective medium for the isolation of pathogenic staphylococci according to the Pharmacopoeial Harmonized Methodology and the ISO Standard 22718:2006.

Presentation

20 Prepared Plates
90 mm
with: 21 ± 2 ml

Packaging Details

1 box with 2 packs of 10 plates/pack. Single cellophane.

Shelf Life

3 months

Storage

2-14°C

Composition

Composition (g/l):

Meat extract.....	1.000
Casein peptone.....	5.000
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Sodium chloride.....	75.000
D-Mannitol.....	10.000
Phenol red.....	0.025
Agar.....	15.000

Description /Technique

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Mannitol Salt Agar is a classical medium for the detection and enumeration of staphylococci. It was described by Chapman and has been adopted by many official organisations. Several modifications of it have been developed, all formulations resulting in media with similar efficiency.

This medium takes advantage of the high saline tolerance of staphylococci, and uses sodium chloride as a selective agent. Only staphylococci and halophilic enterobacteria are able to grow freely at the concentration of salt employed in this medium, while other bacteria are inhibited. It also exploits the correlation between the pathogenicity of staphylococci and their ability ferment mannitol. Mannitol fermentation results in an accumulation of acid products, indicated by the phenol red indicator turning yellow. A yellow halo surrounds the presumptive pathogenic colonies, while the rest of the medium remains red/orange in colour.

Technique:

Inoculate the plates and incubate at 37°C for 36 hours or at 32°C for 3 days.

The typical appearance of the colonies after the correct incubation is as follows:

- Presumptive pathogenic staphylococci (coagulase +) are mannitol positive and produces large colonies with a yellow halo.
- Non-pathogenic staphylococci (coagulase -) are usually mannitol negative and produce small colonies without a halo or change in colour.

Coagulase presence must be tested by the classical technique in order to establish its true pathogenic potential.

Each laboratory must evaluate the results according to their specifications.

Presumptive isolation of *S. aureus* must be confirmed by further microbiological and biochemical tests.

Quality control

Physical/Chemical control

Color : Strongly pink pH: 7.4 ± 0.2 at 25°C

Microbiological control

Inoculate 10 - 100 CFU per unit according to harmonized Eur. Pharmacopoeia
Aerobiosis. Incubation at 30-35°C. Reading at 18-72h

Microorganism

Escherichia coli ATCC® 8739, WDCM 00012
Stph. epidermidis ATCC® 12228, WDCM 00036
Staphylococcus aureus ATCC® 6538, WDCM 00032
Stph. aureus ATCC® 25923, WDCM 00034
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Growth

Inhibited
Poor to good- White colonies -Red medium
Good. White colonies. Yellow medium.
Good. White colonies. Yellow medium.
Microbiological control accor. to ISO 11133:2014

Sterility Control

Incubation 48 hours at 30-35°C and 48 hours at 20-25°C: NO GROWTH
Check at 7 days after incubation in same conditions

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