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TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Bile Esculin Agar

Principle

The media is formulated by Swan (1954) and modified by Facklam and Moody (1970). The media composition and performance criteria are as per the specification laid down in ISO 10273:1994. Bile esculin agar is composed of meat extract (Equivalent to beef extract), peptone, oxgall, ferric citrate, esculin and agar. Meat extract and peptone provides nitrogen and other necessary minerals. Oxgall is selective agent inhibits gram positive bacteria other than enterococci. Ferric citrate is indicator for esculin hydrolysis. The esculin (glycoside) is source of carbon. The esculin hydrolyzing microorganisms hydrolyzes esculin to esculetin and dextrose. The esculetin reacts with ferric citrate to from brown or black color complex. Agar is solidifying agent

Use: Recommended for isolating and identification of *Yersinia enterocolitica* from food and animal fooder.

Contents*

Ingredients	Gram/Litre
Meat Extract#	3.00
Peptone	5.00
Oxgall	40.00
Ferric Citrate	0.50
Esculin	1.00
Agar	15.00
pH at 25˚C	6.6 ±0.2

*** Formula adjusted for optimum performance and parameters # Equivalent to Beef Extract**

Directions: Dissolve 64.50 grams in 1000 ml distilled water. Boil to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 min (Overheating may causes darkening of medium), cool it to 42-45 °C and dispense in desired (Test tubes to form butt and in petri plates for isolation and identification). Ensure complete solidification and inoculate test sample aseptically.

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Specimens' types analyzed
Food and fooder samples etc.

Precautions to be taken
These microbial media are intended for the in-vitro use only. All the handling, experiments, storage, and discarding should be performed with the help of skilled and knowledgeable technicians and as per the established guidelines. The material should be disposed only after proper sterilization by autoclaving. Please go through the MSDS of the media to avoid any accidents or in emergency.

Performance and Evaluation
The expected performance of the medium is liable to use as per the direction on the label when stored at optimum conditions and within expiry date.

Quality Control

Appearance	**Light beige colored free flowing, homogeneous powder**
Reaction of 6.45% solution	**6.6 ±0.2 at 25 ˚C**
pH	**6.60- 7.00**
Gelling	**Firm comparable with 1.5% agar gel**
Color and clarity of ready medium	**Amber colored opalescent gel**
Indicative properties	**Optimum at ≤ 100 CFU at 32-37 ºC for 18-48 h**
Negative control	**Performed using sterile distilled water**

Different Microbial Response
Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35 ± 2°C for 18-48 hours

Organism	Inoculum	Growth	Esculin hydrolysis	Incubation Temperature	Incubation period
Yersinia enterocolitica **(ATCC 27729)**	**50-100**	**Luxurious**	**Positive (Black color)**	**33-37 ºC**	**18-48 h**
Enterococcus faecalis **(ATCC 29212)**	**50-100**	**Luxurious**	**Positive (Black color)**	**33-37 ºC**	**18-48 h**

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Storage and Shelf Life: Hygroscopic; keep container tightly closed. Store in cool dry place.

Disposal: To avoid the contamination or propagation of any hazardous microbes the used, unusable or modified preparation of this product must be disposed after autoclaving after completion of task.

Reference

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