

MaCconkey Agar

REF.	Pack size
1405 001	100 gm
1405 002	500 gm

Intended Use

MacConkey Agar with Crystal Violet, NaCl and 0.15% Bile Salts is a slightly selective and differential medium for the detection of coliforms and enteric pathogens in faeces and other specimens.

Background

MacConkey Agar is the earliest selective and differential medium for cultivation of enteric micro-organisms from a variety of specimens like water, faeces and other sources. Its formula was further modified to be more selective ; where the addition of bile salts allow the growth of gram-negative organisms.

MacConkey Agar with Crystal Violet, NaCl and 0.15% Bile Salts is designed to achieve more differentiation of lactose fermenters and non-lactose fermenters, for the promotion of superior growth of enteric pathogens.

Principle

Peptone and tryptone provide nitrogen and other nutrients, while lactose is the carbohydrate source. Bile salts and crystal violet are selective agents that inhibit the growth of most species gram positive bacteria but allow enteric gram-negative bacteria to grow. Neutral red is the pH indicator.

Components	gm/Liter
Peptone	1.5
Tryptone	1.5
Pancreatic Digest of Gelatin	17.0
Lactose	10.0
Bile Salts	1.5
Sodium Chloride	5.0
Crystal Violet	0.001
Neutral Red	0.03
Agar	13.5










Final pH (at 25°C) 7.1 ± 0.2

Preparation, Storage and Stability

Store the dehydrated medium at 10-30°C and use before the expiry date on the label. Store the prepared medium at 2-8°C. After the desired amount of medium has been taken out replace the cap tightly to protect from hydration.

Procedure

1. Suspend 50.031 g of the powder in 1000 ml distilled water and mix well.
2. Heat with frequent agitation to dissolve the powder completely.
3. Sterilize by autoclaving at 121°C for 15 minutes.
4. Cool to 45-50°C and pour into sterile petri plates.

SYMBOLS IN PRODUCT LABELLING	
	Authorised Representative
	For in-vitro diagnostic use
	Batch Code/Lot number
	Catalogue Number
	Consult instructions for use
	Use by/Expiration Date
	CAUTION. Consult instructions for use
	Manufactured by
	(Xi) - Irritant

Quality Control

Dehydrated Appearance : Pinkish beige coloured, homogeneous, free flowing powder.

Prepared Appearance : Red with purplish tinge, clear to slightly opalescent gel.

Cultural Response : Cultural characteristics after 18-72 hours at 30-35°C or 35± 2°C for clinical specimens

Organisms	Growth	Colour of Colony
<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	Good	Pink to red
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Good	Pink to red with precipitate
<i>Proteus vulgaris</i>	Good	Colourless
<i>Shigella flexneri</i>	Fair to good	Colourless
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	Inhibited	-

Interpretation of the results

1. Lactose fermenting bacteria produce pink to brick-red colonies and may be surrounded by a zone of bile precipitation.
2. Non-Lactose fermenting bacteria produce colourless colonies.

Precautions

1. Incubation of plates under increased CO₂ has been reported to reduce the growth and recovery of a number of strains of gram-negative bacilli.
2. Not all strains of E.coli ferment lactose.

Bibliography

1. MacConkey 1905, J. Hyg; 5: 333.
2. Downes and Ito (ed.) 2001, Compendium Of Methods For The Microbiological Examination Of Foods, 4 edition, APHA Washington DC.
3. Greenberg AE; Clesceri LS and Eaton AD (Eds), 1998, Standard Methods For The Examination of Water and Wastewater, 20 edition, APHA, Washington, DC.
4. US Food and Drug Adm; 1998, Bacteriological Analytical Manual, 8th Ed; Rev. A, AOAC, International, Gaithersburg, Md.



Egyptian Co for Biotechnology - Spectrum Diagnostics (S.A.E)

Obour city industrial area. block 20008 piece 19 A. Cairo. Egypt.

Tel: +202 4489 2248 - Fax: +202 4489 2247

www.spectrum-diagnostics.com

E-mail: info@spectrum-diagnostics.com



MDSS GmbH
Schiffgraben 41
30175 Hannover, Germany

