

Technical Data

Legionella Enrichment Broth Base

M1399

Legionella Enrichment Broth Base with addition of supplements is used for the enrichment of Legionella species

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Yeast extract	5.000
Proteose peptone	15.000
Liver extract	2.500
Sodium chloride	5.000
Final pH (at 25°C)	6.9±0.2

^{**}Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 13.75 grams in 500 ml distilled water. Heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50°C and aseptically add rehydrated contents of 1 vial of Legionella Growth Supplement (FD016A). Mix well and dispense as desired.

Principle And Interpretation

Legionella is a gram-negative bacterium and is the causative agent of Legionnaires disease. Natural sources of Legionella are fresh water ponds and creeks. Transmission to humans takes place via inhalation of aerosols from cooling towers, hot water systems or fountains containing the bacteria.

Legionella Enrichment Broth is recommended for enrichment of Legionella (1).

Yeast extract, liver extract and proteose peptone in Legionella Enrichment Broth Base provide necessary nitrogenous nutrients for better recovery of *Legionella*. Sodium chloride helps to maintain osmotic balance. L-Cysteine hydrochloride and ferric pyrophosphate satisfy the specific nutritional requirements. Adding 50 ml of sterile defibrinated horse blood can further enrich this medium.

Quality Control

Appearance

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Yellow coloured clear to slightly opalescent solution in tubes

Reaction

Reaction of 2.75% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH: 6.9±0.2

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6.70-7.10

Cultural Response

M1399: Cultural characteristics observed with added Legionella Growth Supplement (FD016A), after an incubation at 35-37°C for 48-72 hours.

Organism	Growth
Cultural Response	
Legionella dumoffii ATCC	good-luxuriant
33343	
Legionella pneumophila	good-luxuriant
ATCC 33153	

Storage and Shelf Life

Store at 30°C in tightly closed container and prepared medium at 2-8°C. Use before expiry period on the label.

Reference

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