

H₂S Medium Kit

Intended Use

H₂S Medium Kit is used for simultaneous detection of *Salmonella* and *Citrobacter* from water samples.

Summary

Hydrogen sulphide can be produced at least in small amounts from sulphur containing amino acids. Some bacteria are capable of breaking down sulphur containing amino acids (cystine, methionine) or reducing inorganic sulphur containing compounds (sulfate, thiosulphate) to produce H₂S. This reduced sulphur may then be incorporated into other cellular amino acids, or perhaps into coenzymes.

Principle

The medium incorporates sulphur containing compounds and iron salts. The organisms reduce this sulphur containing compounds to sulphite and H₂S gas by virtue of a reductive enzyme. Production of H₂S gas is detected as an insoluble black precipitate of ferrous sulphide formed upon reaction of H₂S with iron salts. H₂S Medium Kit is a rapid, portable and reliable field-testing kit for drinking water.

Reagent

The Micropress® H₂S Medium Kit comprises of:

1. Sterile bottles with powder: 10 Nos.

Storage and Stability

1. Store in a cool, dry place at 15°C-25°C away from bright light.
2. Stability of the kit is as per the expiry date mentioned on the label.

Directions

1. Collect 20 mL water to be tested in sterile disposable bottle.
2. Allow the powder to dissolve and if required shake gently.
3. Incubate the bottle for 24-48 hours at 35°C-37°C.
4. Observe for colour change.

Interpretation of Results

After incubation, formation of black precipitation indicates H₂S production. This also indicates the presence of unwanted organisms.

Quality Control

Appearance: Yellow coloured, homogeneous, free flowing powder, in a sterile 20 mL vial.

On addition of water: Light amber coloured clear solution obtained on addition of water.

Cultural Response: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation of 24-48 hours at 35°C-37°C.

Organism (ATCC)	Growth	H ₂ S Production
<i>Escherichia coli</i> (25922)	Good	-
<i>Salmonella enterica</i> subsp. <i>enterica</i> serovar <i>Typhimurium</i> (14028)	Good	+
<i>Citrobacter freundii</i> (8090)	Good	+

Key: + = Blackening; - = No Blackening

Remarks

1. The Micropress® H₂S Medium Kit is an *In vitro* diagnostic kit for laboratory and professional use only. Not for medicinal use.
2. Sensitivity of a rapid test may be compromised because the bacterial limit sought may be below the minimum bacterial concentration essential to rapid detection.
3. Confirmation and detection of the organisms may be achieved by use of appropriate confirmation media, incubation times and temperature.
4. Clinical samples and microbial cultures should be considered as pathogenic biohazard and handled accordingly. Good laboratory practices and hazard precautions must be observed at all times.

Warranty

This product is designed to perform as described on the label and package insert. The manufacturer disclaims any implied warranty of use and sale for any other purpose.

Reference

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Product Presentation:

Cat. No.	Product Description	Pack Size
204080040001	Ready Prepared Kit	1 Kit (10 Tests)

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Information provided is based on our inhouse technical data on file, it is recommended that user should validate at his end for suitable use of the product.
