

Phenol Red Lactose Broth

Intended Use

Phenol Red Lactose Broth is used for lactose fermentation studies of microorganisms.

Summary

Phenol Red Broth Medium is formulated as per Vera and is recommended to determine the fermentation reaction of carbohydrates for the differentiation of microorganisms. Phenol Red Broth Medium with various carbohydrates serves as a differential medium by aiding in differentiation of various species and genera by their ability to ferment the specific carbohydrate, with the production of acid or acid and gas. Phenol Red Lactose Broth is used to study lactose fermentation in various bacteria.

Principle

Proteose peptone and beef extract serve as sources for carbon and nitrogen. Sodium chloride is the osmotic stabilizer. Phenol red is the pH indicator, which turns yellow at acidic pH i.e. on fermentation of lactose. Gas formation is seen in Durham's tubes. All of the *Enterobacteriaceae* grow well in this medium. In addition to producing a pH colour shift, the production of mixed acids, notably butyric acids, often results in a pungent, foul odour from the culture medium.

Formula*

Ingredients	g/L
Proteose peptone	10.0
Beef extract	1.0
Sodium chloride	5.0
Lactose	5.0
Phenol red	0.018
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.4 ± 0.2

*Adjusted to suit performance parameters.

Storage and Stability

Store dehydrated medium below 30°C in tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 2°C-8°C. Avoid freezing and overheating. Use before expiry date on the label. Once opened keep powdered medium closed to avoid hydration.

Specimen Collection and Handling

For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines.

For food and dairy samples, follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines.

For water samples, follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines and local standards.

Specimens should be obtained before antimicrobial agents have been administered.

After use, contaminated materials must be sterilized by autoclaving before discarding.

Directions

1. Suspend 21.01 g of the powder in 1000 mL purified / distilled water.
2. Mix thoroughly.
3. Heat to dissolve the powder completely.
4. Dispense in tubes containing inverted Durham's tubes.
5. Sterilize by autoclaving at 121°C (15 psi) for 15 minutes as per validated cycle.

Quality Control

Dehydrated Appearance: Light yellow to pink coloured, homogeneous, free flowing powder.

Prepared Appearance: Red coloured, clear solution without any precipitate.

Cultural Response: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18-24 hours.

Organism (ATCC)	Growth	Acid	Gas
<i>Citrobacter freundii</i> (8090)	Good	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Positive reaction
<i>Escherichia coli</i> (25922)	Good	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Positive reaction
<i>Klebsiella aerogenes</i> (13048)	Good	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Positive reaction
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> subsp. <i>pneumoniae</i> (10031)	Good	Positive reaction, yellow colour	Positive reaction
<i>Proteus hauseri</i> (13315)	Good	Negative reaction, no colour change	Negative reaction
<i>Salmonella enterica</i> subsp. <i>enterica</i> serovar <i>Typhimurium</i> (14028)	Good	Negative reaction, no colour change	Negative reaction
<i>Shigella flexneri</i> serotype 2b (12022)	Good	Negative reaction, no colour change	Negative reaction

Performance and Evaluation

Performance of the product is dependent on following parameters as per product label claim:

1. Directions
2. Storage
3. Expiry

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
201160130100	Dehydrated Culture Media	100 g

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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.