

Specification

Supplement that enhances the growth of *Listeria spp.*

Presentation

	Packaging Details	Shelf Life	Storage
10 Prepared bottles	1 box with 10 bottles of 60 ml (total capacity).	24 months	4-12 °C
with: 24 ± 0,3 ml	Injectable cap: Plastic screw inner cap + elastomer septum + protective outer cap.		

Composition

Composition (g/bottle):

L-alpha-Phosphatidylinositol..... 1.00 g

Sterile distilled water..... 24 ml

Note: Each vial is sufficient to supplement 470 ml of *Listeria* Agar Base according to Ottaviani and Agosti

Description /Technique

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Completed with all its supplements the Agar *Listeria* Ottaviani & Agosti is a selective and differential medium for the detection of *Listeria* species and the presumptive identification of *Listeria monocytogenes*.

The selectivity is achieved by the high concentration of lithium chloride and the mixture of antimicrobics. The differential activity is due to the chromogenic substrate to detect the β -glucosidase enzyme that is present in all *Listeria* species.

The specific identification is obtained by the L- α -phosphatidylinositol, that acts as substrate for a phospholipase C present only in *Listeria monocytogenes* and some strains of *Listeria ivanovii*.

The combination of both substrates allows the differentiation *L. monocytogenes*, which grow in produces colonies blue-green in colour and surrounded by an opaque zone, from the other *Listeria* species, which blue-green colonies but without any halo. This differentiation is evident after incubating the plates for 24 ± 2 hours at 37 °C.

Sometimes, especially with highly contaminated samples, it is possible that some colonies, white in colour, are not *Listeria* growth. In this case an enrichment step is recommended prior to plate inoculation.

Observations: Most *Listeria ivanovii* also produce an opaque halo around the colonies after 48 h of incubation. This presumptive evidence must be confirmed by performing the biochemical or serological identification tests (Rhamnose / Xylose sugar fermentation, hemolysis tests, CAMP test, etc.) or any test confirming the species without hesitation.

Technique:

Add 1 bottle enrichment supplement Ottaviani & Agosti (24 ml)) and 1 vial selective supplement Ottaviani & Agosti for complete 500 ml medium.

Homogenize by mixing and distribute in Petri dishes. The solidified cool medium appears homogeneously turbid.

There are many standardised methodologies (ISO, FDA-BAM, AOAC, AFNOR, etc.). The technician must follow the protocol validated in his laboratory.

Quality control

Physical/Chemical control

Color : yellow

Microbiological control

Spiral Spreading: Practical range 100 ± 20 CFU. min. 50 CFU (productivity) / 10⁴-10⁶ CFU (selectivity).

Add to *Listeria* medium base

Aerobiosis. Incubation at 35 ± 2 °C, reading after 18-24 hours.

Microbiological control according to ISO 11133:2014/A1:2018.

Microorganism

L. monocytogenes ATCC® 13932, WDCM 00021

Listeria innocua ATCC® 33090, WDCM 00017

Enterococcus faecalis ATCC® 29212, WDCM 00087

Escherichia coli ATCC® 25922, WDCM 00013

L. monocytogenes ATCC® 35152, WDCM 00109

Growth

Good - Blue colonies with white halo

Blue colonies without white halo

Inhibited

Inhibited

Blue-green colonies with opaque halo

Sterility control

Incubation 48 hours at 30-35 °C and 48 hours at 20-25 °C: NO GROWTH.

Check at 7 days after incubation in same conditions.

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