Specification

Solid differential medium for the identification of enterobacteria according to ISO standards 6579, 6785 and 10272. Formula * in g/L

Peptone			
Meat extract	3.000	Iron(III) citrate	0.300
Yeast extract	3.000	Sodium thiosulphate	
Lactose		Phenol red	
Sucrose	10.000	Agar	
Dextrose		5	
Sodium chloride	5.000	Final pH 7.4 ±0.2 at 25 °C	

* Adjusted and /or supplemented as required to meet performance criteria

Directions

Dissolve 64,6 g of powder in 1 L of distilled water and bring to the boil. Dispense into tubes and sterilize at 121°C for 15 minutes. Leave to solidify with short slants and good butts.

Description

TSI Agar is a modification of the classical Kliger's agar. 1% sucrose has been added to this medium to differentiate Proteus and Hafnia (sucrose positive) from Salmonella and Shigella (sucrose negative).

Sugar degradation with acid formation is detected by turning an indicator (phenol red) to yellow, whereas alkalinization turns it to purple. When only glucose is degraded, the acid production is weak and is evaporated on the surface, so the indicator may be re-oxidised producing an alkaline surface (red) and an acid butt (yellow). If lactose or sucrose is degraded, acid production is intense and the entire medium (surface and butt) turns yellow. Gas production is detected by the formation of bubbles and occasionally cracks in the agar.

Hydrogen sulfide production, from thiosulfate or sulphured amino-acids from peptones, is detected by the formation of black FeS precipitate when the medium reacts with iron salts.

Use the medium in slanted tubes with a good butt and a short slant. Inoculate by streaking on the surface and stabbing deeply. It is advisable to use tubes with cotton plugs, in order to allow a re-oxidation of the indicator. If screw caps are used, they must be loose. See the following page for the table of reading (observations) and interpretation of results in TSI Agar.

Quality control

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Incubation temperature: 37°C ±1.0 Incubation time: 24 ± 3h

Remarks

Slant:K; Butt:A; G(-); H2S (-)

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Slant:A; Butt:A; G(+); H2S (-)

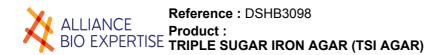
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Slant:K; Butt:A; G(-); H2S (-)

Inoculum: Stab the butt and streak the slant.

Microorganism	Growth
Shigella flexneri ATCC [®] 12022	Good to very good
Proteus mirabilis ATCC [®] 43071	Good to very good
Escherichia coli ATCC [®] 25922	Good to very good
Salmonella typhimurium ATCC [®] 14028	Good to very good
Salmonella abony NCTC [®] 6017	Good to very good
Shigella sonnei ATCC [®] 9290	Good to very good

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Storage

For laboratory use only. Keep tightly closed, away from bright light, in a cool dry place (+4 °C to 30 °C).