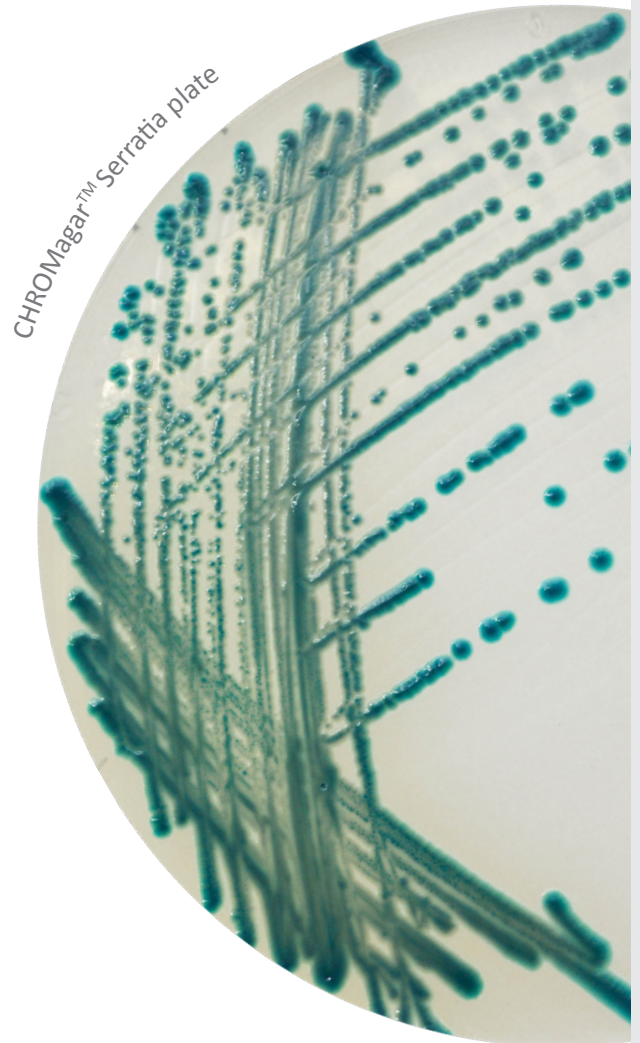


# CHROMagar™ Serratia


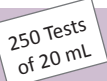


**Instructions For Use**  
Available in several languages

**NT-EXT-113**  
Version 1.0



## REFERENCES

 Pack Size 5000 mL =  250 Tests of 20 mL	Ordering References <b>SM302</b>	=	Base (B) SM302(B) Weight: 212,5 g	+	Supplement (S) SM302(S) Volume: 10 mL
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## MEDIUM PURPOSE

Chromogenic medium for detection of *Serratia marcescens*

*Serratia* species are implicated in nosocomial infections. In several countries, *Serratia marcescens* is frequently associated with epidemics in intensive care units and in particular in neonatal and pediatric units. Surveillance of nosocomial infections requires effective recovery of clinical isolates from faeces, wound exudates and respiratory samples to prevent problems of cross infection and potentially fatal infections. In this context, CHROMagar™ has developed CHROMagar™ Serratia, a culture medium perfectly suited to the search for *S. marcescens* in faeces.

In addition, *S. marcescens* is able to survive days to months on surfaces, distilled water and hand soap, making it an important pathogen in nosocomial infections and sporadic epidemics.

## COMPOSITION

The product is composed of a powder base (B) and a supplement (S).

Product	=	Base (B)	+	Supplement (S)
Total		42.5 g/L		2 mL/L
Composition		Agar 15.0 Peptones 20.0 Salt 5.0 Growth factors 1.7 Chromogenic and selective mix 0.8		Growth factors
Aspect		Powder Form		Liquid Form
STORAGE		<b>15-30 °C</b>		<b>15-30 °C</b>
FINAL MEDIA pH		7.1 +/- 0.2		

## PREPARATION (Calculation for 1 L)

### Step 1

Preparation of  
Base + Supplement

- Disperse slowly 42.5 g of powder base in 1 L of purified water.
- Add 2 mL of CHROMagar™ Serratia supplement into slurry.
- Stir until the agar is well thickened.
- Heat and bring to boiling (100 °C) while swirling or stirring regularly. DO NOT HEAT TO MORE THAN 100 °C. DO NOT AUTOCLAVE AT 121 °C.

**Warning 1: If using an autoclave, do so without pressure.**

**Advice 1: For the 100 °C heating step, mixture may also be brought to a boil in a microwave oven: after initial boiling, remove from oven, stir gently, then return to oven for short repeated bursts of heating until complete fusion of the agar grains has taken place (large bubbles replacing foam).**

- Cool in a water bath to 45-50 °C, swirling or stirring gently to homogenize.

### Step 2

Pouring

- Pour into sterile Petri dishes.
- Let it solidify and dry.

### Storage

- Store in the dark before use.
- Prepared media plates can be kept for one day at room temperature.
- Plates can be stored for up to 1 month under refrigeration (2/8 °C) if properly prepared and protected from light and dehydration.

## SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND HANDLING

CHROMagar™ Serratia can be used with the following specimens: Rectal swabs and surface swabs.

Sampling and transport equipment must be used in accordance with the recommendations of their suppliers for the conservation of *Serratia marcescens*.

## MATERIAL REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

Standard microbiological laboratory material for culture media preparation, control, streaking, incubation and waste disposal.

## INOCULATION

Related samples are inoculated by direct streaking on the plate.

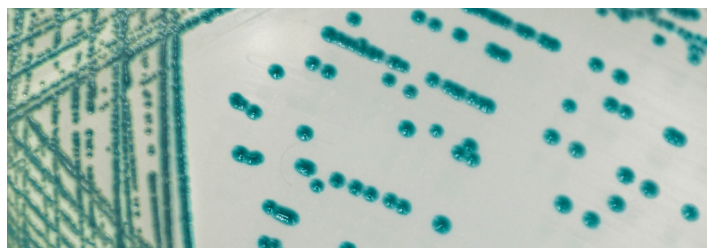
- If the agar plate has been refrigerated, allow to warm to room temperature before inoculation.
- Streak sample onto plate.
- Incubate in aerobic conditions at 35-37 °C for 18-24 hours.

## INTERPRETATION

Qualitative reading and interpretation of the petri dishes

Microorganism	Typical colony appearance
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	→ Green-blue to metallic blue
<i>E. coli</i>	→ Dark pink to reddish
<i>Pseudomonas</i>	→ Colourless +/- natural pigmentation
<i>Morganella</i>	→ Brown halo
Yeasts, Gram (+) bacteria and other Gram (-) bacteria	→ Inhibited

### Typical colony appearance



Picture shown is not contractual.

## PERFORMANCE

In the following study, 102 *Serratia* strains and 579 rectal swabs were tested and read after 20 h incubation at 37°C in aerobic conditions.

	CHROMagar™ Serratia	Reference Method (MacConkey Agar)
Sensitivity	100 % *	25 % *
Specificity	97 % *	-

\* Data obtained from the study « Validation of Colorex™ (CHROMagar™) Serratia agar on WASP™/WASPLab™ in screening for *Serratia marcescens* in neonatal intensive care units using the ESwab™ » M. Gaskin, D. Yamamura, J. Korver, 2020

## LIMITATIONS AND COMPLEMENTARY TESTS

- With an incubation temperature less than or equal to 35 °C, rare *Serratia marcescens* strains can be colored by their natural red pigmentation.
- The final identification must be confirmed by biochemical tests or by mass spectrophotometry (eg MALDI-TOF). They can be done directly from the suspicious colonies observed on the medium.

## QUALITY CONTROL

Please perform Quality Control according to the use of the medium and the local QC regulations and norms. Good preparation of the medium can be tested, isolating the following ATCC strains:

Microorganism	Typical colony appearance
<i>Serratia marcescens</i> ATCC 13880	→ Metallic blue
<i>Pseudomonas</i> ATCC 27853	→ Colourless to yellow
<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC 43300	→ Inhibited
<i>E. faecalis</i> ATCC 29212	→ Inhibited
<i>E. coli</i> ATCC 25922	→ Inhibited

## WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- For *in vitro* diagnostic use.
- This laboratory product should be used only by trained personnel (healthcare professional, etc). Wear appropriate protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection and handle appropriately with procedures and good laboratory practices.
- Use of the medium may be difficult for people who have problems recognising colours.
- Culture media should not be used as manufacturing material or components.
- Do not ingest or inhale the product.
- Do not use the product after the expiry date.
- Do not use the product if it shows any evidence of contamination or any sign of deterioration (compacted powder, color change, ...).
- Do not use the product if the packaging is damaged.
- Any change or modification in the production procedure may affect the results.
- Any change or modification of the required storage temperature may affect the performance of the product.
- Unappropriate storage may affect the shelf life of the product.
- Recap the bottles/vials tightly after each preparation and keep them in a low humidity environment, protected from moisture and light.
- Do not use the culture medium poured into a petri dish after a first use.
- After opening the bottles and with an appropriate conversation, open bottles can be used under the same conditions until each product's expiry date.
- Reading and interpretation should be performed using isolated colonies.
- Some precipitates may be observed in the agar but these do not affect the performance of the product.
- Interpretation of the test results should be made taking into consideration colonial and microscopic morphology and if necessary, the results of any other tests performed.









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- Laboratory, chemical or biohazardous wastes must be handled and discarded in accordance with all local and national regulations.
- For hazard and precaution recommendations related to some chemical components in this medium, please refer to the pictogram(s) mentioned on the labels. The Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is available on [www.chromagar.com](http://www.chromagar.com)
- Any incident or complaint related to the environment must be declared to the manufacturer at the following email address: [chromagar@chromagar.com](mailto:chromagar@chromagar.com)
- Any serious incident occurring in connection with the environment must be declared to the competent authorities and to the manufacturer at the following email address: [chromagar@chromagar.com](mailto:chromagar@chromagar.com)

## DISPOSAL OF WASTE

After use, all plates and any other contaminated materials must be sterilized or disposed of by appropriate internal procedures and in accordance with local legislations. Plates can be destroyed by autoclaving at 121 °C for at least 20 minutes.

## IFU/LABEL INDEX

-  Catalogue reference
-  Consult instructions for use
-  Quantity of powder sufficient for X liters of media
-  Expiry date
-  Required storage temperature
-  Store away from humidity
-  Protect from light
-  Manufacturer

## REVISION HISTORY

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