

Glucose OF Medium ISO

Cat. 2150

For the identification of Enterobacteriaceae

Practical information

Applications	Categories
Confirmation	Enterobacteria
Industry: Food	
Regulations: ISO 21528	



Principles and uses

Glucose OF Medium is used to confirm Enterobacteriaceae colonies in products intended for human consumption and the feeding of animals, and environmental samples in the area of primary production, food production and food handling.

Enzymatic digest of casein provides nitrogen, vitamins, minerals and amino acids essential for growth. Sodium chloride supplies essential electrolytes for transport and osmotic balance. Dipotassium phosphate acts as a buffer system. Glucose is the fermentable carbohydrate providing carbon and energy. Bromothymol blue is the pH indicator. Bacteriological agar is the solidifying agent.

Colonies of presumptive Enterobacteriaceae should be confirmed by means of tests for the fermentation of glucose and the presence of oxidase. If the colonies are oxidase-negative and glucose-positive, the sample shall be regarded as being positive for Enterobacteriaceae.

ISO 21528 recommends this medium to confirm the presumptive colonies of Enterobacteriaceae by fermentation test.

Formula in g/L

Enzymatic digest of casein	2	Bromthymol blue	0,08
Glucose	10	Bacteriological agar	4
Sodium chloride	5	Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate	0,3

Preparation

Suspend 21,38 grams of the medium in one liter of distilled water. Mix well and dissolve by heating with frequent agitation. Boil for one minute until complete dissolution. Dispense 10 ml of the medium into tubes and sterilize in autoclave at 121 °C for 15 minutes. Leave the tubes in vertical position.

Just before use, heat the medium in boiling water or flowing steam for 15 min to remove oxygen, then cool rapidly to the incubation temperature.

Instructions for use

For the confirmation of Enterobacteriaceae according to ISO 21528:

- Inoculate and overlay the surface of the medium with minimal 1 cm of sterile mineral oil to induce an anaerobic environment that forces the strain to carry out fermentation.
- Incubate the tubes at 37 °C for 24±2 h.
- If a yellow colour is developed throughout the contents of the tube, the reaction is positive.

Quality control

Solubility	Appearance	Color of the dehydrated medium	Color of the prepared medium	Final pH (25°C)
w/o rests	Fine powder	Beige with green tint	Green	6,8±0,2

Microbiological test

Incubation conditions: (37 °C / 24±2 h).

Microorganisms	Specification	Characteristic reaction
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC 27853	Good growth	With mineral oil overlay: green colour (-) / No mineral oil overlay: yellow colour only at the top of the tube (-)
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 8739	Good growth	With mineral oil overlay: yellow colour (+) / No mineral oil overlay: yellow colour (+)

Storage

Temp. Min.: 2 °C
Temp. Max.: 25 °C

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