

## CAMP (Skirrow) MAST® SELECTATAB

### MS3 Series

#### Intended Use

For the selective isolation of campylobacters.

FOR IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC USE ONLY

#### Contents

25 (small) or 10 (large) MAST® SELECTATAB. See pack label.

#### Formulation

Material:	Concentration in medium:
Vancomycin	10 mg/L
Polymyxin B	2,500 units/L
Trimethoprim	5 mg/L

#### Storage and shelf life

Store unopened at 2 to 8°C until the expiry date shown on the pack label. Once opened, store MAST® SELECTATAB in capped, original packaging at 2 to 8°C until the expiry date shown on the pack label.

#### Precautions

For *in vitro* diagnostic use only. Observe approved biohazard precautions and aseptic techniques. To be used only by adequately trained and qualified laboratory personnel. Sterilise all biohazard waste before disposal. Refer to Product Safety Data sheet.

#### Materials required but not provided

Standard microbiological supplies and equipment such as loops, MAST® culture media, swabs, applicator sticks, incinerators and incubators, etc., as well as serological and biochemical reagents, and additives such as blood.

#### Procedure

1. Label Petri dishes using self-adhesive labels provided.
2. Sterilise appropriate volume of MAST® Columbia Agar (DM115D) or Blood Agar Base (DM101D), cool to 50 to 55°C and hold at this temperature.
3. Using sterile forceps add one MAST® SELECTATAB to the volume of medium specified on the pack label and label the bottle. Allow to stand for several minutes at 50 to 55°C until the MAST® SELECTATAB has broken up.
4. After the MAST® SELECTATAB has broken up, swirl the bottle 3 to 4 times and invert it to complete dispersal. An alternative method is to first dissolve the MAST® SELECTATAB in 3 to 5 mL of recommended diluent and add this to the appropriate volume of medium.
5. Supplement the medium with 5 to 7% sterile lysed defibrinated horse blood, mix well, pour culture plates (15 to 20 mL per plate) and allow to set.

6. Prepared culture plates may be used immediately or stored in plastic bags at 2 to 8°C for up to one week before use.
7. Directly inoculate the surface of a dried plate from the specimen to achieve isolated colonies.
8. Plates should be incubated in an atmosphere of 5% oxygen, 10% carbon dioxide and 85% nitrogen, and examined after 24 and 48 hours at 42 to 43°C.

#### Interpretation of results

The use of CAMP (Skirrow) MAST® SELECTATAB suppresses the growth of normal flora, thus allowing *Campylobacter* spp. to be readily identified. Colonies of *C. jejuni* will appear grey, moist and spreading; strains of *C. coli* as creamy grey raised, moist and often discrete colonies. Further identification tests should be carried out to confirm identification e.g. MAST® CAMP-ID IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM. NB. CAMP (Skirrow) MAST® SELECTATAB is insufficiently selective for use with heavily contaminated specimens. Incubation at 37°C is necessary for the isolation of *C. fetus*, but reduces selectivity.

#### Quality control

Check for signs of deterioration. Quality control must be performed with at least one organism to demonstrate a positive reaction and at least one organism to demonstrate a negative reaction. Do not use the product if the reactions with the control organisms are incorrect. The list below illustrates a range of performance control strains which the end user can easily obtain.

Test Organisms	Result
<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i> ATCC® 33291	Growth
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC® 25922	No growth
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i> ATCC® 43071	No Growth
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC® 25923	No growth

#### References

Bibliography available on request.