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# **Brilliant Green Agar (Modified)**

DM105-2. A selective medium for the isolation of salmonellae from pathological specimens, dairy and food products.

Contents: See pack label.

#### Formulation\*

Material:	Concentration in medium:
Peptone mixture	12.0g/litre
Yeast extract	3.0g/litre
Lactose	10.0g/litre
Sucrose	10.0g/litre
Phenol red	0.09g/litre
Brilliant green	0.0047g/litre
Novobiocin	0.022g/litre
Agar	12.5g/litre
Final pH: $6.9 \pm 0.2$	

# Storage and shelf life

All dehydrated culture media containers should be kept tightly closed and stored in a dry place at 10 to 25°C until the expiry date shown on the pack label.

## **Precautions**

For in vitro diagnostic use only. Observe approved hazard 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 (available on request or via MAST website).

#### Materials required but not provided

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

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Suspend by swirling 47.6g of powder in 1 litre of distilled or deionised water.
- Heat gently with occasional mixing until the medium is completely dissolved. DO NOT AUTOCLAVE.
- Cool to 50 to 55°C and mix well.
- 4. Pour culture plates (15 to 20ml per plate) and allow to
- 5. Prepared culture plates may be used immediately or stored in plastic bags at 2 to 8°C for up to one week before use.
- Inoculate faecal and rectal swabs directly or after enrichment. Food and dairy specimens should be treated according to the appropriate standard method. Streak out all samples for single colonies.
- Incubate plates aerobically for 18 to 24 hours at 35 to 37°C.

# Interpretation of results

After incubation record growth of organisms. Typical characteristics to note include colony size and morphology and pigmentation.

Salmonella spp. appear as red colonies surrounded by a bright red halo but *Shigella* spp. are inhibited.

Pseudomonas spp. grow as crenated, red colonies and Proteus spp. are either inhibited or grow as red nonswarming colonies. Most lactose and sucrose fermenting organisms are also inhibited, but occasionally grow as yellow/orange colonies.

# Quality control

Check for signs of deterioration. Quality control must be performed with at least one organism to demonstrate expected performance. Do not use the product if the result with the control organism is incorrect. The list below illustrates a range of performance control strains which the end user can easily obtain.

Test Organisms	Result
Escherichia coli	Inhibition
ATCC® 25922	
Salmonella enteritidis	Growth
ATCC <sup>®</sup> 13076	
Salmonella typhimurium	Growth
ATCC® 14028	

#### Limitations of use

Salmonella typhi may not grow on this medium. For the isolation and identification of this organism alternative media should be used.

#### References

Bibliography available on request.