

Mast Group

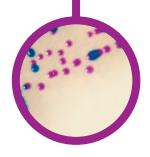






Plate Reading

- Group B Streptococcus
- \rightarrow mauve
- Other Microorganism
- → blue, colourless or inhibited



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For isolation and differentiation of Streptococcus agalactiae (GBS)

Background

GBS in pregnant women: The Group B *Streptococci* (GBS), also known under the name of *Streptococcus agalactiae*, are the cause of numerous infections in adults but mostly an important cause of serious neonatal infections, occuring in the three first weeks of life. Studies indicate that approximately 12-27% of pregnant women are colonised by GBS. (WHO, Infectious diseases, Group B *Streptococcus*). Detecting vaginal (and in some countries also rectal) colonisation by GBS in pregnant women is the most effective strategy to prevent infection transmission during baby delivery.

Worldwide, official guidelines recommend prenatal screening of GBS in the last month of pregnancy. In GBS-carrying women, this screening allows determining the need of intrapartum antibiotic prophylaxy, which has been proved effective in preventing the infections occuring in the first week of life (known as early-onset GBS infections).

Medium Performance

Compared to CNA Blood Agar and Granada:

(1) Easy interpretation

Easier reading thanks to an intense mauve colony colouration.

(2) High sensitivity

Detection of GBS, including non-haemolytic strains, with sensitivity close to 100 %.

(3) High specificity

Differenciation of GBS from other bacteria by selective inhibition or by countercolouration.

Fast

Results in 18-24 h.

5) Simplicity

Incubation in aerobic conditions. No need of ${\rm CO_2}$. Confirmation by latex agglutination can be performed directly from the colony.

Medium Description

Powder Base	Total44.7 g		
	Agar	15.0	
		t 20.0	
	Salts		
	Chromogenic mix		
	Storage at 15/30 °C - pH: 7.3 +/-0.2		
_	Shelf Life > 18 months		
2 Supplements (included in the pack)	1st: Liquid form 8 mL/L Storage at 15/30 °C Shelf Life > 18 months	2 nd : Powder 0.25 g/L Storage at 2/8 °C Shelf Life > 18 months	

Usual Samples	Vaginal samples, rectal swabs, faeces, urine
Procedure	Direct Streaking. Possible prior enrichment with our LIM RambaQUICKTM StrepB (ref. LB082). Incubation 18-24 h at 35-37 °C. Aerobic conditions.

Scientific Publications on this product: available on www.CHROMagar.com Please read carefully the instructions for use (IFU document) available on www.CHROMagar.com

Ordering Information

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Product	Order Code
CHROMagar™ StrepB dry media, 5 liter	15SB282
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