

# TSYE AGAR

## ISOLATION OF *LISTERIA*

### 1 INTENDED USE

TSYE agar is a universal medium used in a number of applications or protocols. Given its excellent nutritive value, it is often used for the isolation and purification of microorganisms obtained from selective media (i.e. PALCAM agar, Oxford agar, **COMPASS® *Listeria* Agar**, etc.) for detection or enumeration of *Listeria*, and more specifically, *Listeria monocytogenes* according to the standards currently in vigor.

The typical composition corresponds to that defined in the standards ISO 11290-1 and NF EN ISO 11290-2.

### 2 PRINCIPLES

The association of Tryptone, papaic digest of soybean meal, yeast extract and glucose results in a synergy between the protein contribution of the casein, sugars from the soy peptone and glucose, and vitamins from yeast extract, allowing optimal growth for a number of both fastidious and non-fastidious bacteria.

Dipotassium phosphate acts as a buffering agent. By maintaining the pH, the recovery capacity of the medium is increased.

Sodium chloride maintains the osmotic equilibrium.

### 3 TYPICAL COMPOSITION

The composition can be adjusted in order to obtain optimal performance.

For 1 liter of media :

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| - Tryptone .....                      | 17,0 g |
| - Papaic digest of soybean meal ..... | 3,0 g  |
| - Yeast extract .....                 | 6,0 g  |
| - Glucose .....                       | 2,5 g  |
| - Dipotassium phosphate.....          | 2,5 g  |
| - Sodium chloride .....               | 5,0 g  |
| - Bacteriological agar.....           | 11,0 g |

pH of the ready-to-use media at 25 °C : 7,3 ± 0,2.

### 4 PREPARATION

#### Preparation from dehydrated media :

- Dissolve 47,0 g of dehydrated media (BK171) in 1 liter of distilled or demineralized water.
- Slowly bring to a boil, stirring with constant agitation until complete dissolution.
- Dispense in tubes or vials.
- Sterilize in an autoclave at 121 °C for 15 minutes.
- Cool and maintain the media in a molten state at 44-47 °C.
- Pour into sterile Petri plates and let solidify on a cool, flat surface.
- Dry the plates in an incubator, covers partially removed.

✓ **Reconstitution :**  
47,0 g/L

✓ **Sterilization :**  
15 min at 121 °C

#### Preparation from prepared media in vials or in vials of ready-to-melt media :

- If the media was prepared in advance as above, or if using the ready-to-melt media in tubes, melt the media with the minimum amount of time necessary in order to achieve total liquefaction.

## 5 INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

- On the surface of the prepared plates, inoculate by streaking colonies taken from the selective media used, in order to obtain isolated, individual colonies.
- Incubate at 37 °C for 18 to 24 hours or until a sufficient amount of time allowing typical colonies of 1 to 2 mm in diameter.
- These typical colonies will then be submitted for biochemical identification tests.

✓ **Inoculation :**  
Surface plating

✓ **Incubation :**  
18 to 24 h at 37 °C

## 6 QUALITY CONTROL

**Dehydrated media :** white cream powder, free-flowing and homogeneous.

**Dehydrated media :** Amber gel.

Typical culture response after 24 hours :

| Microorganisms                     |            | Growth        |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> 4b   | WDCM 00021 | Good, score 2 |
| <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> 1/2a | WDCM 00109 | Good, score 2 |

## 7 STORAGE / SHELF LIFE

**Dehydrated media :** 2-30 °C.

**Ready-to-melt media in tubes :** 2-25 °C.

The expiration dates are indicated on the label.

**Prepared media in tubes or vials (\*) :** 180 days at 2-25°C.

**Prepared media in plates (\*) :** 30 days at 2-8 °C.

(\*) Benchmark value determined under standard preparation conditions, following manufacturer's instructions.

## 8 PACKAGING

**Dehydrated media :**

500 g bottle ..... BK171HA

**Ready-to-melt media :**

50 x 18 mL tubes ..... BM10808

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## 10 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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