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**Lactose Broth**

A broth medium that is recommended for lactose fermentation studies and detection of coliform bacteria.

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| REF: V.1/LC01.100 100 Grams  REF: V.1/LC01.500 500 Grams | REF: V.1/LC01.250 250 Grams |

**CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

Lactose Broth is frequently used as a pre-enrichment medium when testing foods, water and dairy products for Salmonella spp. In dried or processed foods, Salmonella species may be sub-lethally injured and in low numbers. The presence of other bacteria as well as components of the food sample may delay the growth and recovery of Salmonella. Pre-enrichment in a non-selective medium such as Lactose Broth allows for repair of cell damage, dilutes toxic or inhibitory substances, and provides a nutritional advantage to Salmonella over other bacteria. Lactose Broth is recommended by the American Public Health Association (APHA), for the presumptive test of coliform bacteria in water, food and milk. Lactose Broth is not intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions in humans.

**METHOD PRINCIPLE**

Peptone and beef extract supply essential nitrogenous nutrients for bacterial growth. Lactose is a fermentable carbohydrate and a source of energy. Fermentation of lactose is detected by gas production in the Durham tube.

**MEDIA COMPOSITION**

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| Item | Formula per liter of medium |
| Peptone  Beef Extract | 5 gm  3 gm |
| Lactose | 5 gm |

**PRECAUTIONS AND WARNINGS**

Media to be handled by entitled and professionally educated person. Do not ingest or inhale.

Good Laboratories practices using appropriate precautions should be followed in:

* Wearing personnel protective equipment (overall, gloves, glasses,).  Do not pipette by mouth.
* In case of contact with eyes or skin; rinse immediately with plenty of soap and water. In case of severe injuries; seek medical advice immediately.
* Respect country requirement for waste disposal. S56: dispose of this material and its container at hazardous or special waste collection point.

S57: use appropriate container to avoid environmental contamination.

S61: avoid release in environment.

For further information, refer to the Lactose Broth material safety

data sheet.

**STORAGE AND STABILITY**

**Lab.Vie**. Lactose Broth should be stored between 10-30°C in a firmly closed container and the prepared medium at 2-8°C. Use before expiry date on the label. On opening, product should be properly stored dry, after tightly capping the bottle in order to avoid lump development due to the hygroscopic nature of the product. Improper storage of the product may lead to lump formation. Store in a dry ventilated area protected from extremes of temperature and sources of ignition. Seal the container tightly after use. Product performance is best if used within stated expiry period.

***Final pH 6.9±0.2 at 25°C***

**PREPARATION**

Suspend 13 grams in 1000 ml distilled water, mix well. Heat if necessary to ensure complete solution is prepared. Distribute in tubes containing inverted Durham's tubes. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes.

**Deterioration**

The color of **Lab.Vie**. Lactose Broth is cream to yellow colored homogeneous free flowing powder. Prepared Media is light amber in color without any precipitate. If there are any physical changes for powder or signs of deterioration (shrinking, cracking, or discoloration), and contaminations for hydrated media, discard the medium.

**SPECIMEN**

Water samples, food samples and dairy products.

**EQUIPMENT REQUIRED NOT PROVIDED**

* Durham Tubes
* Sterile Test tubes
* Incubator
* Autoclave

**PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS**

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35 - 37°C for 18 - 24 hours.

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| Microorganisms | Growth | Gas |
| Enterococcus faecalis (ATCC 29212) | luxuriant | - |
| Enterobacter aerogenes (ATCC 13048) | luxuriant | + |
| Escherichia coli (ATCC 25922) | luxuriant | + |
| Pseudomonas aeruginosa (ATCC 27853) | luxuriant | - |

**QUALITY CONTROL**

To ensure adequate quality control, it is recommended that positive and negative control included in each run. If control values are found outside the defined range, check the system performance. If control still out of range please contact **Lab.Vie**. technical support.

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| IVD For in-vitro diagnostic use | Number of <n> test in the pack |
| LOT Batch Code/Lot number | Caution |
| REF Catalogue Number | Do not use if package is damaged |
| Temperature Limitation    Expiration Date  Manufactured by | Consult Instruction for use |

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