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**Lauryl Sulphate Broth**

Recommended for detection and enumeration of coliform bacteria in water, waste water, dairy products, and other food samples.

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| REF: V.1/LT01.100 100 Gram  REF: V.1/LT01.500 500 Gram | REF: V.1/LT01.250 250 Gram |

**CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

Coliforms are considered to be members of Enterobacteriaceae, which grow in the presence of bile salts and produce acidand gas from lactose within 48 hours at 37°C (1). These bacteria can also be defined as, members of Enterobacteriaceae capable of growing at 37°C, that normally possess β-galactosidase (2). Lauryl Sulphate Broth is used for the detection of coliforms in water, dairy products and other foods, as recommended by APHA (3,4,5). It can also be used for the presumptive detection of coliforms in water, effluent or sewage by the MPN test (6). Lauryl Sulphate Broth was developed by Mallmann and Darby (7). Cowls (6) demonstrated that inclusion of sodium lauryl sulphate makes the medium selective for coliform bacteria. It was later investigated that Lauryl Sulphate Broth gave a higher colon index than the confirmatory standard methods media and also that gas production in Lauryl Sulphate Broth not only acts as a presumptive test but also as a confirmatory test for the presence of coliforms, in the routine testing of water (7). Lauryl Sulphate Broth is also recommended by the ISO Committee for the detection of coliforms (8).

**METHOD PRINCIPLE**

Lauryl Sulphate Broth is designed to obtain rich growth and substantial amount of gas from small inocula of coliform organisms. Aerobic spore-bearers are completely inhibited in this medium. Tryptose provides essential growth substances, such as nitrogen and carbon compounds, sulphate and trace ingredients. The potassium phosphates provide buffering system, while sodium chloride maintains osmotic equilibrium. Sodium lauryl sulphate inhibits organisms other than coliforms.For inoculum of 1 ml or less, use single strength medium. For inocula of 10 ml or more, double strength or proportionate medium should be prepared. After inoculation, incubate the tubes at 37°C for 24 to 48 hours. For every tube showing fermentation (primary fermentation), inoculate two tubes of Lauryl Tryptose Broth from the tube showing primary fermentation and incubate these tubes at 37°C and 44°C respectively. If there is fermentation in the tube incubated at 44°C after 8 to 24 hours, perform indole test by adding Kovacs reagent. A positive indole test in a broth tube showing gas production at 44°C indicates the presence of Escherichia coli. If no fermentation occurs in the tube incubated at 37°C after 24 hours, the primary fermentation is assumed to be due to organisms other than coliforms. Broth becomes cloudy if stored at 2-8°C, but it gets cleared at room temperature. Refer appropriate references for standard procedures (1,6,8).

**MEDIA COMPOSITION**

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| Item | Formula per liter of medium |
| Tryptose  Lactose  Sodium chloride  Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate  Potassium dihydrogen phosphate  Sodium lauryl sulphate (SLS) | 20.00 gm  5.00 gm  5.00 gm  2.750 gm  2.750 gm  0.100 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 Lauryl Sulphate Broth material safety data sheet.

**STORAGE AND STABILITY**

**Lab.Vie**. Lauryl Sulphate Broth should be stored between 10-30°C in a firmly closed container and the prepared medium at 15-25°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 6.8±0.2 at 25°C

**PREPARATION**

Suspend 35.60 grams in 1000 ml purified/distilled water. Heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. Distribute into tubes containing inverted Durhams tubes. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. For inoculum of 1 ml or less, use single strength medium. For inocula of 10 ml or more, double strength or proportionate medium should be prepared.

**Deterioration**

The color of **Lab.Vie**. Lauryl Sulphate Broth is Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder. Prepared Media is Light yellow coloured, clear solution 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**

Food and dairy samples; Water samples.

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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| **Oranism** | **Growth** | **Gas**  **Production** | **Indole production (44°C)** |
| *Escherichia coli*  *ATCC 25922* | luxuriant | positive reaction | positive reaction, red ring at the interface of the medium |
| *Klebsiella aerogenes ATCC 13048* | luxuriant | positive reaction | negative reaction, no colour development / cloudy ring |
| *Salmonella*  *Typhimurium ATCC 14028* | luxuriant | Negative reaction | negative reaction, no colour development / cloudy ring |
| *Enterococcus* |  |  |  |
| *faecalis ATCC 29212* | inhibited |  |  |
| *Staphylococcus* |  |  |  |
| *aureus subsp aureus ATCC 25923* | inhibited |  |  |

**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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