

PRODUCT INFORMATION AND QUALITY CONTROL SHEET

SABOURAUD DEXTROSE AGAR

I. INTENDED USE

Sabouraud Dextrose Agar is a general purpose medium used for the cultivation of yeasts and molds, especially dermatophytes.

II. SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION

Sabouraud Dextrose Agar was designed by Sabouraud for the cultivation of fungi, especially those associated with skin infections.¹ The media is favorable for the isolation of fungi over bacteria due to the low pH (approximately 5.6).

III. PRINCIPLES OF THE PROCEDURE

Sabouraud Dextrose Agar contains peptones which are sources of nitrogenous growth factors. Dextrose provides an energy source for the growth of microorganisms.

IV. TYPICAL FORMULA AND APPEARANCE

Appearance = light amber, slightly opalescent
(Approximate formula* per liter of processed water)

Pancreatic Digest of Casein	5.0g
Peptic Digest of Animal Tissue	5.0
Dextrose	40.0
Agar	15.0

*adjusted and/or supplemented to meet performance criteria.

Final pH: 5.6 @ 0.2 @ 25°C

V. PRECAUTIONS

This product is for IN VITRO diagnostic use only. Culture specimens may contain microorganisms which can be potentially infectious to the user. Strict adherence to aseptic techniques and established precautions against microbiological hazards should be followed throughout the procedure. Carefully dispose of all items which contact patient specimens or isolated bacteria.

VI. STORAGE/SHELF LIFE

Plated media should be stored at 2-8°C (36-46°F), media side up, in the unopened or resealed package protected from light. **DO NOT FREEZE OR EXPOSE TO HIGH TEMPERATURES.** Allow unopened plates to warm to room temperature prior to inoculation. Prior to and during inoculation procedures, plates should be handled in a manner that minimizes product exposure to the environment. Product which has exceeded the assigned expiration date noted on the label should not be used. Do not use plates that exhibit evidence of drying, cracking, discoloration, microbial contamination or any other signs of deterioration. The presence of excessive condensate may indicate plates which have been damaged by exposure to temperature extremes.

VII. SPECIMEN COLLECTION

The quality of culture results depends primarily on the adequacy and condition of the specimen submitted for examination. Proper specimen collection techniques must be followed to ensure the most accurate culture results. Consult appropriate references for information about the processing and inoculation of specimens for fungal culture.^{2,3,4} Sterile swabs and collection containers should be used. Plates should be inoculated promptly after specimen collection. Specimens should be collected prior to the initiation of antifungal therapy.

VIII. MATERIALS PROVIDED

Sabouraud Dextrose Plates (10/pkg)

IX. MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

Incubator maintaining 33-37°C and/or 25-30°C.
Ancillary culture media, reagents and laboratory equipment as required.

X. PROCEDURE

Inoculate the specimen as soon as possible after it is received in the laboratory. Streak the specimen with a sterile inoculating loop to obtain isolated colonies. Reference texts should be consulted for detailed information on processing and inoculating specimens for fungal culture.^{2,3,4} When isolating fungus from specimens containing contaminating microbial flora, a selective fungal isolation medium in addition to Sabouraud Dextrose Agar should be inoculated.

Incubate the inoculated plates at 25-30°C, agar side up, in an atmosphere containing increased humidity. For isolation of fungus associated with systemic mycoses, two sets of culture plates should be inoculated. Incubate one set of plates at 25-30°C and the duplicate set at 33-37°C.

Examine cultures at least weekly for fungal growth. Plates should be held for 4-6 weeks before being reported as negative for growth.

XI. EXPECTED RESULTS

NCCLS CONTROL ORGANISMS (ATCC STRAINS)

Candida albicans (ATCC 60193) Growth (smooth, white-grey glistening colonies)

Trichophyton mentagrophytes (ATCC 9533) Growth (white cotton-like colonies)

XII. LABORATORY RESULTS

This medium is intended to be used as a primary isolation medium. Identification of fungal organisms may be made on the basis of typical gross colony morphology, microscopic characteristics, and physiologic and pathologic characteristics. Additional test procedures should be used to confirm findings.

XIII. LIMITATIONS

The ability to detect microorganisms by culture techniques can be affected by the following factors: improper specimen collection, storage and inoculation, initiation of anti-infective therapy prior to specimen collection, improper culture incubation temperatures and atmospheres, improper length of culture incubation, and improper storage and handling of culture media.

XIV. REFERENCES

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3. McGinnis, M.R. 1980. Laboratory Handbook of Medical Mycology. Academic Press Inc., N.Y., N.Y.
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USER QUALITY ASSURANCE/ QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION

HealthLink recommends that the following quality assurance and quality control procedures be performed on each batch of product.

I. QUALITY ASSURANCE

The following quality assurance procedures must be performed to assure the product will perform according to its intended use within the assigned expiry date:

1. Daily, document that product storage refrigerator maintains temperature within 2-8°C.
2. Daily, document that laboratory incubator maintains temperature within the recommended range: 22-35°C.

II. QUALITY CONTROL

The following incoming inspection procedures must be performed for each batch (batch = same lot, same shipment) of culture media received in the laboratory :

1. Inspect plates according to instructions contained in the Section VI "STORAGE/SHELF LIFE"
2. Peel off the lower portion of a product bag label and affix it to the 'Peel-and-Stick' Quality Control Log Sheet.
3. Initial and date the Quality Control Log Sheet.

Note: Notify Technical Service immediately if media does not meet the inspection criteria.

TECHNICAL SERVICE

HealthLink provides a toll free technical service line (1-800-638-2625) to assist with product usage. To have technical questions answered; please call between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm EST.

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