

Technical Data Sheet

Mossel Broth

Ordering number: 1.46815.0006

Mossel Broth is designed for selective enrichment of bile-tolerant, gram-negative bacteria and particularly Enterobacteriaceae from non-sterile pharmaceutical products, foodstuff and other materials.

Mode of Action

The undesired accompanying bacterial flora is almost completely inhibited by brilliant green and ox bile. Glucose favours the growth of all Enterobacteriaceae and the high buffering capacity of the culture medium prevents the formed acid from killing the culture. Glucose as the main energy source supports generally the rapid growth of all Enterobacteriaceae whilst enzymatic digest of animal tissue provides nitrogen, vitamins and amino acids.

Typical Composition

Pancreatic Digest of Gelatin	10 g/l
Dehydrated Ox Bile	20 g/l
Na ₂ HPO ₄ · 2 H ₂ O	8 g/l
KH ₂ PO ₄	2 g/l
Glucose Monohydrate	5 g/l
Brilliant green	15 mg/l
pH at 25°C	7-7.4

The appearance of the medium is clear and bottle-green.

The medium can be adjusted and/or supplemented according to the performance criteria required.

Application and Interpretation

Pharmacopoeia application

According to the current, harmonized chapters of EP, USP and JP the presence of bile-tolerant, gramnegative bacteria is demonstrated by the preparation of a one to ten solution in Tryptic Soy Broth (e.g. article number 146334) of the sample to be tested.

For resuscitation the homogenate is incubated at 20-25 °C for 2 to a maximum of 5 hours. 10 ml out of this homogenate are inoculated into Mossel Broth. The medium is incubated at 30-35 °C for 18-48 hours.

For quantitative evaluation according to the harmonized Pharmacopoeia the tubes with a filling volume of 10 ml are inoculated with different dilutions steps of the homogenate in order to determine the MPN of bile-tolerant, gram-negative bacteria. The medium is incubated at 30-35 °C for 18-48 hours.

For direct enrichment of *E. coli* it is also possible to incubate the medium at 44° C in addition to a sample which is incubated at 30 to 37 °C.

An aliquot is subcultured on Violet Red Bile Glucose (VRBG) Agar - LI (article number 146000) and incubated at 30-35 °C for 18-24 hours.

The product complies, if there is no growth of colonies. For quantitative tests the smallest quantity of product which gives a positive result and the largest quantity which gives a negative result is noted and the probable number of bacteria is determined.

Food application

Depend on the purpose for which the medium is used.

Allow the Mossel (EE) broth to equilibrate at room temperature if it was stored at a lower temperature.

Transfer 1 ml of the culture obtained in the pre-enrichment (Buffered Peptone Water) to a tube containing 10 ml of EE broth. Minimize the transfer of particulate material from the pre-enrichment into the selective enrichment medium.

Incubate the inoculated broth under aerobic conditions, e.g. 37 ± 1 °C for 24 h ± 2 h.

From the culture obtained in EE broth Violet Red Bile Glucose (VRBG) agar is inoculated for Confirmation.

Storage and Shelf Life

The product can be used for tests until the expiry date if protected from light and properly sealed at +2 °C to +25 °C.

The testing procedures as described on the CoA can be started up to the expiry date printed on the label.

Disposal

Please mind the respective regulations for the disposal of used culture medium (e.g. autoclave for 20 min at 121 °C, disinfect, incinerate etc.).

Quality Control

Control strains	Incubation	Expected results
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 8739	20-24 h at 33-35 °C	good growth; pronounced turbidity
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC 9027	20-24 h at 33-35 °C	good growth; pronounced turbidity
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 6538	48-52 h at 33-35 °C	no growth; no turbidity
<i>Salmonella Typhimurium</i> ATCC 14028	20-24 h at 35-37 °C	good growth; pronounced turbidity
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC 19433	20-24 h at 35-37 °C	no growth; no turbidity

Please refer to the actual batch related Certificate of Analysis.

Literature

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Ordering Information

Product	Cat. No.	Pack size
Mossel Broth (EE-Broth)	1.46815.0006	6 x 1000ml bottle
Violet Red Bile Glucose (VRBG) Agar - LI	1.46000.0020	20 x 90mm plate
Violet Red Bile Glucose (VRBG) Agar - LI	1.46000.0120	120 x 90mm plate

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