



S-GAL™ LB AGAR BLEND, WITHOUT IPTG

Product Code **S 9938**

Storage Temperature: Room Temperature

Product Description

S-Gal LB Agar Blend, Without IPTG is a complete bacterial growth medium containing S-Gal (3,4-cyclohexenoesculetin β-D-galactopyranoside), a patented autoclavable chromogenic substrate for β-galactosidase.¹ The blend is designed for systems that do not require the inducer, isopropyl β-D-thiogalactoside (IPTG), for expression of β-galactosidase. It also allows the researcher the ability to customize the amount of inducer added.

S-Gal is dry-blended in the medium, making preparation of stock solutions in dimethylformamide (DMF) or dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) unnecessary. In addition to being autoclavable and microwavable, S-Gal is not light sensitive.^{2,3}

S-Gal outperforms X-gal in most molecular genetic applications involving color selection. The hydrolyzed aglycone (non-sugar portion) reacts with the Fe³⁺ (ferric ammonium citrate) to produce an intense black stain. Black colonies or plaques indicate the expression of β-galactosidase, while unstained "cream-colored" colonies or plaques denote the absence expressed β-galactosidase. Incubation of plates at 4 °C can further enhance this color contrast, but is typically unnecessary.^{2,3}

Note: The ferric (Fe³⁺) ion is required for color development. S-Gal LB Agar Blend, Without IPTG is moderately dark due to the presence of ferric ammonium citrate. This darker background often provides enhanced contrast for automated colony counting or isolation.

Components	g/500 ml
Tryptone	5.0
Yeast extract	2.5
Sodium chloride	2.5
Agar	6.0
S-Gal	0.150
Ferric ammonium citrate	0.250

Product Information

Intended Use

For R&D use only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

Preparation Instructions

Suspend contents of one packet in 500 ml distilled or deionized water. Sterilize by autoclaving for 15 to 20 minutes at 121-124 °C. For microwaving, heat suspended mix until initial boiling. Mix well. Heat for short intervals with mixing until agar component is in solution. Do not allow boiling for extended periods of time. Antibiotics should be added following autoclaving or microwaving, after cooling to 48-52 °C.

Storage/Stability

Prepared S-Gal LB Agar can be stored at 4 °C. Previously autoclaved S-Gal LB Agar can be microwaved without impairing performance. Prepared S-Gal LB Agar is not light sensitive.

Product Profile

Appearance	Off-white/gray/tan powder
pH	7.0 (20 °C)
Application	Detection of β-galactosidase expression in <i>E. coli</i>

References

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Precautions and Disclaimer

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