

Technical Data Sheet

GN Enrichment Broth acc. to HAJNA

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Medium proposed by HAJNA (1955) for the selective cultivation of Gram-negative intestinal bacteria (especially of *Shigella*) from all types of materials.

The yields of shigellae achieved by previous enrichment with GN enrichment broth are higher than those obtained by smearing directly onto selective or elective plates (CROFT and MILLER 1956). The yields of salmonellae and shigellae are considerably improved by using this medium, combined with XLD Agar (TAYLOR and SCHELHART 1967, 1968; DUNN and MARTIN 1971). GN Enrichment Broth is used as a nonselective enrichment to recover *Salmonella* and *Shigella* from clinical and non-clinical specimens such as urine, blood clots, throat swabs, etc. Its author, Hajna, declares an extraordinary selectivity of the medium, whatever the origin of the sample, if it is kept in a transport medium prior to inoculation.

IVD in vitro diagnosticum - For professional use only

Mode of Action

Tryptose serves as a nutrient base. Citrate and deoxycholate act as selective agents and suppress the growth of Gram-positive microorganisms (particularly fecal streptococci), all types of spore-forming bacilli and some coliform bacteria.

Mannitol selectively promotes the growth of mannitol-metabolizing salmonellae and shigellae. Phosphate buffer prevents premature over-acidification of the culture medium by acidic metabolic products. If *Proteus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* are present, they usually proliferate more slowly than salmonellae and shigellae during the first 6-8 hours of incubation.

Typical Composition

Tryptose	20.0
D(+)glucose	1.0
D(-)mannitol	2.0
di-potassium hydrogen phosphate	4.0
potassium dihydrogen phosphate	1.5
sodium chloride	5.0
sodium citrate	5.0
sodium deoxycholate	0.5

Preparation

Suspend 39 g/litre, dispense into suitable containers, autoclave (15 min at 121 °C).

pH: 7.0 ± 0.2 at 25 °C.

The prepared broth is clear and yellowish.

Experimental Procedure and Evaluation

Inoculate the enrichment broth with the sample material.

Incubation: approx. 6 hours at room temperature aerobically.

Spread the resulting culture thinly on the surface of elective plates.

Storage

Usable up to the expiry date when stored dry and tightly closed at +15 to +25° C. Protect from light.

After first opening of the bottle the content can be used up to the expiry date when stored dry and tightly closed at +15 to +25° C.

Specimen

e.g. Stool.

Clinical specimen collection, handling and processing, see general instructions of use.

Quality Control

Control Strains	ATCC #	Incubation	Expected Results
<i>Shigella flexneri</i>	12022		Growth good
<i>Shigella sonnei</i>	11060		Growth good
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i>	14028		Growth good
<i>Salmonella enteritidis</i>	NCTC 5188		Growth good
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	25922		Growth good
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	25923		Growth none
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	11700		Growth none
<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	11778		Growth none

Please refer to the actual batch related Certificate of Analysis.

Literature

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Ordering Information

Product	Cat. No.	Pack size
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