

**Brilliant Green, Phenol Red, Lactose Monohydrate, Sucrose Agar (Agar Medium L) BP****Intended Use**

Brilliant Green, Phenol Red, Lactose Monohydrate, Sucrose Agar is used for selective isolation of *Salmonellae* other than *Salmonella typhi* from faeces, foods, dairy products and other samples in compliance with BP.

**Summary**

Kristensen *et al.*, first described Brilliant Green Agar as a primary plating medium for isolation of *Salmonella*, which was further modified by Kauffmann. This medium is more selective than Deoxycholate Citrate Agar and other brilliant green media. The advantages claimed for the medium are that it inhibits the growth of *E. coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and partially inhibits the growth of *Proteus* species, which may resemble *Salmonella*. *S. choleraesuis* grows well on this medium compared to Deoxycholate Citrate Agar. Brilliant Green Agar is recommended by APHA for food testing, USP and IP.

**Principle**

Peptone provides carbon, nitrogen and other growth factors while yeast extract provides B complex vitamins. Lactose and sucrose are the carbohydrate sources. Sodium chloride maintains the osmotic balance. Brilliant green inhibits majority of gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria, allowing *Salmonella* to grow. *S. typhi*, *E. coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Shigella*, *Pseudomonas* and *Proteus* species are mostly inhibited. In the presence of phenol red, lactose and sucrose, nonfermenting *Salmonella* will form white to pinkish red colonies while fermenters will form yellow colonies.

**Formula\***

Ingredients	g/L
Peptone (Meat and Casein)	10.0
Yeast Extract	3.0
Sucrose	10.0
Lactose Monohydrate	10.0
Sodium Chloride	5.0
Phenol Red	0.08
Brilliant Green	0.0125
Agar	20.0
Final pH (at 25°C)	6.9 ± 0.2

\*Adjusted to suit performance parameters.

**Storage and Stability**

Store dehydrated medium below 30°C in tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 2°C-8°C. Avoid freezing and overheating. Use before expiry date on the label. Once opened keep powdered medium closed to avoid hydration.

**Type of specimen**

Clinical samples – faeces  
Food and dairy samples

**Specimen Collection and Handling**

Ensure that all samples are properly labelled.

Follow appropriate techniques for handling samples as per established guidelines.

Some samples may require special handling, such as immediate refrigeration or protection from light, follow the standard procedure.

The samples must be stored and tested within the permissible time duration.

After use, contaminated materials must be sterilized by autoclaving before discarding.

**Directions**

1. Suspend 58.09 g of powder in 1000 mL purified / distilled water.
2. mix well.
3. Boil with frequent agitation to dissolve the powder completely. AVOID OVERHEATING.

4. Sterilize by autoclaving at 121°C (15 psi) for 15 minutes as per validated cycle.

### Quality Control

**Dehydrated Appearance:** Pink coloured, homogenous, free flowing powder.

**Prepared Appearance:** Greenish brown to orange brown coloured, slightly opalescent gel forms in petridishes.

**Growth Promotion Test:** Growth promotion is carried out in accordance with the harmonized method of BP and growth is observed after an incubation at 30°C-35°C for 18 to 72 hours.

**Growth Promoting Properties:** The test results observed are within the specified temperature and shortest period of time specified in the test, inoculating  $\leq 100$  cfu of appropriate microorganism at 30°C-35°C for 18 hours.

**Indicative Properties:** The test results observed is within the specified temperature and time, inoculating  $\leq 100$  cfu of appropriate microorganism.

**Inhibitory Properties:** No growth of the test microorganism occurs for the specified temperature and not less than the longest period of the time specified, inoculating  $>100$  cfu of the appropriate microorganism at 30°C -35°C for 72 hours.

Organism (ATCC)	Growth	Colour of Colony
<i>Salmonella enterica</i> subsp. <i>enterica</i> serovar Typhimurium (14028)	Good	Pinkish white
<i>Salmonella enterica</i> subsp. <i>enterica</i> serovar Abony (NCTC 6017)	Good	Pinkish white
<i>Salmonella Enteritidis</i> (13076)	Good	Pinkish pink
<i>Salmonella Typhi</i> (6539)	Good	Reddish pink
<i>Escherichia coli</i> (25922)	Partial inhibition	Yellowish green

### Note:

For good growth - Growth obtained on test media should not differ by a factor greater than 2 from calculated value for a standardized inoculum. For inhibition no growth of test microorganism should occur.

### Performance and Evaluation

Performance of the product is dependent on following parameters as per product label claim:

1. Directions
2. Storage
3. Expiry

### Warranty

This product is designed to perform as described on the label and package insert. The manufacturer disclaims any implied warranty of use and sale for any other purpose.

### Reference

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### Product Presentation:

Cat No.	Product description	Pack Size
201020300100	Dehydrated Culture Media	100 g
201020300500	Dehydrated Culture Media	500 g

### Disclaimer

Information provided is based on our inhouse technical data on file, it is recommended that user should validate at his end for suitable use of the product.