

Hartley Broth

Intended Use

Hartley Broth is used for cultivation of wide variety of bacteria from blood specially Streptococci and *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*.

Summary

Hartley described the value of tryptic digest of muscle for the production of diphtheria toxin. Since then it is used as a general-purpose broth, capable of initiating the growth of demanding (fastidious) organisms from a small inocula. Hartley's Digest Broth can be used for the recovery of fastidious organisms such as Group A, C, G Streptococci and *Streptococcus pneumoniae* from small inocula. Douglas used the same medium to recover *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, while Monckton used it in an enrichment medium for *C. diphtheriae*. Hartley's Digest Broth may be used for cultivation of blood samples, sterility testing, production of diphtheria toxin etc.

Principle

Hartley's Digest Broth is prepared as per the method described by Cruickshank by the tryptic digestion of defatted, fresh ox-heart under controlled conditions.

Formula*

Ingredients	g/L
Tryptic Digest of Heart Muscle	29.0
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.6 ± 0.2

*Adjusted to suit performance parameters.

Directions

1. Bring the Hartley Broth vial to the room temperature 22°C-30°C.
2. Use Hartley Broth as per required application.

Quality Control

Appearance: Light yellow coloured, clear solution without any precipitate.

Cultural Response: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation of 18-24 hours at 30°C-35°C.

Organism (ATCC)	Growth
<i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i> (8024)	Good
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> subsp. <i>aureus</i> (25923)	Good
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> Strain Bruno (19615)	Good
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> (6303)	Good

Note: Inoculum cfu for good growth is 10-100.

Remarks

1. Do not use media bottles that exhibit any damage, cracks, microbial contamination, discoloration, drying or other sign of deterioration.
2. Good laboratory practices and hazard precautions must be observed at all times.
3. After use media containers, sample, sample containers and other contaminated materials must be sterilized or incinerated before discarding.
4. All autoclaved biohazards should be disposed off in accordance with state and local environmental regulations.
5. Only qualified personnel who have been trained in microbiological procedures should handle all infected specimens and inoculated culture media.
6. User should ensure that any machinery or apparatus used and by chance contaminated must be safely disinfected or sterilized. The environment in which microbiological cultures are handled must also be taken into account.

Storage and Stability

1. Store the ready to use Hartley Broth at 15°C-25°C in a cool, dry place away from light.
2. Stability of the kit is as per expiry date mentioned on the label.

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.

References

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6. Data on file: Microxpress®, A Division of Tulip Diagnostics (P) Ltd.

Product Presentation:

Cat. No.	Product Description	Pack Size
203080050005	Ready Prepared Tube	50 x 5 mL

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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.
