CHROMagar™ Salmonella





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For detection and isolation of *Salmonella* species, including *S.typhi* and *S.paratyphi* in clinical specimens

Background

Infections caused by *Salmonella* spp, including *Salmonella* typhi, remain a major worldwide health problem:

- In the US, *Salmonella* has an incidence rate of 16.2 cases per 100,000 (CDC estimation, 2008).
- In Europe, it is reported as the first cause of collective toxi-infections. (2007 EFSA report)
 In developing countries, *Salmonella typhi* and *paratyphi* are commonly encountered with
- an estimated annual incidence of about 17 million cases. (2007 EFSA report) Moreover, according to a recent WHO report, *Salmonella* infections are responsible for 2 million deaths per year from diarrhoea.

Mainly due to contamination in the food chain and/or during food-production processes, *Sal-monella* commonly induces enteric illness whose major symptoms are abdominal cramps, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting. More severe cases, for instance typhoid cases or infections in immuno-depressed patients, can lead to body dehydration with renal failure or bacteraemia.

Medium Performance

EASY READING

intense mauve colony colours for better identification.

GREATER SPECIFICITY / LESS WORKLOAD

conventional media for the detection of *Salmonella* by H2S character have very poor specificity resulting in numerous false positives (*Citrobacter, Proteus*, etc.) among the rare, real positive *Salmonella*. The workload for unnecessary examination of suspect colonies is so heavy that real positive *Salmonella* colonies might often be overlooked in routine testing. Because of their poor specificity, conventional media require a tedious examination of at least 10 colonies per suspected sample. On the contrary, CHROMagar[™] Salmonella eliminates most of those false positives and allows technicians to focus on the real contaminated samples.

HIGH SENSITIVITY AND SPECIFICITY

leading to a higher detection rate of Salmonella

Sensitivity: 100%*

Specificity: 89%* compared to 78% with Hektoen Agar.

*Specificity and sensitivity from scientific study: "Comparison of CHROMagar Salmonella medium and Hektoen Enteric Agar for isolation of Salmonella from stool samples." Gaillot O. et al. 1999. Journal of Clinical Microbiology, 37 : 762-765

DRAMATIC REDUCTION OF THE WORKLOAD

Number of useless confirmatory tests is minimized since there is no need of duplicating them.

Medium Description

| Powder Base | Total 34.9 g/L Agar 15.0 Peptone & Yeast extract 7.0 Chromogenic and selective mix 12.9 Storage at $15/30^{\circ}$ C - pH: 7.6 ± 0.2 Shelf Life2 years |
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| Usual Samples | - Syndrom typhoid \rightarrow stool or blood samples - Gastro enteritis \rightarrow stool samples |
| Procedure | Direct Streaking. Incubation 24h, 37°C. Aerobic condition. |

Scientific Publications on this product: available on www.CHROMagar.com For detailed preparation procedure, please refer to our IFU.

Order References

Quality Control Strains

S. enteritidis ATCC® 13076 mauve S. typhimurium ATCC® 13311 mauve

C. albicans ATCC® 60193 inhibited S. aureus ATCC® 25923 inhibited

E. coli ATCC® 25922 metallic blue, small *C. freudii* ATCC® 8090 metallic blue

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Plate Reading

• Salmonella including S.typhi

- → mauve
- Other bacteria
- \rightarrow blue, colourless or inhibited.

