

# TM 2444 - LISTERIA ENRICHMENT MEDIUM BASE (UVM I)

#### **INTENDED USE**

For selective isolation and cultivation of Listeria monocytogenes from clinical specimens.

## **PRODUCT SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION**

Listeriosis is caused by *Listeria monocytogenes*, a short gram-positive non-sporulating rod. The bacilli are commonly found in soil and in the intestines of many animals including birds, fish, barnyard animals, dairy cattle and household pets. It is transmitted to humans by foods contaminated with faecal matter, as well as by the consumption of animal foods contaminated with the bacilli. Listeria Enrichment Medium Base is used for the selective cultivation and isolation of *L. monocytogenes* from clinical samples. The medium was originally formulated by Donnelly and Baigent. It was later modified by decreasing the nalidixic acid concentration in the selective supplements and subsequently increasing the acriflavin concentration. University of Vermont Modification Medium (UVM) used a two-step selective enrichment medium resulting in a higher isolation rate of L.monocytogenes from meat products within 3-4 days. This UVM Broth is recommended as a primary enrichment broth for recovery of heat-injured Listeria.

# COMPOSITION

Ingredients	Gms / Ltr	
Sodium chloride	20.000	
Disodium hydrogen phosphate	12.000	
Tryptone	5.000	
Proteose peptone	5.000	
Meat extract	5.000	
Yeast extract	5.000	
Potassium Dihydrogen Phosphate	1.350	
Esculin	1.000	

### PRINCIPLE

The medium consists of Tryptone, proteose peptone, meat extract and yeast extract provide nitrogenous and carbonaceous compounds, long chain amino acids and other necessary nutrients while esculin offers differential properties to the medium. Nalidixic acid and acriflavin hydrochloride together with higher concentration of phosphate render the medium selective for Listeria. Gram-negative and gram-positive organisms are inhibited by nalidixic acid and acriflavin hydrochloride respectively.

# **INSTRUCTION FOR USE**

- Dissolve 54.35 grams in 1000 ml IN distilled water.
- Gently heat to dissolve the medium completely.
- Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 psi (121°C) for 15 minutes.
- Cool to 45-50°C and add aseptically rehydrated content of 2 vial of Listeria UVM Supplement I (TS 117) for primary enrichment and pour into sterile Petri plates.

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# QUALITY CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS



Appearance of Powder	: Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder.
Appearance of prepared medium	: Medium amber coloured, slightly opalescent solution with a bluish tinge.
pH (at 25°C)	: 7.4±0.2

# INTERPRETATION

Cultural characteristics observe after addition of Listeria UVM Supplement – I (TS 117)

Microorganism	ATCC	lnoculum (CFU/ml)	Growth	Incubation Temperature	Incubation Period
Listeria monocytogenes	19111	50-100	Good-luxuriant	35-37°C	18-48 Hours
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Staphylococcus aureus	25923	50-100	None-poor	35-37°C	18-48 Hours
Escherichia coli	25922	50-100	None-poor	35-37°C	18-48 Hours

#### PACKAGING:

In pack size of 500 gm bottles.

# STORAGE

Dehydrated powder, hygroscopic in nature, store in a dry place, in tightly-sealed containers between 10-25°C and protect from direct sunlight. Under optimal conditions, the medium has a shelf life of 4 years. When the container is opened for the first time, note the time and date on the label space provided on the container. After the desired amount of medium has been taken out replace the cap tightly to protect from hydration.

**Product Deterioration:** Do not use if they show evidence of microbial contamination, discoloration, drying or any other signs of deterioration.

#### DISPOSAL

After use, prepared plates, specimen/sample containers and other contaminated materials must be sterilized before discarding.

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NOTE: Please consult the Material Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling Practices. \*For Lab Use Only Revision: 01 Aug., 2023

