



HiEncap™ Brain Heart Infusion Broth

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Brain Heart Infusion Broth is employed for the propagation of fastidious pathogenic cocci and other organisms associated with blood culture work and allied pathological investigations.

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Calf brain, infusion from	200.000
Beef heart, infusion from	250.000
Proteose peptone	10.000
Dextrose	2.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Disodium phosphate	2.500
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.4±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Each capsule contains 18.5 grams. Suspend 1 capsule in 500 ml (2 capsules in 1000 ml) distilled or purified water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Dispense into bottles or tubes and sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. For best results, the medium should be used on the day it is prepared, otherwise, it should be boiled or steamed for a few minutes and then cooled before use.

Principle And Interpretation

Brain Heart Infusion Medium is useful for cultivating a wide variety of microorganisms since it is a highly nutritive medium. It is also used to prepare the inocula for antimicrobial susceptibility testing. Brain Heart Infusion Broth is a modification of the original formulation of Rosenow, where he added pieces of brain tissues to dextrose broth (1). Brain Heart Infusion Broth is also the preferred medium for anaerobic bacteria, yeasts and moulds (2-4). This medium is nutritious and well buffered to support the growth of wide variety of organisms (2, 5, 6). With the addition of 10% defibrinated sheep blood, it is useful for isolation and cultivation of *Histoplasma capsulatum* (7) and other fungi. For selective isolation of fungi, addition of gentamicin and/or chloramphenicol is recommended (8).

Proteose peptone and infusions (calf brain and beef heart) serve as sources of carbon, nitrogen, essential growth factors, amino acids and vitamins. Dextrose serves as a source of energy. Disodium phosphate helps in maintaining the buffering action of the medium whereas sodium chloride maintains the osmotic equilibrium of the medium.

Quality Control

Appearance

Gelatin capsule containing cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Light to medium amber coloured, clear solution without any precipitate

Quantity

Each capsule contains 18.5 gms of medium sufficient for 500 ml media.

Reaction

Reaction of 3.7% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.4±0.2

pH

7.20-7.60

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 24-48 hours.

Cultural Response

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth
Cultural Response		
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC 50-100 29212		good-luxuriant
<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i> ATCC 50-100 13090		good-luxuriant
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> ATCC 50-100 6303	50-100	good-luxuriant
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> ATCC 19615	50-100	good-luxuriant
<i>Candida albicans</i> ATCC 10231	50-100	good-luxuriant
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 25923	50-100	good-luxuriant

Storage and Shelf Life

Store below 30°C in tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 2-8°C. Use before expiry date on the label.

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