**Technical Data**

**Modified Wilkins Chalgren Broth**

**Intended Use**

Recommended as a qualitative test for detection of strict or facultative anaerobic microorganisms in blood. *Sterile, in glass bottles.*

**Composition**

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<tr>
<th>Ingredients</th>
<th>Gms / Litre</th>
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<tr>
<td>Tryptone</td>
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<td>Peptone</td>
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<tr>
<td>Yeast extract</td>
<td>5.000</td>
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<td>Dextrose (Glucose)</td>
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<td>Sodium chloride</td>
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<td>L-Arginine</td>
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<td>Sodium pyruvate</td>
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<td>Hemin</td>
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<td>Menadione</td>
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<td>Final pH (at 25°C)</td>
<td>7.1±0.2</td>
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**Directions**

Label the ready to use blood culture bottle. Remove the Aluminium foil cap. Disinfect the part of the rubber stopper which is now exposed. Draw patient's blood with the sterile or disposable needle and syringe as explained in specimen collection and disposable column. Transfer the blood sample immediately into the culture bottle by puncturing the rubber stopper with the needle and injecting the blood. Venting: Use sterile venting needle (LA038). Keep the bottle in an upright position preferably in a biological safety cabinet, place an alcohol swab over the rubber stopper and insert the venting needle with filter through it. Insertion and withdrawal of the needle should be done in a straight line, discard the needle and mix the contents by gently inverting the bottle 2-3 times. Do Not vent the bottle for anaerobic cultures. Incubate at 35-37°C for 40-48 hours and further for seven days.

**Principle And Interpretation**

Wilkins Chalgren Anaerobic Broth Base, formulated by Wilkins and Chalgren (8), is the preferred medium for susceptibility testing of anaerobes. This medium is also recommended for testing anaerobic bacteria (1,2,6). Wilkins Chalgren Anaerobic Broth Base is similar to the agar medium, except the agar (3). The broth medium is especially useful in the broth micro-dilution tests (7). Wilkins Chalgren Broth media need to be appropriately supplemented to support the growth of certain anaerobic bacteria.

Hemin and Menadione (Vitamin K3) enhances the growth of Bacteroides species and *Prevotella melaninogenica,* respectively and many other species of gram-negative anaerobic rods (2,4). The medium can also be supplemented with defibrinated or lysed blood for the growth of fastidious anaerobic bacteria (3).

Tryptone and Peptone serve as sources of essential nutrients including carbon and nitrogen. Yeast extract provides vitamins and other growth factors like purines and pyrimidines that are essential for the growth of *P. melaninogenica.* Arginine serves as an amino acid source while pyruvate serves as an energy source.

**Type of specimen**

Clinical- stool, blood, abscess

**Specimen Collection and Handling:**

For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines (4,5). After use, contaminated materials must be sterilized by autoclaving before discarding.

*Please refer disclaimer Overleaf.*
Warning and Precautions:
In Vitro diagnostic Use only. Read the label before opening the container. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/ face protection. Follow good microbiological lab practices while handling specimens and culture. Standard precautions as per established guidelines should be followed while handling clinical specimens. Safety guidelines may be referred in individual safety data sheets.

Limitations
1. Proper anaerobic conditions must be maintained for optimal recovery of organisms

Performance and Evaluation
Performance of the medium is expected when used as per the direction on the label within the expiry period when stored at recommended temperature.

Quality Control
Appearance
Sterile clear Modified Wilkins Chalgren broth in glass bottle.

Colour
Medium amber coloured clear solution

Quantity of Medium
70ml of medium in glass bottle. (For Adult Use)

Reaction
6.90- 7.30

Sterility test
Passes release criteria

Cultural response
Cultural characteristics was observed after incubation at 35-37°C for 40-48 hours under anaerobic conditions.

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<th>Organism</th>
<th>Inoculum (CFU)</th>
<th>Growth</th>
<th>Growth under aerobic conditions</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bacteroides fragilis ATCC 25285</td>
<td>50-100</td>
<td>luxuriant</td>
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<td>Clostridium perfringens ATCC 12924</td>
<td>50-100</td>
<td>luxuriant</td>
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<td>Prevotella melaninogenicus ATCC 15930</td>
<td>50-100</td>
<td>luxuriant</td>
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<td>Escherichia coli ATCC 25922 (00013*)</td>
<td>&gt;=10⁴</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>luxuriant</td>
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<td>Bacteroides melaninogenicus ATCC 25611</td>
<td>50-100</td>
<td>luxuriant</td>
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<td>Bacteroides vulgatus ATCC 8482</td>
<td>50-100</td>
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Key : *Corresponding WDCM numbers.

Storage and Shelf Life
Store between 15-25°C. Use before expiry date on the label. Product performance is best if used within stated expiry period.

Disposal
User must ensure safe disposal by autoclaving and/or incineration of used or unusable preparations of this product. Follow established laboratory procedures in disposing of infectious materials and material that comes into contact with clinical sample must be decontaminated and disposed of in accordance with current laboratory techniques (4,5).
Reference


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