Intended Use:
Bordet Gengou Broth is recommended for the selective enrichment of *Bordetella pertussis* and *Bordetella parapertussis*.

**Composition**

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<th>Ingredients</th>
<th>Gms / Litre</th>
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<tr>
<td>Potatoes, infusion from</td>
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<td>Peptone</td>
<td>10.000</td>
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<td>Sodium chloride</td>
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<td>Final pH (at 25°C)</td>
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**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters**

**Directions**

Suspend 20.00 grams in 1000 ml purified / distilled water containing 10 ml glycerol. Heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50°C and aseptically add 15-20% sterile, fresh defibrinated blood (sheep, rabbit, human or horse). For selectivity aseptically add rehydrated contents of 2 vials of Bordetella Selective supplement (FD004). Mix thoroughly and distribute into sterile tubes or flasks as desired.

**Principle And Interpretation**

Bordet Gengou Agar Media were originally formulated by Bordet and Gengou (1) for cultivation of *Bordetella* species. *Bordetella pertussis* is the causative agent of whooping cough and with the help of cough-plate technique, *B. pertussis* can be isolated from pharyngeal extracts, nasopharyngeal secretions and pre-nasal swabs. Kendrick and Eldering (6) modified the original media by replacing 50% human or rabbit blood with 15% sheep blood to make the medium more enriched for detection of *B.pertussis* by the virtue of its haemolytic reaction. Enrichment of the basal media with 25% human blood aids in the detection of *Mycobacterium* species from small sputum inocula and in Streptomycin sensitivity testing (8). The medium is highly nutritious thus supports luxuriant growth of *Bordetella* species and can also be used for mass cultivation of *B. pertussis* for vaccine production (6) and for maintaining stock cultures (1). Bordetella Broth Base is prepared with the omission of Agar and is recommended for the selective enrichment of *Bordetella* species.

Potato infusion and peptone serve as carbon and nitrogen source, long chain amino acids, essential nutrients while glycerol and blood enrichment provides additional nutrients. Sodium chloride maintains osmotic equilibrium. Incubation should be carried out in a moist chamber (60% humidity) at 37°C for upto 7 days. Medium should not be over dried before use. After 40 hours *B.pertussis* colonies appear smooth, raised, glistening with a zone of haemolysis. Some strains of *Bordetella* are not haemolytic. For confirmation, serodiagnosis and biochemical test should be performed. This medium can be made more selective for *Bordetella*, by using antibiotics like penicillin (3), methicillin (2), cephalaxin (7) of which, cephalaxin was found to be superior. Cephalexin suppresses unwanted nasopharyngeal growth and significantly increases the isolation rate of *Bordetella* species. Cephalexin is used at a concentration of 40 mg/liter (FD004). Amphotericin B (10 µg/ml) can be added as an antifungal agent to the medium.

For isolation of *B. pertussis* from specimens, use standard procedures. Incubate the plates in a moist chamber at 35-37°C for 7 days and examine daily with or without dissecting microscope (oblique illumination) to detect the presence of *B. pertussis*.

**Type of specimen**

Clinical samples: sputum.

**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.
**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. Some *Haemophilus* species will grow on *Bordetella* isolation media and cross-react with *B. pertussis* antisera.
2. *B. pertussis* colonies may not be visible without the aid of a microscope for 2-4 days.

**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**

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

**Colour and Clarity of prepared medium**

Basal Medium: Light yellow coloured clear to slightly opalescent solution. After addition of glycerol and 15% v/v sterile defibrinated blood: Cherry red coloured opaque solution.

**Reaction**

Reaction of 2.0% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH: 6.7±0.2

**pH**

6.50-6.90

**Cultural Response**

Cultural characteristics observed with added Glycerol and 15% v/v sterile defibrinated blood and Bordetella Selective Supplement (FD004), after an incubation at 35-37°C for 3-4 days.

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<td><em>Staphylococcus aureus</em></td>
<td>&gt;=10⁴</td>
<td>inhibited</td>
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<td><em>subsp.aureus ATCC 25923 (00034</em>)*</td>
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<td><em>Bordetella bronchiseptica</em></td>
<td>50-100</td>
<td>good-luxuriant</td>
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<td><em>ATCC 4617</em></td>
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Key: (*) Corresponding WDCM numbers.

**Storage and Shelf Life**

Store between 10-30°C in a tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 2-8°C. Use before expiry date on the label. On opening, product should be properly stored dry, after tightly capping the bottle in order to prevent lump formation due to the hygroscopic nature of the product. Improper storage of the product may lead to lump formation. Store in dry ventilated area protected from extremes of temperature and sources of ignition. Seal the container tightly after use. 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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