



Rappaport Vassiliadis Medium

M880

Rappaport Vassiliadis Medium is recommended for enrichment of *Salmonellae* based on its ability to multiply selectively at high osmotic pressure, low pH and 43°C, with modest nutritional requirements.

Composition**

Ingredients	Gms / Litre
Papaic digest of soyabean meal	4.500
Sodium chloride	7.200
Monopotassium phosphate	1.440
Magnesium chloride	36.000
Malachite green	0.036
Final pH (at 25°C)	5.2±0.2

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions

Suspend 49.17 grams in 1000 ml distilled water. Heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. Dispense as desired into tubes and sterilize by autoclaving at 10 lbs pressure (115°C) for 15 minutes.

Principle And Interpretation

Rappaport Vassiliadis Medium is designed according to the revised formulation by Van Schothorst et al (1) and is recommended for the selective enrichment of *Salmonellae* from food and environmental specimens. Present medium is a modification of the Rappaport Vassiliadis Enrichment Broth described by Van Schothorst and Renault (2). Addition of magnesium chloride to the medium was reported by Peterz et al (3). *Salmonella* species can be isolated from human faeces without pre-enrichment by using this medium.

Salmonella generally survive at little high osmotic pressure, grow at slightly low pH and are resistant to malachite green compared to other bacteria.

The medium contains papaic digest of soyabean meal which provides essential growth nutrients. Magnesium chloride raises the osmotic pressure in the medium. Malachite green is inhibitory to organisms other than *Salmonellae*. The low pH of the medium, combined with the presence of malachite green and magnesium chloride, helps to select for the highly resistant *Salmonella* species. Potassium phosphate buffers the medium to maintain the constant pH. Sodium chloride maintains the osmotic balance.

Quality Control

Appearance

Light yellow to light blue homogeneous free flowing powder

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Bluish green coloured, clear to slightly opalescent solution with slight precipitate

Reaction

Reaction of 4.92% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 5.2±0.2

pH

5.00-5.40

Cultural Response

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 42-43°C for 18-24 hours. After incubation, subculture on selective agar media like MacConkey Agar (M081) or XLD Agar (M031) and incubate at 35-37°C for 18-24 hours.

Cultural Response

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth at 42±1°C	Recovery	Colour of Colony on M081
Cultural Response				

<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922	50-100	none-poor	<=10%	pink-red
<i>Salmonella Enteritidis</i> ATCC 13076	50-100	good-luxuriant	>=50%	colourless
<i>Salmonella Typhi</i> ATCC 6539	50-100	good-luxuriant	>=50%	colourless
<i>Salmonella Typhimurium</i> ATCC 14028	50-100	good-luxuriant	>=50%	colourless

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.

Reference

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