Nutrient HiCynth™ Agar

Intended use
Nutrient HiCynth™ Agar is used as a general purpose medium for the cultivation of less fastidious microorganisms, can be enriched with blood or other biological fluids.

Composition**
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<th>Ingredients</th>
<th>Gms / Litre</th>
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<tr>
<td>HiCynth™ Peptone No.1*</td>
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<td>HiCynth™ Peptone No.5*</td>
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<td>Sodium chloride</td>
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<td>Agar</td>
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<td>Final pH (at 25°C)</td>
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**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters  
*Chemically defined peptones

Directions
Suspend 28 grams in 1000 ml purified/ distilled water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50°C. If desired ,the medium can be enriched with 5-10% blood or other biological fluids. Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

Principle And Interpretation
Nutrient HiCynth™ media are basic culture media used for maintaining microorganisms, cultivating fastidious organisms by enriching with serum or blood and are also used for purity checking prior to biochemical or serological testing (1, 8). Nutrient HiCynth™ Agar is prepared by replacing animal and vegetable peptones with chemically defined peptones to avoid BSE/TSE risks associated with animal peptones. Nutrient HiCynth™ Agar is ideal for demonstration and teaching purposes where a more prolonged survival of cultures at ambient temperature is often required without risk of overgrowth that can occur with more nutritious substrate. This relatively simple formula has been retained and is still widely used in the microbiological examination of variety of materials and is also recommended by standard methods. It is one of the several non-selective media useful in routine cultivation of microorganisms (2,3). It can be used for the cultivation and enumeration of bacteria which are not particularly fastidious. Addition of different biological fluids such as horse or sheep blood, serum, egg yolk etc. makes it suitable for the cultivation of related fastidious organisms. HiCynth™ Peptone No.1 and HiCynth™ peptone No.5 provide the necessary nitrogen and carbon compounds, long chain amino acids, vitamins and also some trace ingredients necessary for the growth of bacteria. Sodium chloride maintains the osmotic equilibrium of the medium.

Type of specimen
Clinical samples - Blood; Food and dairy samples; water samples

Specimen Collection and Handling
For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines (3,4).
For food and dairy samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection and processing as per guidelines (1,7,8).
For water samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection, processing as per guidelines and local standards,(2)
After use, contaminated materials must be sterilized by autoclaving before discarding.

Warning and Precautions:
In Vitro diagnostic Use. 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. This medium is general purpose medium and may not support the growth of fastidious organisms.

Please refer disclaimer Overleaf.
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

Gelling
Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium
Light yellow coloured clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates

Reaction
Reaction of 2.8% 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 18-48 hours.

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<td>Escherichia coli ATCC 25922 (00013*)</td>
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<td>Pseudomonas aeruginosa ATCC 27853 (00025*)</td>
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<td>Salmonella Typhi ATCC 6539</td>
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<td>Staphylococcus aureus subspp. ATCC 25923 (00034*)</td>
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<td>Streptococcus pyogenes ATCC 19615</td>
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<td>Yersinia enterocolitica ATCC 23715 (00160*)</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 (3,4).
Reference


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