Technical Data

Luria Bertani HiCynth™ Agar, Miller (Miller Luria Bertani HiCynth™ Agar)

Intended Use
Recommended for the cultivation and maintenance of recombinant strains of *Escherichia coli* for genetic and molecular biology studies; may be used for routine cultivation and estimation of not particularly fastidious microorganisms.

Composition**

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<th>Ingredients</th>
<th>Gms / Litre</th>
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<tr>
<td>HiCynth™ Peptone No.2*</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 40 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. Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

Principle And Interpretation
Luria Bertani Agar is prepared as described by Lennox (4) for cultivation and maintenance of recombinant strains of *Escherichia coli*. Luria Bertani Agar, Miller (1) is slightly different with double amount of sodium chloride. The media is nutritionally rich for the growth of pure cultures of recombinant strains. Strains derived from *Escherichia coli* K12 are deficient in Vitamin B synthesis are further modified by specific mutation to create auxotrophic strains and are therefore unable to grow on nutritionally deficient media.

Luria Bertani HiCynth™ Agar is prepared by replacing animal and vegetable peptones with chemically defined peptones to avoid BSE/TSE risks associated with animal peptones. HiCynth™ Peptone No.2 provides carbon, nitrogen compounds, long chain amino acids, while Vitamin B complex is provided by HiCynth™ Peptone No.5. Sodium chloride provides sodium ions for membrane transport and also maintains the osmotic equilibrium of the medium.

Type of specimen
Recombinant strains of *E.coli*

Specimen Collection and Handling
For Recombinant strain samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines (1,4). After use, contaminated materials must be sterilized by autoclaving before discarding.

Warning and Precautions
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 specimens. Safety guidelines may be referred in individual safety data sheets.

Limitations
1. Some strains may show poor growth due to nutritional variations.
2. Further biochemical and serological tests must be carried out for complete identification.

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.

Please refer disclaimer Overleaf.
Quality Control

Appearance
Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Gelling
Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium
Yellow to amber coloured, clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates

Reaction
Reaction of 4.0% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 7.5±0.2

pH
7.30-7.70

Cultural Response
Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18 - 24 hours.

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<td>Escherichia coli DH5 alpha MTCC 1652</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 20-30°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. 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 sample must be decontaminated and disposed of in accordance with current laboratory techniques (2,3).

Reference
4. Lennox E.S., 1955, Transduction of Linked Genetic Characters of the host by bacteriophage P1., Virology, 1:190.

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