Soybean-Casein Digest Agar (Casein Soybean Digest Agar)

Recommended as a general purpose medium used for cultivation of a wide variety of microorganisms from pharmaceutical products in accordance with harmonized method of USP/EP/BP/JP/IP (Medium 2).

**Composition**

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<th>Ingredients</th>
<th>Gms / Litre</th>
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<tr>
<td>Tryptone #</td>
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<td>Soya peptone ##</td>
<td>5.000</td>
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<td>Sodium chloride</td>
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<td>Agar</td>
<td>15.000</td>
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<td>pH after sterilization (at 25°C)</td>
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**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters**

# Pancreatic digest of casein

## Papaic digest of soyabean (soybean)

**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 or as per validated cycle. Cool to 45-50°C. Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

**Principle And Interpretation**

Various pharmacopoeias recommend Soybean Casein Digest Agar as sterility testing medium. It is also used in validation of sterility checking procedure in accordance with the microbial limit testing harmonized methodology of USP/EP/BP/JP/IP (7,2,1,5,3). This medium is used in microbial limit test and antimicrobial preservative- effective test. Gunn et al (5) used this medium for the growth of fastidious organisms and study of haemolytic reaction after addition of 5% v/v blood.

The combination of tryptone and soya peptone makes these media nutritious by providing amino acids and long chain peptides for the growth of microorganisms. Natural sugars of soy enhance growth of microorganism. Sodium chloride maintains the osmotic balance in the medium. Agar is the solidifying agent.

The total aerobic count is considered to be equal to the number of colony forming units found on this medium, if colonies of fungi are detected on this medium they are counted along with total aerobic count.

**Type of specimen**

Pharmaceutical samples; Clinical samples- blood

**Specimen Collection and Handling**

For pharmaceutical samples, follow appropriate techniques for sample collection, processing as per pharmaceutical guidelines (7,2,1,5,3). For clinical samples follow appropriate techniques for handling specimens as per established guidelines (4,6). 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.

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**Limitations**

1. Biochemical characterization is necessary to be performed on colonies from pure cultures for further identification.
2. This medium is general purpose medium and may not support the growth of fastidious 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**

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

**pH**

7.10-7.50

**Growth Promotion Test**

Growth Promotion was carried out in accordance with the harmonized method of USP/EP/BP/JP, and growth was observed after an incubation at 30-35°C for 18-24 hours. Recovery rate is considered 100% for bacteria growth on Blood Agar and fungus growth on Sabouraud Dextrose Agar.

**Growth promoting properties**

Growth of microorganism comparable to that previously obtained with previously tested and approved lot of medium occurs at the specified temperature for not more than the shortest period of time specified inoculating <=100 cfu (at 30-35°C for 18 hours).

**Cultural Response**

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<tr>
<th>Organism</th>
<th>Inoculum (CFU)</th>
<th>Observed Lot value (CFU)</th>
<th>Recovery %</th>
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<td><em>Bacillus subtilis</em> subsp. <em>spizizenii</em> ATCC 6633 (00003*)</td>
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<td><em>Staphylococcus aureus subsp. aureus</em> ATCC 25923 (00034*)</td>
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<td><em>Staphylococcus aureus subsp. aureus</em> ATCC 6538 (00032*)</td>
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<td><em>Escherichia coli</em> ATCC 25922 (00013*)</td>
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<td><em>Escherichia coli</em> NCTC 9002 50 -100</td>
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<td><em>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</em> ATCC 27853 (00025*)</td>
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<td><em>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</em> ATCC 9027 (00026*)</td>
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<td><em>Salmonella</em> Abony NCTC 6017 (00029*)</td>
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<td><em>Micrococcus luteus</em> ATCC 9341</td>
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<td><em>Streptococcus pneumoniae</em> ATCC 6305</td>
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<td><em>Salmonella Typhimurium</em> ATCC 14028 (00031*)</td>
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Technical Data

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<td>Candida albicans ATCC 10231 (00054*)</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Candida albicans ATCC 2091 (00055*)</td>
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<td>#Aspergillus brasiliensis ATCC 16404 (00053*)</td>
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<td>Key : (#) Formerly known as Aspergillus niger, (*) Corresponding WDCM numbers</td>
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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 (4, 6).

Reference
3. Indian Pharmacopoeia, 2018, Govt. of India, the controller of Publication, Delhi, India.

In vitro diagnostic medical device
CE Marking
Storage temperature
10°C - 30°C

Do not use if package is damaged

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