

**Lysine Arginine Iron HiVeg™ Agar**

**MV1230**

Lysine Arginine Iron HiVeg Agar is used for the isolation and presumptive identification of *Yersinia* species from milk and milk products.

**Composition \*\* :**

Ingredients	Grams/Litre
L-Arginine	10.0
L-Lysine	10.0
HiVeg peptone	5.0
Yeast extract	3.0
Glucose	1.0
Ferric ammonium citrate	0.5
Sodium thiosulphate	0.04
Bromo cresol purple	0.02
Agar	15.0

Final pH (at 25°C ) 6.8 ± 0.2

\*\* Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters.

**Directions :**

Suspend 44.56 grams in 1000 ml distilled water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Dispense in 5 ml amount into screw capped test tubes and sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool the tubed medium to give slants and butts.

**Principle and Interpretation :**

Lysine Arginine Iron HiVeg Agar is prepared by using HiVeg peptone in place of Peptic digest of animal tissue which makes the medium free of BSE/TSE risks. Lysine Arginine Iron HiVeg Agar is the modification of Lysine Arginine Iron Agar which is formulated as recommended by APHA (1) for isolation and identification of *Yersinia* species from milk and milk products. Some *Yersinia* species have been implicated in human disease with a variety of clinical syndromes (2).

HiVeg peptone and yeast extract provide the necessary nitrogenous nutrients and vitamin B complex to the organisms. Ferric ammonium citrate and sodium thiosulphate are the indicators for hydrogen sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S) production. This medium contains two amino acids L-Arginine and L-Lysine. The organisms which do not

**Product Profile :**

Vegetable based (Code MV)Ⓞ		Animal based (Code M)	
<b>MV1230</b>	HiVeg peptone	<b>M1230</b>	Peptic digest of animal tissue
<b>Recommended for</b>	:	Isolation and presumptive identification of <i>Yersinia</i> species from milk and milk products.	
<b>Reconstitution</b>	:	44.56 g/l	
<b>Quantity on preparation (100g)</b>	:	2.24 L	
<b>pH (25°C)</b>	:	6.8 ± 0.2	
<b>Supplement</b>	:	None	
<b>Sterilization</b>	:	121°C / 15 minutes.	
<b>Storage</b>	:	Dry Medium - Below 30°C, Prepared Medium 2 - 8°C.	

decarboxylate L-Lysine but ferment glucose, gives an alkaline slant and an acid butt (yellow colour, as bromo cresol purple is the pH indicator).

The sample suspected of *Yersinia* can be inoculated on MacConkey HiVeg Agar (MV081) rather than directly streaking on Lysine Arginine Iron HiVeg Agar. Inoculate the suspected *Yersinia* colony from MacConkey HiVeg Agar (MV081) on Lysine Arginine Iron HiVeg Agar and incubate at 22-26°C upto 48 hours. Organisms which give a alkaline slant, acidic butt, no gas and no hydrogen sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S) production on Lysine Arginine Iron HiVeg Agar and urease-positive are considered to be presumptive *Yersinia* (1).

**Quality Control :**

**Appearance of powder**

Light yellow coloured, may have slightly greenish tinge, homogeneous, free flowing powder.

**Gelling**

Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel.

**Colour and Clarity**

Purple coloured, clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in tubes as butts.

**Reaction**

Reaction of 4.45% w/v aqueous solution is pH 6.8 ± 0.2 at 25°C.

**Cultural Response**

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 25-30°C for 24 - 48 hours.

Organisms (ATCC)	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Slant	Butt	Gas	H <sub>2</sub> S
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> (13883)	10 <sup>2</sup> -10 <sup>3</sup>	luxuriant	AK	A	+	-
<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i> (27729)	10 <sup>2</sup> -10 <sup>3</sup>	luxuriant	AK	A	-	-

Key : AK = alkaline reaction, purple colour.

A = acidic reaction, yellow colour.

**References :**

- Standard Methods for the Examination of Dairy Products. 17<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2004 Edited by H. Michael Wehr and Joseph H.Frank.
- U.S.Food and Drug Administration, 1984, Bacteriological Analytical Manual, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., Arlington, VA.



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- Control
- Klebsiella pneumoniae*
- Yersinia enterocolitica*