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# **POTATO DEXTROSE AGAR**

## **INTENDED USE:**

Potato Dextrose Agar (PDA) is used for the cultivation of fungi.

## PRINCIPLE AND INTERPRETATION:

Potato Dextrose Agar is composed of dehydrated Potato Infusion and Dextrose that encourage luxuriant fungal growth. Agar is added as the solidifying agent. Many standard procedures use a specified amount of sterile tartaric acid (10%) to lower the pH of this medium to 3.5 + / - 0.1, inhibiting bacterial growth. Chloramphenicol acts as a selective agent to inhibit bacterial overgrowth of competing microorganisms from mixed specimens, while permitting the selective isolation of fungi.

## **COMPOSITION:**

Ingredients	Gr/Liter	
Potarto extract	4 gr	
Glucose	20 gr	
Agar	15 gr	

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

**pH**:  $5,6 \pm 0,2$ 

#### PRECAUTIONS:

For professional use only. Do not use tubes if they show evidence of microbial contamination, discoloration, drying, cracking or other signs of deterioration.

# TEST PROCEDURE:

Incubation at a temperature of 25±2°C and observed after 48-120 hours.

## **QUALITY CONTROL:**

## 1.Sterility Control:

Incubation 48 hours at 30-35°C and 72 hours at 20-25°C: NO GROWTH

## 2. Phsical/Chemical Control

**pH**:  $5.6 \pm 0.2$ 

Apperance: Light amber

3.Microbiological Control: Incubation at a temperature of 25±2°C and observed after 48-120 hours.

Microorganism	Inoculum	Results	
	(CFU)	Growth	Reaction
Candida albicans ATCC 10231	10-100	Good	Good
Aspergillus brasiliensisATCC 16404	10-100	Good	Good

#### STORAGE CONDITIONS AND SHELF LIFE:

Store the prepared medium at 2-12°C. Use before expiry date on the label. Do not use beyond stated expiry date.



## **Technical Data Sheet**

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#### **DISPOSAL:**

Incubated medium may contain active bacteria and micro-organisms. Do not open infected medium. Infected tube should be autoclaved, incinerated or opened and soaked in a chlorine-based disinfectant (liquid bleach) for 20 minutes prior to disposal.

#### **PACKAGING:**

Katalog Number: 01009

Content/Packaging: 50 Tubes/Box

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