

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Bi.G.G.Y Agar (Nickerson Medium)

Principle

BiGGY Agar is a modification of the formula described by Nickerson (1947, 1953), developed for isolation of sulfite reducing *Candida species*. Media is composed of yeast extract, glycine, D-glucose, bismuth sulphite indicator and agar. Yeast Extract provides the nitrogen, vitamins and amino acids. Glycine is used to stimulate growth. Dextrose is the carbon source. Bismuth sulphite indicator is composed of bismuth ammonium citrate and sodium sulphite and act as selective agent for *Candida species*. *Candida species* reduce bismuth sulfite, and changes its color from brown to black. Bismuth Sulfite is also used as a selective agent against other bacteria Agar is used as the solidifying agent.

Use: For the detection and isolation of *Candida species*.

Contents*

Ingredients	Gram/Litre
Yeast Extract	1.000
Glycine	10.000
D-Glucose	10.000
Bismuth Sulphite indicator	8.000
Agar	16.000
pH at 25°C	6.8 ±0.2

*** Formula adjusted for optimum performance and parameters**

Directions: Dissolve 45.00 grams in 1000 ml distilled water. Boil to dissolve the medium completely. **DO NOT STERILIZE BY AUTOCLAVING**, cool it to 42-45 °C and distribute aseptically in to the plates. Ensure complete solidification and inoculate test sample aseptically.

Specimens types analyzed

Pharmaceutical samples, clinical and non-clinical samples such as tissues, skin scrapings, hair, nail clipping etc. etc

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Precautions to be taken

These microbial media are intended for the in-vitro use only. All the handling, experiments, storage, and discarding should be performed with the help of skilled and knowledgeable technicians and as per the established guidelines. The material should be disposed only after proper sterilization by autoclaving. Please go through the MSDS of the media to avoid any accidents or in emergency.

Performance and Evaluation

The expected performance of the medium is liable to use as per the direction on the label when stored at optimum conditions and within expiry date.

Quality Control

Appearance	Light beige, colored free flowing, homogeneous powder
Reaction of 4.5% solution	6.8 $\pm$ 0.2 at 25 °C
pH	6.60- 7.00
Gelling	Firm comparable with 1.6% agar gel
Color and clarity of ready medium	Light amber, opalescent gel with a slight precipitate
Growth Promotion properties	Best at $\leq$ 100 CFU at 25-30°C for 18-72 h
Indicative properties	Optimum at $\leq$ 100 CFU at 25-30°C for 18-48 h
Negative control	Performed using sterile distilled water

Different Microbial Response

Cultural characteristics observed after incubation at 25-30°C for 18-48 hours, and *Candida tropicalis* incubate for 18-72 hours.

Organism	ATCC	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Colony color
<i>Candida albicans</i>	10231	50-100	Luxurious	Brown to black (no sheen and color diffusion)
<i>Candida tropicalis</i>	750	50-100	Luxurious	Brown to black (sheen and blackening diffused)
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	8739	50-100	Inhibited	-

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Storage and Shelf Life

The product is highly hygroscopic; keep the container tightly closed at all times and store it properly as per the conditions mentioned on the label. The declared expiry is valid only when stored as per the conditions mentioned on the label.

Note: Sterilize media immediately after reconstitution.

Disposal: To avoid the contamination or propagation of any hazardous microbes the used, unusable or modified preparation of this product must be disposed after autoclaving after completion of task.

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