PHENOL RED BROTH BASE TM 255

For determination the ability of fermentation reactions

Composition

Ingredients	Gms/Ltr.
Proteose peptone	10.00
Sodium chloride	5.00
Beef extract	1.00
Phenol red	0.018

* Dehydrated powder, hygroscopic in nature, store in a dry place, in tightly-sealed containers below 25°C and protect from direct Sunlight.

Instructions for Use

Dissolve 16gms in 1000ml distilled water. Gently heat to boiling with gentle swirling and dissolve the medium completely. Dispense into test tubes containing inverted Durham's tubes and sterilize at 15 psi (121°C) for 15 minutes. Aseptically add filter sterilized Dextrose solution to the molten medium. Allow to cool, prior inoculation.

Appearance: Red colour, clear to slightly opalescent solution
pH (at 25°C): 7.4 ± 0.2

Principle

PHENOL RED BROTH BASE is used for determination & fermentation reactions of microorganisms. Proteose peptone and Beef extract provides nitrogen, carbon and other essential sources for the growth of organisms. Dextrose is added as the fermentable carbohydrate. Sodium chloride maintains osmotic balance. Phenol red is a pH indicator, which turns to yellow while having acidic pH. After incubation media colour changes to yellow which is a indicator of fermentation reaction, with or without gas formation (Durham's tubes).

Interpretation

Cultural characteristics observed after inoculating (10^3CFU/ml), on incubation at 35 ± 2°C for 18 - 48 hours.

Microorganisms	ATCC	Inoculum (CFU/ml)	Growth	Acid/Gas Production
Escherichia coli	25922	10^3	Luxuriant	+/+
Proteus vulgaris	6380	10^3	Luxuriant	+/+
Salmonella typhimurium	14028	10^3	Luxuriant	+/+
Shigella flexneri	12022	10^3	Luxuriant	+/-

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