

CULTURE MEDIA FOR AMINO ACID DECOMPOSITION STUDIES

Differential media for the differentiation of micro-organisms on the basis of their ability to decompose (decarboxylate or dihydrolysate) the amino acids.

Dehydrated media	
Code numbers:	See below
Colour:	Beige
Appearance:	Homogeneous hygroscopic powder
pH before autoclaving (25 °C):	See below

Direction: Suspend the indicated amount of dehydrated media listed below in one litre of distilled water. In case of bases add the appropriate amount of amino acid (in case of Moeller medium 10 g, in case of Falkow and Taylor media 5 g). Mix well and heat gently to dissolve the medium completely. Check the pH and readjust if necessary. Dispense into test tubes and sterilise by autoclaving at 121 °C for 15 minutes. After inoculation overlie the tubes aseptically with 4 – 5 mm sterile mineral oil (except Taylor Broth).

FORMULA in g/l

Moeller Broth Base		Falkow Broth Base		Taylor Broth Base	
Code number:	DBM20500	Code number:	DBF20500	Code number:	DBT20500
Peptone	10,500	Peptone	8,00	Yeast extract	3,000
Glucose	0,500	Glucose	1,00	Glucose	1,000
Pyridoxal	0,005	Bromocresol purple	0,02	Bromocresol purple	0,016
Bromocresol purple	0,010				
Cresol red	0,005				
11 g/l	pH = 5,9 – 6,3	9 g/l	pH = 6,6 – 7,0	4 g/l	pH = 5,9 – 6,3

Moeller Broth, Arginine		Falkow Broth, Arginine		Taylor Broth, Arginine	
Code number:	DBM20500-AR	Code number:	DBF20500-AR	Code number:	DBT20500-AR
Peptone	10,500	Peptone	8,00	Yeast extract	3,000
Glucose	0,500	Glucose	1,00	Glucose	1,000
L-Arginine	10,000	L-Arginine	5,00	L-Arginine	5,000
Pyridoxal	0,005	Bromocresol purple	0,02	Bromocresol purple	0,016
Bromocresol purple	0,010				
Cresol red	0,005				
21 g/l	pH = 5,9 – 6,3	14 g/l	pH = 6,6 – 7,0	9 g/l	pH = 5,9 – 6,3

Moeller Broth, Lysine		Falkow Broth, Lysine		Taylor Broth, Lysine	
Code number:	DBM20500-LY	Code number:	DBF20500-LY	Code number:	DBT20500-LY
Peptone	10,500	Peptone	8,00	Yeast extract	3,000
Glucose	0,500	Glucose	1,00	Glucose	1,000
L-Lysine	10,000	L-Lysine	5,00	L-Lysine	5,000
Pyridoxal	0,005	Bromocresol purple	0,02	Bromocresol purple	0,016
Bromocresol purple	0,010				
Cresol Red	0,005				
21 g/l	pH = 5,9 – 6,3	14 g/l	pH = 6,6 – 7,0	9 g/l	pH = 5,9 – 6,3

Moeller Broth, Ornithine		Falkow Broth, Ornithine		Taylor Broth, Ornithine	
Code number:	DBM20500-OR	Code number:	DBF20500-OR	Code number:	DBT20500-OR
Peptone	10,500	Peptone	8,00	Yeast extract	3,000
Dextrose	0,500	Glucose	1,00	Glucose	1,000
L-Ornithine	10,000	L-Ornithine	5,00	L-Ornithine	5,000
Pyridoxal	0,005	Bromocresol purple	0,02	Bromocresol purple	0,016
Bromocresol purple	0,010				
Cresol red	0,005				
21 g/l	pH = 5,9 – 6,3	14 g/l	pH = 6,6 – 7,0	9 g/l	pH = 5,9 – 6,3

Note: The typical formula can be adjusted to obtain optimal performance.

Prepared media	
Bottled Moeller Broth Base:	100 ml: DBM30100, 500 ml: DBM30500
Bottled Moeller Broth, Arginine:	100 ml: DBM30100-AR, 500 ml: DBM30500-AR
Bottled Moeller Broth, Lysine:	100 ml: DBM30100-LY, 500 ml: DBM30500-LY
Bottled Moeller Broth, Ornithine:	100 ml: DBM30100-OR, 500 ml: DBM30500-OR
Tubed Moeller Broth Base: (covered with paraffin oil)	100 x 12 mm: DBM40002 (2 ml)
Tubed Moeller Broth, Arginine: (covered with paraffin oil)	100 x 12 mm: DBM40002-AR (2 ml)
Tubed Moeller Broth, Lysine: (covered with paraffin oil)	100 x 12 mm: DBM40002-LY (2 ml)
Tubed Moeller Broth, Ornithine: (covered with paraffin oil)	100 x 12 mm: DBM40002-OR (2 ml)
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Bottled Falkow Broth Base:	100 ml: DBF30100, 500 ml: DBF30500
Bottled Falkow Broth, Arginine:	100 ml: DBF30100-AR, 500 ml: DBF30500-AR
Bottled Falkow Broth, Lysine:	100 ml: DBF30100-LY, 500 ml: DBF30500-LY
Bottled Falkow Broth, Ornithine:	100 ml: DBF30100-OR, 500 ml: DBF30500-OR
Tubed Falkow Broth Base: (covered with paraffin oil)	100 x 12 mm: DBF40002 (2 ml)
Tubed Falkow Broth, Arginine: (covered with paraffin oil)	100 x 12 mm: DBF40002-AR (2 ml)
Tubed Falkow Broth, Lysine: (covered with paraffin oil)	100 x 12 mm: DBF40002-LY (2 ml)
Tubed Falkow Broth, Ornithine: (covered with paraffin oil)	100 x 12 mm: DBF40002-OR (2 ml)
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Bottled Taylor Broth Base:	100 ml: DBT30100, 500 ml: DBT30500
Bottled Taylor Broth, Arginine:	100 ml: DBT30100-AR, 500 ml: DBT30500-AR
Bottled Taylor Broth, Lysine:	100 ml: DBT30100-LY, 500 ml: DBT30500-LY
Bottled Taylor Broth, Ornithine:	100 ml: DBT30100-OR, 500 ml: DBT30500-OR
Tubed Taylor Broth Base:	100 x 12 mm: DBT40002 (2 ml)
Tubed Taylor Broth, Arginine:	100 x 12 mm: DBT40002-AR (2 ml)
Tubed Taylor Broth, Lysine:	100 x 12 mm: DBT40002-LY (2 ml)
Tubed Taylor Broth, Ornithine:	100 x 12 mm: DBT40002-OR (2 ml)
Colour:	Purple
pH (25 °C):	See above

Direction: Dispense the bottled media aseptically into sterile test tubes. After inoculation overlie the tubes aseptically with 4 – 5 mm sterile mineral oil (except Taylor Broth). Media in tubes are ready to use.

Storage conditions: Store the dehydrated media tightly closed in a dry place at room temperature. Store the bottled and tubed media protected from light at room temperature. Use before the expiry date on the label.

Quality control:

Test strains	Incubation temp: 37 °C	Reactions	Incubation time: 24 h
Broth bases			
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> ATCC 14028		Positive, violet colour	
<i>Citrobacter freundii</i> ATCC 8090		Negative, yellow colour	
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Broths with arginine			
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC 27853		Positive, violet colour	
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i> ATCC 29906		Negative, yellow colour	
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Broths with lysine			
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> ATCC 14028		Positive, violet colour	
<i>Citrobacter freundii</i> ATCC 8090		Negative, yellow colour	
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Broths with ornithine			
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i> ATCC 29906		Positive, violet colour	
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> ATCC 13883		Negative, yellow colour	

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