

## TRANSPORT MEDIUM, AMIES WITH CHARCOAL

An improved, semi-solid, non-nutritional medium for the transportation of fastidious pathogens with prolonged survival of micro-organisms from collection to culturing. The added charcoal neutralises the toxic metabolic products of gonococci.

<b>Dehydrated media</b>	
Code number:	500 g: TAC20500, 5 kg: TAC25000
Colour:	Black
Appearance:	Homogeneous hygroscopic powder
pH before autoclaving (25 °C):	7,0 – 7,4

**Direction:** Suspend **20 g** in one litre of distilled water and heat with frequent agitation until the medium boils well. Dispense into final containers and sterilise by autoclaving at 121 °C for 15 minutes. While cooling turn the containers up and down a few times to distribute the charcoal uniformly.

<b>Prepared media</b>	
Bottled media:	100 ml: TAC30100, 500 ml: TAC30500
Colour:	Black
pH (25 °C):	7,1 – 7,3

**Direction:** Dispense the melted bottled media aseptically into final containers. Cool to 50 °C. While cooling turn the containers up and down a few times to distribute the charcoal uniformly.

### FORMULA in g/l

Sodium chloride	3,0
Sodium thioglycolate	1,0
Potassium chloride	0,2
Calcium chloride	0,1
Magnesium chloride	0,1
Charcoal	10,0
Buffers	1,6
Agar	4,0

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

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

#### Quality control:

Test strains	Incubation temp: 37 °C	Growth	Incubation time: 24 h
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> ATCC 19615		Good growth of the test organism on Columbia Blood Agar, following subculture after 48h in transport medium (25 °C).	

**References:** Amies (1967) Can. J. Pub. Hlth. 58: 296.

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