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Use and description:

For the selective isolation, cultivation and differentiation of Gram negative pathogens from urine and faeces. Lactose-fermenting organisms appear as yellow colonies, others as green blue.

Composition per liter:

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| Sodium deoxycholate | 1.000 g |
| Sodium thiosulfate | 1.000 g |
| Lactose | 15.000 g |
| Peptone | 15.000 g |
| Agar | 12.000 g |
| Meat extract | 3.000 g |
| Yeast extract | 3.000 g |
| Bromthymol blue | 0.080 g |
| Crystal violet | 0.005 g |

Final pH of the ready to use medium: 7.4 +/- 0.2

Medium preparation:

Add 50 grams of dehydrated culture medium to 1 liter of distilled water. Heat with frequent agitation then sterilise for 15 min at 115°C. Cool to 47 °C and pour into Petri dishes. Dry the surface before inoculation.

Quality specifications:

Dehydrated medium: homogeneous, fine powder.

Ready to use medium: green clear or slightly opaéescent agar.

Microbiological response:

| Organism | Result / colour |
|--|------------------------|
| <i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 | Growth / yellow |
| <i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> ATCC 14028 | Growth / blue |
| <i>Shigella sonnei</i> ATCC 12022 | Growth / green-blue |
| <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 25923 | Inhibited / - / - |

Storage:

Dehydrated medium should be stored between 10 to 25°C. Once opened, place the container in a dark, dry place. The dehydrated medium should not be used if there is any lump or the color has changed from the original.