

## LB AGAR

Recommended for the cultivation and maintenance of recombinant strains of Escherichia coli for genetic and molecular biology studies; may be used for routine cultivation and estimation of not particularly fastidious microorganisms.

REF: BS.1/LA01.100.0100	100 Gram	REF: BS.1/LA01.250.0250	250 Gram
REF: BS.1/LA01.500.01500	500 Gram		

### CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE <sup>(1)</sup>

LB medium is a widely used bacterial culture medium today but it has its origins in the field of bacteriophagegenetics. Guiseppe Bertani created the LB recipe while trying to optimize plaque formation on a Shigella indicator strain (Betrani, 1952). Although originally developed for bacteriophage studies and Shigella growth, LB subsequently became the medium of choice for the growth of Escherichia coli and other related enteric species.

### METHOD PRINCIPLE <sup>(2-3)</sup>

The media is nutritionally rich for the growth of pure cultures of recombinant strains. Strains derived from Escherichia coli are deficient in Vitamin B synthesis are further modified by specific mutation to create auxotrophic strains and are therefore unable to grow on nutritionally deficient media. Sodium chloride provides sodium ions for membrane transport and also maintains the osmotic equilibrium of the medium

### MEDIA COMPOSITION

Ingredients	g/L
Peptone	10 g
Yeast Extract	5 g
Sodium Chloride	5 g
Agar	12 g

### PRECAUTIONS AND WARNINGS

Media to be handled by entitled and professionally educated person. Do not ingest or inhale.

Good Laboratories practices using appropriate precautions should be followed in:

- Wearing personnel protective equipment (overall, gloves, glasses,).
- Do not pipette by mouth.
- In case of contact with eyes or skin; rinse immediately with plenty of soap and water. In case of severe injuries; seek medical advice immediately.
- Respect country requirement for waste disposal.

**S56:** dispose of this material and its container at hazardous or Special waste collection point.

**S57:** use appropriate container to avoid environmental contamination.

**S61:** avoid release in environment.

For further information, refer to the LB agar material safety data sheet.

### MEDIA PREPARATION, STORAGE AND STABILITY <sup>(2)</sup>

**BioScien** LB Agar dehydrated media are stable until expiration date stated on label when properly stored 10-30°C. Hydrated LB Agar media is prepared by suspend 32 grams of the medium in one liter of distilled water. Mix well and dissolve by heating with frequent agitation. Boil for one minute until complete dissolution. Sterilize in

autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes. Adjust the pH to 7.5±0.2. Pour into sterile petri dishes. Store between 10-30°C in a tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 20-30°C. Use before expiry date on the label. On opening, product should be properly stored dry, after tightly capping the bottle in order to prevent lump formation due to the hygroscopic nature of the product. Improper storage of the product may lead to lump formation. Store in dry ventilated area protected from extremes of temperature and sources of ignition. Seal the container tightly after use.

### Deterioration

The color of **BioScien** LB Agar medium is cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder, dehydrated medium is clear light amber coloured to slightly opalescent gel. After addition of 4.0% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C.pH: 7.5±0.2. If there are any physical changes for powder or signs of deterioration (shrinking, cracking, or discoloration), and contaminations for hydrated media, discard the medium.

### SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PRESERVATION <sup>(4,5)</sup>

Recombinant strains of E.coli

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED NOT PROVIDED

- Sterile cups
- Sterile petri-dishes
- Incubator
- Autoclave

### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COLONIES

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18 - 24 hours.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Recovery
Escherichia coli ATCC 23724	50-100	luxuriant	>=70%
Escherichia coli ATCC 25922 (00013*)	50-100	luxuriant	>=70%
Escherichia coli DH5 alpha MTCC 1652	50-100	luxuriant	>=70%

### QUALITY CONTROL











To ensure adequate quality control, it is recommended that positive and negative control included in each run. If control values are found outside the defined range, check the system performance. If control still out of range please contact **BioScien** technical support.

## PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS <sup>(4)</sup>

Performance of the medium is expected when used as per the direction on the label within the when stored at recommended temperature.

## REFERENCES

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SYMBOLS IN PRODUCT LABELLING	
 For in-vitro diagnostic use	 Number of <n> test in the pack
 Batch Code/Lot number	 Caution
 Catalogue Number	 Do not use if package is damaged
 Temperature Limitation	 Consult Instruction for use
 Expiration Date	
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