m-FC BROTH (7396)

Intended Use
m-FC Broth is used with rosolic acid for the detection and enumeration of fecal coliforms by membrane filtration.

Product Summary and Explanation
Geldreich et al. formulated a medium to enumerate fecal coliforms (FC) using the membrane filter (m) technique without prior enrichment.[1] Fecal coliforms, i.e., those found in feces of warm-blooded animals, are differentiated from environmental coliforms their ability to grow at 44.5 ± 0.5°C.[2]

Many standard method membrane filtration procedures recommend m-FC media for testing water. The American Public Health Association (APHA) specified m-FC media and incubation at 44.5 ± 0.5°C in several procedures.[2,3] The US Environmental Protection Agency specified using m-FC media in fecal coliform methods for testing water by the direct MF method or the delayed-incubation MF methods.[4,5]

Principles of the Procedure
Enzymatic Digest of Casein and Enzymatic Digest of Animal Tissue provide nitrogen, carbon, and minerals in m-FC Broth. Yeast Extract is a source of vitamins and trace elements. Sodium Chloride maintains the osmotic balance. Lactose serves as a carbohydrate source. Bile Salts inhibit growth of Gram-positive bacteria. The differential indicator system combines Aniline Blue and Rosolic Acid, which is added as a supplement.

Formula / Liter

Enzymatic Digest of Casein	9 g
Enzymatic Digest of Animal Tissue	2.5 g
Yeast Extract	6.5 g
Sodium Chloride	5 g
Lactose	12.5 g
Bile Salts	1.5 g
Aniline Blue	0.1 g

Final pH: 7.4 ± 0.2 at 25°C
Formula may be adjusted and/or supplemented as required to meet performance specifications.

Supplement
1% Rosolic Acid, 1 mL

Precaution
1. For Laboratory Use.

Directions
m-FC Broth
1. Dissolve 3.7 g of the medium in 100 mL of purified water containing 1 mL of 1% rosolic acid in 0.2 N NaOH.
2. Heat with frequent agitation to boiling to completely dissolve the medium.
3. Cool to room temperature.

Rosolic Acid
1. Dissolve 1 g in 100 mL of 0.2 N NaOH to prepare a 1% solution.

Quality Control Specifications
Dehydrated Appearance: Powder is homogeneous, free flowing, and bluish beige.

Prepared Appearance: Prepared unsupplemented medium is cornflower blue and clear to slightly hazy. With Rosolic acid, medium is cranberry red.

Expected Cultural Response: Cultural response in m-FC Broth at 44.5°C after 22 - 24 hours incubation.

Microorganism	Response	Reactions w/ Rosolic Acid
Escherichia coli ATCC® 11775	growth	blue colonies, may have blue ppt.
Escherichia coli ATCC® 25922	growth	blue colonies, may have blue ppt.
Salmonella typhimurium ATCC® 14028	growth	colorless colonies
Staphylococcus aureus ATCC® 25923	inhibited	---

The organisms listed are the minimum that should be used for quality control testing.

Test Procedure

Refer to appropriate references for procedures using m-FC Broth.

Results

Following incubation, examine membrane filters for presence of colored colonies. Blue colonies are counted as fecal coliforms. Other organisms, non-fecal coliforms, form grey to cream colonies.

Storage

Store sealed bottle containing the dehydrated medium at 2 - 30°C. Once opened and recapped, place container in a low humidity environment at the same storage temperature. Protect from moisture and light by keeping container tightly closed.

Expiration

Refer to expiration date stamped on the container. The dehydrated medium should be discarded if not free flowing, or if medium has changed from the original color. Expiry applies to medium in its intact container when stored as directed.

Limitation of the Procedure

Due to varying nutritional requirements, some strains may be encountered that grow poorly or fail to grow on this medium.

Packaging

m-FC Broth	**Code No.**	**7396A**	**500 g**
		7396B	**2 kg**
		7396C	**10 kg**

References

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