

BRILLIANT GREEN AGAR W/ SULFADIAZINE (7310)

Intended Use

Brilliant Green Agar w/ Sulfadiazine is used for the selective enrichment of *Salmonella* spp.

Product Summary and Explanation

Salmonellosis continues to be an important public health problem. Infection with non-typhi *Salmonella* spp. often causes mild, self-limiting illness.¹ Illness results from consumption of raw, undercooked, or improperly processed foods contaminated with *Salmonella*. Many cases of *Salmonella* related gastroenteritis are due to improper handling of poultry products.

Brilliant Green Agar was first described by Kristensen et al.² and later modified by Kauffman.³ The outstanding selectivity of this medium permits the use of moderately heavy inocula, evenly distributed over the surface. The addition of sulfonamides into Brilliant Green Agar further inhibits *Escherichia coli* and *Proteus* spp. Brilliant Green Agar, abbreviated as BGA, with Sulfadiazine is recommended for the isolation of *Salmonella* from foods, especially eggs.

Principles of the Procedure

Enzymatic Digest of Casein and Enzymatic Digest of Animal Tissue are the carbon and nitrogen sources used for general growth requirements in BGA w/ Sulfadiazine. Yeast Extract supplies B-complex vitamins, and Lactose and Sucrose are the carbohydrates in this medium. In the presence of Phenol Red, a pH indicator, non-lactose and/or non-sucrose-fermenting *Salmonella* will produce pink to red colonies. Sulfadiazine and Brilliant Green are the selective agents, inhibiting Gram-positive organisms and many Gram-negative bacteria, except *Salmonella*. Sodium Chloride maintains the osmotic balance. Agar is the solidifying agent.

Formula / Liter

Yeast Extract	3 g
Enzymatic Digest of Casein.....	5 g
Enzymatic Digest of Animal Tissue	5 g
Sodium Chloride	5 g
Lactose	10 g
Sucrose.....	10 g
Brilliant Green	0.0125 g
Phenol Red	0.08 g
Sulfadiazine	0.08 g
Agar	20 g

Final pH: 6.9 ± 0.2 at 25°C

Formula may be adjusted and/or supplemented as required to meet performance specifications.

Precautions

1. For Laboratory Use.
2. IRRITANT. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system, and skin. Inhalation of powder may cause respiratory irritation.

Directions

1. Suspend 58 g of the medium in one liter of purified water.
2. Heat with frequent agitation and boil for one minute to completely dissolve the medium.
3. Autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes.

Quality Control Specifications

Dehydrated Appearance: Powder is homogeneous, free flowing, and beige with a green tint.

Prepared Appearance: Prepared medium is brown-green and slightly opalescent.

Expected Cultural Response: Cultural response on Brilliant Green Agar w/ Sulfadiazine at 35°C for 18 - 24 hours incubation.

Microorganism	Response	Reaction
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC® 25922	partial to complete inhibition	yellow to green colonies
<i>Salmonella choleraeuis</i> ATCC® 13076	good growth	pink colonies
<i>Salmonella typhi</i> ATCC® 19430	poor growth	pink colonies
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> ATCC® 14028	good growth	pink colonies
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC® 25923	inhibited	----

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

Test Procedure

Refer to appropriate references for instructions on specific material being tested for *Salmonella*.^{1,4-7}

Results

Refer to appropriate references and procedures for results.

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 container. The dehydrated medium should be discarded if not free flowing, or if the appearance 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

Brilliant Green Agar w/ Sulfadiazine	Code No.	7310A	500 g
		7310B	2 kg
		7310C	10 kg

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