

## **BRAIN HEART INFUSION AGAR**

General purpose medium for cultivation of fastidious, aerobic and anaerobic microorganisms.

TYPICAL FORMULA	(g/l)
Brain Heart, Infusion from	17.5
Peptone	10.0
Glucose	2.0
Sodium Chloride	5.0
Disodium Phosphate	2.5
Agar	15.0
Final pH = $7.4 \pm 0.2$ at 25 °C.	

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Suspend 52.0 g of powder in 1 liter of distilled or deionized water. Heat until completely dissolved.

Sterilize in autoclave at 121 °C for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50 °C. Dispense in petri dishes.

#### DESCRIPTION

BRAIN HEART INFUSION AGAR (B.H.A.) is a medium for the cultivation of a large variety of microorganisms, including fastidious organisms, yeasts and moulds.

#### IECHNIQUE

Inoculate the medium with the specimen to examine using a sterile loop and incubate at 36 ± 1 °C for 24-96 hours.

#### **QUALITY CONTROL**

**Dehydrated medium** 

Appearance: free-flowing, homogeneous.

Color: beige.

Prepared medium

Appearance: clear.

Color: light to medium amber.

Incubation conditions: 36 ± 1 °C for 24 hours.

MicroorganismATCCGrowthStreptococcus pneumoniae6303goodStreptococcus pyogenes19615goodStaphylococcus aureus25923goodNeisseria meningitidis13090fair

## PERFORMANCE AND LIMITATIONS

Since the nutritional requirements of microorganisms are different, some strains can be encountered that fail to grow or grow poorly on this medium.

## **STORAGE**

The powder is very hygroscopic: store the powder at 10-30 °C, in a dry environment, in its original container tightly closed and use it before the expiry date on the label or until signs of deterioration or contamination are evident. Store prepared plates at 2-8 °C.

# **REFERENCES**

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#### **PRESENTATION**

Product	REF	Σ
BRAIN HEART INFUSION AGAR (9.6 I)	610007	500 g
BRAIN HEART INFUSION AGAR (1.9 I)	620007	100 g

# **TABLE OF SYMBOLS**

LOT Batch code	Caution, consult accompanying documents	Manufacturer	Contains sufficient for <n> tests</n>	IVD In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Device
REF Catalogue number	Fragile, handle with care	Use by	Temperature limitation	Keep away from heat source



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