

**BHI BROTH**
**Dry Bag**
**Presentation**

Bag of 10 liters with 370g, or 20 liters with 740g of sterile dehydrated BHI culture medium.

Includes a 0.22µm autoclavable non-sterile microbiological filter.

Does not include water pumping equipment for bag filling.

**Sterilization method**

Gamma irradiation.

**Application**

BHI broth (Brain Heart Infusion Broth) is a culture medium recommended for the cultivation of streptococci, pneumococci, meningococci, enterobacteria, non-fermenters, yeasts, fungi, and fastidious microorganisms. It can be used in the preparation for antimicrobial sensitivity testing (antibiogram), coagulase test in tube, bacterial growth test at 42°C and 44°C, and motility test on slides.

**Principle**

Brain Heart Infusion is essentially a buffered infusion broth, derived from brain and heart nutrients, peptone, and dextrose. Peptone and infusion are sources of nitrogen, carbon, sulfur, and vitamins, and dextrose is a source of carbohydrate.

**How to use**

Before hydrating the bag, sterilize the microbiological filter by moist heat at 121°C for 15 minutes. The filter can withstand autoclaving up to 10 times. The production of the medium requires the use of a water pumping equipment, such as a peristaltic pump. Follow the procedure below to hydrate the bag, using aseptic manipulation technique to prevent contamination of the culture medium:

1. Using a laminar flow hood, remove the dry bag from its packaging.
2. Shake the bag to distribute the powder inside. Place the bag on the hood's surface.
3. Carefully remove the cap from the bag's hose connector and place it in a sterile Petri dish to prevent contamination.
4. Connect the bag's hose to the sterile microbiological filter.
5. Connect the filter to a purified water pumping device.
6. Open the red valve on the bag and the valve on the filter to allow air to escape.
7. Start the water pumping device to fill the bag. Once water enters the bag, close the filter valve.
8. While filling, shake the bag to dissolve the powder. After filtering the total volume of water, turn off the device. Close the red valve, disconnect the filter from the bag's hose, and cap the hose connector.
9. Distribute the medium into suitable sterile containers. Proceed with the laboratory's analysis methodology.

**Quality Control**

Test	Result
Sterility	Absence of microbial growth
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922	Good growth with turbidity of the medium
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 25923	Good growth with turbidity of the medium
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> ATCC 19615	Good growth with turbidity of the medium
<i>Candida albicans</i> ATCC 10231	Good growth with turbidity of the medium
Appearance	Dry medium: fine powder, beige, free-flowing, homogeneous, free of foreign material. 3.7% Solution: liquid medium, medium amber, clear, may present slight precipitate.
pH at 25°C	7.4 ± 0.2

**Results interpretation**

Microbial growth is evidenced by the turbidity of the medium. If growth is observed, perform microscopic analysis, subculture on selective media, and biochemical tests to identify isolated genera and species, if necessary. Perform the reading according to official compendia or internal laboratory methodology.

**Precautions and special care**

The water used to fill the bag must meet the grade of water used in preparing culture media. As soon as the water begins to enter the bag, check for any air pressure formation in the filter. If air pressure builds up, quickly open and close the valve of the filter to allow the air to escape. Product intended for *in vitro* diagnostic use only.

Restricted for use by professionals. Do not inhale or ingest.

Do not use the product beyond the expiration date, with signs of contamination, or if it has changed color. In the presence of contamination, the product should be immediately discarded.

Do not use the product if the packaging is damaged or tampered with.

**Storage**

Store between 10-35°C in a dry place and protect from light.

**Shelf-life**

30 days from the date of manufacture for the hydrated medium stored at 2-25°C.

**Disposal of the product**

After use, the product must be handled at the generating unit before environmentally appropriate final disposal, in accordance with official regulations.

**Quality Guarantee**

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