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# **Cetrimide Agar**

PD210; CETRIMIDE AGAR; 90 mm Petri dish with media Appearance: light amber,slightly opalescent

Cetrimide Agar is a selective and differential medium used for the isolation and identification of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* both in clinical and pharmaceutical areas, and is mentioned in the use in Microbial Limit Test (MLT) for Microbial Examination of Non-sterile Products: Tests for Specified Microorganisms.

## Cat. Number: PD210



**Pkg:** Polystyrene 90mm Petri dishes packaged in sleeves of 10 plates in a "breathable" cellulose bag that prevents build-up of condensation and excess moisture.

Exp. Date: Printed on label and on the item

Storage: 2-8<sup>0</sup>C

Physical parameters: Light yellowish, slightly opalescent

## **pH**: 7.0 – 7.4

## **Composition per 1 Liter**

Peptone from Gelatin 20 g/l, MgCl2 1.4 g/l, K2SO4 10 g/l, N-Cetyl-N,N,N-trimethylammoniumbromide (Cetrimide) 0.3 g/l, Agar-Agar 13.6 g/l, Glycerol 10 ml/l

## **Intended Use and Principle**

The medium is used for the isolation and differentiation of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. The peptone serves as a source of nitrogen, and glycerol is used as a carbon and energy source. The production of pyocyanin is stimulated by the magnesium chloride and potassium sulfate in the medium. Cetrimide (cetyl trimethyl ammonium bromide) is a quaternary ammonium compound that inhibits a wide variety of other organisms, including certain other Pseudomonas species and related organisms.

## **Interpretation of Results**

Visual examination of colonoies reveasl the typical yellow-green to blue color which indicates the production of pyocyanin. Both pyocyanin and fluorescein are typically produced by strains of *P. aeruginosa*.

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#### **Product Limitations**

Some non-fermenters and some aerobic spores formers may exhibit a water-soluble tan to brown pigmentation on this medium. Further tests are necessary for confirmation

of P. aeruginosa.

# **Quality Control**

Microorganism /	Incubation Conditions	Growth / Inhibition	
Inoculum in cfu			
P. aeruginosa	30-35 <sup>0</sup> C / 18-24 hours	Growth of green to blue	
ATCC 9027 /10 -10 0 cfu		colonies	
<i>E. coli</i> ATCC 8739 /	30-35 <sup>0</sup> C / 72 hours	Almost complete	
1x 10 <sup>4</sup> cfu		inhibition	

#### Waste Disposal

Waste material should be destroyed by conventional sterilization methods.

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