

Urea agar base (DIN, ISO)
DEHYDRATED MEDIUM

Art. 84653.0500

Also known as
CHRISTENSEN Agar

Intended use
Solid medium for the detection of urease, according to ISO standards and DIN standard.

Formula * - Composition in g/L

Gelatin peptone.....	1.000
Dextrose.....	1.000
Sodium chloride.....	5.000
Monopotassium phosphate.....	2.000
Phenol red.....	0.012
Agar.....	15.000

Final pH 7.0 ±0.2 at 25 °C

* Adjusted and /or supplemented as required to meet performance criteria

Instructions for preparation

Suspend 24 g of powder in 950 ml of purified water and bring to the boil. Sterilise in the autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes. Let it cool to 50-55°C. Add 50 ml of Urea Sterile Solution 40% (Art. 992830ZF) and mix well. Distribute aseptically in tubes and let them solidify slanted.

Principle of the method and general information

Urea agar complies with Christensen's specifications, and is recommended for the detection of ureolytic or urea degrading microorganisms, especially Enterobacteriaceae, although it can be used with Gram positive bacteria.

Instruction for use

A pure culture is inoculated by surface streaking, and then incubated at 37°C. Generally, organisms with strong urease activity can be read after 3-5 hours. Reaction is evident as the medium changes colour from orange to pink-fuchsia, due to a strong alkalization produced by ammonia release.

Quality control

Incubation temperature: 37°C ±1.0

Incubation time: 5-18 h

Inoculum: 103-104 CFU (Specificity) according to ISO 11133:2014

Microorganism	Growth	Remarks
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC® 25922	Good to very good	Urease (-)
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> ATCC® 14028	Good to very good	Urease (-)
<i>Proteus hauseri</i> ATCC® 13315	Good to very good	Urease (+)
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i> ATCC® 29906	Good to very good	Urease (+)
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i> ATCC® 43071	Good to very good	Urease (+)
<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i> ATCC® 13048	Good to very good	Urease (-)

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Storage conditions

For laboratory use only. Keep tightly closed, away from bright light, in a cool dry place (+4 °C to 30 °C).

Ordering information

84653.0500 Urea agar base (DIN, ISO) Bulk of 500 g.

Note: For supplements see the section - Instructions for preparation.