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Typical Formula*

	grams per litre	
Columbia Blood Agar Base		39.0
Yeast extract		3.0
Glucose		0.5
Aesculin		0.8
Ferric ammonium citrate		0.5
Mannitol		10.0
Phenol red		0.08
Lithium chloride		15.0

* adjusted as required to meet performance standards

Directions

Suspend 34.5g in 500ml of distilled water. Bring to the boil to dissolve completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 121°C for 15 minutes. Cool to 50°C and aseptically add the contents of 1 vial of PALCAM Selective Supplement (SR0150E) reconstituted as directed. Mix well and pour into sterile Petri dishes.

Physical Characteristics

Straw/pink, free-flowing powder
 Colour on reconstitution - red
 Moisture level - less than or equal to 7%
 pH - 7.2 ± 0.2 at 25°C
 Clarity - clear
 Gel strength - firm, comparable to 10.0g/litre of agar

Microbiological Tests Using Optimum Inoculum Dilution

Control Medium: Columbia Blood Agar Base enriched with 5% v/v horse blood

Reactions after incubation at 37°C for 48 hours under microaerophilic conditions

Tested with the addition of PALCAM Selective Supplement SR0150

Medium is challenged with 10-100 colony-forming units

<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	ATCC®7644	0.5-2mm brown/black colonies and halo
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	ATCC®13932	0.5-2mm brown/black colonies and halo

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Medium is challenged with 1E+04 to 1E+06 colony-forming units

<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	ATCC®29212	No growth
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	ATCC®19433	No growth
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	ATCC®25923	No growth
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	ATCC®25922	No growth
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	ATCC®8739	No growth

Negative strains are inhibited.

Reactions after incubation at 37°C for 48 hours under aerobic conditions

Tested with the addition of PALCAM Selective Supplement SR0150

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Revision History

Section / Step	Description of Change	Reason for Change	Reference
Microbiological characteristics	Updated colony morphology for <i>Listeria</i> species incubated under microaerophilic conditions	Change control	MOC-2024-0712
	Added section for reactions under aerobic conditions		