

Bacto™ Peptone • BiTek™ Peptone

Intended Use

Bacto Peptone and BiTek Peptone are used as organic nitrogen sources in microbiological culture media for cultivation of a variety of bacteria and fungi.

Summary and Explanation

Bacto Peptone was first introduced in 1914 and became the standard peptone for the preparation of bacteriological culture media. Bacto Peptone is used as an organic nitrogen source in microbiological culture media for cultivation of a variety of bacteria and fungi. For example, Iwanaga et al.¹ utilized Bacto Peptone for production of cholera toxin by *Vibrio cholerae* O1 El Tor. Benkerroum et al.² reported using Bacto Peptone in a selective medium developed for isolating *Leuconostoc* sp. from food samples. Bacto Peptone was used in a culture medium for two anaerobic, extremely thermophilic Archaea, *Thermococcus celer* and *Pyrococcus woesei*, by Blamey et al.³

Bacto Peptone has also been utilized as a nitrogen source in cell culture media formulations. Taylor et al.⁴ used Bacto Peptone to supplement serum-free medium for several mammalian cell lines and reported that the solubility of Bacto Peptone is very good at 10 g/100 mL water. Sakoda and Fukusho⁵ also utilized Bacto Peptone in serum-free culture medium for maintaining porcine kidney epithelial cells. Bacto Peptone is also useful as a supplement in cell culture with serum.

Researchers uncovered estrogenic activity associated with Bacto Peptone when including the peptone in medium for culture of yeast. The estrone contained in Bacto Peptone was converted to estradiol by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. These findings suggest that adding estrogens to a medium containing Bacto Peptone for studies of estradiol production by yeast may confound results.^{6,7}

Several media containing peptone are specified in standard methods for multiple applications.

BiTek Peptone was developed to serve the biotechnology/pharmaceutical industry by providing a lower-cost alternative to Bacto Peptone, while offering the same lot-to-lot consistency and similar growth characteristics to Bacto Peptone.

Principles of the Procedure

Bacto Peptone and BiTek Peptone are enzymatic digests of animal protein. Bacto Peptone contains nitrogen in a form that is readily available for bacterial growth. Bacto Peptone has a high peptone and amino acid content, with only a negligible quantity of proteoses and more complex nitrogenous constituents. BiTek Peptone has growth properties similar to Bacto Peptone.

Typical Analysis

Refer to Product Tables in the Reference Guide section of this manual.

Precautions¹⁶

1. Biosafety Level 2 practices, containment equipment and facilities are recommended for activities with clinical specimens of human or animal origin containing or potentially containing pathogenic *Brucella* spp.
2. Biosafety Level 3 practices, containment equipment and facilities are recommended for all manipulations of cultures of the pathogenic *Brucella* spp. and for experimental animal studies.

Directions for Preparation from Dehydrated Product

Refer to the final concentration of Bacto Peptone and BiTek Peptone in the formula of the medium being prepared. Add appropriate product as required.

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Identity Specifications

Bacto™ Peptone

Dehydrated Appearance: Tan, free-flowing, granules.

Solution: 1.0%, 2.0% and 10.0% solutions, soluble in purified water. 1.0% solution is light amber, clear. 2.0% solution is light to medium amber, clear. 10.0% solution is medium to dark amber, clear to very slightly opalescent, may have a very slight precipitate.

Reaction of 1.0% Solution at 25°C: pH 6.8-7.2

BiTek™ Peptone

Dehydrated Appearance: Light beige, free-flowing, homogeneous powder.

Solution: 2.0% solution, soluble in purified water. Solution is light amber, clear to slightly opalescent, may have a slight precipitate.

Reaction of 2.0% Solution at 25°C: pH 6.7-7.4

Cultural Response

Biochemical Reactions

Bacto™ Peptone or BiTek™ Peptone

Prepare a sterile solution of **Bacto** Peptone or **BiTek** Peptone as directed below. Adjust final pH to 7.2-7.4. Inoculate and incubate at 35 ± 2°C for 18-48 hours.

TEST	TEST SOLUTION	ORGANISM	ATCC™	INOCULUM CFU	RESULT BACTO™	RESULT BITEK™
Fermentable Carbohydrates	2%	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	25922	~10 ⁷	Negative	Negative
Indole Production	0.1%	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	29552	0.1 mL, undiluted	Positive	Negative to slight positive
Acetylmethylcarbinol Production	0.1% with 0.5% dextrose	<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	13048	0.1 mL, undiluted	Positive	Positive
Hydrogen Sulfide Production	1%	<i>Salmonella choleraesuis</i> subsp. <i>choleraesuis</i> serotype Typhimurium	14028	0.1 mL, undiluted	Positive	Negative to slight positive

Growth Response

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Prepare a sterile solution with 2% **Bacto** Peptone or **BiTek** Peptone, 0.5% sodium chloride and 1.5% agar. Adjust final pH to 7.2-7.4. Inoculate and incubate plates at 35 ± 2°C for 18-48 hours.

ORGANISM	ATCC™	INOCULUM CFU	RECOVERY
<i>Brucella suis</i>	4314*	Undiluted	Good
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	25922	30-300	Good
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	25923	30-300	Good

*If this strain is not available, verify performance with a known isolate.

Procedure

See appropriate references for specific procedures using **Bacto** Peptone and **BiTek** Peptone.

Expected Results

Refer to appropriate references and procedures for results.

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Availability

Bacto™ Peptone

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	211820								
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