

# Fluorocult® Lauryl Sulfate Broth

LST-MUG Medium

Cat. No. 1.12588.0500  
(500 g)

The medium complies with the German-DIN-Norm 10183 for the examination of milk, with the regulations acc. to § 35 LMBG (01.00/54) for the examination of food, and acc. to ISO/DIS 11886 - 2.2 (1994) for milk and milk products. Furthermore to the German Badegewässerverordnung (regulations for bathing water) 76/1604 EWG (1995).

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The lauryl sulfate largely inhibits the growth of undesirable microbial flora. The presence of *E. coli* is indicated by fluorescence under a long wavelength UV lamp. A positive indole reaction and gas formation due to fermentation of lactose confirm the results.

SCHINDLER (1991) recommended the use of this medium in the quality control of bathing water.

**Typical Composition (g/litre)**

Tryptose 20.0; lactose 5.0; sodium chloride 5.0; sodium lauryl sulfate 0.1; di-potassium hydrogen phosphate 2.75; potassium dihydrogen phosphate 2.75; L-tryptophan 1.0; 4-methylumbelli-feryl-β-D-glucuronide 0.1.

**Preparation**

Suspend 36.5 g/litre, fill in test tubes fitted with DURHAM tubes; autoclave (15 min at 121 °C).  
pH: 6.8 ± 0.2 at 25 °C.

The prepared broth is clear and yellowish-brown.

**Experimental Procedure and Evaluation**

The culture medium is used in the usual manner. Inoculate the tubes using at least 1 ml of broth.  
Incubation: 16-24 hours at 37 °C according to instructions.

Check the tubes under UV light (366 nm). Light blue fluorescence indicates the presence of *E. coli*. If fluorescence is negative after 24 hours of incubation **do not** add KOVACS reagent to check indole reaction (this alcoholic reagent destroys the growth conditions in the medium). Continue incubation for another 24 hours. Then check for fluorescence and indole reaction.

To confirm detection, cover the culture with a layer of KOVACS indole reagent of about 5 mm. If the reagent layer becomes cherry red after 1-2 minutes, the presence of *E. coli* is confirmed.

Gas formation in the DURHAM tube signifies that the culture contains *E. coli* and/or other coliform organisms.

**Quality control**

| <i>Test strains</i>   | <i>Growth</i>    | <i>fluorescence</i> | <i>Indole</i> |
|---|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| <i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922  | good / very good | +                   | +             |
| <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> ATCC 13883   | good / very good | -                   | -             |
| <i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i> ATCC 13048  | good / very good | -                   | -             |
| mixture of <i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 and<br><i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i> ATCC 13048 | good / very good | +                   | +             |
| mixture of <i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922 and<br><i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> ATCC 13883  | good / very good | +                   | +             |
| <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 6538_p  | none / poor      |                     |               |
| <i>Bacillus cereus</i> ATCC 11778   | none / poor      |                     |               |
| <i>Micrococcus luteus</i> ATCC 10240  | none / poor      |                     |               |

**Additives**

| <b>Merck Cat.<br/>No.</b> | <b>Product</b>   | <b>Pack<br/>Size</b> |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------|
| 1.09293.0100              | KOVACS Indole Reagent                                    | 100 ml               |
| 1.11350.0001              | Bactident® Indole (dropper bottle)                       | 1 x 30 ml            |
| 1.13203.0001              | UV Lamp (366 nm)   | 1 ea                 |
|                           | DURHAM tubes / Merck Eurolab, Germany VWR, US/<br>Canada |                      |

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