Colorex[™] Acinetobacter



ColorexTM Ready to use plates made with the original CHROMagar[™] powder base

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Plate Reading

For detection of Acinetobacter spp.:

- Acinetobacter spp.
- \rightarrow red
- Other Gram (-)
- \rightarrow blue or mostly inhibited
- Gram (+) bacteria and yeasts \rightarrow inhibited

For detection of MDR Acinetobacter spp. (if using the optional supplement CR102):

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- MDR Acinetobacter
- \rightarrow red

• Non-MDR Acinetobacter → inhibited



For detection of Acinetobacter and MDR Acinetobacter spp.

Background

Common bacteria widely spread in the nature, *Acinetobacter* has the capacity to survive in dry as well as moist environments. It becomes a source of infection in hospital environment when colonizing medical equipments, human skin and sometimes foodstuff. *Acinetobacter* species are generally not pathogenic for healthy people but are life threatening in compromised patients. It is often isolated in nosocomial infections cases, intensive care units, and can for instance cause nosocomial pneumonia, bacteraemia, and meningitis.

Especially, *Acinetobacter baumannii* is becoming a major hospital-acquired infection issue because of its often multi-drug resistance (MDR : resistance to C3G, quinolones, carbapenem etc). This contributes to the increase of morbidity and mortality.

Active surveillance is necessary to control its spread in the facilities, to reduce the risk of crosscontamination, and to identify the carriers. Rapid identification of patients that are colonized with *Acinetobacter* would lead to infection control practices aimed at preventing spread of the organisms.

Medium Performance

One unique Red colour: Detection of *A. baumanii* from traditional culture media might be a difficult and tedious task due to the abundance of background flora found in collected specimens, especially when using media based on differentiation by the lactose/non-lactose fermentation ability. To overcome these difficulties, Colorex[™] Acinetobacter was designed as a highly selective medium, allowing the growth of *Acinetobacter* in conspiciously red colonies, after overnight incubation.

FIRST chromogenic medium for Acinetobacter detection.

Screening of MDR *Acinetobacter:* This medium can be supplemented to enhance MDR specificity allowing the growth of carbapenem-resistant strains.

Medium Description

Powder Base	Total 32.8 g/L Agar 15.0 Peptone and yeast extract 12.0 Salts 4.0 Chromogenic mix 1.8 Storage at 15/30 °C - pH: 7.0 +/- 0.2 2 years
Supplement (included in the pack)	Growth and regulator factors
Colorex [™] MDR Supplement : CR102 Order separately	Selective mix
Laural Complex	Stoole wine wounds
Usual Samples	Stools, urine, wounds.
Procedure	Direct Streaking. Incubation 18-24 h at 37 °C Aerobic conditions.



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