

Coagulase Test

How to Perform Test: Inoculate rabbit plasma with one single colony. Break up colony and stir until blended in plasma. Incubate at 37 degrees C for 24 hours.

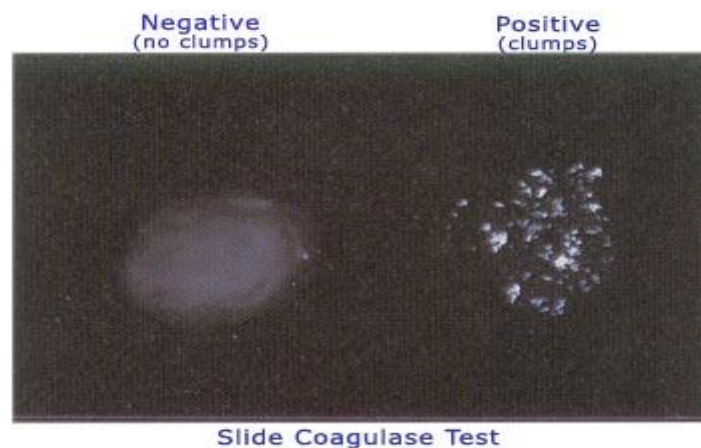
Property it tests for: This tests for the bacteria's ability to clot blood plasma using the enzyme coagulase. If the organism has coagulase it will clot rabbit plasma.

Media and Reagents: This media contains rabbit plasma dissolved in buffer.

Reading Results:

If the organism is has coagulase it will clot the plasma.

If the organism does not have coagulase it will not clot the plasma.



Urea Hydrolysis

How to Perform Test: Inoculate Urea broth with inoculating loop.

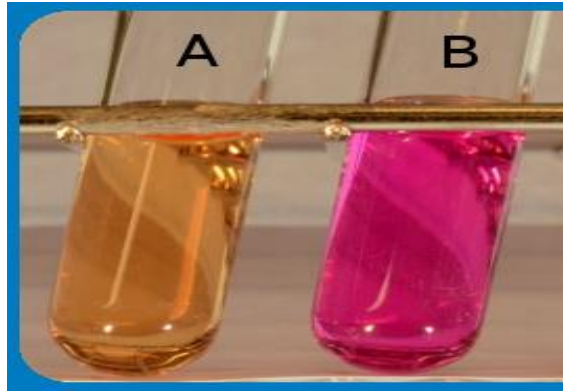
Property it tests for: This test is done to determine a bacteria's ability to hydrolyze urea to make ammonia using the enzyme urease.

Media and Reagents Used: Urea broth contains a yeast extract, monopotassium phosphate, disodium phosphate, urea, and phenol red indicator.

Reading Results:

Urea broth is a yellow-orange color. The enzyme urease will be used to hydrolyze urea to make ammonia. If ammonia is made, the broth turns a bright pink color, and is positive.

If test is negative, broth has no color change and no ammonia is made.



Triple Sugar Iron Agar Test

Major Content

- Glucose 0.1%(used first)
- Sucrose 1%(used second)
- Lactose 1%
- Proteins (used third)
- Phenol red pH indicator for acid production
- Ferric ammonium citrate H_2S indicator
- NaCl maintains osmotic pressure
- Agar solidifying agent

➔ Purpose

- used to determine carbohydrate fermentation and H_2S production in bacteria.
- Gas from carbohydrate metabolism can also be detected.

➔ Principle

- Carbohydrates pyruvate(acid) + CO_2
- Peptones NH_3 (makes medium alkaline)
- Phenol red red

Sodium thiosulfate in the medium is reduced by some bacteria to hydrogen sulfide (H_2S), a colorless gas. The hydrogen sulfide will react with ferric ions in the medium to produce iron sulfide, a black insoluble precipitate.

➔ Theory

- Fermentation of carbohydrates results in the production of acid which decreases the pH of the medium to change from reddish-orange to yellow.
- Utilization of peptones results alkalization of the medium due to the production of NH_3 .
- The production of hydrogen sulfide is indicated by the presence of black ppt. formed by the reaction of H_2S with ferric ions.
- Slant is aerobic while butt is anaerobic.
- Gas production is indicated by the splitting of the agar or lifting of it to the top.

Glucose fermenter

- Tube reaction ---- alkaline over acid (K/A) → Red slant , yellow butt.
- With H_2S production (K/A, H_2S +ve) → Red slant, black butt.

Glucose, Lactose and/or Sucrose Fermenter

- Tube reaction --- acid over acid (A/A) → Yellow slant, yellow butt
- With H_2S production (A/A, H_2S +ve) → Yellow slant, black ppt. butt

Glucose, Lactose and Sucrose Non-fermenters

- Tube reaction:
 - i) alkaline over alkaline (K/K): If the bacteria can metabolize peptones both aerobically and anaerobically, both slant and butt red.
 - ii) alkaline over no change (K/NC): If peptones can only be metabolized aerobically slant red, butt no change.

With H_2S production

- alkaline over no change (K/NC, H_2S +ve)
- black precipitate (H_2S) in the butt.

