Also known as
Dey-Engley Neutralizing Agar

Specification
Solid culture medium for the neutralization and testing of antiseptics and disinfectants.

Formula * in g/L

Casein peptone	5.00	Bromocresol purple	0.02
Yeast extract	2.50	Agar	15.00
Detrose	10.00		
Lecithin	7.00		
Sodium thioglychollate	1.00	Final pH 7,6 ±0,2 at 25 ºC	
Sodium thiosulphate (anhy.)	3.82 (*1)	(*1) Equivalent to 6 g of Soodium thiosulphate. $5H_2O$	
Sodium bisulfite	2.50		

* Adjusted and /or supplemented as required to meet performance criteria

Directions
Suspend 46.84 g of powder in 1 L of distilled water with 5 mL of Polysorbate 80 (Art. No. DSHB3131) and bring to the boil. Distribute in suitable containers and sterilize in the autoclave at 121ºC for 15 minutes. The appearance of precipitates is normal and does not affect results.

Description
Dey & Engley developed this medium in 1983 to recover chemically damaged staphylococci. At present its use is generally for testing by the contact plate method (Contact Plates), the efficiency of antiseptics and disinfectants on impervious surfaces. The present formulation incorporates neutralizing substances for almost all the active products used as antiseptics and disinfectants. Lecithin neutralizes quaternary ammonium compounds (QAC's); Polysorbate acts on phenolics and formalin; thioglycolate neutralizes the organic-mercurial compounds; thiosulfate-sulfite inactivates halogen-compounds and; lecithin + polysorbate neutralizes ethanol and other alcoholic compounds.

Technique
When the contact plates are filled in the laboratory, be careful with the meniscus of the agar: It should rise above the rim of the plate to give a slightly convex surface to make proper contact with the surface to be sampled.
For sampling, remove the cover of the contact plate and carefully press the agar surface to the surface being sampled. Make certain that the entire agar meniscus contacts the surface. Replace the cover and incubate in an inverted position under the time and temperature conditions for the microorganisms in question. Express the results as "colonies per contact plate" or "colonies per cm2".

Quality control

Incubation temperature: 30-35 ºC **Incubation time:** 24-48 h

Inoculum: Practical range 100 ± 20 CFU. Min. 50 CFU (Productivity) according to ISO 11133:2014/Amd 1:2018. Spiral Plate Method.

Microorganism	Growth	Remarks
Escherichia coli ATCC® 8739	Productivity > 0.70	-
Pseudomonas aeruginosa ATCC® 9027	Productivity > 0.70	-
Staphylococcus aureus ATCC® 6538	Productivity > 0.70	-
Candida albicans ATCC® 10231	Productivity > 0.70	-
Bacillus subtilis ATCC® 6633	Productivity > 0.70	-

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Storage
For laboratory use only. Keep tightly closed, away from bright light, in a cool dry place (+4 ºC to 30 ºC).