

# Bacto™ Casitone • Trypticase™ Peptone Bacto™ Tryptone • BiTek™ Tryptone

## Intended Use

Ingredients, where noted, conform with specifications of *The United States Pharmacopeia (USP)*.

Bacto Casitone, Trypticase Peptone, Bacto Tryptone and BiTek Tryptone are used in preparing microbiological culture media.

## Summary and Explanation

The manufacturing process for an enzymatic digest of casein is not as destructive as an acid hydrolysis. Thus, the casein is not broken down as completely into its constituent components. In many cases this makes for a more nutritious hydrolysate, especially for those organisms that prefer peptides to amino acids.

## User Quality Control

NOTE: Differences in the Identity Specifications and Cultural Response testing for media offered as both **Difco™** and **BBL™** brands may reflect differences in the development and testing of media for industrial and clinical applications, per the referenced publications.

### Identity Specifications

#### Bacto™ Casitone

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, may have a slight precipitate. 10.0% solution is medium to dark amber, clear to very slightly opalescent, may have a precipitate.

Reaction of 1.0%  
 Solution at 25°C: pH 6.8-7.4

#### Bacto™ Tryptone

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

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

Reaction of 2.0%  
 Solution at 25°C: pH 6.5-7.5

#### BiTek™ Tryptone

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

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

Reaction of 2.0%  
 Solution at 25°C: pH 7.2 ± 0.2

## Cultural Response

### Biochemical Reactions

#### Bacto™ Casitone, Bacto™ Tryptone or BiTek™ Tryptone

Prepare a sterile solution 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
Fermentable Carbohydrates	2%	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	25922	~10 <sup>7</sup>	Negative
Indole Production	0.1%	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	29552	0.1 mL, undiluted	Positive
Acetylmethylcarbinol Production	0.1% with 0.5% dextrose	<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	13048	0.1 mL, undiluted	Positive
Hydrogen Sulfide Production	1%	<i>Salmonella choleraesuis</i> subsp. <i>choleraesuis</i> serotype Typhimurium	14028	0.1 mL, undiluted	Positive

## Growth Response

#### Bacto™ Casitone, Bacto™ Tryptone or BiTek™ Tryptone

Prepare a sterile solution with 2.0% Bacto Casitone, Bacto Tryptone or BiTek Tryptone, 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 strain.

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**Identity Specifications****BBL™ Trypticase™ Peptone**

Dehydrated Appearance:	Fine, homogeneous, free of extraneous material.
Solution:	2.0% solution, soluble in purified water. Solution is clear to slightly hazy.
Reaction of 2.0% Solution at 25°C:	pH 6.5-7.5

**Cultural Response****Biochemical Reactions****BBL™ Trypticase™ Peptone**

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

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Fermentable Carbohydrates	2%	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	29552	~10 <sup>7</sup>	Negative
Indole Production	0.1%	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	29552	0.1 mL, undiluted	Positive
Acetylmethylcarbinol Production	0.1% with 0.5% dextrose	<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	13048	0.1 mL, undiluted	Positive
Hydrogen Sulfide Production	1%	<i>Citrobacter freundii</i>	8454	0.1 mL, undiluted	Positive

**Growth Response****BBL™ Trypticase™ Peptone**

1. Prepare a sterile solution of peptone agar without (plain) and with 5% sheep blood (SB) using 10 g **Trypticase** Peptone, 2.5 g sodium chloride and 6.5 g agar in 500 mL of purified water. Adjust final pH to 7.2-7.4. Inoculate and incubate plates at 35 ± 2°C for 3 days (incubate streptococci with CO<sub>2</sub>).

ORGANISM	ATCC™	INOCULUM CFU	RECOVERY PLAIN	RECOVERY WITH SB
<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	13048	10 <sup>3</sup> -10 <sup>4</sup>	Good	N/A
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	25922	10 <sup>3</sup> -10 <sup>4</sup>	Good	N/A
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	6538P	10 <sup>3</sup> -10 <sup>4</sup>	Good	N/A
<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>	12228	10 <sup>3</sup> -10 <sup>4</sup>	Good	N/A
<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i>	12386	10 <sup>3</sup> -10 <sup>4</sup>	N/A	Good, beta hemolysis
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	6305	10 <sup>3</sup> -10 <sup>4</sup>	N/A	Good, alpha hemolysis
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	49117	10 <sup>4</sup> -10 <sup>5</sup>	Good	Good, beta hemolysis

2. Prepare a sterile solution of chocolate peptone agar using **Trypticase** Peptone. Adjust final pH to 7.2-7.4. Inoculate and incubate plates at 35 ± 2°C for 3 days with CO<sub>2</sub>.

ORGANISM	ATCC™	INOCULUM CFU	RECOVERY
<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	19424	10 <sup>3</sup> -10 <sup>4</sup>	Good

**Bacto Casitone** can be used as a component in microbiological culture media or in fermentation applications. A recent publication has also reported that the stability of lyophilized influenza virus vaccine was augmented by the addition of 2% Casitone.<sup>1</sup>

**Trypticase Peptone** is the primary nitrogen source in **Trypticase Soy Broth** and **Agar**. This product is recommended for use in media formulations, where good growth of fungi and bacteria is required. **Trypticase Peptone** is referenced in *Official Methods of Analysis of AOAC International* and meets specifications in the *USP* for pancreatic digest of casein.<sup>2,3</sup>

**Bacto Tryptone** was developed by Difco Laboratories while investigating a peptone particularly suitable for the elaboration of indole by bacteria. It is also notable for the absence of detectable levels of carbohydrates. **Bacto Tryptone** has been used in conjunction with casamino acids in nutritional studies to determine amino acids vs. peptide utilization.<sup>4,5</sup> It is included in standard methods applications and is listed in the reagent section of the *USP* as meeting the specifications for pancreatic digest of casein, a component in many of the media listed.<sup>2,3,6-11</sup> The *European Pharmacopoeia* also lists pancreatic digest of casein as a component in many of the recommended media.<sup>12</sup> **Bacto Tryptone** also works well in fermentation applica-

tions. It has been used successfully with commonly used organisms, such as *Escherichia coli*,<sup>13</sup> as well as uncommon organisms, such as the diatom *Nitzschia laevis*.<sup>14</sup>

**BiTek Tryptone** is prepared similarly to **Bacto Tryptone** but the final product goes through fewer refinement steps during processing. This product provides some of the same benefits as **Bacto Tryptone** in instances where a less refined hydrolysate can be utilized.

**Principles of the Procedure**

**Bacto Casitone**, **Trypticase Peptone**, **Bacto Tryptone** and **BiTek Tryptone** are pancreatic digests of casein. Casein is the main milk protein and a rich source of amino acid nitrogen.

**Typical Analysis**

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

**Precautions<sup>15</sup>**

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.

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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 Casitone**, **Trypticase Peptone**, **Bacto Tryptone** and **BiTek Tryptone** in the formula of the medium being prepared. Add appropriate product as required.

## Procedure

See appropriate references for specific procedures using **Bacto Casitone**, **Trypticase Peptone**, **Bacto Tryptone** and **BiTek Tryptone**.

## Expected Results

Refer to appropriate references and procedures for results.

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## Availability

### Bacto™ Casitone

COMPF SMD SMWW USDA

Cat. No. 225930 Dehydrated – 500 g  
225910 Dehydrated – 10 kg

### BBL™ Trypticase™ Peptone

AOAC BAM COMPF EP EPA SMD SMWW USDA USP

Cat. No. 211921 Dehydrated – 454 g  
211922 Dehydrated – 5 lb (2.3 kg)  
211923 Dehydrated – 25 lb (11.3 kg)

### Bacto™ Tryptone

AOAC BAM COMPF EP EPA SMD SMWW USDA USP

Cat. No. 211705 Dehydrated – 500 g  
211699 Dehydrated – 2 kg

### BiTek™ Tryptone

Cat. No. 251420 Dehydrated – 10 kg

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