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B203	HEKTOEN ENTI	RIC AGAR	
Formula			
Ingredients :		gms/lit.	
Proteose peptone		12.00	
Yeast extract		3.00	
Lactose		12.00	
Sucrose		12.00	
Salicin		2.00	
Bile salt mixture		9.00	
Sodium chloride		5.00	
Sodium thiosulphate		5.00	
Ferric ammonium citrate		1.50	
Acid fuchsin		0.10	
Bromo thymol blue		0.065	
Agar		15.00	
Final pH (at 25	5°C): 7.5 <u>+</u> 0.2		
Directions:			

Suspend 76.67 grams in 1000 ml distilled water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. DO NOT AUTOCLAVE. Cool to 45-50°C. Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

# Principle:

Proeose Peptone is a source of nitrogen and other nutrients in Hektoen Enteric Agar. Bile Salts and the dyes, bromo thymol blue and acid fuchsin, inhibit gram – positive organisms. Lactose, sucrose and salicin are sources of fermentable carbohydrates. Ferric ammonium citrate, a source of iron, allows production of hydrogen sulfide (H2S) from sodium thiosulfate. H<sub>2</sub>S – positive colonies have black centers. Yeast Extract provides vitamins and cofactors required for growth and additional nitrogen and carbon. Agar is used as a solidifying agent.

QC Tests - (I)Dehydrated Medium						
Colour:		Cream to yellow with tancast				
Appearance :		Homogeneous Free Flowing powder				
(II)Rehydrated medium						
pH (post autoclaving/heating):		7.5 ± 0.2				
Colour (post autoclaving/heating):		Green colour				
Clarity (post autoclaving/heating):		Clear to slightly opalescent				
(III)Q.C. Test Microbiological						
Cultural characteristics observed af	ter 18- 24 h	ırs. at 35 -37°C.				
MICROORGANISM (ATCC )	GROWTH	COLOUR OF COLONY				
Salmonella enteritidis (13076) Luxuriant		Greenish blue*				
Salmonella typhimurium (14028) Luxuriant		Greenish blue*				
Shigella flexneri (12022) Luxuriant		Greenish blue				
Enterobacter aerogenes (13048) Fair –good		Salmon – orange				
Escherichia coli (25922) Fair		Orange (may have bile precipitate)				
Escherichia coli (8739) Fair		Orange (may have bile precipitate)				
Enterococcus faecalis (29212)	Inhibited					
Salmonella Typhi (6539) Luxuriant		Greenish blue*				
* may have black centres (H <sub>2</sub> S product	ion).					
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- **Precautions:** 1. For Laboratory Use.
  - 2. Follow proper, established laboratory procedures in handling and disposing of infectious materials.
  - 3. IRRITANT. Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not breathe dust. Wear suitable protective clothing. Keep container tightly closed.

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Limitations :	<ol> <li>Since the nutritional requirements of organisms vary, some strains may be encountered that fail to grow or grow poorly on this medium.</li> <li>Do not autoclave this medium because excessive heat may alter the ingredients</li> </ol>							
	3. Proteus species may resemble salmonellae or shigellae. Further testing sh conducted to confirm the presumptive identification of organisms isolated on medium.							
Use :	For differential and selective isolation of Salmonella and Shigella species from enteric pathological specimens							
Storage :	Dehydrated medium- below 30°C Prepared medium- Between 2 to 8°C.							
Packing:	500 gm. bottle							
Product profile:	Reconstitution	Quantity on Preparation (500g)	pH (25°C)	Supplement	Sterilization			
B203	76.67 g/l	6.52 L	7.5 <u>+</u> 0.2	Nil	Do not autoclave. Boil to dissolve medium			

## Disclaimer:

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