
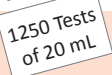


## REFERENCES

Pack Size	Ordering References	Base (RT)	Supplement (KP)
5000 mL 	KPRT2	RT412 Weight: 165 g	KP102 Weight: 2 g
25 L 	KPRT3-25	RT413-25 Weight: 825 g	KP103-25 Weight: 10 g

## MEDIUM PURPOSE

Chromogenic medium for detection of gram-negative bacteria with a reduced susceptibility to most of the carbapenem agents. Carbapenems are the last resort in treating many serious gram-negative infections. However, production of these enzymes results in resistance to penicillins, cephalosporins (i.e., cefepime, ceftriaxone), carbapenems (i.e., meropenem, ertapenem), and aztreonam, thereby making these pathogens truly multidrug-resistant and making their treatment very challenging.

## COMPOSITION

The product is composed of a powder base (CHROMagar™ Orientation) and 1 supplement (CHROMagar™ KPC supplement).

Product	=	Base (RT)	+ Supplement (KP)
Total g/L		33.0 g/L	0.4 g/L
Composition g/L		Agar 15.0 Peptone and yeast extract 17.0 Chromogenic mix 1.0	Selective mix 0.4
Aspect		Powder Form	Powder Form

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- Certificate of Analysis (CoA) --> One per Lot
- Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)

STORAGE	15-30 °C	2-8 °C
FINAL MEDIA pH	7.0 +/- 0.2	

## PREPARATION (Calculation for 1 L)

<div>Step 1</div> <div>Preparation of the base CHROMagar™ Orientation</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disperse slowly 33 g of powder base in 1 L of purified water.</li><li>• Stir until the agar is well thickened.</li><li>• Heat and bring to boil (100 °C) while swirling or stirring regularly.</li></ul> <p>Advice 1: For enhanced growth, add 0.5 g/L of Tween 80 to the previous preparation mix.</p> <p>Advice 2: For the 100 °C heating step, mixture may also be brought to a boil in a microwave oven: after initial boiling, remove from oven, stir gently, then return to oven for short repeated bursts of heating until complete fusion of the agar grains has taken place (large bubbles replacing foam).</p>									
<div>Step 2</div> <div>Autoclave</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AUTOCLAVE at 121 °C during 15 min.</li><li>• Cool in a water bath to 45-50 °C, swirling or stirring gently.</li></ul>									
<div>Step 3</div> <div>Preparation of CHROMagar™ KPC supplement</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Weigh 400 mg of the required supplement powder.</li><li>• Add 10 mL of purified sterile water to this powder to make a supplement solution.</li></ul> <p>Warning 1: This step may require several minutes of stirring to obtain a good and homogenous suspension: <b>opaque yellowish appearance</b>.</p> <p>Warning 2: Reconstituted supplement solution must be used the same day.</p> <p>Warning 3: Do not store and re-use a supplement solution.</p>	<table><tr><th>Final Media</th><th>HELPING CALCULATION</th></tr><tr><td>1 L</td><td>Rehydrate 400 mg into 10 mL of purified water</td></tr><tr><td>5 L</td><td>Rehydrate 2 g into 50 mL of purified water</td></tr><tr><td>25 L</td><td>Rehydrate 10 g into 250 mL of purified water</td></tr></table>	Final Media	HELPING CALCULATION	1 L	Rehydrate 400 mg into 10 mL of purified water	5 L	Rehydrate 2 g into 50 mL of purified water	25 L	Rehydrate 10 g into 250 mL of purified water
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<div>Step 4</div> <div>Integrate the supplement to the melted base</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vortex this supplement to homogenize and add the supplement solution to melted CHROMagar™ Orientation cooled at 45/50 °C.</li><li>• Stir to make CHROMagar™ KPC.</li></ul>									
<div>Step 5</div> <div>Pouring</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pour into sterile Petri dishes.</li><li>• Let it solidify and dry.</li></ul>									
<div>Storage</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Store in the dark before use.</li><li>• Prepared media plates can be kept for one day at room temperature.</li><li>• Plates can be stored for up to 1 month under refrigeration (2/8 °C) if properly prepared and protected from light and dehydration.</li></ul>									

## SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND HANDLING

CHROMagar™ KPC can be used with the following specimens:

- In clinical field : stools, urine, perineal and rectal specimens.
- In veterinary field : livestock and poultry.

Sampling and transport equipment must be used in accordance with the recommendations of their suppliers for the conservation of Carbapenem<sup>R</sup> strains.

## MATERIAL REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

Standard microbiological laboratory material for culture media preparation, control, streaking, incubation and waste disposal.

## INOCULATION

Related samples are inoculated by direct streaking on the plate.

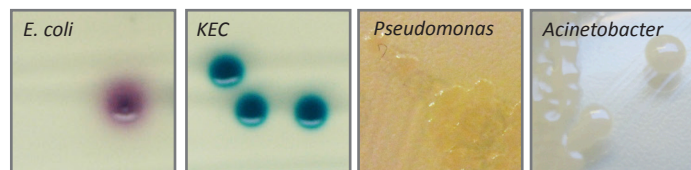
- If the agar plate has been refrigerated, allow to warm to room temperature before inoculation.
- Streak sample onto plate.
- Incubate in aerobic conditions at 35-37 °C for 18-24 hours.

## INTERPRETATION

Qualitative reading and interpretation of the petri dishes

Microorganism	Typical colony appearance
Carbapenem <sup>R</sup> <i>E. coli</i>	→ dark pink to reddish
Carbapenem <sup>R</sup> KEC ( <i>Klebsiella</i> , <i>Enterobacter</i> , <i>Citrobacter</i> )	→ metallic blue (+/- reddish halo)
Carbapenem <sup>R</sup> <i>Pseudomonas</i>	→ translucent, (+/- natural pigmentation cream to green)
Carbapenem <sup>R</sup> <i>Acinetobacter</i>	→ cream
<i>Stenotrophomonas</i>	→ colourless
Gram (+) strains	→ inhibited
Carbapenem <sup>S</sup> strains	→ inhibited
Yeasts	→ mostly inhibited

### Typical colony appearance



The pictures shown are not contractual.

## PERFORMANCE

In the following study, 122 rectal swabs were tested, being positive 41 after 24 h incubation at 37 °C in an aerobic atmosphere.

	CHROMagar™ KPC	Reference Method (blood agar)
Sensitivity	100 % *	90,8 %
Specificity	98,4 % *	--

\* Data obtained from the study «Evaluation of CHROMagar™ KPC for Rapid Detection of Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae» Zmira Samra et Al. Journal of Clinical Microbiology, 2008.

## LIMITATIONS AND COMPLEMENTARY TESTS

- Widely-known to be frequently Multi Drug Resistant bacteria, some *Pseudomonas* spp and *Acinetobacter* spp, , could grow on the medium with typical colony aspects as typical on CHROMagar™ Orientation.
- Final identification may require additional testing such as biochemical or immunological test: Latex agglutination confirmation test can be performed directly from the plates on suspected colonies.
- Some low carbapenemase-resistant may have difficult growth.

## QUALITY CONTROL

Please perform Quality Control according to the use of the medium and the local QC regulations and norms.

Good preparation of the medium can be tested, isolating the following ATCC strains:

Microorganism	Typical colony appearance
<i>E. coli</i> IMP NCTC 13476	→ dark rose
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> ATCC® BAA 1705	→ steel blue
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> NCTC 13438	→ steel blue
<i>E. faecalis</i> ATCC® 29212	→ inhibited
<i>K. pneumoniae</i> ATCC® 13883	→ inhibited
<i>S. aureus</i> ATCC® 25293	→ inhibited
<i>C. albicans</i> ATCC® 60193	→ inhibited

## WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- For Research Use Only (RUO). Not for use in diagnostic procedures.
- This laboratory product should be used only by trained personnel (healthcare professional, etc). Wear appropriate protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection and handle appropriately with procedures and good laboratory practices.
- Use of the medium may be difficult for people who have problems recognising colours.
- Culture media should not be used as manufacturing material or components.
- Do not ingest or inhale the product.
- Do not use the product after the expiry date.
- Do not use the product if it shows any evidence of contamination or any sign of deterioration (compacted powder, color change, ...).
- Do not use the product if the packaging is damaged.
- Any change or modification in the production procedure may affect the results.
- Any change or modification of the required storage temperature may affect the performance of the product.
- Unappropriate storage may affect the shelf life of the product.
- Recap the bottles/vials tightly after each preparation and keep them in a low humidity environment, protected from moisture and light.
- Do not use the culture medium poured into a petri dish after a first use.
- After opening the bottles and with an appropriate conversation, open bottles can be used under the same conditions until each product's expiry date.
- Reading and interpretation should be performed using isolated colonies.
- Some precipitates may be observed in the agar but these do not affect the performance of the product.

- Interpretation of the test results should be made taking into consideration colonial and microscopic morphology and if necessary, the results of any other tests performed.
- Laboratory, chemical or biohazardous wastes must be handled and discarded in accordance with all local and national regulations.
- For hazard and precaution recommendations related to some chemical components in this medium, please refer to the pictogram(s) mentioned on the labels. The Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is available on [www.chromagar.com](http://www.chromagar.com)
- Any incident or complaint related to the environment must be declared to the manufacturer at the following email address: [chromagar@chromagar.com](mailto:chromagar@chromagar.com)
- Any serious incident occurring in connection with the environment must be declared to the competent authorities and to the manufacturer at the following email address: [chromagar@chromagar.com](mailto:chromagar@chromagar.com)

## DISPOSAL OF WASTE









After use, all plates and any other contaminated materials must be sterilized or disposed of by appropriate internal procedures and in accordance with local legislations. Plates can be destroyed by autoclaving at 121 °C for at least 20 minutes.

## LITERATURE REFERENCES

Please refer to our website page «Publications» for scientific publications about this particular product.

Web link: <http://www.chromagar.com/publication.php>

## IFU/LABEL INDEX

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-  Consult instructions for use
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-  Required storage temperature
-  Store away from humidity
-  Protect from light
-  Manufacturer

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