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# Making low peptone NGM for imaging plates V.1

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We use this protocol and it's working

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## **Materials**

## **Reagents:**

For 500ml

A) Pre-Autoclave

- Sodium Chloride- 1.5g
- Difco Agar- 10g
- Difco Bactopeptone- 0.065g
- Cholesterol (5mg/ml in EtOH)- 0.5ml
- Deionized water- 482.5ml

#### B) Post-Autoclave

- 1M Cacl<sub>2</sub>- 0.5ml
- 1M MgSO<sub>4</sub>- 0.5ml
- 1M K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (pH 6.0)- 12.5ml

# **Troubleshooting**



### Pre-Autoclave:

- Book the autoclave (notebook on top of the machine).
  - Take clean flasks from the glass kitchen.
  - Measure all the pre-autoclave reagents and add to the flask (Use a new weighing boat and spatula for each reagent. Also, the cholesterol is kept in the fridge.)
  - Once water is added mix thoroughly and label with autoclave tape ('Low peptone NGM Rm 5020').

## Using the autoclave:

- 2 Turn ON the autoclave
  - Make sure that the autoclave's probe bottle is the same size as the largest bottle you use and fill it with water.
    - Place the temperature probe in it.
    - Fill up the autoclave with water until it reaches the grill.
  - Place the bottles in the autoclave and make sure that the cap is not screwed completely.
    - Check the waste flask is not too full
    - Use 'media' program.
    - Press START.
    - It will take about 2 hours for 500ml to autoclave

### Post autoclave:

- When autoclave is complete, remove the probe flask
  - Make sure to wear gloves as the flask will be hot
  - Let the agar to cool to around 55°C and add the post autoclave reagents
  - Mix it well and start pouring onto small imaging plates (3.5ml in each) using a 3mm tube (See Protocol for plate pouring)