

K9105 OMPI WEE-TABS

PRINCIPLE/DISCUSSION:

It is known that approximately 50% of all clinical isolates and 80% of gram-negative bacilli are from the family *Enterobacteriaceae*(1); the most common of which is *Escherichia coli*. Most *Enterobacteriaceae* can be recognized by their reactions to a few chemical compounds. Though each may be used alone for specific applications, OMPI Tests provide **five** tests which, combined with urease, will identify approximately 95% of such organisms. The tablets detect the presence of enzymes which hydrolyze various chromogenic substrates and employ the following principles: The first test is o-nitro-phenol-β-D galactopyranoside (ONPG). Organisms producing the necessary enzymes hydrolyze this substrate, releasing the yellow nitro-phenol. Enzymes acting on 4-methylumbelliferyl-β-D-glucuronide (MUG) release the fluorescent methyumbelliferone which can be observed under a Wood's lamp. This is the second test. The third test is pyrrolidonal aminopeptidase (PYR). Organisms containing the enzymes necessary for hydrolysis of the pyrrolidonyl-β-naphthylamide release free β-naphthylamide which is detected by the addition of aminopeptidase reagent. The last 2 tests are Indole and IPA. The degradation of tryptophane produces indole which will react with PEP reagent to form a colored end product. Members of *Providencia* and *Proteus* species will also oxidize tryptophane to indole-pyruvic acid which produces color after the addition of Ferric chloride reagent.

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA:

K9105: OMPI Wee-Tabs contain: ONPG (o-nitro-phenol-β-D galactopyranoside), MUG (4-methylumbelliferyl-β-D-glucuronide), Tryptophane and other inert ingredients necessary for tableting. The disc contains PYR (pyrrolidonyl-β-naphthylamide). None of the substrates are harmful in this form.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

OMPI tests are sold ready to use, 28 tubes per bottle. Usage requires 24 hour growth on media appropriate for the specimen. Consult a current reference manual for the correct media to use. The following items are also required but not provided: Microbiological loop or needle, Distilled water, Long-wave fluorescent light KS1699 or equal, K2375 PEP reagent, K190 Ferric Chloride reagent.

PROCEDURE:

- 1) Add 0.3-0.5 ml (about 5-8 drops) of water to the tube.
- 2) Inoculate the tube with a single colony from a primary agar plate (eg. Blood agar or MacConkey, etc). Mix well. OPTIONAL: To read at 2 hours or for brighter results, inoculate with 10-15 colonies.
- 3) Incubate for 4 hours @35-37C. Though finished at 4 hours, tests may be held for up to 28 hours. Do not read after more than 28 hours as false positives may occur.

INTERPRETATION:

- 1) ONPG: Observe for a yellow color indicating a positive test. Colorless is negative.
- 2) MUG: Observe the tube for fluorescence, using a long-wave ultra-violet light. A positive 4-MU shows a bright blue fluorescence. IMPORTANT- pale fluorescence should be considered negative if PYR is positive. Pale fluorescence is only considered as a positive test when the PYR is negative.
- 3) PYR and INDOL: Add 2 drops of PEP to the tube and reincubate for 15 minutes. You may use a loop and pull the disc up out of the liquid for ease of observation of color. Interpret as follows: dark blue/purple (indole positive / pyr positive) red (pyr positive / indole negative) green (indole positive / pyr negative).
- 4) IPA: If all other results are negative or if indole is the only positive, add 1 drop of Ferric chloride reagent to the tube. Positive IPA will turn cherry red (indole negative organisms) or purple (if the indole is positive). Negative tests will turn brown or yellow. After all tests are completed, refer to the chart on back.

NAME	TESTS USING COMBINATION TEST TABLETS OR DISCS										CONFIRMATION		
	ONPG	MUG	INDOLE	IPA	PYR	NAG	BGLU	PRO	UREA	LACTOSE	COLOR	INDOL	AMINO.
<i>Cedecea sp.</i>	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	V-	YELLOW	-	-
<i>Citrobacter sp.</i>	+	-	+(m)	-	+	-	+(m)	-	-	V	PINK/RED	-	+
<i>Edwardsiella sp.</i>	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	GREEN/TURQUIOSE	+	-
<i>Enterobacter sp.</i>	+	-	-	V-	V+	V+	+	-	V-	V+	DARK BLUE/PURPLE	+	+
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	+	+(n)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+			
<i>Escherichia sp.</i>	+	-	+	-	+	-	V-	-	-	+			
<i>Hafnia alvei</i>	-	-	-	-	-	V+	-	+	-	-			
<i>Klebsiella sp.</i>	+(a)	-	-(b)	-	+	-(c)	+	-	+(d)	V			
<i>Kluyvera sp.</i>	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+			
<i>Leminorella sp.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-(e)	-	-	-	-			
<i>Morganella morgani</i>	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-			
<i>Proteus sp.</i>	-	-	-(f)	+	-	-	-	-	+	-			
<i>Providencia sp.</i>	-	-	+	+	-	-(g)	-	-	V+	-			
<i>Rahnella sp.</i>	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+			
<i>Salmonella sp.</i>	-(h)	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
<i>Serratia sp.</i>	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-(i)			
<i>Shigella sonnei</i>	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
<i>Shigella sp.</i>	-	V	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
<i>Yersinia sp.</i>	V	-	V	V-	-	V-	+(j)	-(k)	-	-			

REFERENCES/FOOTNOTES:

- 1) Manual of Clinical Microbiology, 5th Edition, Chapter 36.1) Manual of Clinical Microbiology, 5th Edition, Chapter 36.
- a) *K. rhinoscleromatis* is negative.
- b) *K. oxytoca* and *K. ornithinolytica* are positive.
- c) *K. ornithinolytica* is positive.
- d) *K. ozaenae* and *K. rhinoscleromatis* are negative.
- e) *Lem. grimonti* is positive.
- f) *P. vulgaris* may be weakly positive.
- g) Only *Prov. stuarti* is positive.
- h) *Salmonella arizonia* is positive.
- i) *Ser. rubidea* is usually positive.
- j) *Yer. enterocolitica* is negative.
- k) *Yer enterocolitica* is positive.
- m) *C. freundii* is negative.
- n) *E. coli* 0157 is MUG negative.