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### 1 Identification of substance:

- **Product name:** V Agar Base
- **Catalog number:** 221875
- **Manufacturer/Supplier:**  
 BD Diagnostic Systems  
 7 Loveton Circle  
 Sparks, MD 21152  
 Telephone: (410) 771 - 0100 or (800) 638 - 8663
- **Information department:** Technical Services
- **Emergency information:**  
 In case of a chemical emergency, spill, fire, exposure, or accident contact BD Diagnostic Systems (410) 771-0100 or (800)-638-8663, or ChemTrec at (800) 424-9300.

### 2 Composition/Data on components:

- **Chemical characterization**
- **Description:** Mixture consisting of the following components.

- **Dangerous components:**

human blood

### 3 Hazards identification

- **Hazard description:**



Xn Harmful

- **Information pertaining to particular dangers for man and environment**  
 R 21 Harmful in contact with skin.
- **NFPA ratings (scale 0-4)**



Health = 2  
 Fire = 0  
 Reactivity = 0

- **HMIS ratings (scale 0-4)**



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 Fire = 0  
 Reactivity = 0

### 4 First aid measures

- **General information** No special measures required.
- **After inhalation** Supply fresh air; consult doctor in case of complaints.
- **After skin contact** Immediately wash with water and soap and rinse thoroughly.
- **After eye contact** Rinse opened eye for 15 minutes under running water. Then consult a doctor.
- **After swallowing** Immediately call a doctor.

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**Information for doctor** Show this product label or this MSDS.**5 Fire fighting measures**

- **Suitable extinguishing agents**  
CO<sub>2</sub>, ABC multipurpose dry chemical or water spray. Fight larger fires with water spray or alcohol resistant foam.
- **Protective equipment:** No special measures required.

**6 Accidental release measures**

- **Person-related safety precautions:** Not required.
- **Measures for environmental protection:** Wipe up with damp sponge or mop.
- **Measures for cleaning/collecting:**  
Absorb with liquid-binding material (sand, diatomite, acid binders, universal binders).
- **Additional information:**  
See Section 7 for information on safe handling.  
See Section 8 for information on personal protection equipment.  
See Section 13 for disposal information.

**7 Handling and storage**

- **Handling**
- **Information for safe handling:** Ensure good ventilation/exhaustion at the workplace.
- **Information about protection against explosions and fires:** No special measures required.
- **Storage**
- **Requirements to be met by storerooms and receptacles:** Suitable material for receptacles and pipes: Copper.
- **Information about storage in one common storage facility:** Store away from oxidizing agents.
- **Further information about storage conditions:** Store in a cool place.

**8 Exposure controls and personal protection**

- **Additional information about design of technical systems:** No further data; see item 7.
- **Components with limit values that require monitoring at the workplace:**  
The product does not contain any relevant quantities of materials with critical values that have to be monitored at the workplace.
- **Additional information:** The lists that were valid during the creation were used as basis.
- **Personal Protective Equipment**
- **General protective and hygienic measures**  
The usual precautionary measures for handling chemicals should be followed.  
Use a Biological Safety Cabinet.
- **Breathing equipment:**  
In case of brief exposure, use a chemical fume hood or a NIOSH/MSHA-approved respirator.

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**· Protection of hands:**


Chemical resistant gloves (i.e. nitrile, or equivalent).

- **Eye protection:** Safety glasses
- **Body protection:** Impervious protective clothing

**9 Physical and chemical properties:**
**· General Information**

<b>Form:</b>	Liquid
<b>Color:</b>	Light beige
<b>Odor:</b>	Characteristic

- **Change in condition** Undetermined
- **Melting point/Melting range:** Not determined
- **Boiling point/Boiling range:** Not determined

- **Flash point:** Not applicable

- **Flammability (solid, gaseous)** Product is not flammable.

- **Danger of explosion:** Product does not present an explosion hazard.

- **Density:** Not determined

- **Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:** Insoluble

- **pH-value:** Neutral

**10 Stability and reactivity**

- **Thermal decomposition / conditions to be avoided:** No decomposition if used according to specifications.
- **Dangerous reactions** No dangerous reactions known
- **Dangerous products of decomposition:** No dangerous decomposition products known.

**11 Toxicological information**

- **Acute toxicity:**
- **Primary irritant effect:**
- **on the skin:** No irritating effect.
- **on the eye:** No irritating effect.
- **Sensitization:** No sensitizing effects known.
- **Additional toxicological information:**

The product shows the following dangers according to internally approved calculation methods for preparations:  
 Harmful

This product contains human blood, serum, or cells, a potential biohazardous material. Use universal precautions when handling. Handle as if product were capable of transmitting disease. Material used in this product has been tested using FDA approved methods and found negative for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV-1/HIV-2), Hepatitis B Surface Antigen (HBSAG), and antibody to Hepatitis C Virus (HCV). However, no known test method can offer complete assurance that specimens of human origin will not transmit infectious

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disease. When handling or disposing, follow precautions described in CDC and FDA recommendations and OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen recommendations.

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**12 Ecological information:**

- **Ecotoxicological effects:**
- **Other information:**  
The ecological effects have not been thoroughly investigated, but currently none have been identified.
- **General notes:** Generally not hazardous for water.

**13 Disposal considerations**

- **Product:**
- **Recommendation**  
Must not be disposed of with solid waste.  
After the product is used, disinfect with bleach (sodium hypochlorite), or an approved disinfectant, or incinerate, or autoclave at 121 C for at least 15 minutes before disposing.  
Dispose of material in accordance with federal (40 CFR 261.3), state and local requirements.
- **Uncleaned packagings:**
- **Recommendation:** Disposal must be made according to state and federal regulations.
- **Recommended cleansing agent:** Water, if necessary with cleansing agents.

**14 Transport information**

- **DOT regulations:**
- **Hazard class:** -
- **Land transport ADR/RID (cross-border)**
- **ADR/RID class:** -
- **Maritime transport IMDG:**
- **IMDG Class:** -
- **Marine pollutant:** No
- **Air transport ICAO-TI and IATA-DGR:**
- **ICAO/IATA Class:** -

**15 Regulations**

- **SARA Section 355 (extremely hazardous substances)**  
None of the ingredients is listed.

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· **SARA Section 313 (specific toxic chemical listings)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **TSCA (Toxic Substances Control Act)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **California Proposition 65 - Chemicals known to cause cancer**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **California Proposition 65 - Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for females:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **California Proposition 65 - Chemicals known to cause reproductive toxicity for males:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **California Proposition 65 - Chemicals known to cause developmental toxicity:**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Carcinogenicity categories**

· **IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **NTP (National Toxicology Program)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **TLV (Threshold Limit Value established by ACGIH)**

None of the ingredients is listed.

· **Product related hazard information:**

Observe the general safety regulations when handling chemicals  
The product has been classified and marked in accordance with regulations on hazardous materials.

· **Hazard symbols:**

Xn Harmful

· **Hazard-determining components of labeling:**

human blood

· **Risk phrases:**

21 Harmful in contact with skin.

· **Safety phrases:**

- 13 Keep away from food, drink and animal feedingstuffs.
- 28 After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of soap and water
- 37/39 Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection.
- 56 Dispose of this material and its container at hazardous or special waste collection point

**16 Other information:**

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· **Department issuing MSDS:**

Safety and Environment Department  
MSDS created by Michael J. Spinazzola

· **Contact:** Technical Service Representative