

Culture Media (11/10/2011) – Group E

Nutrient agar (color: transparent yellow)

- Solid
- Simple media

Blood agar (color: deep red)

- Solid
- Enriched by blood from rabbit, sheep or humans

Chocolate agar (color: dark brown)

- Solid
- Enriched by blood which is added when the medium is still hot so that the RBCs are destroyed since certain bacteria require the heme in the RBCs

McConkey agar (color: transparent red)

- Solid
- Could be Selective or Differential
- **Selective** for Gram negative bacteria because it contains bile salts and crystal violet
- **Differential** for lactose fermenters and non-fermenters because it contains lactose