

Study of Sterilization of Glassware and Culture-Media Principles

Practical 02 | Pharmaceutical Microbiology

Aim

To study Sterilization of Glassware and Culture-Media Principles, and interpret the recorded observations.

Principle

- Sterilization is a validated process, not merely exposure to heat. Load characteristics and material compatibility determine the choice of process.
- Interpret the prepared teaching material using the biological or quality-control principle assigned to the exercise.
- Positive, negative and procedural controls determine whether an observation can be interpreted.

Materials and Apparatus

- Instructor-completed sterilization records, glassware demonstrations and prepared medium examples.
- Instructor-supplied fixed slides, prepared demonstration images or completed teaching datasets.
- Appropriate viewing equipment, the assigned comparison/control records and an observation sheet.

Method

1. Identify the question being tested and the teaching material supplied.
2. Review the labelled demonstration sequence and identify what each stage is intended to show.
3. Compare the supplied test observations with the relevant control observations.
4. Record the morphology, pattern or numerical endpoint specified for this exercise.
5. Explain the biological meaning of the observation and identify a control failure where present.
6. Write the conclusion only to the extent supported by the completed teaching observations.

Observation Record

Complete this record using actual laboratory findings or the provided teaching data.

Observation / parameter	Record / finding
Material/load type	_____
Process category	_____
Physical records	_____
Indicator interpretation	_____
Medium purpose	_____

Calculations and Interpretation

- Interpret supplied physical and indicator records together; a changed indicator alone does not establish every part of process validity.

Result

Record the actual finding, calculated value with units where relevant, and a conclusion supported by the observations.

Finding: _____

Conclusion: _____

Precautions

- Use fixed, prepared or completed teaching material specified by the instructor.
- Preserve specimen labels and avoid interpreting an uncontrolled or mixed result as a verified identity.
- Handle biological material and contaminated waste only through the laboratory arrangements provided.

Viva Questions

1. Why include a negative control?

It reveals an observation caused by background or contamination rather than the intended test.

2. What happens if a required control fails?

The affected test result cannot be accepted as a valid interpretation.

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