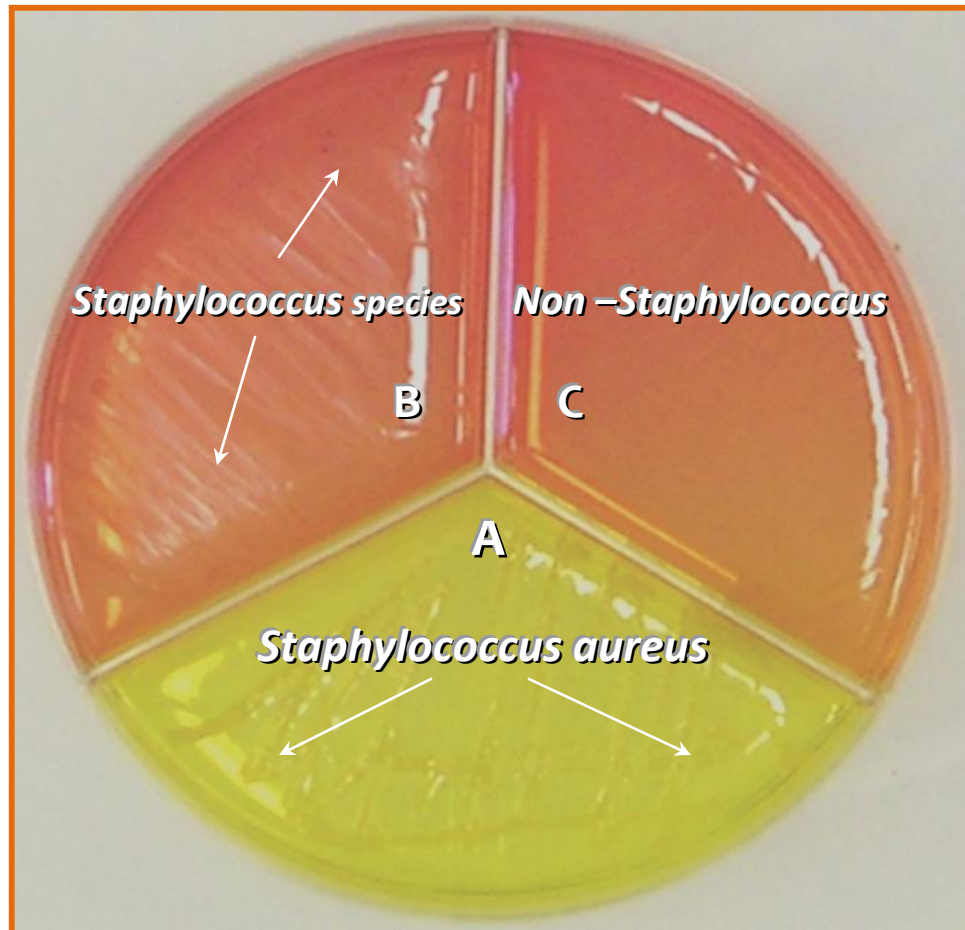


Mannitol Salt Agar Plate (MSA)

- selective component: high salt
- differential component: mannitol



Results/Interpretation

Sector	Growth?	Fermentation of mannitol?	Interpretation
A	+++	Yes (reduction of phenol red → yellow)	Presumptive ID of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
B	+++	No	<i>Staphylococcus species</i> (but <u>not</u> <i>S. aureus</i>)
C	---	No	<u>Not</u> a <i>Staphylococcus species</i>