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A chemical medium to be used by clinical laboratories in identifying organisms was patented this week for the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, St. Paul, by Marlys E. Lund, a microbiologist.

Miss Lund obtained patent 4,241,181 for the medium, which grows bacteria in order to determine whether they are the kind that break apart DNA, deoxyribonucleic acid, one of the components. It was explained that the invention has nothing to do with genetics, although DNA is a complex chemical molecule that encodes genetic information.

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