

Product Data Sheet

BURK'S MEDIUM

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INTENDED USE

For isolation and cultivation of nitrogen fixing bacteria like Azotobacter species.

Product Description

Nitrogen fixing organisms are free-living bacteria, which grow well on a nitrogen free medium. These bacteria utilize atmospheric nitrogen gas for their cell protein synthesis. This cell protein is then mineralized in soil after the death of the cells, thereby contributing towards the nitrogen availability of the crop plants. Burk's medium is recommended for detection of nitrogen fixing organisms such as Azotobacter species from soil.

Product Specifications

Ingredients	Gms / Ltr
Magnesium sulphate	0.200
Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate	0.800
Potassium dihydrogen phosphate	0.200
Calcium sulphate	0.130
Iron (III) Chloride	0.00145
Sodium molybdate	0.000253
Sucrose	20.000

PRINCIPLE

This medium contains inorganic salts along with carbohydrate source but lacks nitrogen source. Nitrogen fixing bacteria are able to fix atmospheric nitrogen and grow when cultured on this nitrogen-free medium.

INSTRUCTION FOR USE

- Dissolve 21.3 grams in 1000 ml purified / distilled water.
- Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely.
- Sterilize by autoclaving at 115°C for 20 minutes.
- Mix well and pour into sterile Petri plates.

Microorganism	ATCC	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth	Incubation Temperature	Incubation Period
Azotobacter beijerinckii	12981	50-100	Good-luxuriant	30°C	7 Days
Azotobacter nigricans	35009	50-100	Good-luxuriant	30°C	7 Days

STORAGE

Dehydrated powder, hygroscopic in nature, store in a dry place, in tightly-sealed containers between 25-30°C and protect from direct sunlight. Under optimal conditions, the medium has a shelf life of 4 years. When the container is opened for the first time, note the time and date on the label space provided on the container. After the desired amount of medium has been taken out replace the cap tightly to protect from hydration.

Product Deterioration: Do not use if they show evidence of microbial contamination, discoloration, drying or any other signs of deterioration.

QUALITY CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS

Appearance of Powder: Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder.

Appearance of prepared medium : Colourless clear solution over a white precipitate.

PH (at 25°C): 7.3±0.2

DISPOSAL

After use, prepared plates, specimen/sample containers and other contaminated materials must be sterilized before discarding.

This product is for research use only.