

Technical Information

Westvaco WV5 Medium With Vitamins And Without Sucrose, Agar

Product Code: PT1086

Application: Westvaco WV5 Medium has been developed by Coke in 1996 for the *in vitro* initiation of embryogenic cultures of *Pinus taeda*, commonly known as loblolly pine, family *Pinaceae* from the immature seeds. The medium is also suitable for the embryo development and shoot culture of loblolly pine. The formulation is a nutrient blend of inorganic salts and vitamins.

Westvaco WV5 Medium provides all the essential macroelements and microelements. Potassium nitrate along with ammonium nitrate serves as sources of nitrogen and aids in the cell proliferation. Potassium dihydrogen phosphate and potassium chloride serve as sources of phosphate which improves cell survival and shoot growth. Microelements like Boron, Manganese, Molybdenum, Copper, Iron and Zinc play vital role in plant metabolism and enhances shoot quality. Thiamine and inositol act as enzymatic cofactors in universal pathways including glycolysis and TCA cycle along with primary and secondary metabolism in the plants.

The product is plant tissue culture tested but it is the sole responsibility of the user to ensure the suitability of the medium for individual species.

Composition**

Ingredients	mg/Litre
MACROELEMENTS	
Ammonium nitrate	700.000
Calcium chloride	341.920
Magnesium sulphate	903.790
Potassium chloride	718.670
Potassium nitrate	1084.060
Potassium phosphate monobasic	270.000
MICROELEMENTS	
Boric acid	31.000
Cobalt chloride hexahydrate	0.025
Copper sulphate pentahydrate	0.250
EDTA disodium salt dihydrate	37.300
Ferrous sulphate heptahydrate	27.800
Manganese sulphate monohydrate	15.160
Molybdcic acid (sodium salt)	0.213
Potassium Iodide	0.830
Zinc sulphate heptahydrate	8.600
VITAMINS	
myo-Inositol	1000.00
Thiamine hydrochloride	0.400
Total(gms/litre)	5.1

Material required but not provided

- Autoclaved distilled water
- Plant growth regulators
- 1N NaOH/HCl
- Sucrose (PCT0607)
- Gelling agents like Agar (PCT1901) or CleriGel (PCT1903)

Quality Control

Appearance

White to off-white, homogenous, free flowing powder

Solubility

5.1 gms/litre soluble in distilled water

Colour and Clarity

Colourless to light yellow, clear solution

pH at 25°C

3.70 - 4.70

Plant Tissue Culture Test

The growth promoting properties of medium is assessed by providing plant cultures with relative humidity of about 60%±2%, temperature 22°C±2°C and photoperiod of about 16:8. The plant species showed actively growing callus and shoots with no structural, necrotic and toxic deformity.

Directions

- Reconstitute medium by adding required quantity of powder in two-third of total volume with constant, gentle stirring till the medium gets completely dissolved.
- Add heat stable supplements prior to autoclaving.
- Make up the final volume with distilled water.
- Adjust the pH of the medium to 5.75 ± 0.5 using 1N NaOH/HCl.
- Add gelling agent and heat the medium to boiling till complete dissolution of gelling agent.
- Sterilize the medium by autoclaving at 15 lbs and 121°C for 15 min.
- Cool the autoclaved medium to about 45°C before adding heat labile supplements.
- Aseptically dispense the desired amount of medium under a laminar airflow unit in sterile culture vessels

Storage and Shelf Life

- The plant tissue culture medium powder is extremely hygroscopic and must be stored at 2-8°C in air tight containers.
- Preferably, entire content of each package should be used immediately after opening.
- Use before the expiry date.

Precautions

- Ensure appropriate pH of the medium before addition of gelling agent as acidic pH will lead to decreased gelation resulting in semi solid flowing gel while alkaline pH will lead to formation of hardened gel.
- Use of Distilled water/Tissue culture grade water is recommended for media preparation as tap water or lower grade water may lead to salt precipitation and improper gelation.
- Avoid preparation of concentrated solutions, as it will lead to precipitation of salts.

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