MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
Molecular Biology Growth Media

Technical Information

EMM Growth Agar

Product Code: G1052

EMM Growth Agar is a minimal defined media for the growth of *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*.

Composition**

Ingredients	Grams/Litre
Phthalic acid K+	3.00
Disodium hydrogen phosphate	2.20
Ammonium chloride	5.00
Dextrose	20.00
Magnesium chloride, $6H_2O$	1.05
Calcium chloride, $2H_2O$	0.0147
Potassium chloride	1.00
Sodium sulphate	0.04
Pantothenic acid	0.001
Nicotinic acid	0.01
Myoinositol	0.01
Biotin	0.001
Boric acid	0.0005
Manganese sulphate	0.0004
Zinc sulphate, $7H_2O$	0.0004
Ferric chloride , $6H_2O$	0.0002
Molybdic acid	40 mcg
Potassium iodide	0.0001
Copper sulphate, $5H_2O$	40 mcg
Citric acid	0.001
Agar	15.00

** Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Principle and Interpretation

EMM Growth Agar is a minimal defined media for the growth of *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*. Yeasts are unicellular eukaryotes and extensively studied model organism in molecular genetics. The fission yeast *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* is a model eukaryote which is very useful in studies of cell cycle and chromosome dynamics. These cells maintain their shape by growing through the cell tips and divide by medial fission to produce two daughter cells of equal sizes that makes them a powerful tool in cell cycle research. It was first developed as an experimental model in the 1950's for studying genetics (1, 2) and for studying the cell cycle (3, 4). EMM (Edinburgh Minimal Media) Growth Medium is used for the maintenance and propagation of *S. pombe* in various molecular microbiology procedures. It functions as a minimal defined medium for fission yeast growth and it contains dextrose, minerals and trace elements. Dextrose serves as the carbon source.

Quality control

Appearance of Powder :
Light yellow coloured, homogeneous, free flowing powder.
Gelling :
Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel.
Colour and Clarity :
Light yellow coloured, clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates.
Cultural Response :
Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 25-30°C for 18 - 48 hours.

Organisms (ATCC)	Growth
Schizosaccharomyces pombe	good-luxuriant

Storage and Shelf Life

- Store below 30°C in tightly closed container and the prepared medium at 2 - 8°C.
- Use before expiry date on the label.

Reference

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