

Technical Information

Minimum Salt w/ Casein Acid Hydrolysate

Product Code: DM 2254

Composition**

Magnesium sulphate

Application: - Minimum Salt w/ Casein Acid Hydrolysate is used for the cultivation of *Escherichia coli* strains used for genetic and molecular studies.

Composition		
Ingredients	Gms / Litre	
Casein acid hydrolysate	4.000	
Disodium hydrogen phosphate	6.800	
Monopotassium hydrogen phosphate	3.000	
Sodium chloride	0.500	
Ammonium chloride	1.000	
Dextrose	4.000	

Final pH (at 25°C)

**Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Principle & Interpretation

Minimum Salt with Casein Acid Hydrolysate medium is based on the formula originally suggested by Davis et al ⁽¹⁾. The medium with the addition of casein acid hydrolysate is used for cultivating *Escherichia coli* strains used for genetic and molecular studies.

0.240 6.8±0.2

Casein acid hydrolysate supplies many amino acids (except tryptophan) to *E. coli*. Ammonium chloride is added as a nitrogen source. Dextrose serves as the carbon and energy source while the two phosphates buffer the medium against pH changes due to the utilization of carbohydrate. Magnesium ions are required in a variety of enzymatic reactions including DNA replication (2).

Methodology

Suspend 19.54 grams of powder media in 1000 ml distilled water. Shake well heat to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Mix well and dispense as desired.

Quality Control

Physical Appearance

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium

Light amber coloured clear to slightly opalescent solution

Reaction

Reaction of 1.95% w/v aqueous solutions at 25°C. pH: 6.8±0.2

pH range 6.60-7.00

Cultural Response/Characteristics

DM2254: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18-24 hours.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth
Escherichia coli strain B ATCC 23226	50-100	Good-luxuriant





Storage and Shelf Life

Dried Media: Store below 30°C in tightly closed container and use before expiry date as mentioned on the label. **Prepared Media:** 2-8⁰ in sealable plastic bags for 2-5 days.

Further Reading

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