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Abstract

This protocol will make 1 L of ApM1 or ApRM1 medium, optimized for heterotrophic growth of *Auxenochlorella protothecoides*. This is high phosphate buffered medium that prevents excessive acidification. Use the attached spreadsheet to adjust masses and volumes as required  [Auxenochlorella protothecoides me... 114.6KB](#). The recipe is adapted from US Patent US20140178950A1 (pg. 28), US Patent US8927522B2 (pg. 37) and US Patent US12037630B2 (pg. 18 & 20).

Guidelines

Add phosphate salts to water; do not add water to phosphate salts or they may form an insoluble slag

Ammonium sulfate concentration is 7.5 mM, **ammonium ion concentration is 15 mM**

Ammonium sulfate is added post-sterilization to avoid precipitation

Sugar is added post-sterilization to avoid caramelization

Vitamins and antibiotics are added post-sterilization to avoid degradation



Materials

1 L beaker
1 L autoclavable media storage bottle
2 L Erlenmeyer flask
Milli-Q water
potassium phosphate dibasic anhydrous (Fisher P288-500)
sodium phosphate monobasic monohydrate (Fisher S369-1)
magnesium sulfate heptahydrate (Fisher M63-500)
citric acid (Fisher BP339-500)
calcium chloride dihydrate (Fisher C79-500)
agar (Fisher BP1423-500)
agarose (Fisher BP1356-500)
yeast extract (Fisher BP9727-500)
ammonium sulfate (Fisher A702-500)
glucose (Fisher D19-212)
thiamine-HCl (Sigma T1270-25G)
sucrose (Fisher S2-500)
melibiose (CHEM-IMPEX 00808)
G418-sulfate (VWR E859-5G)
hygromycin B (VWR K547-20ML)
copper sulfate pentahydrate (Fisher BP346-500)
boric acid (Sigma B9645-500G)
zinc sulfate heptahydrate (Sigma Z0251-500G)
manganese chloride tetrahydrate (Sigma M3634-100G)
sodium molybdate dihydrate (Sigma M1651-100G)
iron sulfate heptahydrate (MP Biochemicals 194663)



Fill beaker to about 700 mL with MilliQ water

- 1 Add magnetic stir bar and spin to mix

Add ingredients

- 2  4.2 g potassium phosphate dibasic anhydrous (Fisher P288-500)

[M] 24.1 millimolar (mM)

-  3.57 g sodium phosphate monobasic monohydrate (Fisher S369-1)

[M] 25.9 millimolar (mM)

-  240 mg magnesium sulfate heptahydrate (Fisher M63-500)

[M] 974 micromolar (μ M)

-  250 mg citric acid (Fisher BP339-500) [M] 1.3 millimolar (mM)

-  1.7 mL 100 mM calcium chloride dihydrate (Fisher C79-500)

[M] 170 micromolar (μ M)

-  10 mL 100X Ap trace element solution

Optional for solid media

-  15 g agar (Fisher (BP1423-500) [M] 1.5 Mass / % volume

OR

-  8 g agarose (Fisher BP1356-500) [M] 0.8 Mass / % volume **(use agarose for minus thiamine selection)**

Optional for rich media (ApRM1)

-  4 g yeast extract (Fisher BP9727-500) [M] 0.4 Mass / % volume

Adjust volume to 909 mL with MilliQ water and autoclave

55m

- 3 Autoclave  121 °C  00:55:00  1.24 Bar

55m

Post-sterilization additions



4 Cool to 50 °C in water bath

50 mL 150 mM ammonium sulfate (Fisher A702-500) 7.5 millimolar (mM)

40 mL 50% glucose (Fisher D19-212) 2 Mass / % volume

1 mL 2 mM thiamine-HCl (Sigma T1270-25G) 2 micromolar (μM)

Optional for minus-thiamine media - don't add thiamine-HCl

Optional for sucrose media

40 mL 50% sucrose (Fisher S2-500) 2 Mass / % volume

Optional for melibiose media

40 mL 50% melibiose (CHEM-IMPEX 00808) 2 Mass / % volume

Optional for G418 media

1 mL 100 mg/mL G418-sulfate (VWR E859-5G) 100 Mass Percent

Optional for hygromycin B media

6 mL 50 mg/ mL hygromycin B (VWR K547-20ML) 300 Mass Percent

Storage

5 Store liquid medium without sugar, thiamine or antibiotics at Room temperature or

4 °C

Store liquid medium with sugar, thiamine or antibiotics at 4 °C

Store solid medium with sugar, thiamine or antibiotics at 4 °C

Stock solutions

6 **100X Ap trace element solution (1 L)**

2.743 g citric acid (Fisher BP339-500) 14.3 millimolar (mM)

11 mg copper sulfate pentahydrate (Fisher BP346-500) 44.1 micromolar (μM)

330 mg boric acid (Sigma B9645-500G) 340.5 micromolar (μM)

1.4 g zinc sulfate heptahydrate (Sigma Z0251-500G) 4.89 millimolar (mM)



🧪 948.5 mg manganese chloride tetrahydrate (Sigma M3634-100G)

[M] 4.79 millimolar (mM)

🧪 3.9 mg sodium molybdate dihydrate (Sigma M1651-100G)

[M] 161 micromolar (μM)

🧪 110 mg iron sulfate heptahydrate (MP Biochemicals 194663)

[M] 396 micromolar (μM)

Add citric acid first, then salts to 700 mL of MilliQ water with a magnetic stir bar and mix to dissolve

Adjust volume to 1 L

Store at 🌡 4 °C

100 mM calcium chloride (1 L)

🧪 14.701 g calcium chloride dihydrate (Fisher C79-500)

Dissolve in 700 mL MilliQ water with a magnetic stir bar

Adjust volume to 1 L

Store at 🌡 4 °C

150 mM ammonium sulfate (1 L)

🧪 19.82 g ammonium sulfate (Fisher A702-500)

[M] 150 millimolar (mM)

Dissolve in 700 mL MilliQ water with a magnetic stir bar

Adjust volume to 1 L

Filter sterilize into a sterile bottle with a bottle top filter (Fisherbrand FB12566510)

Store at 🌡 Room temperature

2 mM thiamine hydrochloride (1L)

🧪 675 mg Sigma (T1270-25G)

[M] 2 millimolar (mM)

Dissolve in 700 mL MilliQ water with a magnetic stir bar

Adjust volume to 1 L

Filter sterilize into a sterile bottle with a bottle top filter (Fisherbrand FB12566510)

Store at 🌡 4 °C

50% glucose (1L)

🧪 500 g (Fisher D19-212)

[M] 50 Mass / % volume

Slowly add to 400 mL MilliQ water with a magnetic stir bar, mix with heat until fully dissolved

Adjust volume to 1 L

Filter sterilize into a sterile bottle with a bottle top filter (Fisherbrand FB12566510)

Store at 🌡 Room temperature

**50% sucrose (1L)**

🧪 500 g (Fisher S2-500) [M] 50 Mass / % volume

Slowly add to 400 mL MilliQ water with a magnetic stir bar, mix with heat until fully dissolved

Adjust volume to 1 L

Filter sterilize into a sterile bottle with a bottle top filter (Fisherbrand FB12566510)

Store at 🌡 Room temperature

50% melibiose (500 mL)

🧪 250 g melibiose monohydrate (CHEM-IMPEX 00808) [M] 50 Mass / % volume

Slowly add to 200 mL MilliQ water with a magnetic stir bar, mix with heat until fully dissolved

Adjust volume to 500 mL

Filter sterilize into a sterile bottle with a bottle top filter (Fisherbrand FB12566510)

Store at 🌡 Room temperature

100 mg/mL G418 sulfate (10 mL)

🧪 5 g G418 Sulfate (VWR E859-5G)

Dissolve in 40 mL MilliQ water

Adjust volume to 50 mL

Filter sterilize with a 0.22 μ m syringe filter (MliliporeSigma SLGVR33RB)

Aliquot 1 mL into sterile eppendorf tubes

Store aliquots at 🌡 -20 °C



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