

Preparation of 100 ml germination medium

The medium consists of inorganic salts and vitamins of MS medium, 30 g/L sucrose, 100 mg/L myo-inositol and 8 g/L agar Using:

- powdered MS medium (salts and vitamins) 4.4 g/L
- Sucrose
- Myo-inositol stock solution (10 mg/ml).
- Agar

The pH is 5.8

Calculations

MS Powder

4.4 g \longrightarrow 1000 ml

X g \longrightarrow 100 ml

$$X = \frac{4.4 * 100}{1000} = 0.44 \text{ g}$$

Sucrose

30 g \longrightarrow 1000 ml

X g \longrightarrow 100 ml

$$X = \frac{30 * 100}{1000} = 3 \text{ g}$$

Myo-inositol stock conc. = 10 mg/ml = 10 000 mg/L

$$\text{Stock} \text{---} \text{NV} = \text{N'V'} \text{---} \text{Medium}$$

$$10\ 000 * V = 100 * 100$$

$$V = \frac{100 * 100}{10\ 000} = 1 \text{ ml}$$

Agar

$$\begin{array}{lcl} 8 \text{ g} & \longrightarrow & 1000 \text{ ml} \\ X \text{ g} & \longrightarrow & 100 \text{ ml} \end{array}$$

$$X = \frac{8 * 100}{1000} = 0.8 \text{ g}$$

Steps:

In 250 ml clean beaker, put 50 ml distilled water and dissolve:

0.44 g powdered MS medium (weigh using 3 digits electric balance)

3 g sucrose

1 ml myo-inositol stock solution (10 mg/ml) (using 1 ml glass Pipette or 1000 μ l micropipette)

Up to 90 ml with distilled water (using 100 ml measuring cylinder)

Adjust pH to 5.8 using KOH and HCl

Up to 100 ml with distilled water (using 100 ml measuring cylinder)

Add 0.8 g Agar and boil with continuous stirring till disappearance of Agar

Divide into 2 jars

Autoclave for 20 minutes at 121 °C.

Results for seed germination

$$\text{Contamination\%} = \frac{\text{No. of Contaminated Cultures}}{\text{Total No. of Cultures}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Germination\%} = \frac{\text{No. of germinating seeds}}{\text{Total No. of seeds}} \times 100$$



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