

Banana Multiplication Medium

With Calcium chloride, Vitamins, Sucrose, Glucose, Ascorbic acid, IAA, 6-BAP and CleriGel™

Product Code: PT079G

Product Description :

Banana Multiplication Medium has been developed for the *in vitro* multiplication of *Musa* species, family *Musaceae*. It is based on the Murashige and Skoog media composition with certain alterations aiding towards the suitability of species. The formulation is a nutrient blend of inorganic salts, vitamins, carbohydrates, amino acid, plant growth regulators and gelling agent.

Banana Multiplication Medium provides all the essential macroelements and microelements. Potassium nitrate and ammonium nitrate serve as sources of nitrate and helps in organogenesis. This mixture of cation and anion is responsible for maintaining pH of the media. Potassium dihydrogen phosphate serves as source of phosphate. Microelements like Boron, Manganese, Molybdenum, Iron, Copper and Zinc enhance metabolism in the plants. Thiamine and Inositol act as enzymatic cofactors in universal pathways including glycolysis and TCA cycle along with primary and secondary metabolism in the plants. Sucrose and glucose provides energy and acts as a osmoticum. Ascorbic acid serves as an antioxidant. 6-BAP aids in shoot proliferation and multiplication while IAA induces rooting.

CleriGel™, a gellan gum is used as an alternative to agar. It offers several advantages over conventional agar as it sets a clear gel which assists easy observation of cultures and their possible contamination. Unlike agar, gel strength of CleriGel™ is unaffected over a wide range of pH and contains no contaminants like phenolic compounds that can be toxic to plant tissues. It solidifies uniformly and rapidly.

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/L
MACROELEMENTS	
Ammonium nitrate	1650.000

Calcium chloride	332.200
Magnesium sulphate	180.690
Potassium nitrate	1900.000
Potassium phosphate monobasic	170.000
MICROELEMENTS	
Boric acid	6.200
Cobalt chloride hexahydrate	0.025
Copper sulphate pentahydrate	0.025
EDTA disodium salt dihydrate	37.300
Ferrous sulphate heptahydrate	27.800
Manganese sulphate monohydrate	16.900
Molybdic acid (sodium salt)	0.213
Potassium Iodide	0.830
Zinc sulphate heptahydrate	8.600
VITAMINS	
L-Ascorbic acid	20.000
Pyridoxine HCl	0.500
Thiamine hydrochloride	0.400
AMINO ACID	
Glycine	2.000
CARBOHYDRATE	
Glucose	2.000
Sucrose	30000.000
GELLING AGENT	
CleriGel™	3000.000
OTHERS	
6-Benzylaminopurine	4.500
Indole-3-acetic acid	0.180
Nicotinic acid (free acid)	0.500
Total(gms/litre)	37.4

Material required but not provided :

- Autoclaved distilled water
- 1N NaOH/HCl

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.

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.
- 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.

Quality Control:

Appearance

White to off-white, homogenous, free flowing powder

Solubility

37.4 gms/litre soluble after boiling in distilled water

Colour and Clarity

Colourless to light yellow solution, clear gel is formed on cooling

Gelling

Firm gel formed at pH: 5.75 ± 0.5

pH at 25°C

4.00 -5.00

Plant Tissue Culture Test

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

Storage and Shelf Life:

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

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