

Orchid Maintenance Microelements (100X)

TS1081

Composition :

| Ingredients | milligrams/litre |
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| Manganese sulphate.H ₂ O | 8.45 |
| Boric acid | 3.10 |
| Potassium iodide | 0.42 |
| Molybdic acid (sodium salt).2H ₂ O | 0.11 |
| Zinc sulphate.7H ₂ O | 5.30 |
| Copper sulphate.5H ₂ O | 0.0125 |
| Cobalt chloride.6H ₂ O | 0.0125 |
| Ferrous sulphate.7H ₂ O | 27.80 |
| EDTA disodium salt.2H ₂ O | 37.30 |
| TOTAL gm/litre | 0.08 |

Directions :

Suspend 0.06 grams of dehydrated microelements powder[#] in 600ml of distilled water. Apply constant gentle stirring to the solution till the powder dissolves completely. Add desired heat stable supplements prior to autoclaving. Adjust the medium to the desired pH using 1N HCl/NaOH. Make up the final volume to 1000ml with distilled water. Sterilize the medium by autoclaving at 15 lbs or 121°C for 15 minutes. Cool the autoclaved medium to 45°C before adding the filter sterilized heat labile supplements. Dispense the desired amount of medium aseptically in sterile culture vessels.

[#] Weight after vacuum drying to remove all water

Principle and Interpretation :

Orchid Maintenance microelements (100X) powder has been specially formulated for plant cell, tissue and organ cultures. The powder contains inorganic microelements and iron source. The vial contains 6.30 grams of dehydrated microelements that is sufficient for making 100 litres of complete medium.

Quality Control :

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| Appearance | : Light yellow to yellow, homogeneous, free flowing powder. |
| Solubility | : 0.06 gm/litre soluble in distilled water. |
| Colour and Clarity | : Light yellow to yellow, clear solution. |
| pH at 25°C | : 2.4 ±0.5 of 0.006% w/v dehydrated microelements powder. |

Cultural Response :

Cultural condition :

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| · Incubation period | : 5 weeks |
| · Relative humidity | : 60% ± 2% |
| · Temperature | : 22°C ± 2°C |
| · Photoperiod (D:N) in hours | : 16:8 |

| Cell Line | Type of Culture | Results |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|
| <i>Vanda</i> species | Shoot culture | No structural deformity observed No necrotic tissues, Actively growing shoots, No toxicity to shoots |

[The medium is prepared as per direction. The growth promoting activity of this dehydrated microelements is evaluated using plant species viz. *Vanda* species through three passages. Plant growth hormones (e.g. 2,4-D, NAA, Kinetin and 6-BAP) are added in suitable combinations and concentrations.

Storage and shelf life :

Dehydrated microelements powder is extremely hygroscopic and should be protected from atmospheric moisture. If possible, the entire content of each bottle should be used immediately after opening or else the unused portion should be stored in a desiccator and refrigerated at 2-8°C. Use before the expiry date.

Reference :

1. Murashige T. & Skoog F., *Physiol. Plant.*, (1962), 15, 473 - 497

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