

Product Information

Minimum Essential Medium Eagle (MEM), Joklik Modification for Suspension Cultures

Minimum Essential Medium (MEM), developed by Harry Eagle, is one of the most widely used of all synthetic cell culture media. Early attempts to cultivate normal mammalian fibroblasts and certain subtypes of HeLa cells revealed they had specific nutritional requirements that could not be met by Eagle's Basal Medium (BME). Subsequent studies using these and other cells in culture indicated additions to BME could be made to aid growth of a wider variety of fastidious cells.

MEM, which incorporates these modifications, includes higher concentrations of amino acids so the medium more closely approximates the protein composition of cultured mammalian cells. MEM has been used for cultivation of a wide variety of cells grown in monolayers. Optional supplementation of non-essential amino acids to the formulations that incorporate either Hanks' or Earle's salts has broadened the usefulness of this medium. The formulation has been further modified by optional elimination of calcium to permit growth of cells in suspension culture.

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	M0518	M8028	56449C
	[powder]	[1×]	[powder]
COMPONENT	g/L	g/L	g/L
Inorganic Salts			
MgCl ₂ • 6H ₂ O	0.2	0.2	—
MgCl ₂ anhydrous	—	—	0.09368
KCl	0.4	0.4	0.4
NaHCO ₃	—	2.0	—
NaCl	6.5	6.5	6.5
Na ₂ HPO ₄ (anhydrous)	1.154	1.154	1.154
Amino acids			
L-Arginine • HCl	0.126	1.26	0.126
L-Cystine • 2HCl	0.0324	0.0324	0.0324
L-Glutamine	0.292	—	0.292
L-Histidine • HCl • H ₂ O	0.042	0.042	—
L-Histidine free base	—	—	0.031
L-Isoleucine	0.052	0.052	0.052
L-Leucine	0.052	0.052	0.052
L-Lysine • HCl	0.0725	0.0725	—
L-Lysine free base	—	—	0.058
L-Methionine	0.015	0.015	0.015
L-Phenylalanine	0.032	0.032	0.032
L-Threonine	0.048	0.048	0.048
L-Tryptophan	0.01	0.01	0.01
L-Tyrosine • 2Na • 2H ₂ O	0.05452	0.05452	0.05452
L-Valine	0.046	0.046	0.046
Vitamins			
Choline Chloride	0.001	0.001	0.001
Folic Acid	0.001	0.001	0.001
<i>myo</i> -Inositol	0.002	0.002	0.002
Niacinamide	0.001	0.001	0.001
D-Panthenic Acid • ½Ca	0.001	0.001	0.001
Pyridoxal • HCl	0.001	0.001	0.001
Riboflavin	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
Thiamine • HCl	0.001	0.001	0.001
Other			
Glucose	2.0	2.0	2.0
Phenol Red • Na	0.011	0.011	0.011
ADD			
L-Glutamine	—	0.292	—
NaHCO ₃	2.0	—	2.0