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1. Identification

Product name	Minimum Essential Medium Eagle (MEM) With Earle's salts, L-Glutamine Without Sodium Bicarbonate, NEAA and Phenol red
Catalog.no	CCMP066

2. Description

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.

3. Product Specifications

Appearance	White powder
CO ₂ concentration, optimum	5.0 %
Storage and shelf life	Store at +2°C to +8°C protected from light.
Shipping conditions	Ambient

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4. Formulation

Components	Concentration mg/L
Amino Acids:	
L-Arginine HCl	126
L-Cystine 2HCl	31.3
L-Glutamine	292
L-Histidine HCl H ₂ O	42.0
L-Isoleucine	52.0
L-Leucine	52.0
L-Lysine HCl	72.50
L-Methionine	15.0
L-Phenylalanine	32.0
L-Threonine	48.0
L-Tryptophan	10
L-Tyrosine 2Na 2H ₂ O	51.9
L-Valine	46.0
Vitamins:	
Choline chloride	1.0

Components	Concentration mg/L
D-Pantothenic acid • ½Ca	1.0
Folic Acid	1.0
myo-Inositol	2.0
Nicotinamide	1.0
Pyridoxal HCl	1.0
Riboflavin	0.10
Thiamine HCl	1.0
Inorganic Salts	
CaCl ₂ 2H ₂ O	265
MgSO ₄ (anhydrous)	97.72
KCl	400
NaCl	6800
NaH ₂ PO ₄	122
Other Components:	
D-Glucose	1000.0

Preparation of 1-liter liquid medium:

1. Suspend 9.6 g in 900 ml cell culture grade water with constant, gentle stirring until the powder is completely dissolved. Do not heat the water.
2. Add 2.2 g of sodium bicarbonate powder or 29.3 ml of 7.5 % sodium bicarbonate solution for 1 liter of medium and stir until dissolved.
3. Adjust the pH to 0.2 to 0.3 pH units below the desired pH using 1 N HCl or 1 N NaOH since the pH tends to rise during filtration.
4. Add cell culture grade water up to the final volume of 1000 ml
5. Sterilize the medium immediately by filtering through a sterile membrane filter with porosity of 0.22 micron or less, using positive pressure rather than vacuum to minimize the loss of carbon dioxide.
6. Aseptically add sterile supplements as required and dispense the desired amount of sterile medium into sterile containers.
7. Store liquid medium at +2°C to +8°C and in dark until use.

5. Precautions and Disclaimer

This product is for research use only. Please consult the Material Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.