Orchid Maintenance/ Replate Medium
With Calcium Chloride, Vitamins, Sucrose, Banana powder, HiVeg™ peptone, MES and Activated Charcoal
Without Agar

Product Code: PT073

Product Description:
Orchid Maintenance Medium has been formulated for the effective maintenance of the orchid species.

It is a nutrient blend of inorganic salts, vitamins and carbohydrates. In addition, it is supplemented with MES buffer which maintains optimum buffering and prevents acidification in the media required for the cultivation of orchids. HiVeg™ peptone is added as an additional source of reduced organic nitrogen. Microelements like Boron, Manganese, Molybdenum, Copper, Iron and Zinc enhance metabolism in the plants. Thiamine, pyridoxine, nicotinic acid acts as enzymatic cofactors in universal pathways including glycolysis and TCA cycle along with the primary and secondary metabolism in the plants. Activated charcoal adsorbs inhibitory leachouts from medium while banana powder aids in organogenesis as well as promotes the growth of protocorm like bodies.

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
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MACROELEMENTS | 
Ammonium nitrate | 825.000
Calcium chloride | 166.100
Magnesium sulphate | 90.340
Potassium nitrate | 950.000
Potassium phosphate monobasic | 85.000
MICROELEMENTS | 
Boric acid | 3.100
Cobalt chloride hexahydrate | 0.013
Copper sulphate pentahydrate | 0.013
EDTA disodium salt dihydrate | 37.300
Ferrous sulphate heptahydrate | 27.800
Manganese sulphate monohydrate | 8.450
Molybdic acid (sodium salt) | 0.106

Potassium Iodide | 0.420
Zinc sulphate heptahydrate | 5.300
VITAMINS | 
myo-Inositol | 100.000
Nicotinic acid (free acid) | 1.000
Pyridoxine HCl | 1.000
Thiamine hydrochloride | 10.000
CARBOHYDRATE | 
Banana powder | 30000.000
Sucrose | 20000.000
MES | 10000.000

Total (gms/litre) | 57.3

Material required but not provided:
- Autoclaved distilled water
- Plant growth regulators
- 1N NaOH/HCl
- Gelling agents like Agar (PCT0901) or CleriGel™ (PCT0903)

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.
• Add the gelling agent and 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
Grey to black, homogenous, free flowing powder

Solubility
57.3 gms/litre soluble in distilled water

Colour and Clarity
Grey to black, opaque solution

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%±2%, temperature 22°C±2°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°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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