



Medium 171, Medium 171PRF, and MEGS

Instructions for storage and use

Medium 171

Catalog Number: M-171-500
500 ml

Medium 171PRF (Phenol Red-Free)

Catalog Number: M-171PRF-500
500 ml

Product Description

Medium 171 and Medium 171PRF are sterile, liquid tissue culture media intended for use as one component in a complete culture environment for the growth of normal human mammary epithelial cells. Medium 171 is a basal medium containing essential and non-essential amino acids, vitamins, other organic compounds, trace minerals, and inorganic salts. Medium 171PRF is a phenol red-free version of Medium 171. These media do not contain antibiotics, antimycotics, hormones, growth factors, or proteins. These media are HEPES and bicarbonate buffered and are designed for use in an incubator with an atmosphere of 5% CO₂/95% air. To support plating and long-term proliferation of normal human mammary epithelial cells, these media must be supplemented with Mammary Epithelial Growth Supplement (MEGS, cat.# S-015-5).

Intended Use

Medium 171 is intended for use in the routine culture of normal human mammary epithelial cells. Medium 171PRF is intended for use by investigators who wish to culture normal human mammary epithelial cells in the absence of phenol red. When supplemented with MEGS, these media will support the plating and proliferation of normal human mammary epithelial cells at densities between 2.5×10^3 cells/cm² and 8×10^4 cells/cm². ***This product is for research use only. Not for use in animals, humans, or diagnostic procedures.***

Caution: If handled improperly, some components of this product may present a health hazard. Take appropriate precautions when handling this product, including the wearing of protective clothing and eyewear. Dispose of properly.

Storage and Stability

Medium 171 and Medium 171PRF are stored at 4° C in our facility and are shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, these media should be stored at 4° C and should not be frozen. **Protect from light.** Several components of these tissue culture media are light-labile, and we recommend that the media not be exposed to light for lengthy periods of time. If the media are warmed prior to use, do not exceed 37° C. When stored in the dark at 4° C, the product is stable until the expiration date on the label.

Preparation of Supplemented Medium 171

1. Thaw one bottle of MEGS. Take one bottle of Medium from cold storage. Make sure that the caps of the vessels are tight.
2. Gently swirl the bottle of supplement. Avoid splashing the supplement into the cap of the bottle or causing the supplement to foam.
3. Wipe the outside of the containers with a disinfecting solution such as 70% ethanol or isopropanol.
4. Using sterile technique in a laminar flow culture hood, transfer the entire contents of the bottle of supplement to the bottle of Medium.
5. Tightly cap the bottle of supplemented medium and swirl the contents to ensure a homogeneous solution. Avoid causing the medium to foam.

Storage and Stability of Supplemented Medium 171

Once Medium 171 or Medium 171PRF has been supplemented with MEGS, the supplemented medium should be stored in the dark at 4° C and should not be frozen. When stored in the dark at 4° C, the supplemented medium is stable for 1 month.

Selected References

The Medium 171 formulation is based on medium MCDB 170, with modifications.

Hammond SL, Ham RG, Stampfer MR; PNAS 81:5435-5439, 1984

MEGS

Mammary Epithelial Growth Supplement

Catalog Number: S-015-5

5 ml

Product Description

Mammary Epithelial Growth Supplement (MEGS) is a sterile, concentrated (100X) solution intended for use as one component in a complete culture environment for the growth of normal human mammary epithelial cells. Each 5 ml bottle of MEGS contains all of the growth factors, hormones, and tissue extracts necessary for the culture of normal human mammary epithelial cells and is the correct amount of supplement for a 500 ml bottle of Medium 171 or Medium 171PRF. MEGS is an ionically-balanced supplement containing bovine pituitary extract (BPE), bovine insulin, hydrocortisone and recombinant human epidermal growth factor. When a 500 ml bottle of Medium 171 or Medium 171PRF is supplemented with MEGS, the final concentrations of the components in the supplemented medium are: BPE, 0.4% v/v; bovine insulin, 5 µg/ml; hydrocortisone, 0.5 µg/ml; and recombinant human epidermal growth factor, 3 ng/ml.

Intended Use

MEGS is intended for use in conjunction with Medium 171 or Medium 171PRF for the routine serum-free culture of normal human mammary epithelial cells. ***This product is for research use only. Not for use in animals, humans, or diagnostic procedures.***

Caution: If handled improperly, some components of this product may present a health hazard. Take appropriate precautions when handling this product, including the wearing of protective clothing and eyewear. Dispose of properly.

Storage and Stability

MEGS is stored at -20° C at our facility and is shipped on dry ice. Upon receipt, the product should be stored at -20° C in a freezer that is not self-defrosting. When stored at -20° C, the product is stable until the expiration date shown on the label.

After long-term storage at -20° C, MEGS may contain a small amount of precipitate. This precipitate is formed from cold-insoluble material in the BPE component of the MEGS and will not affect the performance of the product.

Thawing

To thaw, place the product in a 37° C water bath or overnight at 4° C. If thawed in a water bath, do not leave the product at 37° C after the product has thawed. For instructions on adding MEGS to Medium 171, please refer to the instructions that accompany the basal medium.

Selected References

The MEGS formulation is based on published supplementation of medium MCDB 170, with modifications.

Hammond SL, Ham RG, Stampfer MR; PNAS 81:5435-5439, 1984

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