

Astrocyte Medium

(AM)

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Product Description

Astrocyte Medium (AM) is a complete medium designed for optimal growth of normal human astrocytes *in vitro*. It is a sterile, liquid medium which contains essential and non-essential amino acids, vitamins, organic and inorganic compounds, hormones, growth factors, trace minerals and a low concentration of fetal bovine serum (2%). The medium is bicarbonate buffered and has a pH of 7.4 when equilibrated in an incubator with an atmosphere of 5% CO₂/95% air. The medium is formulated (quantitatively and qualitatively) to provide a defined and optimally balanced nutritional environment that selectively promotes growth of normal human astrocytes *in vitro*.

Components

AM consists of 500 ml of basal medium, 10 ml of fetal bovine serum (FBS, Cat. No. 0010), 5 ml of astrocyte growth supplement (AGS, Cat. No. 1852) and 5 ml of penicillin/streptomycin solution (P/S, Cat. No. 0503). Please see the preparation procedures below for the final assembly of the medium.

Product Use

AM is for research use only. It is not approved for human or animal use, or for application in *in vitro* diagnostic procedures.

Storage

Store the basal medium at 4°C, the AGS, the FBS and the P/S solution at -20°C. Protect from light.

Shipping

Gel ice.

Prepare for use

Thaw AGS, FBS and P/S solution at 37°C. Gently tilt the AGS tube several times during thawing to help the contents dissolve. **Make sure the contents of the supplement are completely dissolved into solution before adding to the medium**. Rinse the bottle and tubes with 70% ethanol, and then wipe to remove excess. Remove the cap, being careful not to touch the interior threads with fingers. Add AGS, FBS and P/S solution into basal medium in a sterile field, mix well and then the reconstituted medium is ready for use. Since several components of this medium are light-labile, it is recommended that the medium not be exposed to light for lengthy periods of time. If the medium is warmed prior to use, do not exceed 37°C. When stored in the dark at 4°C, the reconstituted medium is stable for one month.

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