



## Melanocyte Medium (MeIM)

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### Product Description

The Melanocyte Medium (MeIM) is a complete medium designed for optimal growth of normal human dermal-derived melanocytes *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 low percent of fetal bovine serum (0.5%). It is HEPES and bicarbonate buffered and has a pH of 7.4 when equilibrated in an incubator with an atmosphere of 5% CO<sub>2</sub>/95% air. The medium is formulated (quantitatively and qualitatively) to provide a defined and optimally balanced nutritional environment that selectively promotes proliferation and growth of normal human melanocytes *in vitro*.

### Components

MeIM consists of 500 ml of basal medium, 5 ml of melanocyte growth supplement (MeIGS, Cat. No. 2252), 2.5 ml of fetal bovine serum (FBS, Cat. No. 0002) and 5 ml of penicillin/streptomycin solution (P/S, Cat. No. 0503). **Note:** Due to BPE in the growth supplement, formation of lipoproteins can cause precipitates to be present; the color may vary with different lots.

### Product Use

MeIM 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 MeIGS, FBS and the P/S solution at -20°C. Protect from light.

### Shipping

Gel ice.

### Prepare for use

Thaw MeIGS, FBS, and P/S solution at 37°C. Gently tilt the MeIGS 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 MeIGS, 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.*