

268: TEA FUNGUS MEDIUM

Tea (leaves, black)	5.00	g
Sucrose	50.00	g
Tap water	1000.00	ml

Add tea and sucrose to a 1 l flask, pour on freshly boiled tap water and allow to stand for 15 minutes. Filter and cool to room temperature. When starting with a small amount of tea fungus use a 50 ml beaker and 10 ml of the sweetened tea (freed of leaves) which has been acidified by addition of 0.05 ml of boiled vinegar (5%). Place a small disc of a cork stopper on the surface of the tea and place the inoculum onto it. Cover the beaker with aluminium foil and incubate. (Steam the cork disc for 15 min on two successive days).