

119: METHANOBACTERIUM MEDIUM

Final pH: 6.8 - 7.0

Final volume: 1003 ml

KH ₂ PO ₄	0.50	g
MgSO ₄ x 7 H ₂ O	0.40	g
NaCl	0.40	g
NH ₄ Cl	0.40	g
CaCl ₂ x 2 H ₂ O	0.05	g
Trace element solution SL-10	1.00	ml
Yeast extract (OXOID)	1.00	g
Na-acetate	1.00	g
Na-formate	2.00	g
FeSO₄ x 7 H₂O solution (0.1% w/v)	2.00	ml
Sludge fluid	50.00	ml
Fatty acid mixture	20.00	ml
Sodium resazurin (0.1% w/v)	0.50	ml
NaHCO ₃	4.00	g
L-Cysteine HCl x H ₂ O	0.50	g
Na ₂ S x 9 H ₂ O	0.50	g
Distilled water	930.00	ml

1. Dissolve ingredients except bicarbonate, cysteine and sulfide. Sparge medium with 80% H₂ and 20% CO₂ gas mixture for 30 - 45 min to make it anoxic. Add and dissolve bicarbonate, adjust pH to 6.5 and dispense medium under 80% H₂ and 20% CO₂ gas atmosphere into anoxic Hungate-type tubes or serum vials to 30% of their volume and autoclave. Add cysteine and sulfide from sterile anoxic stock solutions prepared under 100% N₂ gas. Prior to use check pH of complete medium and adjust to 6.8 - 7.0, if necessary.

2. Note: After growth has started and the culture is becoming turbid add sterile 80% H₂ and 20% CO₂ gas mixture to 0.5 - 1 bar overpressure.

For [DSM 1093](#), [DSM 1125](#), [DSM 11995](#), [DSM 16643](#): Supplement medium after autoclaving with 1 ml/l Wolin's vitamin solution (10x, see medium 120), 0.30 g/l DL-dithiothreitol, and 0.15 g/l coenzyme M (2-mercaptoethanesulfonic acid) from anoxic stock solutions sterilized by filtration. Omit Na₂S x 9 H₂O and L-Cysteine HCl x H₂O.

For [DSM 1535](#): Adjust pH of complete medium to 7.6.

For [DSM 2030](#): Adjust pH to 6.5 and add sterile 80% H₂ and 20% CO₂ gas to 2 bar overpressure after inoculation.

For [DSM 3267](#), [DSM 11074](#), [DSM 11075](#): Adjust pH of complete medium to 8.0 - 8.3.

For [DSM 6216](#): Increase amount of Na-acetate to 3.00 g/l.

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For [DSM 7057](#): Supplement medium with 2.00 g/l Na₂SO₄.

For [DSM 7095](#): Supplement medium with 0.3 g DL-Dithiothreitol. Omit Na₂S x 9 H₂O.

For [DSM 9575](#): Add sterile 80% H₂ and 20% CO₂ gas mixture to 2 bar overpressure after inoculation.

For [DSM 15163](#): Supplement medium with 0.3 g DL-Dithiothreitol. Omit Na₂S x 9 H₂O. Adjust pH of final medium to 6.0.

For [DSM 16632](#): Replace sludge fluid with the same volume of clarified rumen fluid (see medium 1310) and supplement medium with 2.00 g/l Trypticase peptone and 10.00 ml/l of Wolin's vitamin solution (see medium 141).

For [DSM 25824](#): Supplement medium after autoclaving with 0.10 g/l 2-mercaptoethanesulfonic acid (coenzyme M) added from an anoxic stock solution sterilized by filtration and add sterile 80% H₂ and 20% CO₂ gas mixture to 1 bar overpressure after inoculation.

For [DSM 25939](#): Adjust pH of the complete medium to 7.2 and add sterile 80% H₂ and 20% CO₂ gas mixture to 1 bar overpressure after inoculation.

For [DSM 25945](#): Adjust pH of the complete medium to 7.4 and add sterile 80% H₂ and 20% CO₂ gas mixture to 1 bar overpressure after inoculation.

For [DSM 102889](#): Adjust pH of complete medium to 8.5 - 9.0.

For [DSM 108286](#): Adjust pH of final medium to 6.0.

Sludge fluid (from medium 119)

Yeast extract	4.00	g
Sludge	1000.00	ml

Add 0.4% yeast extract to sludge from an anaerobic digester, and after gassing with nitrogen gas for a few minutes incubate it at 37°C for 24 hours. Then centrifuge the sludge at 13000 g and autoclave the resulting, clear supernatant in screw-capped vessels under nitrogen gas. The sludge fluid can be stored at 8-12°C in the dark.

Fatty acid mixture (from medium 119)

Isobutyric acid	23.00	ml
DL-2-Methylbutyric acid	27.00	ml
Valeric acid	27.00	ml
Isovaleric acid	27.00	ml
Distilled water	896.00	ml

Adjust pH to 7.5 with concentrated NaOH.

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Trace element solution SL-10 (from medium 320)

HCl (25%)	10.00	ml
FeCl ₂ x 4 H ₂ O	1.50	g
ZnCl ₂	70.00	mg
MnCl ₂ x 4 H ₂ O	100.00	mg
H ₃ BO ₃	6.00	mg
CoCl ₂ x 6 H ₂ O	190.00	mg
CuCl ₂ x 2 H ₂ O	2.00	mg
NiCl ₂ x 6 H ₂ O	24.00	mg
Na ₂ MoO ₄ x 2 H ₂ O	36.00	mg
Distilled water	990.00	ml

First dissolve FeCl₂ in the HCl, then dilute in water, add and dissolve the other salts. Finally make up to 1000.00 ml.

FeSO₄ x 7 H₂O solution (0.1% w/v) (from medium 119)

FeSO ₄ x 7 H ₂ O	1.00	g
H ₂ SO ₄ (0.1 N)	1000.00	ml

The ferrous sulfate solution is not stable and should be freshly prepared.