

## 81. MINERAL MEDIUM FOR CHEMOLITHOTROPHIC GROWTH (H-3)

**Solution A:**

KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	2.300	g
Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> x 2 H <sub>2</sub> O	2.900	g
Distilled water	50.000	ml

**Solution B:**

NH <sub>4</sub> Cl	1.000	g
MgSO <sub>4</sub> x 7 H <sub>2</sub> O	0.500	g
CaCl <sub>2</sub> x 2 H <sub>2</sub> O	0.010	g
MnCl <sub>2</sub> x 4 H <sub>2</sub> O	0.005	g
NaVO <sub>3</sub> x H <sub>2</sub> O	0.005	g
Trace element sol. SL-6 (see medium 27)	5.000	ml
Distilled water	915.000	ml
Agar (if necessary)	20.000	g

**Solution C:**

Ferric ammonium citrate	0.050	g
Distilled water	20.000	ml

Solutions A, B, C are autoclaved separately for 15 min at 121°C, cooled down to 50°C and then mixed aseptically with 5.0 ml filter-sterilized standard vitamin solution (see below). The final pH of this medium should be 6.8 without adjustment.

For chemolithotrophic growth incubate the culture under an atmosphere of 2% (v/v) O<sub>2</sub>, 10% CO<sub>2</sub>, 60% H<sub>2</sub> and 28% N<sub>2</sub>. For heterotrophic growth supplement the mineral medium with an appropriate carbon source (0.2% carbohydrate or 0.1% organic acid). For growth on nitrogen-free medium, omit NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and incubate the culture under an atmosphere of 2% (v/v) O<sub>2</sub>, 10% CO<sub>2</sub>, 10% H<sub>2</sub> and 78% N<sub>2</sub> or heterotrophically under 2% (v/v) O<sub>2</sub> and 98% N<sub>2</sub>. For more details see Ref. 1515 and Ref. 3363.

**Standard vitamin solution:**

Riboflavin	10.000	mg
Thiamine-HCl x 2 H <sub>2</sub> O	50.000	mg
Nicotinic acid	50.000	mg
Pyridoxine-HCl	50.000	mg
Ca-pantothenate	50.000	mg
Biotin	0.100	mg
Folic acid	0.200	mg
Vitamin B <sub>12</sub>	1.000	mg
Distilled water	100.000	ml