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Title: Cultivation of *P. putida* (and *E. coli*) in rich-, minimal-, and selective medium

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Instruction

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1. Introduction / Purpose

Described here are the recipes of rich (LB)-, minimal (M9 and deBont)-, and selective media used for cultivation of *P. putida*. *E. coli* can also be cultivated in the rich- and selective media.

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2. Equipment and chemicals

2.1. Equipment

2.2. Chemicals

3. Media and Buffers

Rich medium

- **LB (1 L):** 10 g Tryptone + 5 g Yeast Extract + 10 g NaCl (Sterilization by autoclaving)
- **LB-agar (1 L):** 10 g Tryptone + 5 g Yeast Extract + 10 g NaCl + 7.5 g Bacteriological agar (Sterilization by autoclaving) * Store at > 55°C for less than 2 days to keep it liquid before pouring plates

Minimal media

deBont minimal medium (DB) components:

- **100x deBont buffer (1L):** 388 g K_2HPO_4 + 163 g NaH_2PO_4 (or 212 g $NaH_2PO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$) (Sterilization by autoclaving; check if pH+7.0; concentration 3.6 M)
- **100x $(NH_4)_2SO_4$:** 200 g $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ (Sterilization by autoclaving)
- **100x deBont trace metals:**

Component	Stock (L ⁻¹)
EDTA	1000 mg
MgCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	10 g
ZnSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	200 mg

CaCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O	100 mg
FeSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	500 mg
Na ₂ MoO ₄ ·2H ₂ O	20 mg
CuSO ₄ ·5H ₂ O	20 mg
CoCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	40 mg
MnCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O	100 mg

- EDTA must be added first and dissolved completely before adding the rest. Add 100 mg of EDTA to 25 ml of water and add drops of 10M NaOH until the EDTA is completely dissolved. Add this solution to the rest of the water and bring the pH back to 4 with concentrated HCl.
- The solution should be clear, initially green, then yellow and finally pink upon longer storage. Store in a cool, dark place.
- (Sterilization by autoclaving)
- **Glucose stock 2M (1 L):** 360.3 g Glucose (Sterilization by autoclaving or filtering to prevent possible caramelization)

DB medium composition:

- **DB (1 L):** 100 ml Glucose stock 2M + 10 ml 100x deBont buffer + 10 ml 100x (NO₄)₂SO₄ + 10 ml 100x Trace elements + 870 ml autoclaved dH₂O
- **2.2 % (w/v) agar (1 L):** 22 g Agar
- **DB-agar (1 L):** 100 ml Glucose stock 2M + 10 ml 100x deBont buffer + 10 ml 100x (NO₄)₂SO₄ + 10 ml 100x Trace elements + 233 ml autoclaved dH₂O + 637 ml 2.2% (w/v) agar

M9 medium components:

- **5x M9 medium salts (1 L):** 56.4 g Sigma Aldrich 5xM9 salts mix (Sterilization by autoclaving)
- **20% (w/v) glucose (1 L):** 200g glucose monohydrate (Sterilization by autoclaving or filtering to prevent possible caramelization)
- **MgSO₄ 1 M (1 L):** 24.65 g MgSO₄ · 7 H₂O (Sterilization by autoclaving)
- **CaCl₂ 1M (1 L):** 14.07 g CaCl₂ · 2 H₂O (Sterilization by autoclaving)
- **Thiamin (50 mL):** 50 mg thiamin-HCl (Filter sterilization 0.22 µm filter)

M9 medium composition:

- **M9 (1 L):** 200 ml M9 salts + 150 ml 20% (w/v) Glucose + 1 ml 1M MgSO₄ + 300 µl 1M CaCl₂ + 1 ml Thiamin + 10 ml 100x deBont trace metals + 637 ml autoclaved dH₂O
- **M9-agar (1 L):** 200 ml M9 salts + 150 ml 20% (w/v) Glucose + 1 ml 1M MgSO₄ + 300 µl 1M CaCl₂ + 1 ml Thiamin + 10 ml 100x deBont trace metals + 637 ml 2.2% (w/v) agar

Selective medium

- Selective medium is a medium of choice plus antibiotics.
- Antibiotics are prepared in 1000x stocks in such way that the volume of antibiotic in microliters that had to be added to a culture is the total volume of the culture in milliliters (e.g. Liquid culture of 20 ml of LB medium would require 20 μ l of antibiotic). All the antibiotics are dissolved in water and sterilized by filtering unless otherwise specified:
- **Ampicillin 150 mg/ml (10 ml):** 1.5 g Ampicillin
- **Kanamycin 50 mg/ml (10 ml):** 0.5 g Kanamycin
- **Streptomycin 50 mg/ml (10 ml):** 0.5 g Streptomycin
- **Gentamicin 10 mg/ml (10 ml):** 0.1 g Gentamicin
- **Carbonicillin 500 mg/ml (10 ml):** 5 g Carbonicillin
- **Chloramphenicol 30 mg/ml (10 ml):** 0.3 g Chloramphenicol in 100% ethanol
- Add the desired antibiotic to the medium before use. The medium should not be hot (not above a hand-warm temperature), otherwise the antibiotics will break down.

4. Procedures

Cultivate *P. putida* at 30°C with shaking at 250 rpm in liquid medium or on solid medium without shaking. Cultivate *E. coli* at 37°C with shaking at 250 rpm in liquid medium or on solid medium without shaking.

5. Remarks / troubleshooting

6. Biosafety

No biosafety issues are associated with this protocol.

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