

ATCC medium: 982 E medium for anaerobes with 0.3% phloroglucinol

Rumen Fluid (see below).....	30.0 ml
(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	0.5 g
Resazurin Solution (see below).....	0.4 ml
Salt Solution (see below).....	50.0 ml
L-Cysteine . HCl.....	0.05 g
Sterile 1% phloroglucinol solution.....	30.0 ml

Mix all the ingredients in an Erlenmeyer flask. Flask should have a small headspace to minimize air volume that must be purged during cooling. Fit a removable chimney to the boiling flask to prevent medium from boiling over. Boil (10-20 min) until medium changes from pink to yellow. Replace chimney with stopper fitted with glass tubing which bubbles O₂-free gas, composed of N₂ and H₂ through the medium to maintain in reduced state (97% N₂, 3% H₂ is employed at the ATCC) and place in an ice bath medium into tubes under O₂-free N₂ and H₂. Stopper with butyl rubber stoppers. Place rack of tubes in press so that stoppers do not dislodge, and autoclave at 121C for 12-15 minutes on fast exhaust.

Rumen Fluid:

Filter rumen contents, obtained from a cow fed an alfalfa-hay concentrated ration, through two layers of cheesecloth to remove large particles. Store bottles in the freezer. Much of the particulate matter settles. Use only the supernatant.

Resazurin Solution:

Resazurin.....	25.0 mg
Distilled water.....	100.0 ml

Salts Solution:

CaCl ₂ (anhydrous)	0.2 g
MgSO ₄	0.2 g
K ₂ HPO ₄	1.0 g
KH ₂ PO ₄	1.0 g
NaHCO ₃	10.0 g
NaCl.....	2.0 g

Dissolve CaCl₂ and MgSO₄ in 300 ml of distilled water. Add 500 ml water and add the remaining salts while swirling slowly. Add 200 ml of distilled water, mix, and store at 4C.

Phloroglucinol Solution:

Filter-sterilize freshly prepared phloroglucinol solution. Wrap glassware in aluminum foil to exclude light.