



Methanosarcina mazei **(Barker) Mah and Kuhn**

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Description

Strain designation: FA9604c [OCM 665]

Type strain: No

Storage Conditions

Product format: Frozen

Storage conditions: -80°C or colder

Intended Use

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Certificate of Analysis

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Growth Conditions

Medium:

ATCC Medium 2467: MS - OCM Base Medium

Temperature: 37°C**Atmosphere:** 80% H₂, 20% CO₂

Handling Procedures

1. Sterilize the top of the Balch tube by spraying it with 70% ethanol and then flaming the top.
2. If needed exchange the gas in the test tube for 80% H₂ -20% CO₂; do not go above 5 PSI.
3. If the medium is pink (see discussion about resazurin) add 0.1 mL reducing agent (1.5% Na₂S·9H₂O, stock solution) per each 5-6 mL of medium. Let the medium sit at room temperature for 10 to 20 minutes - until the resazurin

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becomes colorless - before inoculating.

4. When the Balch tube is ready to inoculate, open the vial thaw in an oxygen free environment.
5. For inoculation, use a 1.0 mL syringe tipped with 22 gauge needle. Make the syringe anaerobic (see discussion below) and draw the thawed cell suspension up into the syringe. Transfer the cell suspension into a tube of pre reduced #2467 broth and incubate at 30°C. Secondary tubs can be inoculated by transferring 0.5 mL of the primary tube. Plate 0.1 mL of the inoculated culture onto a non-selective medium and incubate aerobically at 30°C. Inoculate a nonselective anaerobic and aerobic broth and incubate at 30°C
6. Growth should be detected in the #2467 broth within 5 to 7 days. The gas in the head space of the Balch tube should be exchanged for fresh 80% H₂ -20% CO₂ every 2 to 3 days. There should be no growth detected on the aerobic plate. There should be no growth in the nonselective aerobic or anaerobic broth.

ANAEROBIC CONDITIONS:

- a. Balch tube refers to a special type of test tube that is designed to be pressurized and is suited for anaerobic work. The Balch test tubes can be purchased from Bellco glass (www.bellcoglass.com; stock no. 2048-00150).
- b. Resazurin is a commonly used redox indicator that is pink when the redox potential is above -50 mv., and colorless when the redox potential is below -110 mv. i.e. highly reducing. Most strict anaerobes require this low redox potential for optimum growth.
- c. To obtain a fully reduced medium, it is necessary that the medium be anoxic and that a reducing agent be added.
- d. Common reducing agents are sodium sulfide, cysteine, and coenzyme-M (See below).
- e. Syringes can be made anaerobic by one of two methods.
 1. Displace the dead space in the syringe with a sterile oxygen-free gas.
 2. Displace the dead space in the syringe with a reducing agent.

Notes

If acetate or methanol is included in the medium then the 80% Hydrogen-20% Carbon dioxide gas does not need to be exchanged.

Additional information on this culture is available on the ATCC® web site at www.atcc.org.

Material Citation

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