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IN REPLY REFER TO:



Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

We have used no very precise methods in preparing the McLeod's synthetic medium except for using reagents of highest purity for our work with M N Q. The composition of the medium was as follows:

Ammonium sulfate	4.72 grams
Asparagine	2.0 "
Sodium chloride	5.0 "
Glucose	2.0 "
$\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$ (M) <u>5</u>	100. ml.
Na OH (N) <u>1</u>	16.4 ml. (or to pH 7.8)

0.5% solutions of  $\text{MgCl}_2$ ,  $\text{Fe Cl}_2$  and  $\text{Ca Cl}_2$  were freshly prepared separately, then mixed, and 1.0 ml of the mixture was added to the medium.

Distilled water 1000 ml.

Chemicals were weighed only roughly on a triple beam balance accurate to 0.01 gram, even for the M/5  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$  solution.

pH should be about 7.8 before autoclaving, using the amount of NaOH designated; if not, NaOH was added to this point.

pH after autoclaving at 12 lbs. for 20 minutes, 7.6.

Medium was distributed by hand-pipetting with 25 ml measuring pipettes in 24.5 ml. amounts into 8" x 1" test tubes.

Difco nutrient agar, (B 69), was used for streaking cultures and for slants.

I trust that your efforts will meet with more success this time.

Sincerely,

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