Media Preparation for *Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *tridentata*

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The purpose of this protocol is to create a medium to grow surface sterilized seeds of *A. tridentata*. The volumes included are to make 200 mL of medium for each of 10 magenta boxes. Medium for each box will contain ½ MS+vitamin, 1% sucrose, 1 mL 1-1 PPM and 0.3% phytagel with a pH of 5.7

**Equipment:** **Reagents:**

Magenta boxes with lids (GA-7) Phytagel

pH meter Murashige & Skoog w/ Gamborg vitamins (MS)

Colored tape Preservative for Plant tissue culture Media (PPM)

Autoclave indicator tape Sucrose

2L beaker or flask Potassium Hydroxide 0.1M

Large graduated cylinder

Stir plate w/ stir bar

Dropper

Scale

Weigh boats

Spatula

1 mL pipette w/tips

**Step 1:**

* Label magenta boxes using colored tape. For example:
* Mark each box with ~2 cm of autoclave indicator tape. Place this near the colored tape.

**Step 2:**

* Weigh 0.6g of phytagel into plastic weigh boat and add to each magenta box.

**Step 3:**

* Label 2L flask or beaker “MS media” and add 1L DI water using graduated cylinder. Place on stir plate with stir bar and turn on. No heat is needed.
* Weigh 4.4g MS+vitamin into weigh boat and add to flask.
* Weigh 20 g sucrose into weigh boat and add to flask.
* Add 2 mL PPM using pipette to solution in flask.

**Step 4 (pH correction):**

* Add 1L (a tiny bit less than) of DI water to the media solution created in step 3.
* Place **calibrated** pH meter into solution (see separate document on how to calibrate pH meter).
* Add 0.1M KOH dropwise to flask until pH meter reads 5.7
  + NOTE: solution has little buffering capacity so wait for pH meter to stabilize before adding more 0.1M KOH. 5 drops at a time works well at this volume.
  + It is OK for pH to be a bit higher because autoclaving will slightly reduce pH value.
* After proper pH is reached remove pH meter, rinse with DI water and then return pH meter to buffering solution container.

**Step 5:**

* Pour 200 mL of media solution into each magenta box containing phytagel.
  + Pour media solution into graduated cylinder first for accuracy, a funnel can assist in this step.
* You may need to swirl the box slightly to mix phytagel with media solution.
* Place lids on boxes.
  + DO NOT tighten lids down completely. Place lids on securely, but do not press them on completely.
* Deliver to media prep room for autoclaving. This step takes an hour if they are able to autoclave them immediately.
* After autoclave, swirl media inside boxes slightly and press lids down tightly. Place media boxes back into lab in designated area.
  + NOTE: Boxes must not be opened unless under Laminar Flow Hood, especially since this solution contains sucrose (extra susceptible to contamination).

**Reagents**

**Phytagel:** CAS 71010-52-1; Sigma; powder

**Murashige & Skoog w/ Gamborg vitamins:** M404; Phytotechnology laboratories; phytolab.com; powder

**Preservative for Plant tissue culture Media:** aka PPM; plant cell technology; plantcelltechnology.com; liquid

**Sucrose:** Brand C&H sugar; granules

**Potassium Hydroxide 0.1M:** liquid