# **Microorganisms**



#### 28: PFENNIG'S MEDIUM I

This recipe contains strain-specific modifications for Thiorhodovibrio winogradskyi DSM 6702 \*

Final pH: 7.1 - 7.3 Final volume: 1000 ml

Solution A	460.00	ml
NaCl	20.00	g/l
MgSO <sub>4</sub>	3.00	g/l

- 1. Prepare the following solutions (resazurin, bicarbonate and Pfennig's heterotrophic salts) and sterilize as given below.
- 2. Aliquot Solution A into 100 mL screw-cap bottles, filled with 46 mL each. Bubble with  $N_2$ /  $CO_2$  and autoclave at 121°C for 15 min (as decribed below).

Resazurin solution	450.00	ml
Bicarbonate solution	50.00	ml
Pfennig's heterotrophic salts solution	26.00	ml

- 3. Add bicarbonate solution and Pfennig's heterotrophic salts to the resazurin (complete volumina, i.e. 50 mL bicarbonate solution and 26 mL Pfennig's heterotrophic salts solution). Bubble with  $CO_2$  in an ice bath under sterile conditions.
- 4. Fill 50 ml of this mixture to each bottle of solution A (46 mL + 50 mL).
- 5. Before use, add 4 ml sulfide solution (1.5%) and 0.1 ml Vitamin  $B_{12}$  solution to each 100 mL bottle.

Sulfide solution, 1.5%	40.00	ml/l
Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> solution	1.00	ml/l

- 6. Adjust the pH with filter-sterilised 1M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> to 7.1-7.3.
- 7. If needed, aliquot into sterile,  $N_2$  gassed screw-cap tubes under  $N_2$  gas.
- 8. Feed the actively growing culture periodically with neutralized 3% solution of sodium sulfide (use 1 -3 mL/100 mL depending on strain and cultivation stage) to replenish sulfide and with other supplement solutions (see Ref. 3365).
- 9. During the first 24 h, the iron of the medium precipitates in the form of black flocks. No other sediment should arise in the otherwise clear medium.

Neutralized sulfide solution 3% (w/v)	10.00	ml

\* With 2% NaCl and 0.3% MgSO<sub>4</sub>; anaerobic in light

**Solution A** (from medium 28)

 $CaCl_2 \times 2 H_2O$  0.25 g

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Yeast extract 0.25 g
Distilled water 460.00 ml

Aliquot Solution A into 100 mL screw-cap bottles, filled with 46 mL each. Bubble with  $N_2/CO_2$  and autoclave at 121°C for 15 min.

### Sulfide solution, 1.5% (from medium 28)

$Na_2S \times 9 H_2O$	2.00	g
Distilled water	135.00	ml

Prepare in a screw-cap bottle, bubble with N<sub>2</sub> to replace air, close tightly and autoclave.

### Bicarbonate solution (from medium 28)

NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	1.50	g
H <sub>2</sub> O	50.00	ml

Bubble with CO<sub>2</sub> and filter sterilize into sterile, gas-tight, 100 ml screw-cap bottle.

## Resazurin solution (from medium 28)

Resazurin (0,1%)	0.50	ml
Distilled water	450.00	ml

- 1. Autoclave in a cotton-stoppered Erlenmeyer flask with an outlet tube for medium, connected to a glass outlet at the bottom of the vessel and has, at the other end, a silicon rubber tube with a pinch cock and a bell for aseptic dispensing of the medium into bottles.
- 2. Cool to room temperature under an atmosphere of  $N_2/CO_2$  in an ice bath.

### Pfennig's heterotrophic salts solution (from medium 28)

Ammonium chloride	0.35	g
Ammonium acetate	0.25	g
Pyruvic acid sodium salt	0.25	g
Dextrose	0.25	g
$MgSO_4 \times 7 H_2O$	0.50	g
KCI	0.35	g
$KH_2PO_4$	0.35	g
Trace element solution SL-12 B	1.00	ml
Distilled water	25.00	ml

Filter sterilize into sterile, gas-tight, 100 ml screw-cap bottle.

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Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> solution (from medium 28)

Vitamin B <sub>12</sub>	0.01	g
Distilled water	100.00	ml

Filter sterilized

<b>Trace element</b>	solution	<b>SL-12</b>	<b>B</b> (from	medium 28)
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Na <sub>2</sub> -EDTA	3.00	g
FeSO <sub>4</sub> x 7 H <sub>2</sub> O	1.10	g
CoCl <sub>2</sub> x 6 H <sub>2</sub> O	190.00	mg
MnCl <sub>2</sub> x 2 H <sub>2</sub> O	50.00	mg
ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	42.00	mg
$NiCl_2 \times 6 H_2O$	24.00	mg
$Na_2MoO_4 \times 2 H_2O$	18.00	mg
$H_3BO_3$	300.00	mg
CuCl <sub>2</sub> x 2 H <sub>2</sub> O	2.00	mg
Distilled water	1000.00	ml

Adjust pH to 6.0.

### Neutralized sulfide solution 3% (w/v) (from medium 28)

Na <sub>2</sub> S x 9 H <sub>2</sub> O	3.00	g
Distilled water	100.00	ml

The sulfide solution is prepared in a 250 ml screw-capped bottle with a butyl rubber septum and a magnetic stirrer. The solution is bubbled with nitrogen gas, closed and autoclaved for 15 min. at 121°C. After cooling to room temperature the pH is adjusted to about 7.0 by adding of sterile 2 M  $\rm H_2SO_4$  drop-wise with a syringe without opening the bottle.