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## Minimum Essential Media w/ Hanks' Salts Solution w/o L-Glutamine

**CAT N°** : SLM-553-500

**Theoretical pH** :  $7.2 \pm 0.3$

**Osmolality** : 285 mOsm/kg  $\pm 10 \%$

**Colour** : Red, orange solution

**Storage conditions** : +2°C to +8°C, protected from light.

**Shelf life** : 24 months

**Sterility tests** :

- Bacteria in aerobic and anaerobic conditions
- Fungi and yeasts

**Endotoxin** : < 1 EU/ml

**Cell growth test** :

Medium tested for the ability to support L929 or MRC-5 cell growth.

**Composition** : Displayed on the website; also available on request.

**Recommended use** :

- Respect storage conditions of the product
- Do not use the product after its expiry date
- Store product in an area protected from light (not necessary for saline solutions).
- Manipulate the product in aseptic conditions (e.g. : under laminar air flow)
- Wear clothes adapted to the manipulation of the product to avoid contamination (e.g. : gloves, mask, hygiene cap, overall...)

The product is intended to be used in vitro, in laboratory only. Do not use it in therapy, human or veterinary applications.

**Description** :

Minimum Essential Medium (MEM) is a modification of Eagle's earlier medium Basal Medium Eagle (BME), containing higher concentrations of the essential nutrients. Earle's salts have been replaced with Hanks' salts. Since the bicarbonate concentration is substantially lower, this medium has a substantially reduced buffering capacity.

**Uses** :

Supplements, such as antibiotics, should be added as sterile supplements to the medium.

Storage conditions and shelf-life of supplemented product will be affected by the nature of the supplements. Sterile serum should not be refiltered before or after being added to sterile medium because growth promoting capacity may be reduced upon re-filtration.

Add 10 ml/l of L-Glutamine 200 mM (CAT N° : SRL-810-500) before using this medium.

BioWest also recommend the addition of 10% of Fetal Bovine Serum in the medium.

**Signs of Deterioration** :

Medium should be clear and free of particulate and flocculent material. Do not use if medium is cloudy or contains precipitate.

Other evidence of deterioration may include colour change or degradation of physical or performance characteristics.