

# Media recipes for *Synechococcus* isolates

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## Abstract

The following are media recipes necessary for isolating and maintaining *Synechococcus* isolates.

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## Guidelines

**SN MEDIUM** (used for maintenance of culture stocks)

75% Seawater (750 mL)

25% Milli-Q Water (250 mL)

### SYN Stocks

Reagent	Amount	Stock Concentration
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EDTA*	5 mL/L	1 g/L
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K <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>1</sup>	2.5 mL/L	6.1 g/L (anhydrous)
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NaNO <sub>3</sub>	2.5 mL/L	30%
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Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	0.5 mL/L	20 g/L
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Cyano TMM*	1 mL/L	see recipe
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<sup>1</sup> Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> OK also

\* Matt's solution uses 0.1 mL/L & contains EDTA

2/23/09: for WH6501 make up CEDO-PRO99 supplement w/ NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, NaNO<sub>3</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, and CTMM (100 µL/L)

Notes: May need to add VA Vitamin mix as necessary if cultures are pure (and lacking the heterotrophic bacteria contaminants that might make and provide the vitamins necessary) - 1 drop/50mL flask

May also choose to do SN/10 by dividing the recipe by 10 and leaving out the nitrogen source to obtain a medium useful for isolating clonal cultures via serial dilution from natural seawater samples.

SNX: nitrate PLUS ammonium as nitrogen source  
add 1 mL/L of NaNO<sub>3</sub> stock, plus 0.5 mL/L NH<sub>4</sub>Cl stocks

SNY: just ammonium as nitrogen source  
add 0.5 mL/L NH<sub>4</sub>Cl stock

SU: urea as the nitrogen source  
add 1 mL/L of 1M urea stock (60g urea/L=1M urea stock)

For plates add sodium sulfate (NOTE: will get ~40-50 plates per liter of medium)

-Add 0.35g Baculovirus agar per 100 mL SN/10 to get about 10 plates

Can add more Carbonate (~3x more) to obtain cultures of Syn that are better for DNA studies

## SNAX MEDIUM

75% Seawater

25% Milli-Q Water

SN stock reagents as follows:

Reagent	Amount	Stock Concentration
EDTA	0.5 mL/L	1 g/L
K <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	0.25 mL/L	6.1 g/L (anhydrous)
NaNO <sub>3</sub>	0.25 mL/L	30%
Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	0.25 mL/L	4 g/L
Cyano TMM	0.1 mL/L	see recipe
Ammonium Chloride 1M Stock	1 mL/L	1M

For plates add sodium sulfate

**CYANO TRACE METALS MIX (Cyano TMM)** for 'SN', 'SNX', 'SNY', 'ASW', plates and slants

ZnSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	0.222 g/L	[free Zn <sup>++</sup> ]=0.192 mg/L
MnCl <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	1.4 g/L	[free Mn <sup>++</sup> ]=0.39 mg/L
Co(NO <sub>3</sub> )·6H <sub>2</sub> O	0.025 g/L	[free Co <sup>++</sup> ]=0.005 mg/L
Na <sub>2</sub> MoO <sub>4</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	0.39 g/L	[free Mo]=0.15 mg/L
Citric acid·H <sub>2</sub> O	6.25 g/L	
Ferric Ammonium Citrate	6.0 g/L	[free Fe <sup>+++</sup> ]=1.05 mg/L

## VA VITAMIN MIX

Vitamins	Primary Stock	To make solution
B-12	1 mg/mL	0.1 mL/100 total
Thiamine (fridge) ---		weigh 200 mg/100 total
Biotin (fridge)	0.1 mg/mL	1 mL/100 total
Paba	2 mg/mL	0.5 mL/100 total
Folic Acid	1 mg/mL	0.1 mL/100 total
Niacin	1 mg/mL	10 mL/100 total
Inositol	---	weigh 100 mg/100 total
Ca pantothenate	2 mg/mL	10 mL/100 total
Pyridoxine	1 mg/mL	10 mL/100 total

NOTES: Keep stocks and vitamin solutions frozen. Filter sterilize through a 0.2 µm Nucleopore filter.

Do purity test on 1 tube to ensure that it is sterile before adding to stocks.

## Protocol