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# Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS)

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) is a buffer solution (pH  $\sim$ 7.4) commonly used in biological research. It is a water-based salt solution containing disodium hydrogen phosphate, sodium chloride and optionally, potassium chloride and potassium dihydrogen phosphate. The buffer helps to maintain a constant pH. PBS has many uses because it is isotonic and non-toxic to most cells<sup>[1]</sup>.

#### **GUIDELINES**

Follow step by step, unless stated otherwise. Equipment needed should be standard to a microbiology lab.

#### **MATERIALS**

Analytical scale, autoclave, bottle, weight vessel, LAF bench

SAFETY WARNINGS



When removing autoclaved components, be sure to take care as this can be very hot.

### BEFORE START INSTRUCTIONS

Prepare glassware by cleaning it, and ensure that scale is sufficiently calibrated

All compounds are measured using a high precision analytical scale from powdered compounds. Each compound is measured to within 1% of the target weight. All compounds are mixed in a Duran bottle

## 100 mL 10x PBS w/o Ca<sub>2</sub>++, Mg<sub>2</sub>++

1.1 Fill the bottle with 50 mL double-distilled water

