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Preparation of 1M magnesium sulfate solution (MgSO4)

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ABSTRACT

Original source of the protocol: WormBook Methods

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This protocol is for making 1M magnesium sulfate solution, which is used in the preparation of worm media, like NGM (Nematode Growth Medium).

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Preparation of M9 worm buffer

MATERIALS TEXT

Magnesium sulfate:

Aldrich Catalog #M5921-500G

Filter: Rapid-Flow Nalgene 0.2µm aPES membrane, ref: 564-0020

Vaccum pump: Fisher Brand, ref: FB70155

1	Weigh \blacksquare 12.3 g ±0.1 of magnesium sulfate heptahydrate (MgSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O), and add it to a 100 mL measuring cylinder.
2	Add ~40 mL of milliQ water.
3	Add a clean stirring magnet, and leave it on a stirrer until all crystals are dissolved.

- 4 Remove the stirring magnet: To prevent touching the solution, use another magnet from the outside of the measuring cylinder to slide the stirring magnet out of the cylinder.
- 5 Fill up to **50 mL** with milliQ water
- 6 Filter-sterilize.
- 7 Store at 4°C.
 We usually use it without problem for up to at least a year after preparation.