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# IMDM (Without Phenol Red) Product manual

## Basic Information

Cat.NO	Size	Shelf	Form	Storage	Transportation
CMB0072	500mL	12 months	Liquid	Store at 2-8°C away from light	Room Temperature

## Product Introduction

IMDM (Iscove's Modified Dulbecco Medium) is Iscove's modified DMEM medium, which was designed by Guilber and Iscove in 1976 for culturing erythroid precursor cells and macrophages. IMDM medium is based on DMEM medium and contains selenium, HEPES, sodium pyruvate, and additional amino acids and vitamins. It is very nutritious and very suitable for rapid proliferation and high-density cell culture. IMDM medium can not only culture cells with special nutritional requirements (such as mouse B lymphocytes, LPS-stimulated B cells, bone marrow hematopoietic cells, T lymphocytes, and various hybridoma cells), but can also be used as the base liquid for some unique serum-free culture media. This product contains a variety of ingredients such as amino acids, vitamins, and inorganic salts required for various types of cell culture, but does not contain proteins, lipids, or any growth factors. Therefore, this product must be used with serum or serum-free additives.

Phenol red is used as a pH indicator in culture media to continuously monitor the pH of the culture medium. At low pH values, phenol red makes the culture medium yellow, while at higher pH values, the culture medium turns purple. It turns red at pH 7.2-7.4, which is most suitable for cell culture. However, phenol red also has some disadvantages. Studies have shown that phenol red can simulate the effects of steroid hormones (especially estrogen). Therefore, when using estrogen-sensitive cells (such as breast tissue), it is best to use a culture medium that does not contain phenol red. Phenol red can interfere with detection during flow cytometry analysis. In addition, the presence of phenol red in some serum-free culture medium formulas can interfere with sodium-potassium balance.

## Instructions

1. Balance the culture medium and related solutions in a water bath or at room temperature, and prepare the culture medium required for the experimental cells;
2. Cell inoculation: Remove the cells to be cultured from the original culture container, wash with appropriate culture medium or PBS, and adherent cells need to be digested with trypsin;
3. Collect the cells by centrifugation, centrifuge at 1000rpm for 3 min at room temperature, and discard the supernatant;
4. Add fresh culture medium to resuspend the cells. Then inoculate the cell suspension into the

culture bottle with the corresponding volume of culture medium, mix gently, and culture at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub> saturated humidity. Observe and replace fresh culture medium regularly according to cell growth and cell density.

### **Precautions**

1. During the entire process, be sure to pay attention to aseptic operation to avoid contamination;
2. To maintain the best use effect of this product, do not perform freeze-thaw treatment;
3. This product is only used for research or further research, not for diagnosis and treatment.