SOP-P010

Preparation of Working Hanks Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS) With Calcium, Magnesium, and 1% Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)

Objective: To prepare a buffer for washing, suspending, and diluting cells.

Procedure:

- 1. Measure out 80 ml Millipore filtered water in a graduated cylinder.
- 2. Pour the water into a clean Erlenmeyer flask containing a stir bar.
- While stirring gently using a magnetic stir plate, add the following to the flask:

 10 ml 10x HBSS (refer to SOP#-P001 for Preparation of 10x Hanks Balanced Salt Solution)
 2.75 ml Tris 1.0 M (refer to SOP#-P028 for Preparation of Tris 1.0 M)
 170 μl calcium chloride 1.1 M (CaCl₂) (refer to SOP#-P003 for Preparation of Calcium Chloride 1.1 M)
 200 μl magnesium sulfate 0.4 M (MgSO₄) (refer to SOP#-P018 for Preparation of Magnesium Sulfate 0.4 M)
 220 mg glucose
- 4. Stir until dissolved.

1.00 g bovine serum albumin

- 5a. Continue to stir and determine the pH of the solution using an Orion Research EA 920 Expandable ioniAnalyzer (refer to SOP#-P024 for Determination of pH Using an Orion Research EA 920 Expandable ionAnalyzer). The analyzer is located in the Hansen building, room B050.
- 5b. Adjust the pH of the solution to 7.4. Using a 5.25" Pasteur pipette fitted with a rubber pipette bulb, add drop wise 1 N hydrochloric acid (HCl) if the pH is higher than 7.4, or 1 N sodium hydroxide (NaOH) if the pH is lower than 7.4, until the correct pH is obtained.
- 6. Remove the stir bar and pour the solution into a graduated cylinder.
- 7. Add Millipore filtered water to the solution until the volume reaches 100 ml.
- Return the Hanks balanced salt solution to the flask and cover the top with a square of aluminum foil or parafilm.
- 9. Label the flask with content information, date, and your initials.
- 10. Keep at 0-5°C and discard unused portion at the end of the day.

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