

Soil extract

To 1000 mL distilled water add 200 mL of soil (soil from undisturbed deciduous woodland is best) and heat by autoclaving for 1 h at 105°C. When cool, heat by autoclaving for 1 h at 105°C again. Pass the supernatant through a GF/C filter and Celite, and then pass the filtrate through a GF/F filter. Adjust to 1000 mL by adding distilled water. Dispense 10 mL of the final filtrate into each test tube and sterilize by autoclaving for 20 min at 121°C. Keep in a cool place.

Reference

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