

**LABORATORY OF FOREST PRODUCTS CHEMISTRY** **PROTOCOL 001**  
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**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

**Title: How to Make Phosphate  
Buffered Saline (PBS) pH 7.4**

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### 1. 1. OBJECTIVE

To provide instructions for making Phosphate Buffered Saline Solution pH 7.4 at 10x dilution.

### 2. PRINCIPLES

Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) is an isotonic solution necessary for chemical and biological experiments.

### 3. REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Lab coat, safety glasses, clean cloth/tissue.

### 3. MATERIALS AND TOOLS

| Materials/reagents       | Tool                 |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Sodium chloride (NaCl)   | Reagent bottle       |
| Potassium chloride (KCl) | Magnetic stirrer bar |
|                          | 500 ml beaker        |
|                          | 500 ml measuring cup |
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### 4. PROCEDURE

#### 4.1. EQUIPMENT SETUP

- 4.1.1 Connect the cable from the shaking temperature bath to the power source;
- 4.1.2 Fill the shaking temperature bath with clean water up to the fill mark;
- 4.1.3 Place a spring wire mesh to hold the samples;

#### 4.2. USE OF SHAKING TEMPERATURE BATH

- 4.2.1 Open the shaking temperature bath instrument cover panel;
- 4.2.2 Set the bath temperature according to the experimental procedure by adjusting the thermostat button/knob;
- 4.2.3 Once the desired temperature is reached, place the sample tubes on the wire mesh, ensuring sufficient distance between samples to avoid collisions during shaking;
- 4.2.4 Adjust the shaking speed by turning the speed control knob to the desired rpm;
- 4.2.5 Close the shaking temperature bath instrument again using the cover panel;
- 4.2.6 Periodically check the water level to prevent drying out, especially when using high temperatures;
- 4.2.7 Add water at an appropriate temperature if the water volume is significantly below the fill line;
- 4.2.8 Use shaking temperature bath with time according to the experimental procedure;
- 4.2.9 When the experiment is complete, stop stirring by turning the knob until the rpm is zero;
- 4.2.10 Open the instrument cover panel and remove the sample from the shaking temperature bath.

#### 4.3. ENDING THE USE OF THE SHAKING WATERBATH

- 4.3.1 When not in use, turn off the shaking waterbath and unplug the instrument from the power source;
- 4.3.2 Clean the work area and parts of the shaking waterbath with a damp cloth.

#### 4.4. NOTE

- 4.4.1 The volume of samples in the tubes being shaken should not exceed the limit to prevent spillage;
- 4.4.2 When using high temperatures during shaking, always check the water level in the heating bath to avoid drying;
- 4.4.3 The work area and the shaking water bath must always be kept clean before and after use;
- 4.4.4 The water in the heating bath must always be clean and changed periodically;
- 4.4.5 Read the user manual for more detailed information.

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