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PREFACE

The fourth volume of the *CRC Handbook of Microbiology* contains data in the fields of microbial physiology, immunology and genetics. It includes information on metabolic pathways and contains extensive tables on microbial transformations of steroids, alkaloids, hydrocarbons and pesticides. Genetic data, including numerous linkage maps, are presented for bacteria, bacteriophages, filamentous fungi and yeasts. The immunology section treats immunological classification of microorganisms and autoimmune diseases as well as other subjects in this area. This volume completes a series that furnishes data on microorganisms themselves (Vol. I), on their composition (Vol. II), and on their products (Vol. III). Periodic future editions should keep the *Handbook* up-to-date.

As we have done in the past, we urge all users of this *Handbook* to draw its shortcomings to our attention. Only with the cooperation of the interested public will we eventually be able to produce a handbook that will fully satisfy the needs of all microbiologists.

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THE AMINO ACID REQUIREMENTS OF MICROORGANISMS FOR GROWTH

DR. BEVERLY GUIRARD*

The microorganisms included in the following table are those isolated from natural sources. Artificially produced mutants are not considered here, since it is possible to produce, almost at will, auxotrophs of many species with any desired amino acid requirement. Of protozoan species, only those capable of being cultured axenically are included.

Strain identification numbers refer either to the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), the National Culture Type Collection of England (NCTC), or to the laboratory collection of the respective investigators.

The amino acid requirements of the microorganisms were determined in most cases by omitting individually each of the amino acids from a complete synthetic medium that supported growth and observing the effect of the deletion. If growth was markedly depressed, the amino acid was labeled "essential" (E); if growth was partially reduced, the amino acid was labeled "stimulatory" (S); if the deletion had little or no effect on growth, the amino acid was labeled "non-essential" (N). Sometimes a minimal medium was supplemented individually with the amino acids, in which case the growth response is an individual one and is indicated in the table by a fine line under the symbols, e.g., E, S, N. To indicate better than average stimulation, the symbol is primed (S'). When the deletion of an amino acid improved growth or its addition to the medium reduced growth, it was labeled "inhibitory" (I). The responses recorded are to the natural, or L-isomers, or to racemic mixtures where D-isomers are known to have no effect on growth. The effects of D-isomers, when known, are recorded in the notes. It was frequently observed that an otherwise complete medium containing only essential or essential and stimulatory amino acids (as determined by the deletion technique) failed to support good growth of the microorganism under investigation. This phenomenon has been ascribed to certain interrelationships among amino acids, or to quantitative imbalances, or both.

Responses to amino acids by the respective microorganisms for which microbiological assays have been developed for their quantitative determination are given in bold type.

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Microorganisms	Strain identification and no. tested	Alanine	Arginine	Aspartic acid	Cysteine or	Glutamic acid	Glycine	Histidine	Isoleucine	Leucine	Lysine	Methionine	Phenylalanine	Proline	Serine	Threonine	Tryptophan	Tyrosine	Valine	Asparagine	Glutamine	References
<i>Bacillus</i> (Continued)																						
<i>pasteurii</i>	ATCC 6452 and 9 others																					12
<i>putrificans</i> *	3 strains	E				E				E		E		E	E							12
<i>sphaericus</i> *	6 of 9	E				E				E		E		E	E							12
<i>stearothermophilus</i>	no. 1356	N				N		N		N		N		N					N			20
<i>stearothermophilus</i>	no. 1373b	N				N		N		N		N		N					N			20
<i>stearothermophilus</i>	no. 1503	N				N		N		N		N		N					N			20, 21
<i>stearothermophilus</i>	no. 3656	N				N		N		N		N		N					N			20
<i>stearothermophilus</i>	no. 131102	S				S		S		S		S		S					N			19
<i>terminalis</i>	no. 456	N	S	E	N	N	I	S	N	S		N	N	N	I	S	N	I	I			22a
<i>Bacterium linens</i>	B-38 and 4 others	N	S		E	N		N		N		N	N	N								23
<i>Bacteroides</i>	23 strains	N		N	E	N	N	N	N	N		S	N	N	N				N			25
<i>rumicicola</i>	GA 33	N		N	E	N	N	N	N	N		S	N	N	N				N			25
<i>fragilis</i>	7 strains	N		N	E	N	E	E	E	E		N	N	E	E				E			25a
<i>Bordetella pertussis</i>	Strains 3803, 3843, 1855, 7231, 251K				E	E							E	E								25b
<i>Brucella abortus</i>			E		E	E		E					E		E							26
<i>meliensis</i> and <i>suis</i>			S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		S	S	S	S				S			27
<i>Butyrivibrio</i> sp.*			I	I	I																	27a
<i>Cellulomonas</i> sp.																						27b
<i>Clostridium acetobutylicum</i>	Todai 314	N			E	E		N	E	N	N	N	N	N					E			27c
<i>botulinum</i>	Types A and B	S					S			E				E								28-30
<i>botulinum</i>	Type A	E							E	E	E	E	E						E			31
<i>botulinum</i>	Type B	E						E	E	E	E	E	E						E			31
<i>histolyticum</i>	H-3	E	E	E	E	E		E	E	E	E	E	E	E					E			32
<i>histolyticum</i>	H-13, H-37	E	E	E	E	E		E	E	E	E	E	E	E					E			32
<i>perfringens</i>		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S				S			33

Microorganisms	Strain identification and no. tested	Alanine	Arginine	Aspartic acid	Cysteine or	Glutamic acid	Glycine	Histidine	Isoleucine	Leucine	Lysine	Methionine	Phenylalanine	Proline	Serine	Threonine	Tryptophan	Tyrosine	Valine	Asparagine	Glutamine	References
<i>Clostridium</i> —(Continued)																						
<i>parabotulinum</i>	NCTC 1533	—	E	—	—	—	—	N	E	S	S	S	E	—	—	E	E	S	E	—	—	34
<i>sporogenes</i>	4 strains	—	E	—	E	—	E	S	—	E	S	E	E	E	—	—	E	E	S	—	—	35, 36
<i>tetani</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35a
<i>thiaminolyticum</i>	—	—	E	—	—	—	E	E	E	—	—	E	E	E	—	—	E	E	—	—	—	36a
<i>welchii</i>	BPGK	—	E	—	—	E	—	E	E	E	E	E	E	—	—	E	E	E	E	—	—	37
<i>Corynebacterium</i>	H-Y	—	—	—	—	E	E	E	—	—	—	E	S	—	—	—	E	—	E	—	—	38
<i>diphtheriae</i>	P-W no. 8	—	—	—	E	E	—	—	—	E	—	E	—	—	—	—	E	—	E	—	—	39
<i>diphtheriae</i>	Allen	—	—	—	E	E	—	—	—	E	—	E	—	N	—	—	—	N	—	—	—	40
<i>diphtheriae</i>	9 isolates	—	—	S	E	S	—	—	—	—	—	E	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41
<i>flaccumfaciens</i>	also 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41
<i>indisiosum</i>	other species	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41
<i>sepedonicum</i>	ATCC 9850 and 8	S	S	—	I	—	—	S'	—	S'	—	S'	I	S	—	—	I	I	—	S'	—	41-42
others	others	—	—	—	—	E	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43
<i>Corynebacterium</i>	A-11	E	—	E	—	E	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43
<i>Corynebacterium</i>	B-10	—	—	—	—	—	E	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44
<i>Diplococcus glycinophilus</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45
<i>Erwinia</i> group	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	A-18	E	E	S	S	S	—	S	—	—	—	—	—	S	—	E	S	S	—	S	—	43
<i>Flavobacterium</i>	A-28	—	—	—	—	E	—	—	—	—	—	E	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43
<i>Flavobacterium</i>	B-9	—	E	E	—	E	—	E	—	—	—	—	—	E	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43
<i>Flavobacterium</i>	B-17	E	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43
<i>Flavobacterium</i>	B-4	S	E	S	S	S	E	S	E	E	S	E	S	S	S	S	S	S	E	—	—	47
<i>Flavobacterium proteus</i>	nos. 1 and 2	—	E	E	E	E	—	E	—	E	—	—	—	—	—	E	—	—	—	—	—	48
<i>Flavobacterium proteus</i>	pos. 41 and 60	—	E	E	E	E	E	E	—	E	—	—	—	—	—	E	—	—	—	—	—	48
<i>Fusobacterium nucleatum</i>	ATCC 10953	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	48a
<i>polymorphum</i> Knorr	—	—	—	—	—	E	—	—	—	—	E	—	—	—	E	—	E	—	—	—	—	48b

Rate of growth stimulated by amino acids.
Amino acids required, but specific ones were not determined.

Microorganisms	Strain identification and no. tested	Alanine	Arginine	Aspartic acid	Cysteine or	Glutamic acid	Glycine	Histidine	Isoleucine	Leucine	Lysine	Methionine	Phenylalanine	Proline	Serine	Threonine	Tryptophan	Tyrosine	Valine	Asparagine	Glutamine	References
<i>Halobacterium salinarum</i>	no. 1	—	S	—	—	—	—	—	E	E	S	E	S	S	—	—	—	S	E	—	S	49
<i>Hemophilus parainfluenzae</i>	ATCC 7901	—	E	S	E	E	—	—	E	S	S	—	S	—	—	—	—	E	E	—	—	50
<i>pertussis</i>	724 and others	—	S	S	E	E	—	—	E	S	S	—	S	—	—	—	—	E	E	—	—	51
<i>Histochloa bacteria</i>	T 107	—	—	I	—	S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	S	I	—	—	—	—	—	52
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i>	4 strains	S	E	S	E	E	N	S	S	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	—	—	53
<i>acidophilus</i>	R 26	S	E	E	S	E	N	S	S	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	—	—	54
<i>acidophilus</i>	ATCC 8041	S	E	S	E	E	N	S	S	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	—	E	54a
<i>arabinoxylus</i> 17-5	—	N	N	S	N	E	N	N	N	E	S	N	S	N	N	N	S	S	E	—	—	55-60
<i>arabinoxylus</i>	10 S	S	S	E	S	E	N	N	N	E	E	N	S	E	E	E	S	S	E	—	—	61
<i>bifidus</i>	DD S	N	S	—	S	E	E	N	N	E	E	N	S	E	E	E	E	S	E	—	—	62
<i>bifidus</i>	EE 1	S	E	—	N	E	E	N	N	E	E	N	S	E	E	E	E	S	E	—	—	61
<i>bifidus</i>	ureolytic	—	E	—	N	E	E	N	S	—	—	E	—	E	S	S	—	—	S	—	—	63
<i>brassicacae</i>	biotype	—	—	—	E	E	—	—	E	E	—	S	—	—	—	—	—	—	E	—	—	64
<i>brevis</i>	ATCC 8041	—	E	—	E	E	E	—	E	E	E	E	E	S	S	E	E	E	E	—	—	64
<i>buchneri</i>	ATCC 8257	S	E	—	E	E	E	—	E	E	E	E	E	—	—	—	E	E	E	—	—	64
<i>buchneri</i>	α	N	E	—	N	E	E	N	N	E	E	E	N	S	—	E	E	S	E	—	—	64
<i>buchneri</i>	—	E	E	E	E	E	E	—	S	E	E	E	E	—	E	E	E	E	E	—	—	61
<i>casei</i>	ATCC 7469	S	E	E	E	E	N	S	S	E	S	N	E	—	E	S	E	E	E	—	S	65
<i>casei</i>	9 normal	N	E	S	E	E	N	S	S	E	S	N	E	—	E	S	E	E	E	—	—	64, 66-70
	+ 4 lac.	—	—	—	E	E	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	N	—	N	E	E	E	—	—	54
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<i>debrueckii</i>	ATCC 9649	E	E	E	E	E	N	—	—	E	E	E	E	—	E	E	E	E	E	—	—	64, 75, 76
<i>debrueckii</i> LD 51	ATCC 9595	E	E	E	E	E	N	—	—	E	E	E	E	—	E	E	E	E	E	—	—	77, 78
<i>fermentii</i> 36	ATCC 9338	—	E	—	E	E	N	S	E	E	E	E	E	—	—	—	E	E	E	—	—	54
<i>fermentii</i>	5 strains	S	E	S	E	S	N	E	N	E	N	E	N	—	N	E	E	E	E	—	—	61
<i>frigidus</i>	HH5	S	E	—	N	E	E	—	—	E	E	E	E	—	E	E	E	E	S	—	N	61a
<i>fructosus</i>	Strain 353	N	E	E	S	E	N	E	E	E	S	S	N	—	S	S	S	E	E	—	—	64
<i>gayonii</i>	ATCC 8289	—	E	E	—	E	N	E	E	E	S	—	—	N	S	S	E	E	E	—	—	79-80a
<i>leichmannii</i> 313	ATCC 7830	E	E	E	E	E	N	E	E	E	S	—	—	N	S	S	E	E	E	—	—	79
<i>leichmannii</i> 327	ATCC 4797	E	E	E	E	E	N	E	E	E	S	—	—	N	S	S	E	E	E	—	—	61
<i>leichmannii</i>	AA 3	S	S	—	S	E	E	N	E	E	E	E	E	—	E	N	S	N	E	E	—	—