

ABSTRACT

Provided is a method for killing spores that can efficiently and effectively kill spore-forming bacteria regardless of the bacterial strain. Provided is a method for killing spores in which step 2 described below is performed after completing step 1 described below. That is, after completing step 1 that is a step of bringing spore-forming bacteria and dipicolinic acid or a salt thereof into contact in conditions of pH 6 or lower, step 2 that is a step of killing the spore-forming bacteria is performed. Also provided is a method for killing spores that has a time period in which step 1 described below and step 2A described below are performed simultaneously. That is, step 1 is a step of bringing spore-forming bacteria and dipicolinic acid or a salt thereof into contact in conditions of pH 6 or lower, and step 2A is a step of physically killing the spore-forming bacteria.