



Mammalian Cell Culture Technology

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Cell Culture Technology

- Introduction
- Techniques in cell culture technology
- Applications-Cell culture systems

Sources of cell cultures

- Mammalian cells/tissues
- Insect cells
- Plant cells/tissues
- Fish cells
- Hybridoma cell lines (man made)

- *We could generate cell culture from any life forms !!!!*

Date	Scientist	Event
1907	Harrison	Frog embryos in clots of frog lymph, survived few weeks.
1943	Earle	First rodent continuous cell line (rat)
1952	Gey	Hela – First human tumour cell line, from Henrietta Lack Cervical Cancer, most notorious cell line – contaminates other lines.
1961	Heyflick & Moorhead	Normal Cells – finite lifespan
1950 to present		Explosion in cell culture due to disposable plastic wear, laminar flow cabinets etc..

Cell/tissue culture-Terminology

- ❑ The *in vitro* growth of cells (animal; including human)

Mimic internal environment outside the body).

- ❑ Widely used technique in cell and molecular biology, genetic and toxicology.

- ❑ Cell lines: Cells grown in culture

Cell lines can be grown indefinitely.

- ❑ Static culture: cells grown on solid surface

(mostly plastics)-*anchorage dependent*

(tumour/haemopoietic)

- ❑ Suspension culture: cells grown as suspension in culture media-*anchorage independent (normal cells)*

Mammalian cell culture-

Types of cells that may be cultured.

Connective tissue

fibroblast/muscle

Epithelial Cells

organs/skin

Neural Cells

neurones

Endocrine Cells

pancreatic islet

Tumour Cells

various types

Mammalian cell culture-

Types of Tissue Cultures



Organ Culture

Piece of tissue cultured on grid or raft at liquid-gas interface Maintains tissue architecture

No new growth can occur

Lasts several days to weeks.

Each experiment requires new sample

Primary Explant Culture

Fragment of tissue (explant) cultured at plastic-liquid interface Cells migrate outwards

Major method of initiating cultures forming continuous cell lines

Cell Culture

Tissue or outgrowth from primary explant

Broken in cell suspension by enzymatic or mechanical means

Primary culture is culture direct from tissue

Once subcultures, referred to as cell line

Mammalian cell lines

Producer cell lines

BHK-21
CHO-K1
Namalwa
(therapeutic protein production)

Medical (cancer) research

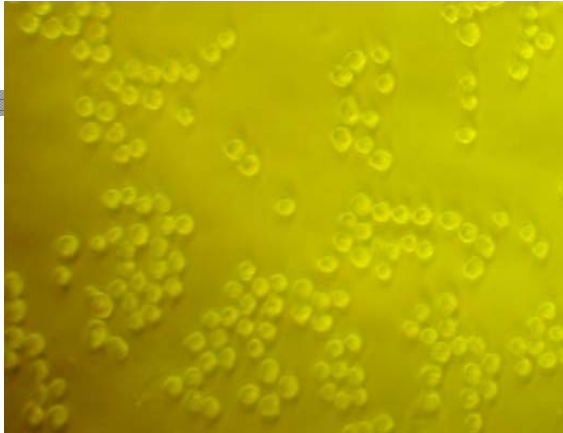
MRC-5, HEK, MDBK, LLC-MK₂, BS-C-1, CV-1, AGMK, WI-38, Vero, Hela, **3T3-L1**
(commonly used for viral propagation in vaccine production)

Hybrid cell lines

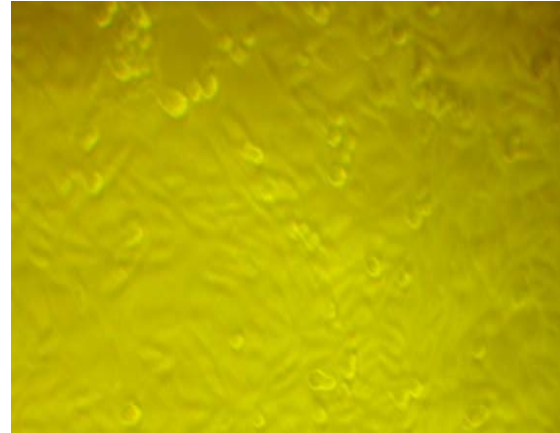
NSO
NS1
SP2/0-Ag14
P3-X63 Ag8.653
(protein production for therapeutic & diagnostic)

Primary cell lines

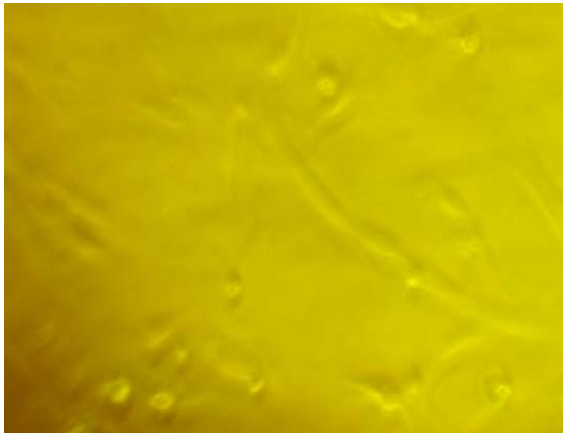
Fibroblast cells
Skin cells
Liver cells
Lung cells
Retina cells etc
(to make tissue equivalents- mortal cell lines recovered from tissue)



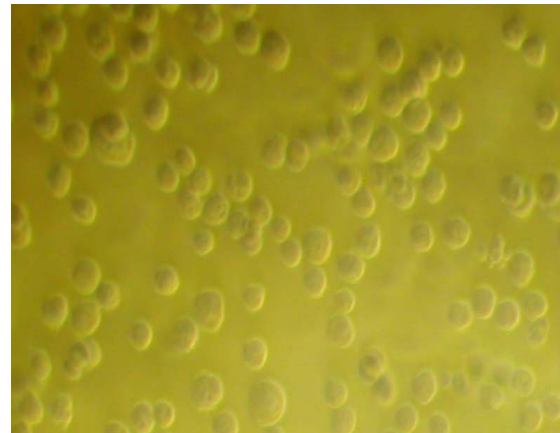
Hybridoma, NS0



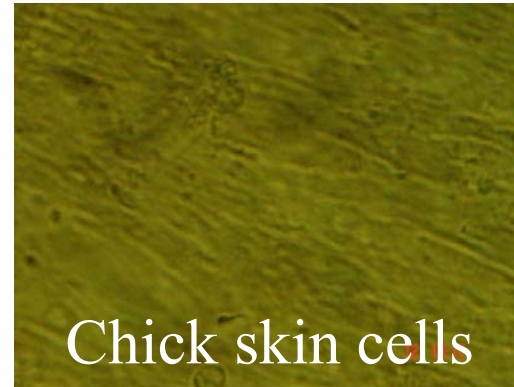
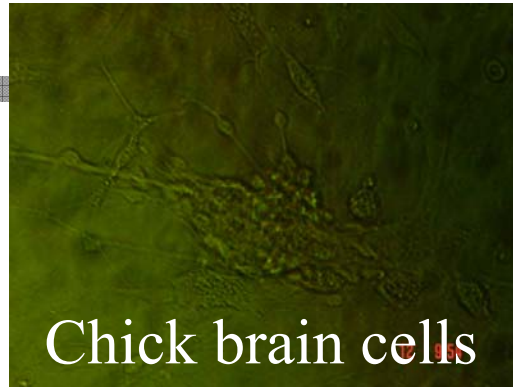
CHO-K1



BHK-21



Hybridoma TBC3.bcl-2,
producing mouse IgG1



Mammalian cell cultures- properties

AVERAGE SIZE

5 TO 5 MICRONS

AVERAGE COMPOSITION (DRY WEIGHT BASIS)

PROTEIN 40%

CARBOHYDRATE 25%

LIPID: 20%

DNA: 2.5%

RNA: 6.9%

WATER: 80-85%

OSMOLARITY WINDOW:- 280-350

MILLIOSMOLE/Kg

PH RANGE: 6.5 TO 7.2 TEMPERATURE: 35 TO
37°C ± 0.2°C

SENSITIVITY TO ENVIRONMENT

LACK OF PROTECTIVE CELL WALL

(ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY LIQUID SHEAR
FORCES, GAS BUBBLES)

LOW RATE OF GROWTH

NUMBER DOUBLING TIMES: 18 TO 36 HOURS

LOW CELL DENSITY

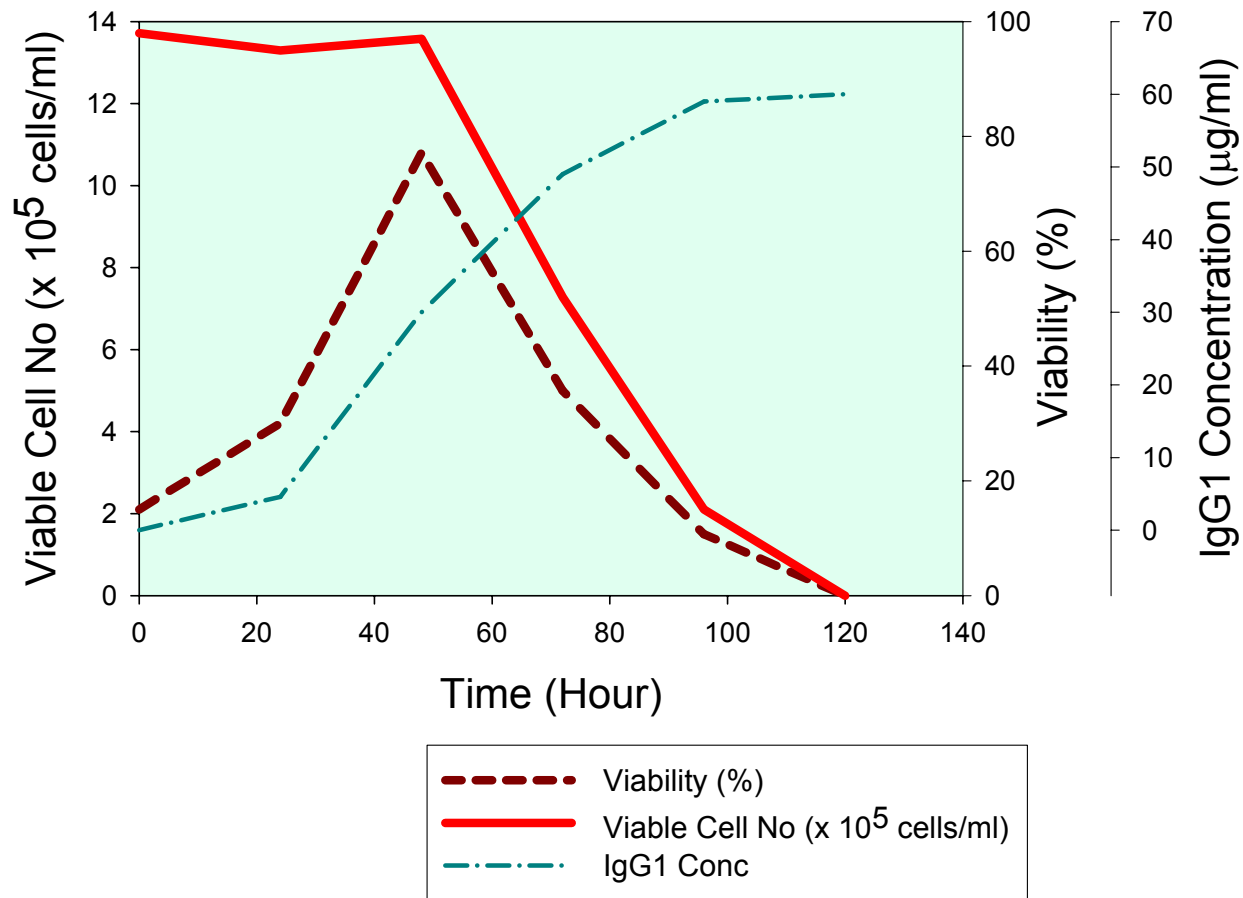
(TYPICALLY 1 X 10⁶ CELLS/ML 0.6 grams/Liter)

FASTIDIOUS NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

EASE OF CONTAMINATION

Cell Growth Characteristics-

Growth Characteristic and Productivity (IgG1) of TB/C3.pEF



Cell Growth Kinetics

Growth rate: $dN/dt = \mu N$

μ (typical): 0.015 to 0.03/Hr
 $T_D = 24$ to 48 Hrs

Product formation rate: $dp/dt = \alpha \mu N + \beta N$

α = growth associated

β = non growth associated

Specific product synthesis rate (q_p)

$Dp/Ndt = q_p = \alpha \mu + \beta = Pg/ \text{ Cell-Day}$

q_p (typical) = 5 to 20 Pg/Cell-Day

Mammalian cell culture- Nutritional requirements (COMPLEX MEDIUM)

Minimal essential medium

ANIMAL CELLS UNABLE TO SYNTHESIZE AMINO ACIDS: (13 AMINO ACIDS: 0.05 mM TO 4 mM)

ALL VITAMINS MUST BE SUPPLEMENTED (8 VITAMINS: 0.3 TO 11 μ M)

INORGANIC ION SUPPLEMENTATION (6 INORGANIC IONS: 1.1 TO 116 mM)

CARBOHYDRATE: GLUCOSE MOST COMMON (5 TO 8 mM)

GLUTAMINE (4 mM)

SERVES AS ENERGY SOURCE

INCORPORATED AS AMINO ACID

AMINO GROUP: TRANSAMINATION

NaCl (116 mM)

MAINTAINING PROPER OSMOLARITY

GLUCOSE (5 TO 8 mM)

PARTIAL SOURCE OF ENERGY

Notable nutrients in high concentrations

Antibiotics (STREPTOMYCIN, GENTAMICIN, PENICILLIN)

REDUCE CONTAMINATION•

Animal serum

DIALYZED FETAL CALF SERUM (5 TO 10%)

Serum free medium

FORMULATED PRODUCTS-ADD HORMONES AND GROWTH FACTORS

PROPRIOTARY FORMULATIONS

Mammalian cell culture-

Application of Cell Cultures

1. Cells Themselves

Skin Cells – Grafting in burn treatment
Blood Cells – Transfusions/ New Veins
Glandular Tissue – Replacements

2. Viral Vaccine Production

Industry is largest producer of animal cells

3. Production of cellular macromolecules.

Pharmaceuticals: interferons, monoclonal
antibodies, hormones and enzymes

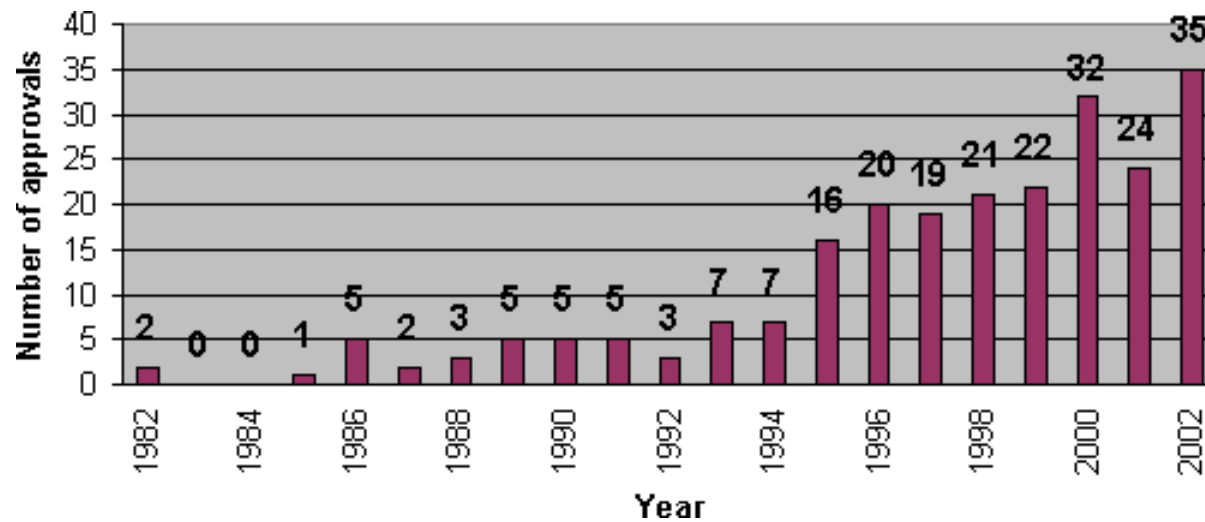
4. In vitro toxicology

Testing drugs on cell cultures instead of
animals

5. Research tool

Cancer research-compare normal and tumour
cells
Predict chemosensitivity to cancer cells

New Biotech Drug and Vaccine Approvals/New Indication Approvals by Year



List of biopharmaceutical products (some examples)

Herceptin® (Trastuzumab)

Anti-HER2 antibody

For metastatic breast cancer in HER2 overexpressed tumors

Rituxan® (Rituximab)

Anti-CD20 antibody

For relapsed or refractory low-grade or follicular, CD20 positive, B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

Thrombolytics Activase® (Alteplase, recombinant)

A tissue-plasminogen activator

For acute myocardial infarction, acute ischemic stroke and acute massive pulmonary embolism

Cathflo® Activase® (Alteplase)

Thrombolytic agent

For the restoration of function to central venous access devices as assessed by the ability to withdraw blood

TNKase™ (Tenecteplase)

Single-bolus thrombolytic agent

For the treatment of acute myocardial infarction (AMI)

Nutropin AQ® [somatropin (rDNA origin) injection]

Liquid formulation growth hormone

For GHD in children and adults; growth failure associated with chronic renal insufficiency (CRI) prior to kidney transplantation; short stature associated with Turner syndrome

Nutropin® [somatropin (rDNA origin) for injection]

Growth hormone

For GHD in children and adults; growth failure associated with CRI prior to kidney transplantation; short stature associated with Turner syndrome

Protropin® (somatrem for injection)

Growth hormone

For growth hormone deficiency (GHD) in children

Pulmozyme® (dornase alfa)

Inhalation Solution

For management of cystic fibrosis (including patients under age 5)

Rationale for using mammalian cell cultures



POST-TRANSLATIONAL MODIFICATIONS

BIOSYNTHESIS OF CARBOHYDRATE MOITIES
(SIALIC ACID, GLUCOSAMINES, GALACTOSE)

SULFATION, PHOSPHORYLATION, ETC.
GLYCOSYLATION ONTO PROPER SITES

PROPER DISULFIDE FORMATION

OTHER PROTEIN PROCESSING CAPABILITIES

CORRECT FOLDING OF ACTIVE MOLECULE
SECRETION OF ACTIVE MOLECULE

BIOSYNTHESIS AND SECRETION OF COMPLEX POLYPEPTIDES

(NO OTHER CHOICE: e.g. MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES)

GENETIC SYSTEM FOR HETEROLOGOUS PROTEIN

RAPID METHOD FOR EXPRESSION OF NEW PROTEINS

STABILITY OF EXPRESSION FOR MANUFACTURING
FDA ACCEPTANCE FOR THERAPEUTIC PROTEINS

AIDING ANALYTICAL AND PRODUCT PURIFICATION.

HYBRIDOMA FOR ANTIBODY PRODUCTION
RAPID ISOLATION AND PURIFICATION FOR ANALYTICAL USAGE

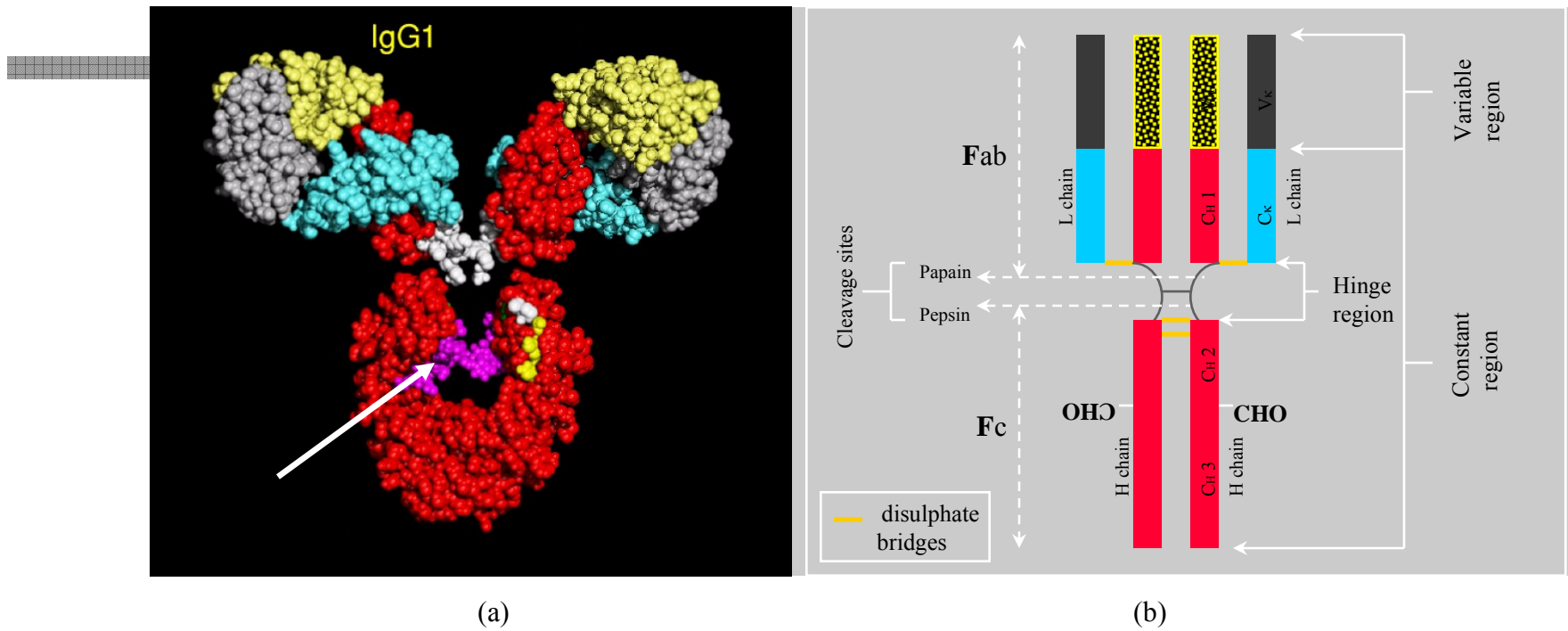


Figure 1.3 : (a) 3-D structure of human IgG1 molecule (Clark, M: <http://www.path.cam.ac.uk/~mrc7/lectures/models.html>) and (b) The schematic model of an IgG1 (κ) antibody molecule showing the basic 4-chain structure and domains (VH,CH1,V κ , C κ , CH2 and CH3). The sites for enzymatic cleavage (papain and pepsin) are shown.

Mammalian cell culture-

Advantages of tissue culture



Environment Control

Defined physiochemical environment (growth media) - pH, temp, O₂ etc

Sample Homogeneity

Tissue has mixture of cell types
Homogenous sample identical over many generations
Indefinite if stored in liquid nitrogen (cryo-preserved -196°C)

Economy

Less cell culture required as directly exposed to reagents
Avoid moral, legal and ethical issues with animal testing

Mammalian cell culture

Disadvantages of tissue cultures



Expertise

Strict aseptic conditions required
Operator requires level of skill and knowledge

Facilities

Require specialised equipment –
laminar flow cabinets,
CO₂ incubators etc

Differentiation/instability

Some continuous cell lines lose
differentiated function
Result in unstable chromosome number

Difference *in vivo*-*in vitro*

Major consideration in toxicology and
research

In vivo cells have 3D geometry, *in vitro*
have 2D

In vitro lose regulation of nervous &
endocrine systems

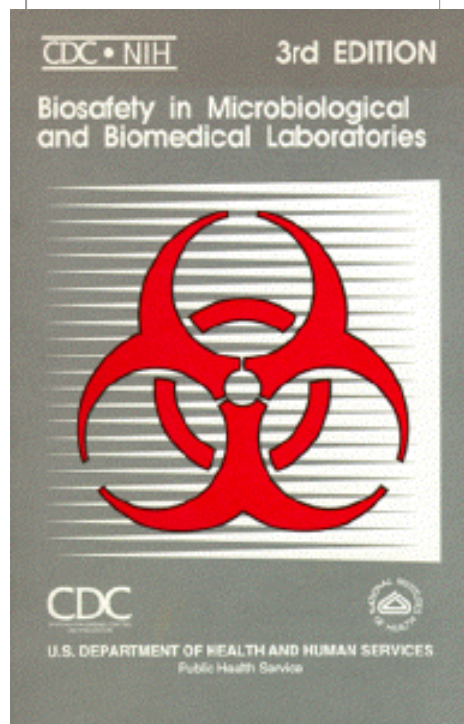
Working with cell culture-

Safety

- Safe practice need to be established due to number of possible risks
- Biohazards need to be categorised correctly
 - ┌ Risk assessment
 - How the materials or equipment is used
 - Who uses it
 - The frequency of use
 - Training
 - General environmental conditions
- Handling hazardous substances, equipment and condition should have SOP (standard operating procedure)

Safety regulations

- Advice that might help in complying safety regulations
 - ┌ USA Dept of Health and Human Services, 1993
 - E.g: Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories)
 - E.g: General Laboratory Health and Safety (26 pages)
 - ┌ NIOSH, CDC, OhASIS



HHS Publication No. (CDC) 93-8395
**Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical
Laboratories**

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Public Health Service
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
and
National Institutes of Health
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Working with cell culture-

Equipment

Essential

Laminar flow cabinet
Incubator/Incubator
(CO₂)
Autoclave/steriliser
Refrigerator/freezer
Inverted microscope
Upright microscope
Purified water
(deionised double
distilled)
Centrifuge
Liquid N₂ tank
Balance
Hemocytometer
Media filter unit

Beneficial/additional

pH meter
Cell counter
Magnetic stirrer
Fluid aspirator
Fluid dispenser
Glassware washing unit
Video camera and monitor

consumable

Pipettes (glass or
disposable)
Culture vessels (T-flasks)
Pipette tips
Eppendorf tubes
etc

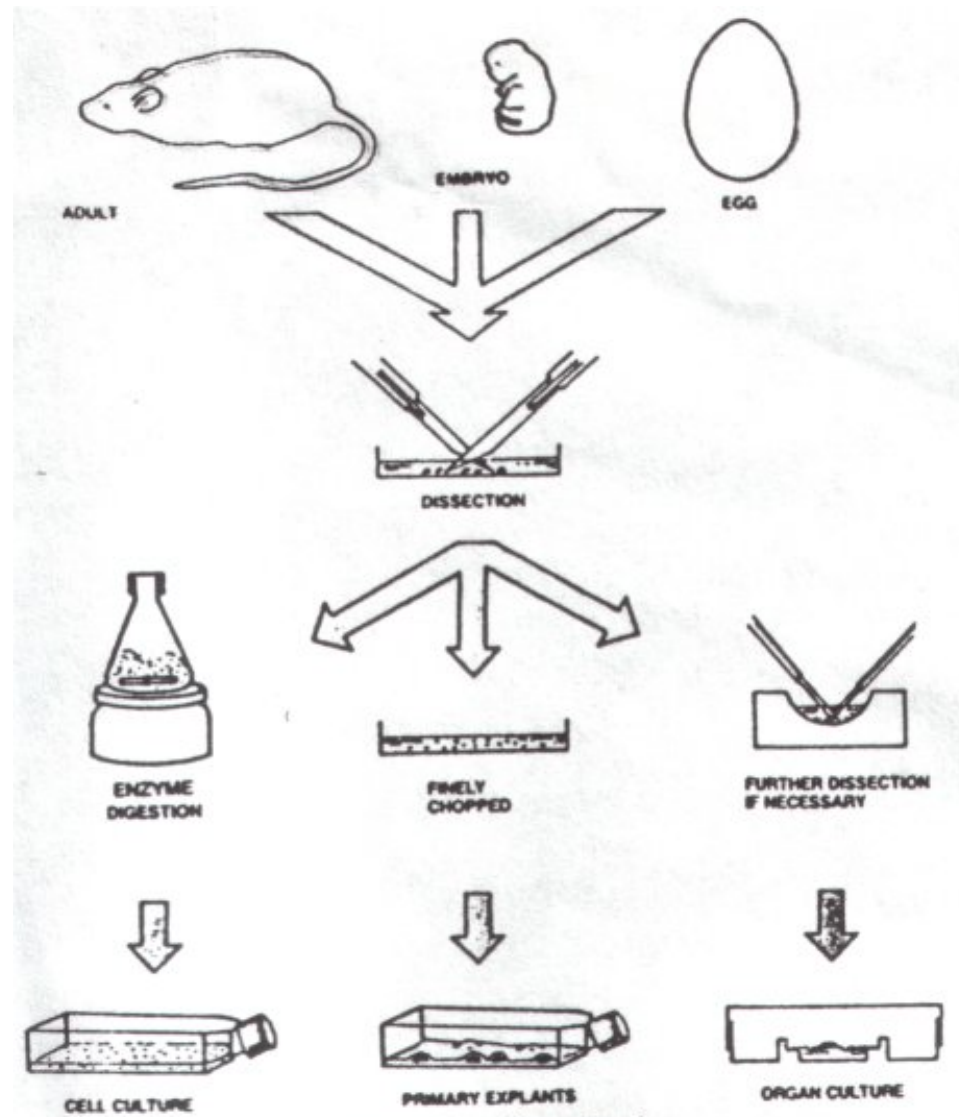


Fig. 1.2. Types of tissue culture.

Origin of Hybridoma cell lines

Myeloma cell types (tumour cells) X Spleen cells (B-lymphocytes-antibody producing cells)

Cell fusions



Hybridoma cells

Hybridoma	NSO	NS1/1	SP2/0-Ag14	P3-X63 Ag8.653	P3-X63 Ag UI
properties	No IgG	Light chain	No IgG	No IgG	Light chain

Cell banking-

Liquid Nitrogen Tank (-196°C)

Cell culture (10^{6-7} cell/ml)



Cryo-preserved liquid
(DMSO or Glycerol, serum)



Deep freezing
(LN₂)



World Cell Culture Collection Centers

American Type Cell Collection

<http://www.atcc.org/>

The European Collection of Cell Cultures

<http://www.ecacc.org.uk/>

Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures)

<http://www.dsmz.de/dsmzhome.htm>

Japanese Collection of Research Bioresources (JCRB)

<http://cellbank.nihs.go.jp/>



Mammalian Cell culture systems



Applications

- ┌ Production of various proteins
 - Widely used producer cell lines and its products (handout 1)
- ┌ Tissue equivalents
- ┌ Organ repair/transplant
- ┌ Alternative toxicity testing
- ┌ Cloned babies!!!!!!!

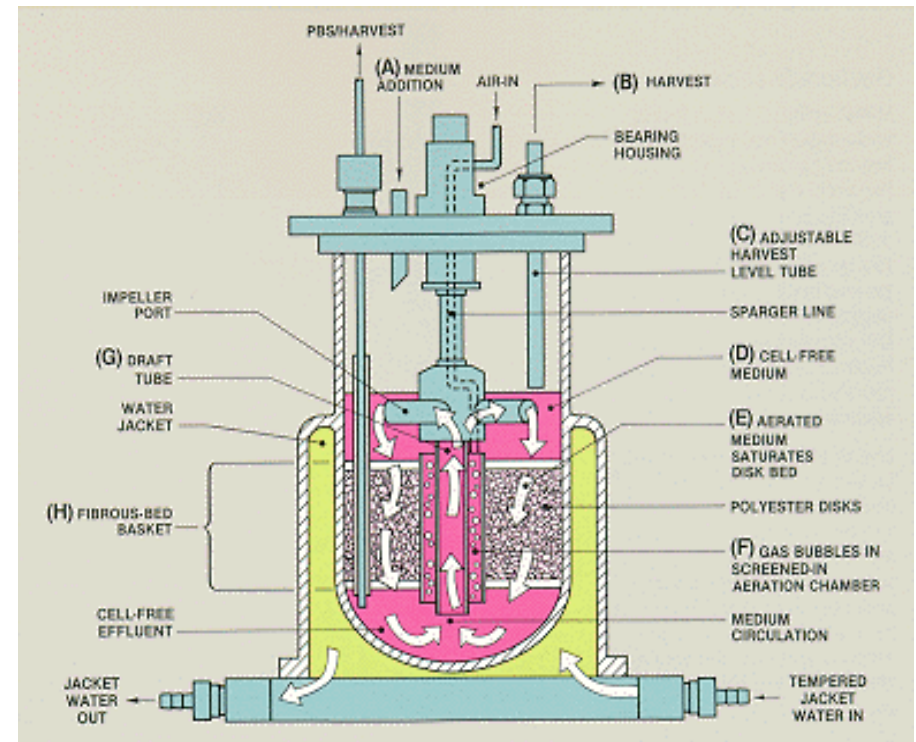
Mammalian Cell cultivation systems

1. Batch cultures
2. High density cultures
3. Continuous cultures
4. Type of bioreactors
 1. stirred tank bioreactor
 2. Airlift bioreactor
 3. Hollow fibre bioreactor
5. Microcarrier systems
6. microencapsulation, packed bed etc.

System	Maximum Concentration mg/l	Productivity mg/week	Required for the production of 1 g
<i>In vivo</i>	2,200	2	180 mice
<i>In vitro</i>			
T-flask	42	7	400 T-flasks
Stirred-tank bioreactor, batch	47	180	39 days
Stirred-tank bioreactor, fed-batch	120	250^a	28 days
Hollow fiber reactor	1,600	1,400^a	26; 5 days^b

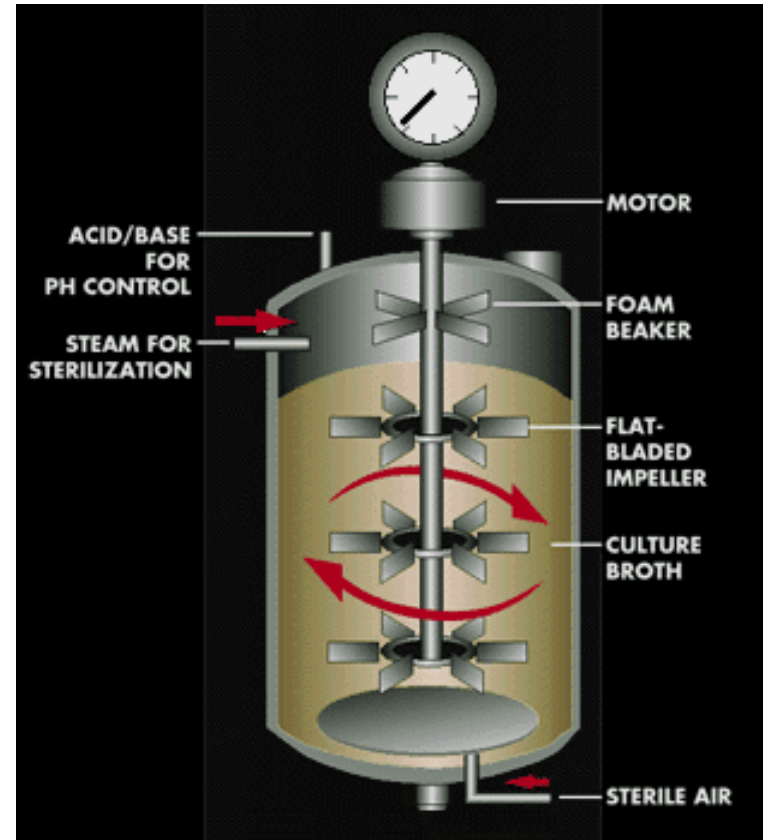
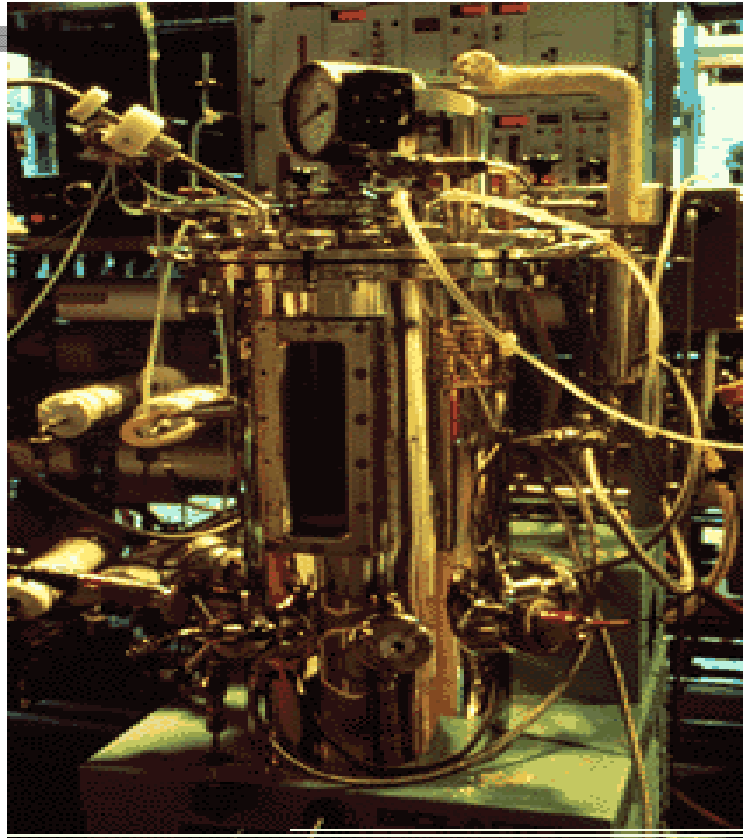
Table 1. Antibody production in different bioreactor systems

(Adapted from Stoll, T., Perregaux, C., Stockar, U. V., and I. W. Marison (1995). Production of immunoglobulin A in different reactor configurations. *Cytotechnology* 17:53-63.)

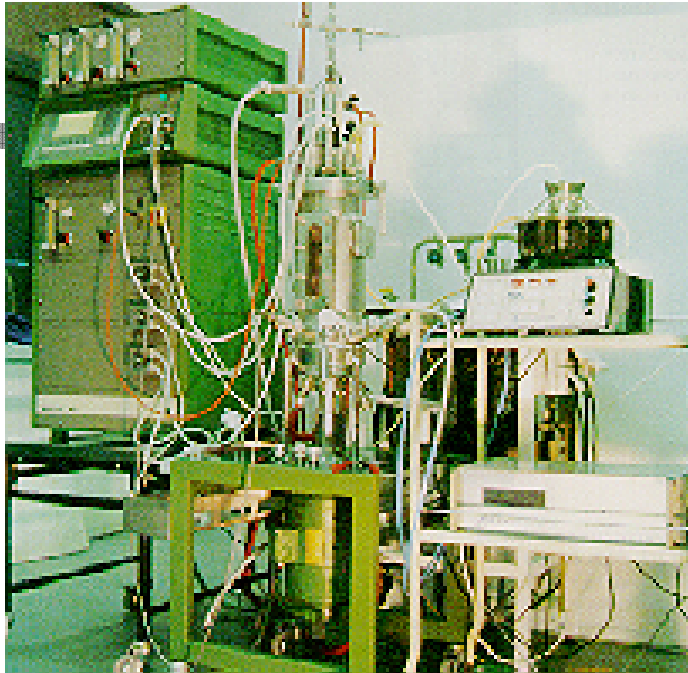


Eg: CelliGen Plus, an all-purpose stirred-tank bioreactor

CSTR (continuous stirred tank reactor)



http://www.accessexcellence.org/LC/SS/ferm_graphics/reactor.html



A 5 litre stirred tank fermenter, equipped with 3 Rushton turbines or with 3 Intermig impellers (B.Braun)



Lonza Biologics, Slough, UK. The hall containing three airlift bioreactor with a a total fermentation capacity of 6,500 liters in a range of process scales from 100 to 2,000 liters.

Air lift fermenter

-The usual height to diameter ration is 10/1 to 40/1

-no mechanical means of agitation.

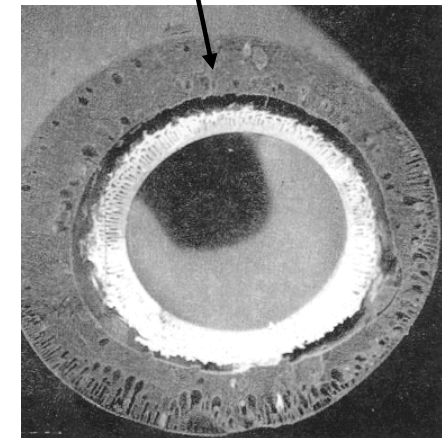
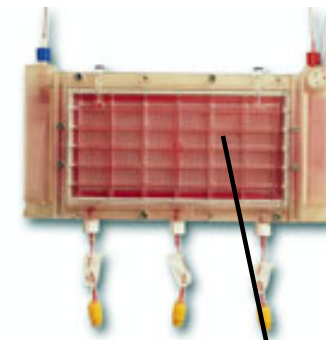
(turbulence within the culture is brought about by injection of pressurized air mainly from the bottom. To enable efficient circulation the design operates with loops either as external loop or as internal loop (so called 'draught tube').

-also known as the 'pressure cycle fermenter'.

(since the growth medium undergoes successive cycles of high and low pressure) main disadvantage lies in the ascending air bubbles will increase in size in the top area of the fermenter (due to the decrease in hydrostatic pressure). Since large bubbles transfer oxygen less efficient than small bubbles this results in the generation of a sub-optimal oxygen supply in the top area.

TECNOMOUSE - perfusion system for the long-term cultivation of cells

The heart of TECNOMOUSE is the exchangeable CultureCassette - a miniature bioreactor. Ideal cultivation conditions are guaranteed by optimal gas supply and media utilisation.



TECNOMOUSE is a modular design and comprises:

A removable, programmable control unit for ease of operation. A modular portable rack for up to 5 Culture Cassettes. A media pump. An integrated gas supply unit that guarantees adequate gas flow to the membranes.

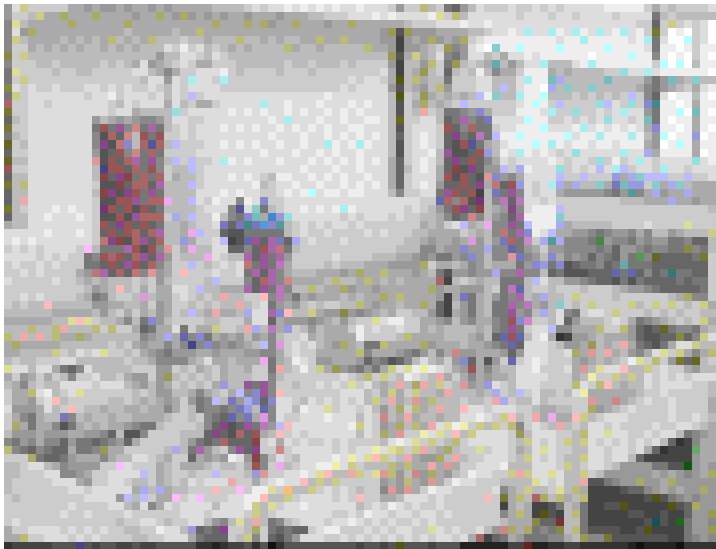
SEM graph of the cross-sectional structure of annular PSf/PESf hollow fiber.

NASA Bioreactor



- For growing cells in **zero gravity**
- A rotating chamber cells grow in suspension
- Simulated zero gravity achieved by slowly rotating the chamber, altering the sedimentation vector continuously.
- The cells remain stationary, subject to zero shear force, and tend to form three- dimensional aggregates, which, reputedly, enhances product formation.
- When the rotation stops, the aggregates sediment, and the medium can be replaced.

Home made HFBR



Example of an actual Home-made Bioreactor Run

Cell line:

YTS 177.9.6.1 rat IgG2a anti-CD4 (DA spleen x Y3/Ag1.2.3 hybridoma)

NB. This is a reliably good producer by all methods (eg 100 micrograms/ml in roller culture)!

Cartridge:

Initial seeding with 2×10^8 cells only - this took 2 weeks to reach optimal production and we would normally use more cells.

Medium:

Total usage over 6 weeks: 40L (cost 80 pounds)

Harvest:

Total harvest over last 4 weeks: 2.15L (average of 77ml/day)

Production:

Total mAb after 50% SAS purification: 3.2 g (avge. of 114mg/day at greater than 1.5mg/ml)
N.B. final mAb greater than 90% pure [native gel].

Other costs:

Estimate 40 pounds per litre of harvest for cost of nutrition bags, FCS, filters, syringes etc.

Total cost:

80 pounds; consumables + 80 pounds; medium + 12 pounds; cartridge (AltraNova 140) = 172 pounds total (for 3.2 g)

ie. approx. 50 pounds per gm (excluding labour/purification/hidden and indirect costs).

Tissue cultures-organ replacement

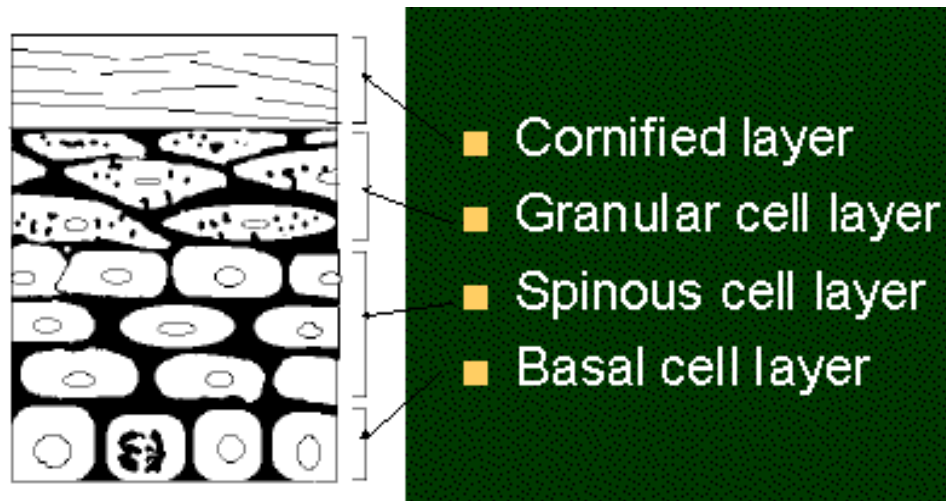
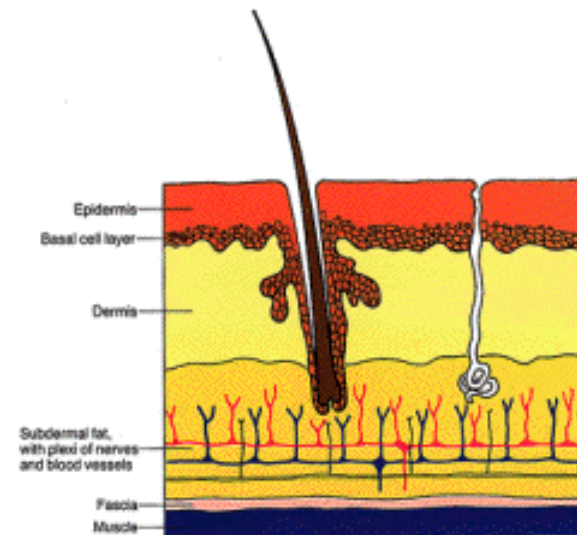
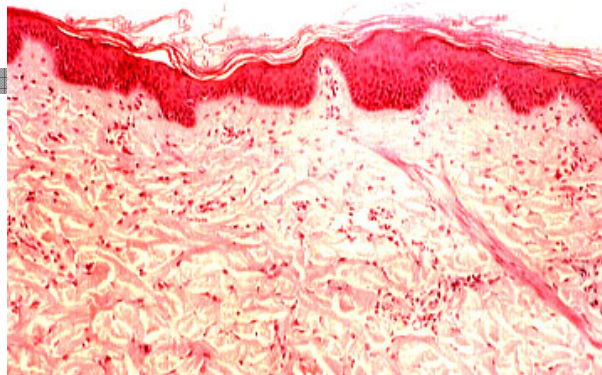
- Skin
- Artificial organs
- Biomaterials
- Cartilage
- Blood substitutes
- Organs
- Vascular grafts

Research projects on the
listed tissues. Refer handouts

Tissue Equivalents-Skin cells

- Dermal equivalents
 - ┌ Skin repair
 - ┌ To study efficacy, metabolism and toxicity of drugs

Structure of the Skin



Structure of the epidermis. Cells stratify into corresponding layers according to differential stages of keratinocytes.

Autografting Technique

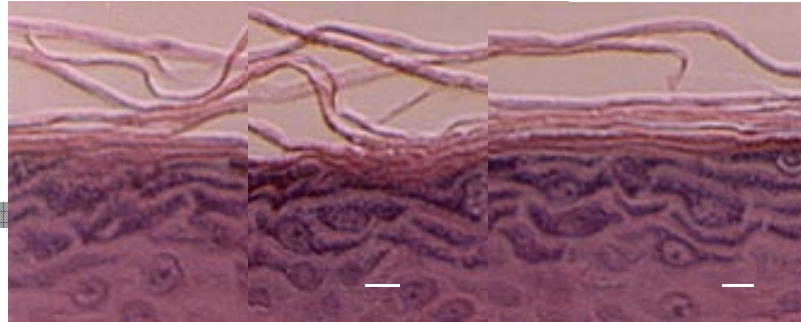


Classical

Removal of patient's own skin from donor sites for grafting. Accompanies morbidity, pain, scarring and sometimes insufficient. Skin from donor site has to be at least the same size as burn site.

Cultured Keratinocyte Sheet

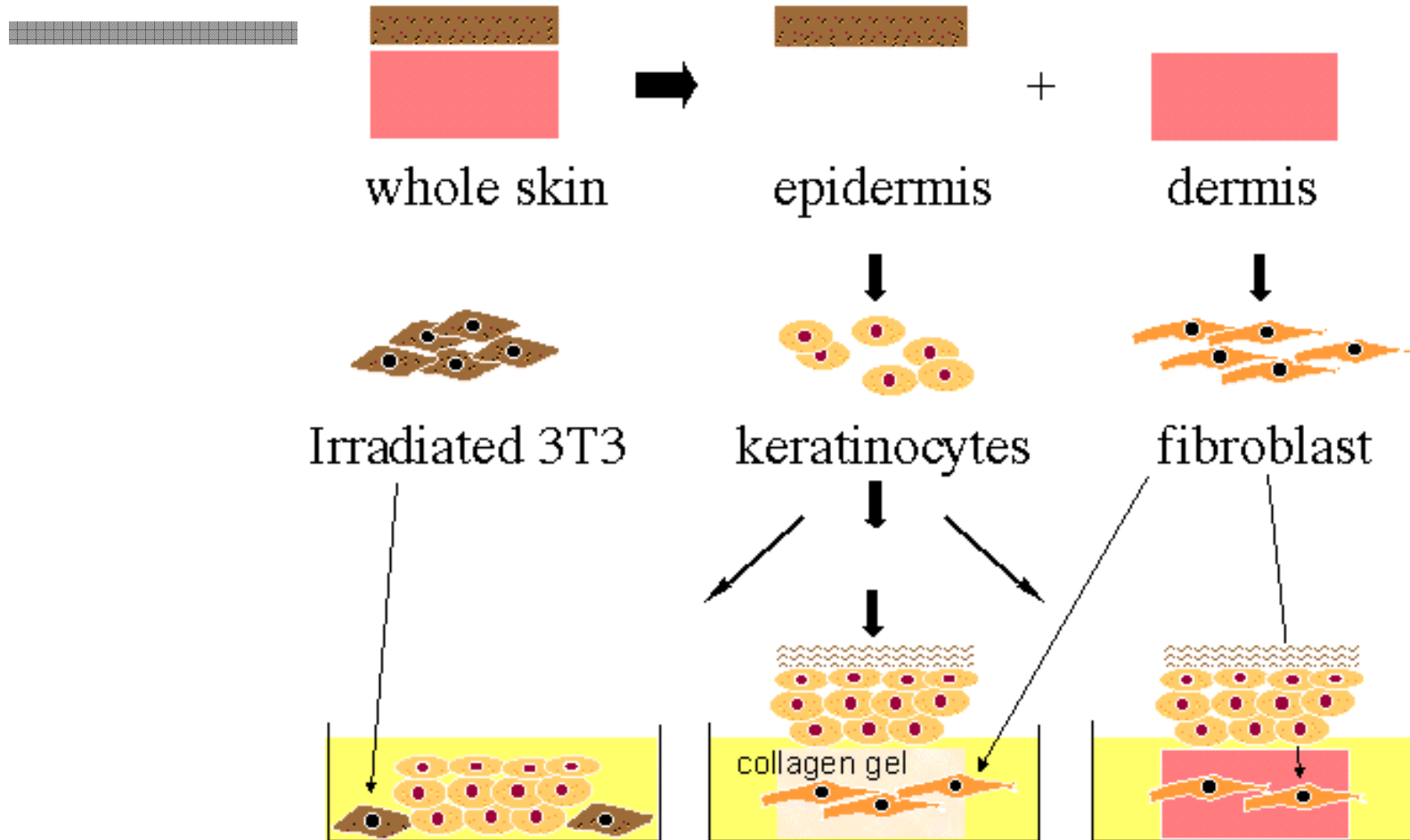
Large number of sheets can be grown from a small piece of patient's normal skin.



EpiDerm™ Skin Model (EPI-200)

- 1.Type:** Normal human epidermal keratinocytes (NHEK).
- 2.Genetic make-up:** Single donor.
- 3.Derived from:** Neonatal-foreskin tissue.
- 4.Alternatives:** NHEK from adult breast tissue.

From Whole Skin to Cultured Skin: Possible Methods



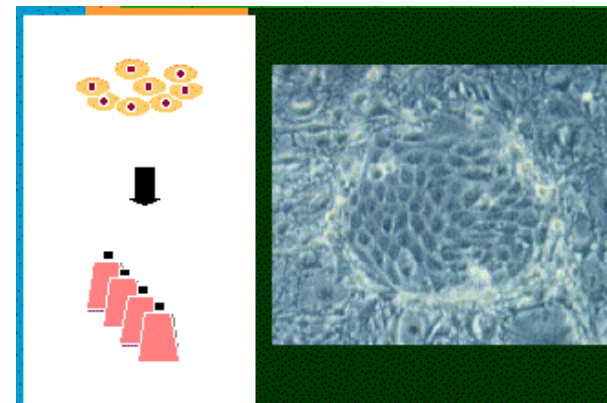
Processing of Initial Skin Biopsy into Single Cells



1. Separation of epidermis from dermis

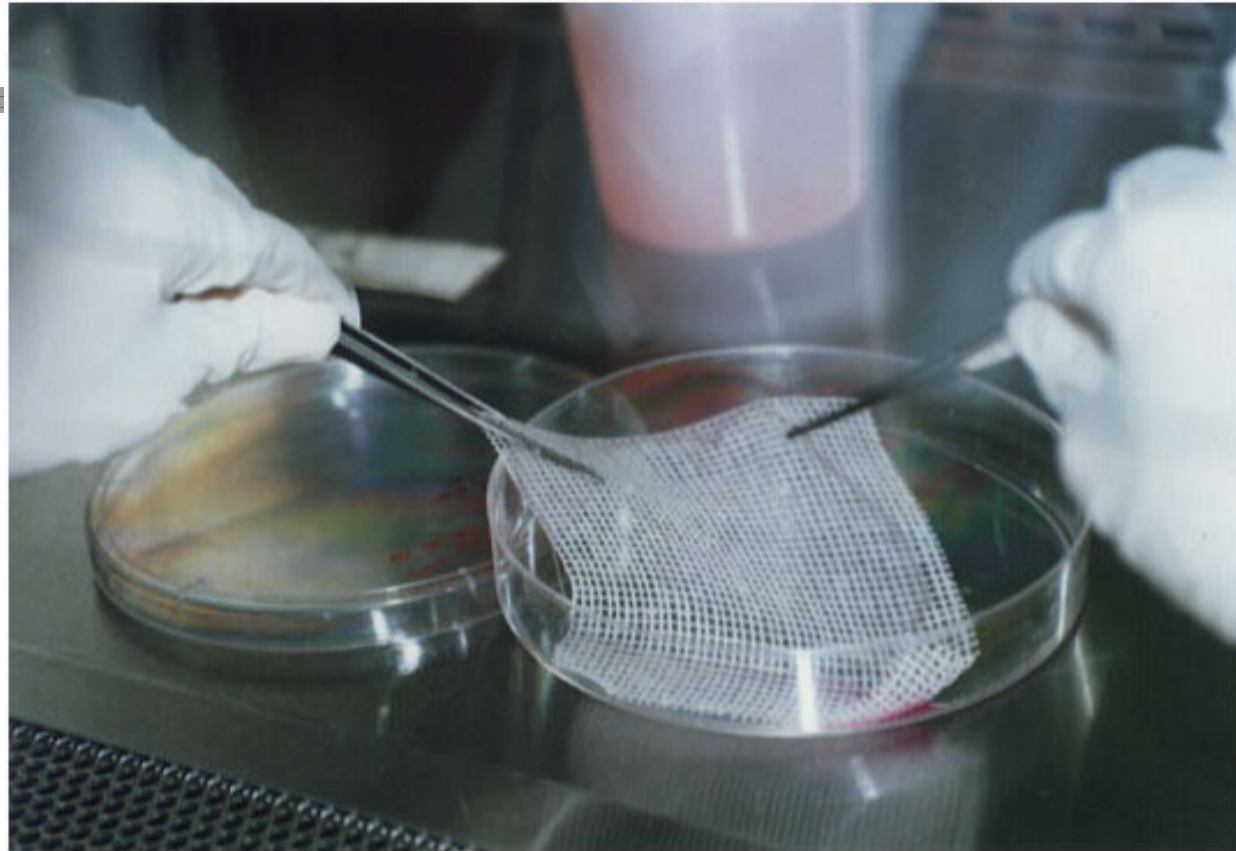


3. Filtering to exclude crude tissues, followed by centrifugation and cell count.



4. About 1×10^6 cells from 1 cm^2 skin biopsy \Rightarrow 4 to 5 T-75 tissue culture flasks (3000-5000 times total area expansion).

Formation of skin tissue- Detachment of Skin Graft from Culture Dish



Fully grown keratinocytes will form a transparent skin sheet in the culture dish. Using the enzyme dispase, the graft sheet is detached from plastic within 30-45 minutes. At this stage, a petrolatum guaze is used as backing dressing to support the graft and preserve the orientation. The graft is detached and then transferred to the operating room under sterile conditions.

Procedures for In Vitro Production of Bovine Embryos

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The procedures for *in vitro* production [IVP; i.e. *in vitro* maturation (IVM), *in vitro* fertilization (IVF), and *in vitro* culture (IVC)] of embryos described here are based on procedures developed in other laboratories at the University of Wisconsin (Parrish et al., 1986), University of Guelph (Xu et al., 1992), and University of Missouri (Hernandez-Ledezma et al., 1993). These procedures as used by our group have been published previously (Edwards et al., 1997; Paula-Lopes et al., 1998). Keep in mind that the protocols described here are not fixed but rather constantly evolve as new developments take place. Therefore, practitioners of IVP will be well advised to experiment with the procedures used, especially after reading of improvements made by other laboratories. This protocol is organized by day of the protocol with d 0 being the day of fertilization.

DAY-BY-DAY PROCEDURE

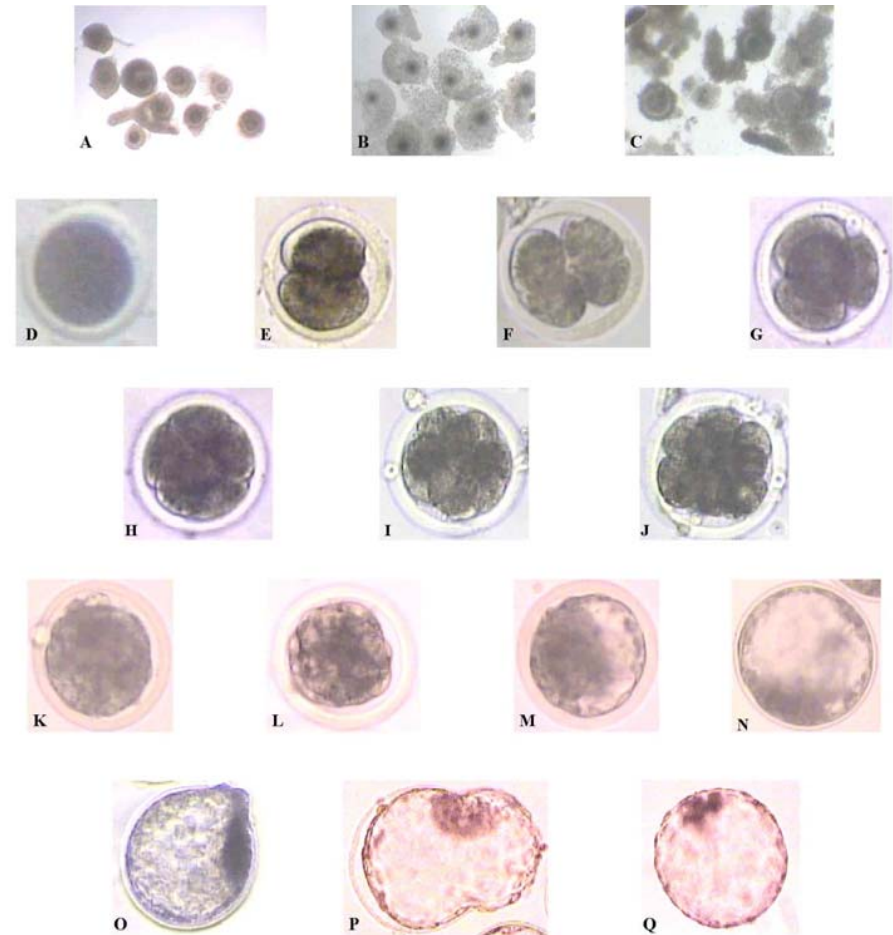
Day -2: Getting Prepared

Day -1: Collection of Ovaries |

Oocyte Collection | Preparation of IVF Medium

Day 0: In Vitro Fertilization

Day 1-9: Culture of Embryos



A. Immature oocytes (d -1)

B. Matured oocytes (d -0)

C. Fertilized oocytes (d 0)

D. 1-cell embryo (d 0-1)

E. 2-cell embryo (d 1)

F. Cleaving 2-cell embryo (d 1-2)

G. 4-cell (d 2)

H. 8-cell embryo (d 2-3)

I. 8-16 cell embryo (d 3)

J. >16 cell embryo (d 3-4)

K. Compact morula (d 4-6)

L. Compact morula-early blastocyst (d 5-7)

M. Blastocyst (d 6-8)

N. Expanded blastocyst (d 7-9)

O. Hatching blastocyst (d 8-9)

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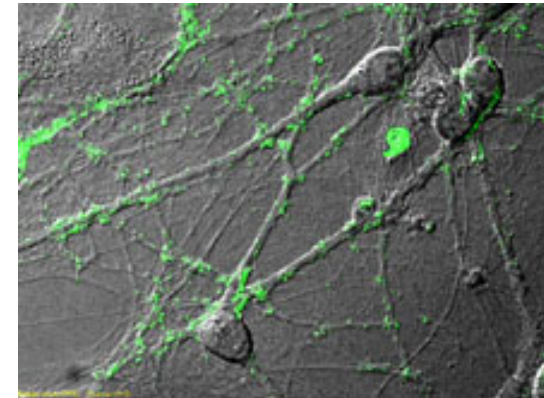
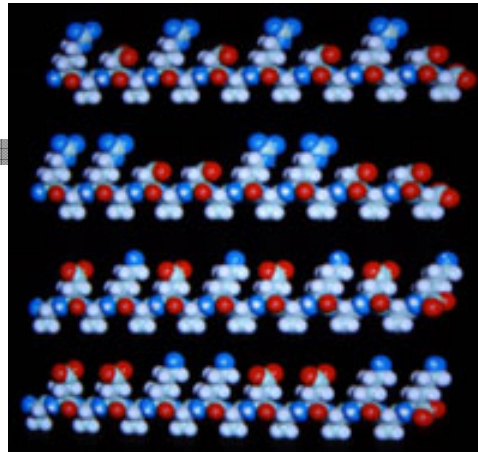
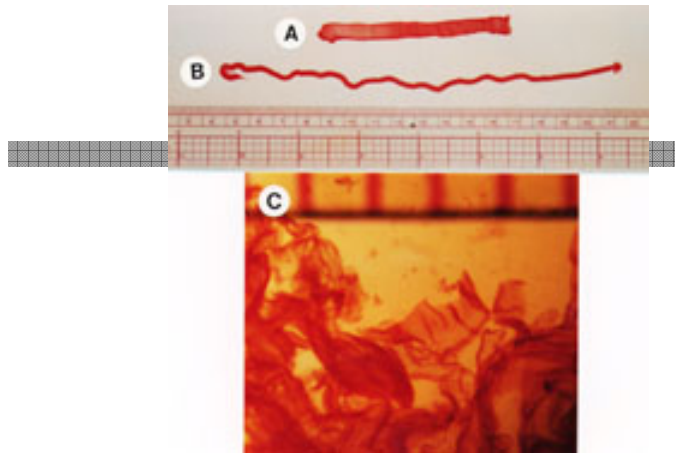
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Biomaterial- Artery, knee cartilage replacement up for FDA approval (Salubria)

A unique biomaterial developed for patients needing artery or knee cartilage replacement. It may also be used to speed repair of damaged nerves in patients with spinal cord injuries and as the basis for an implantable drug delivery system. It is biocompatible with body tissue because of

- its attraction to water,
- mechanical strength can be adjusted as needed,
- it is compliant like normal body tissue
- it is made from an organic polymer (Hydrogel), rather than silicone.

Biomaterials-



Left image: fabrication of various geometric shapes of sapeptide scaffolds. (A) The tape is approximately 8cm long, 0.5cm wide and 0.3mm thick. (B) The rope is about 2mm in diameter. (C) Membrane form.

Right image: molecular models of the ionic self-complementary peptides that form distinct polar and nonpolar sides. These peptides undergo molecular self-assembly to form the nanofibers that further assemble into scaffold.

The peptide scaffold structure is analyzed by scanning electron microscopy (magnification 60,000X). Higher magnification reveals interwoven sapeptide nanofibers that are approximately 10-20nm in diameter.

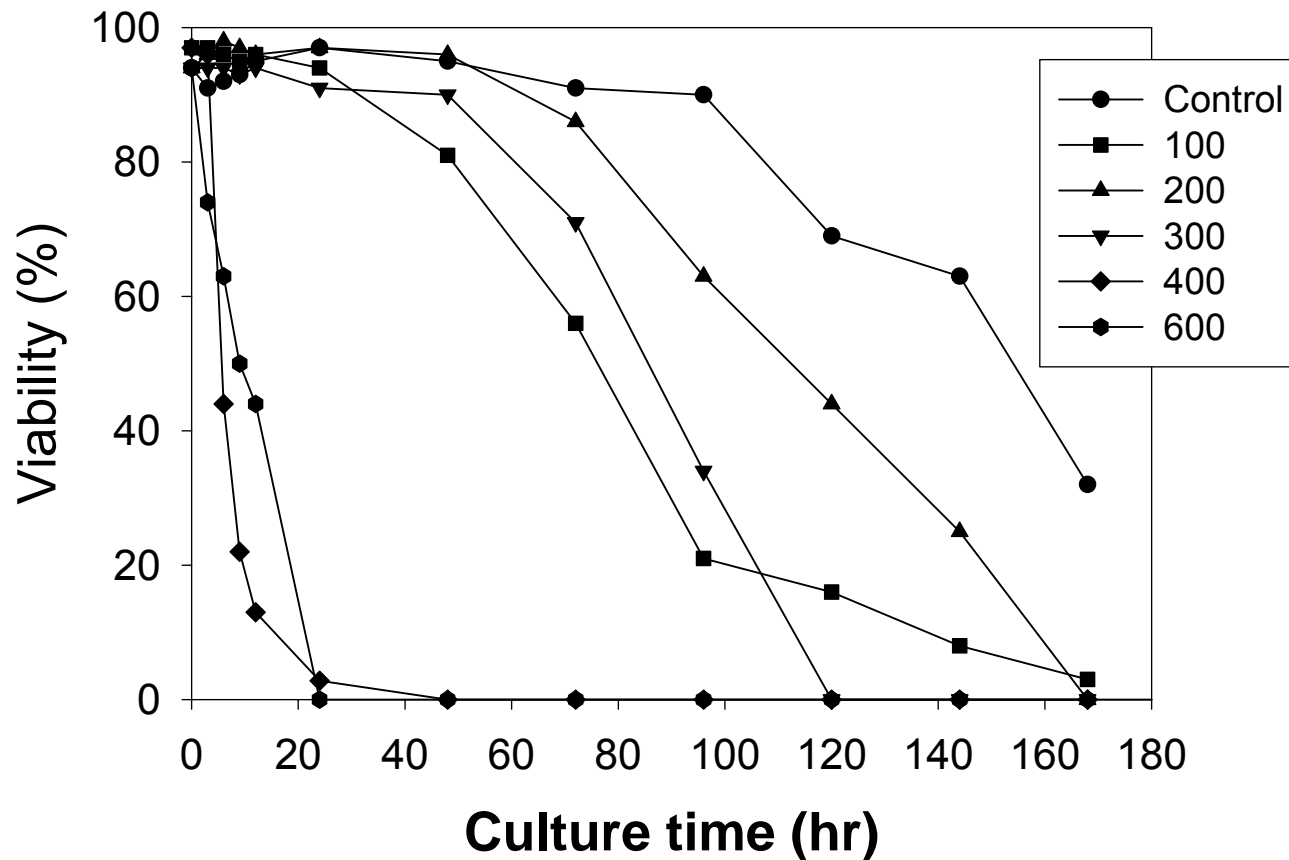
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This peptide-based scaffold, on which neurons grow fibers to communicate with each other and establish functional synapses, ideal medium for growing replacement nerve cells

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. -- Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and New York University report in the June 6 issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) that they have made a biomaterial that supports living nerve cells.

Cell culture-Phytochemical testing

(Dosage effects of MHCP extract on growth of TB/C3.bcl2 cell culture)



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