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MATERIALS TEXT

- Corning® Costar® Spin-X® centrifuge tube filters (Corning®, Cat no.: CLS8160-96EA)
- Corning® 250mL Polycarbonate Erlenmeyer Flask with Vent Cap (Qty: 50/case) (Corning®, Cat no.: 431144)
- ExpiCHO™ Expression System Kit (Thermo Scientific™, Cat no.: A29133)
- ExpiCHO™ Expression Medium (Thermo Scientific™, Cat no.: A2910001)
- ExpiFectamine™ CHO Transfection Kit (Thermo Scientific™, Cat no.: A29129)
- OptiPRO™ SFM (Thermo Scientific™, Cat no.: 12309019)
- Sartorius™ Minisart™ NML Syringe Filters, Sterile (Sartorius, Cat no.: 16534-K)
- PBS (10X), pH 7.2 (Gibco™, Cat no.: 70013032)

- Corning® 96-well Clear Round Bottom TC-treated Microplate, Individually Wrapped, with Lid, Sterile (Corning®, Cat no.: 3799)
- Polypropylene Columns (1 ml) (QIAGEN, Cat no.: 34924)
- Protein G Agarose FAST FLOW 10mL (Merck Pte.Ltd., Cat no.: 16-266)
- Glycine powder (Merck Pte.Ltd., Cat no.: G7126-1KG)
- HyClone™ Water, Cell Culture Grade (Endotoxin-Free) (HyClone™, Cat no.: SH30529.02)
- Dulbecco's Phosphate-Buffered Saline (DPBS), 1x, w/o Ca & Mg, 500ml (HyClone™, Cat no.: SH30028.02)
- 1.0M Tris Buffer, pH 8.0, Biotechnology Grade, 1L (Axil Scientific Pte Ltd (First Base), Cat no.: BUF-1416-1L-pH8.0)
- Bio-Rad Protein Assay Dye Reagent Concentrate (Bio-Rad, Cat no.: 5000006)
- 10X Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS), Ultra Pure Grade, 4L (Axil Scientific Pte Ltd (First Base), Cat no.: BUF-2040-10X4L)
- Slide-A-Lyzer™ G2 Dialysis Cassettes, 10K MWCO, 3 mL (Thermo Scientific™, Cat no.: 87730)
- VIVASPIN 6 30,000 MWCO PES 100/BOX (Sartorius, Cat no.: VS0622)

SAFETY WARNINGS

Please refer to the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for health and environmental hazards.

IgG Expression

1w 2d

1 Day 0: Transfection of ExpiCHO-S cells

- 1.1 Sterile the plasmids by filtering through 0.22 µm spin-X column.
- 1.2 Pre-warm ExpiCHO™ Expression Medium to 37°C in water bath.
- 1.3 Seed 50 ml of 6×10^6 cells/ml of ExpiCHO-S suspension cells in a 250 ml flask. Ensure percentage of viability is >95% before proceeding. Gently pipette cells into the medium and swirl flask to mix the cells. Put flask into incubator and prepare transfection mix.
- 1.4 According to the transfection manual of ExpiFectamine™ CHO Transfection Kit, 0.8 µg of plasmid per ml of ExpiCHO-S cells (20 µg of heavy chain plasmid and 20 µg of light chain) were diluted in cold OptiPRO™ SFM in a 50 ml tube. Mix by swirling the tubes.
- 1.5 Gently invert the ExpiFectamine™ CHO Reagent bottle 4-5 times to mix.
- 1.6 Add respective volume of ExpiFectamine™ CHO Reagent to the tube of diluted DNA. Mix reaction by swirling the tube.
- 1.7 Incubate reaction at room temperature for at least 1 minute but no more than 5 minutes.
- 1.8 Take out the flask of ExpiCHO-S suspension cells that was prepared in step 3 out from the incubator and add the transfection mix dropwise into the cells while swirling the flask gently during addition.

- 1.9 Place cells into back into incubator at 37°C with humidified atmosphere of 8% CO₂ on an orbital shaker.

2 Day 1: Add ExpiFectamine™ CHO Enhancer and ExpiCHO Feed.

- 2.1 After 18-22 hours of transfection, add the required amount stated in of ExpiFectamine™ CHO Enhancer and ExpiCHO Feed.
- 2.2 Gently swirl the flask during addition.
- 2.3 Place cells into back into incubator at 37°C with humidified atmosphere of 8% CO₂ on an orbital shaker for another 7 days before harvesting.

Harvest the cell supernatant containing IgGs. 1h

3 Day 8 : Harvest ExpiCHO-S cell culture supernatant

- 3.1 Collect transfected ExpiCHO-S suspension cells in 50 ml Falcon tubes.
- 3.2 Centrifuge the ExpiCHO-S suspension cells at 2000 rpm for 10 minutes.
- 3.3 Filter the supernatant through a 0.20 µm syringe filter to remove the cells and debris.
- 3.4 Add 10x PBS to neutralize pH of supernatant.

Purification of antibodies 3d

4 Day 9: Add Protein G agarose to the harvested ExpiCHO-S cell supernatant.

- 4.1 Wash 1ml of Protein G agarose (2 ml slurry) 3X with 5 ml of cell culture grade PBS in a 50 ml tube to remove storage buffer from Protein G agarose and add it into the supernatant.
- 4.2 Allow Protein G agarose to bind to the antibodies in supernatant overnight in 4°C or for 2 hours in room

temperature with rotation before purification.

5 Day 10: Wash Protein G agarose and elute IgG antibodies

- 5.1 Centrifuge tube with supernatant and agarose at 150 g for 5 minutes.
- 5.2 Remove supernatant without disturbing the protein G agarose and collect in a new tube.
- 5.3 Wash 1 ml polypropylene column with cell culture grade water three times and with cell culture grade PBS for one time.
- 5.4 Transfer protein G agarose into column.
- 5.5 Wash protein G agarose with 3 column volume of cell culture grade PBS.
- 5.6 After washing protein G agarose with PBS, elute antibodies with 0.1 M of Glycine solution, pH 3.5 into 1.5 ml tubes with 200 µl of 1.0 M Tris, pH 8.0 to neutralise reaction.
- 5.7 Test 10 µl of various fractions of eluted antibody in 200 µl of 1X Bio-Rad Protein Assay Dye Reagent already prepared in a 96 well plate.
- 5.8 Pool the fractions of elute that turn blue in 1X Bio-Rad Protein Assay Dye Reagent together.

6 Day 10: Dialysis of antibodies

- 6.1 Transfer pooled fractions of elute into 10K MWCO Slide-A-Lyzer™ G2 Dialysis Cassettes and allow it to dialyse 3X, each time with 4 liters of 1x PBS prepared from 10X PBS. All buffer exchange should be done at 4°C with at least one of the dialysis done overnight.

7 Day 11: Collection of dialysed IgG antibodies

Collect dialysed antibodies from cassettes and concentrate to desired concentration using VIVASPIN 6

7.1 30,000 MWC0 if necessary.