

# Product Information

## EX-CELL™ CD CHO Fusion Serum-Free Medium for CHO Cells Chemically Defined, Animal-Component Free

without L-glutamine

CATALOG NO. 14365C

### Description

EX-CELL™ CD CHO Fusion is a chemically defined, animal-component free medium developed for the long-term growth of Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells. The absence of any large macromolecules allows for isolation and purification of secreted proteins from the cells. This medium is supplied without L-glutamine to aid in media stability, to avoid L-glutamine degradation that causes ammonia build-up and to provide an appropriate medium for the culture of CHO cells using the Glutamine Synthetase, or GS, System™. This medium does not contain hypoxanthine or thymidine to allow for its use with dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) gene amplification systems.

### Formulation

The formula for EX-CELL™ CD CHO Fusion is proprietary to SAFC Biosciences™. For additional information call our Technical Services department.

### Precautions

Use aseptic technique when handling or supplementing this medium. This product is for research or for further manufacturing use. THIS PRODUCT IS NOT INTENDED FOR HUMAN OR THERAPEUTIC USE.

### Storage

Store liquid medium at 2 to 8 C, protected from light. Do not use after the expiration date.

### Indications of Deterioration

Medium should be clear and free of particulate and flocculent material. Do not use if liquid medium is cloudy or contains precipitates. Other evidence of deterioration may include color change, pH shift or degradation of physical or performance characteristics.

### Preparation Instructions

EX-CELL™ CD CHO Fusion is formulated with sodium bicarbonate and without L-glutamine. For applications requiring the use of L-glutamine, supplement prior to use with 4 - 8 mM L-glutamine by adding 20 - 40 mL/L of a 200 mM solution (Catalog No. 59202C). SAFC Biosciences recommends L-glutamine supplementation of the working volume only. Supplements, such as antibiotics, can be added to the sterilized medium using aseptic technique. Storage conditions and shelf life of the product may be affected by the nature of the supplement.

### Methods for Use

The following procedure is suggested for cells coming from other formulations that are not EX-CELL™ CD CHO Fusion.

1. Subculture actively growing cells by planting new cultures at  $4 \times 10^5$  cells/mL in 20 - 30 mL of EX-CELL™ CD CHO Fusion.
2. Subculture stocks every three to four days at a seeding density of  $4 \times 10^5$  cells/mL.
3. Continue stocks for four to six passages until viabilities stabilize at >90%.
4. Once cells are fully adapted to EX-CELL™ CD CHO Fusion seeding densities can be adjusted to lower densities for initiating new cultures.

### Culture Techniques

Once cultures are fully adapted, the cells should be passed every 3 - 4 days at a seeding density of at least  $2-4 \times 10^5$  cells/mL. An optimal seeding density should be determined by the researcher for each application and cell type.

When passing the cells, medium carryover should not exceed 25% of the final volume. If carryover exceeds 25%,

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centrifugation is recommended. Cells propagated in serum-free or protein-free media are extremely fragile. Standard techniques of centrifugation must be modified to include low-speed centrifugation to prevent damage to cells that have been propagated in serum-free medium.

### Cryopreservation

#### Freezing:

Cells can be frozen in EX-CELL™ CD CHO Fusion without the reintroduction of serum.

1. Choose a culture in logarithmic growth with viabilities above 90%.
2. Prepare a freezing medium consisting of 45% cold EX-CELL™ CD CHO Fusion medium, 45% spent medium and 10% dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO).
3. Centrifuge the cells at 200 *g* for 5 minutes. Remove the supernatant.
4. Resuspend the cells in the freezing medium at  $5 \times 10^6$  to  $1 \times 10^7$  cells/mL.
5. Rapidly transfer 1 - 2 mL of this suspension to sterile cryovials.
6. Place the vials at -20 C for 3 - 4 hours, then transfer to -70 C for 16 - 24 hours.
7. For long-term storage, transfer the vials to liquid nitrogen vapor.

#### Thawing:

1. Rapidly thaw a vial of frozen cells in a 37 C water bath.
2. Transfer the cells aseptically to a centrifuge tube containing 10 mL of chilled EX-CELL™ CD CHO Fusion medium.
3. Using low-speed centrifugation, pellet the cell suspension at 200 *g* for 5 minutes and carefully decant the supernatant without disturbing the cell pellet.
4. Resuspend the cells in 5 mL of EX-CELL™ CD CHO Fusion medium.
5. Count the cells for viability and transfer to a sterile tissue culture flask at a seeding density of  $4 \times 10^5$  cells/mL.
6. When cell densities reach  $1-2 \times 10^6$  cells/mL, passage the cells using standard cell culture techniques.

### Characteristics

#### Appearance

Clear solution

#### Osmolality (as supplied)

292 - 322 mOsm/kg H<sub>2</sub>O

#### pH (as supplied)

7.1 - 7.7

#### Sterility

No microbial growth detected

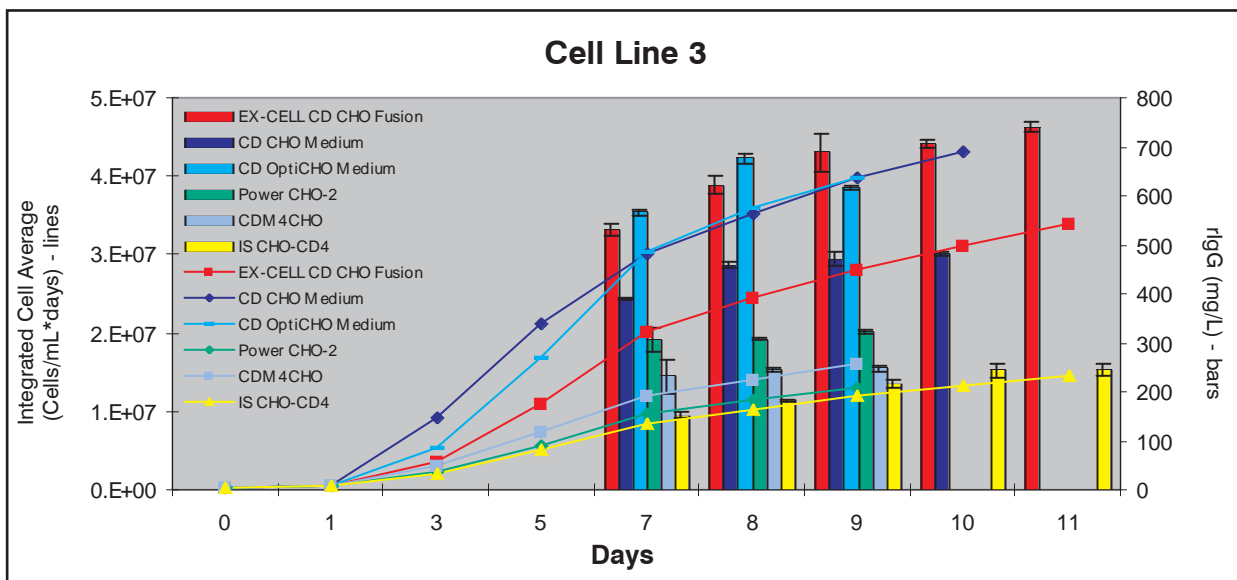
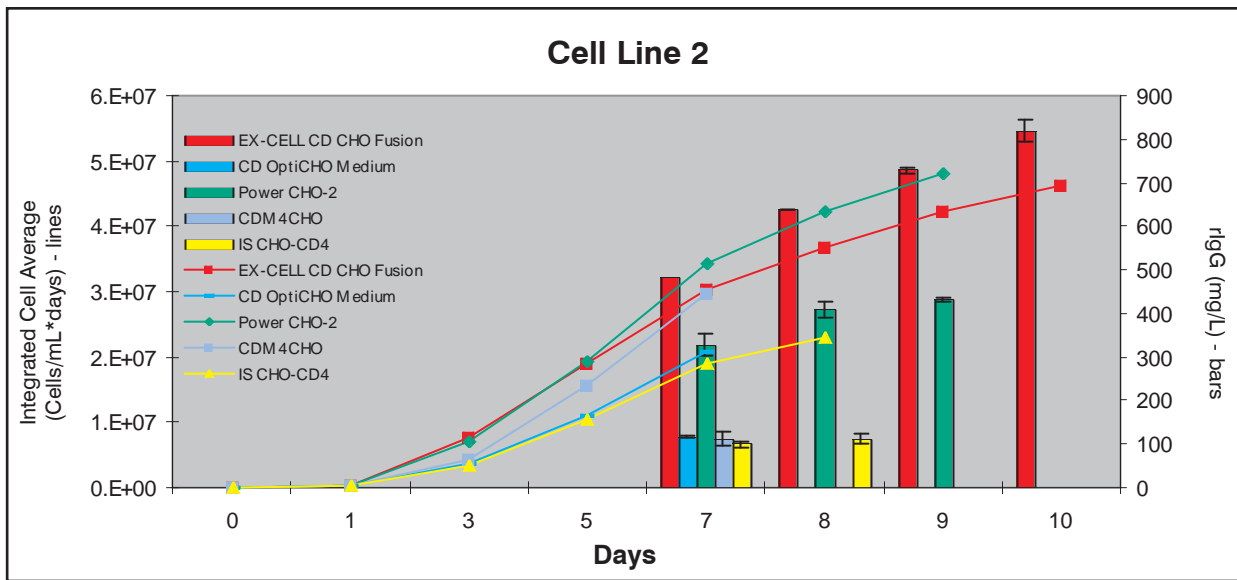
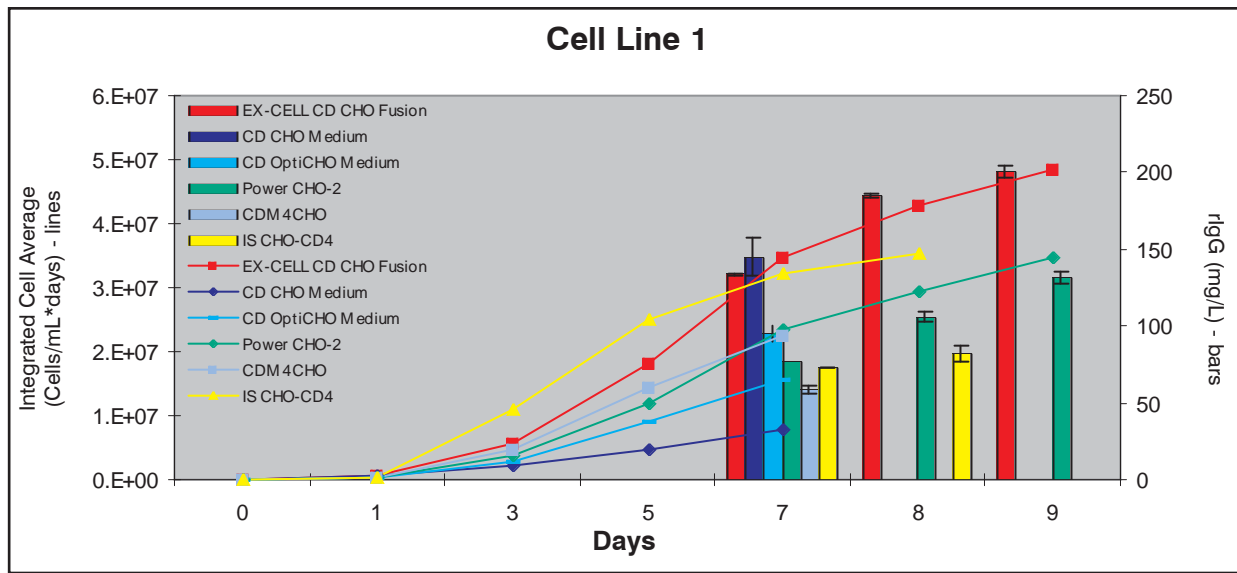
### Product Profile

SAFC Biosciences EX-CELL™ CD CHO Fusion was compared to five chemically defined competitor formulations designed for CHO cells (Table 1). Three proprietary rIgG-producing CHO cell lines were used for the purposes of these comparisons.

**NOTE:** All cell lines were adapted to each formulation by passing six times before evaluating growth and productivity. Cell line 2 could not be adapted to GIBCO CD CHO.

Table 1: CHO formulations used for comparison assays.

MEDIUM	MANUFACTURER	CATALOG NO.
EX-CELL™ CD CHO FUSION	SAFC Biosciences	14365C/24365C
CD CHO Medium	GIBCO (Invitrogen)	10743
CD OptiCHO™ Medium	GIBCO (Invitrogen)	12681
PowerCHO®-2	BioWhittaker (Lonza)	12-771Q
CDM4CHO™	HyClone (Thermo Scientific)	SH30558
IS CHO-CD4™	Irvine Scientific	91100



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