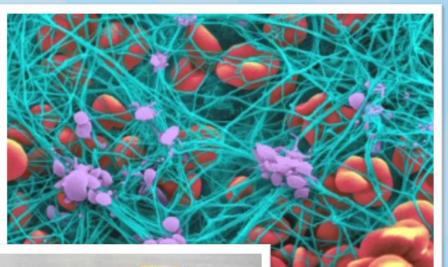


Production of Exosomes and Culture of Stem Cells in Hollow Fiber Bioreactors

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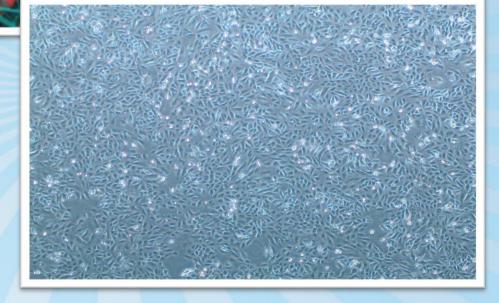


## **Cell Culture Through the Ages**









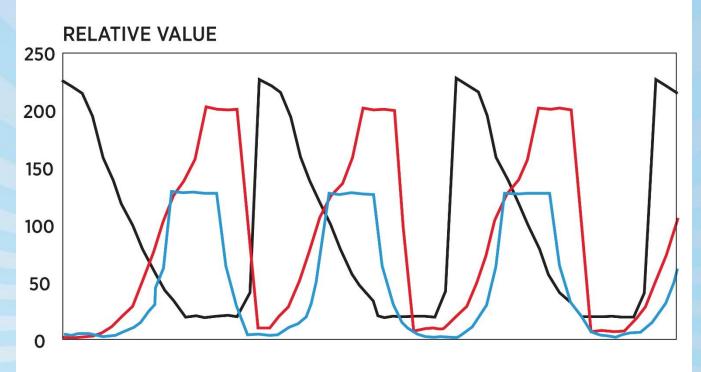


# Cell Culture Options for Scale-Up

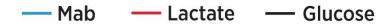
- Roller Bottles
- Cell Factory
- Cell Cube
- Cell Culture Bags
- Spinner Flasks
- Bioreactors



### "Feast or Famine"



#### DAYS AFTER SEEDING





## **Current Method**

- 1) Expand cells in flasks
- 2) Remove serum
- 3) Collect exosomes for 2 days
- 4) Rinse and repeat





# Requirements for standards

- 1) Consistent and uniform
- 2) Comparable to in vivo
- 3) At scale
- 4) Concentrated
- 5) Contaminant free

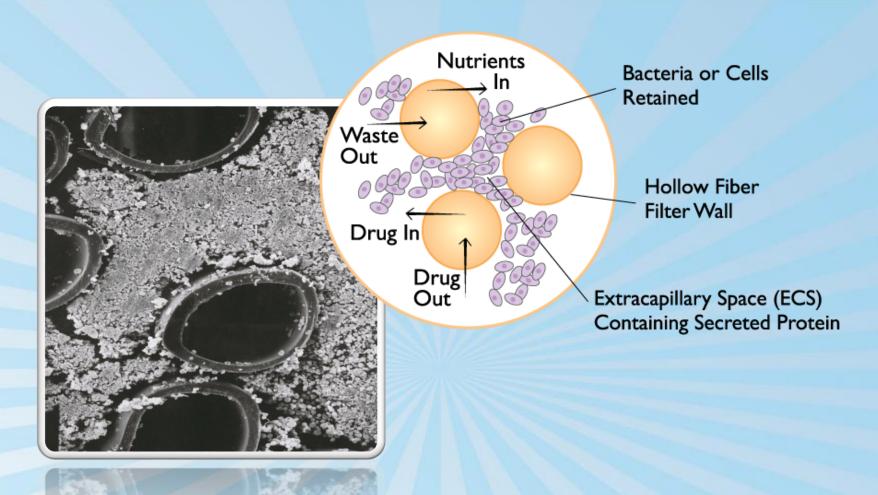


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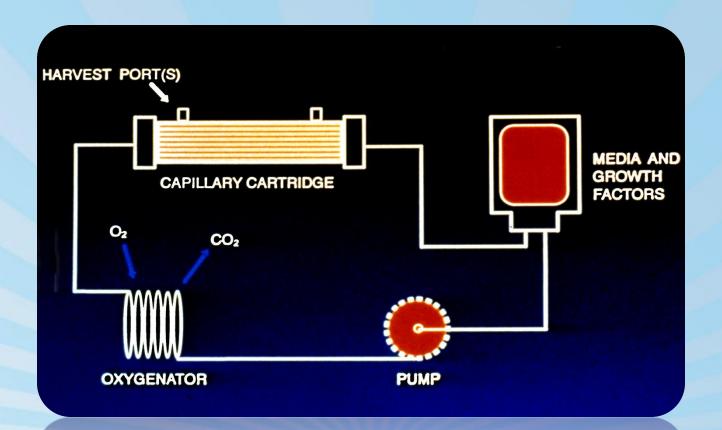
- Primary cells
- Engineered cell lines for recombinant EV production.



# Hollow Fiber: How it works







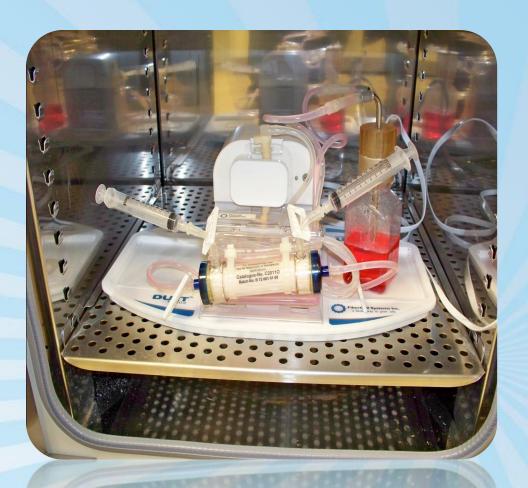
#### **OXYGENATOR**

PUMP

- Positive pressure displacement pump
- Silicone tubing for gas exchange
- Closed, bio-safe system



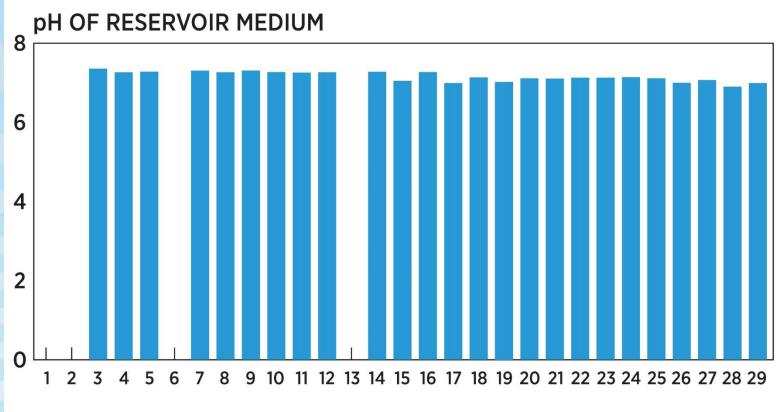
# In the Laboratory



- Fits in any standard sized incubator
- Gas controlled by incubator
- Temperature controlled by incubator
- Thin cord for power



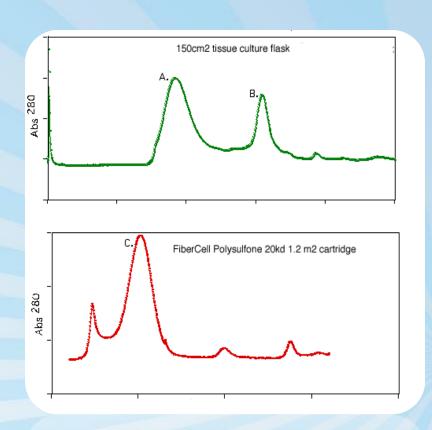
# HF CULTURE OF CHO CELLS pH CHANGES







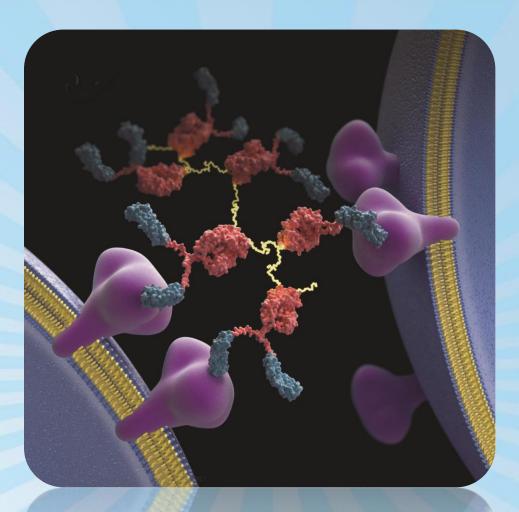
## Recombinant Protein Production



- Both suspension and adherent cell types
- 100X + higher concentration
- Easily adapt to SFM
- Can provide improved protein folding



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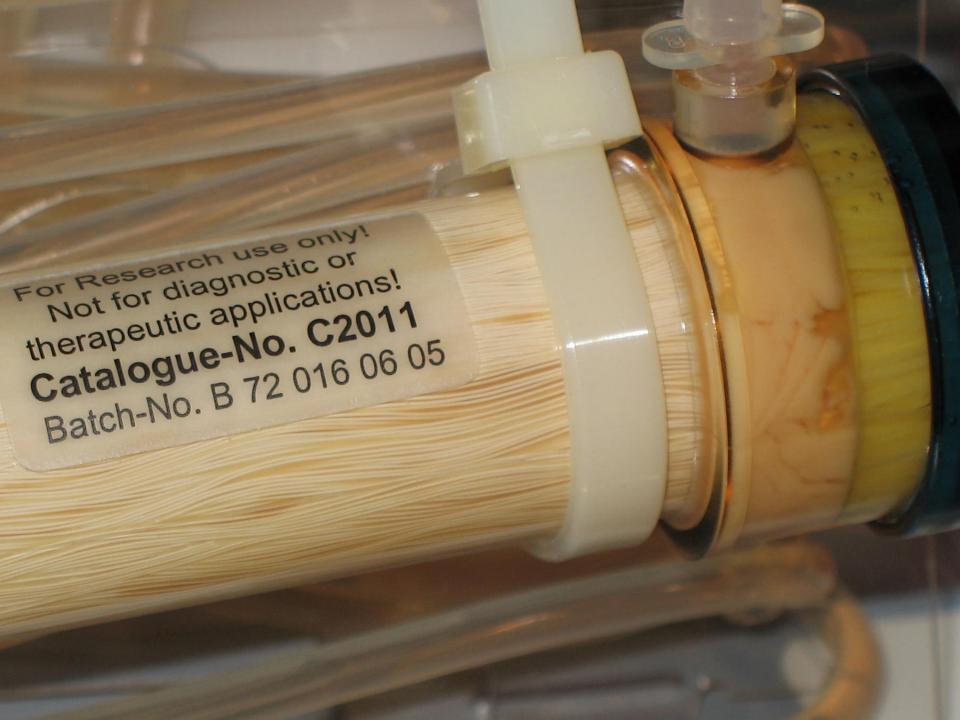




# HF Applications

- Monoclonal antibody production
- Recombinant protein production
- Conditioned medium
- Exosome production
- Endothelial cell culture under shear stress
- Cell co-cultivation
- Virus production
- In Vitro toxicology





# Advantages of Hollow Fiber Cell Culture

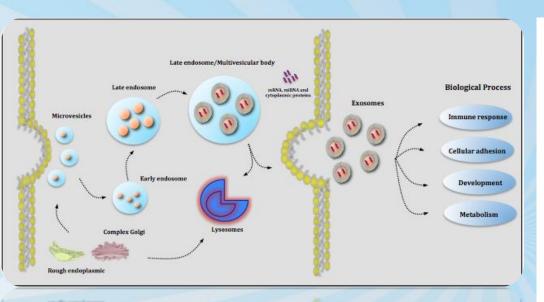
- Concentrated product
- Uniform and complete posttranslational modifications
- Low apoptosis, less contamination with intracellular proteins and DNA
- Protein free medium (CDM-HD) contains no surfactants
- Consistency of production over many months.





### **Exosomes**

- Cell-derived vesicles in biological fluids
- Including medium of cultured cells
- Dia. between 30 and 100 nm
- Contain cellular proteins and RNA
- Facilitate cell-to-cell transfer of cargo
- May play a role in cell-to-cell signaling
- May mediate adaptive immune responses





# The Anatomy of an Exosome lyso-Phosphatidylcholine Phosphatidylcholine Phosphatidylinositol

# Advantages for Exosome Production

- Large numbers of cells can be cultured in a small space
- Secreted exosomes are concentrated
- Continuous production over several months
- Serum can be used without contamination from endogenous exosomes
- CDM HD can be used for cGMP production
- Cell proliferation may be limited



# Human Adipose Derived Adult MSC

#### 130 T225 Flasks

Harvest Volume: 4000mls

Protein: 0.9 mgs

Particles: 1.6X10<sup>9</sup>

#### **One C2011 Bioreactor**

Harvest Volume: 120mls

Protein: 14.45 mgs

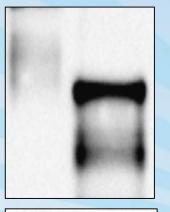
Particles: 3.27X10<sup>12</sup>

5X108 cells seeded

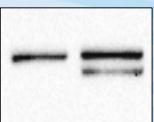


# Bioreactor is a rich source of exosomes

Plast Somes Pioreactor



CD637.6-foldincrease



2.1-fold increase

Alix

Sample	μg yield per ml sup
Conventional culture EVs (comparison protocol)	2.7 ± 0.4
Bioreactor EVs (comparison protocol)	33 ± 3
Bioreactor EVs (optimized protocol)	54 ± 2

# >10-fold increase in exosome yield from bioreactor supernatants



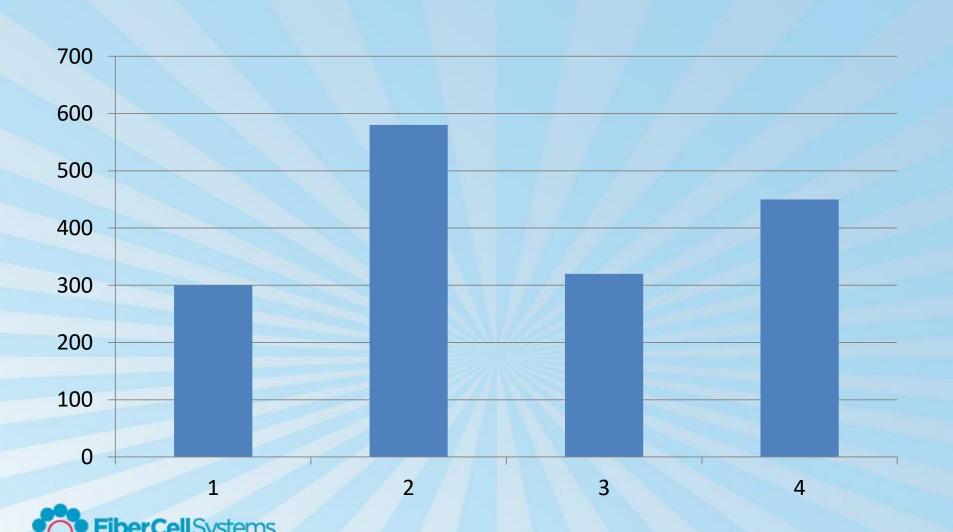
Dionysios C. Watson, Jenifer Bear, George N. Pavlakis National Cancer Institute, USA

Culture Platform (1 x 10 <sup>9</sup> cells)	Medium Volume (mL)	Total Number of EVs (10 <sup>9</sup> )
Bioreactor Harvest #1	40	320
Bioreactor Harvest #2	40	250
Bioreactor Harvest #3	40	290
130 Flasks (225 cm <sup>2</sup> )	4000	16









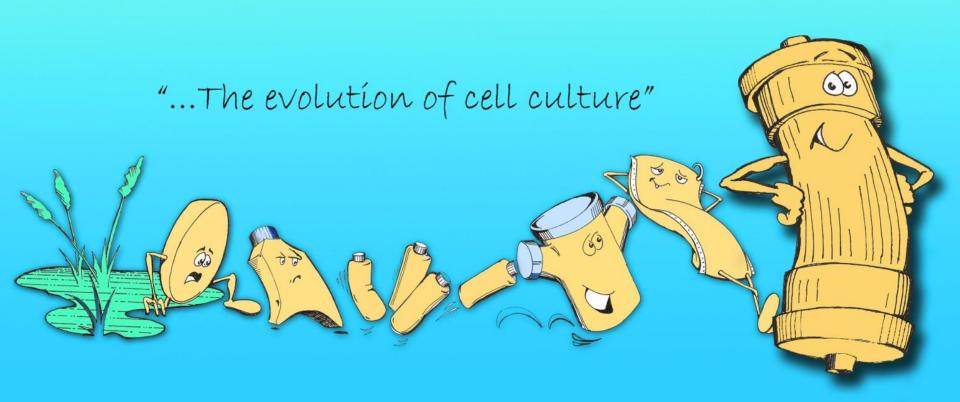




# Summary

- Hollow fiber bioreactors are the method of choice for the culture of 10<sup>9</sup> to 10<sup>11</sup> cells
- Can produce gram quantities of exosomes
- Concentration of I00X higher than with conventional methods
- The most in vivo method for culturing cells over long periods of time
- Suitable for cGMP production
- Saves time, space, purification costs
- A practical method for generating EV standards and potential therapuetics

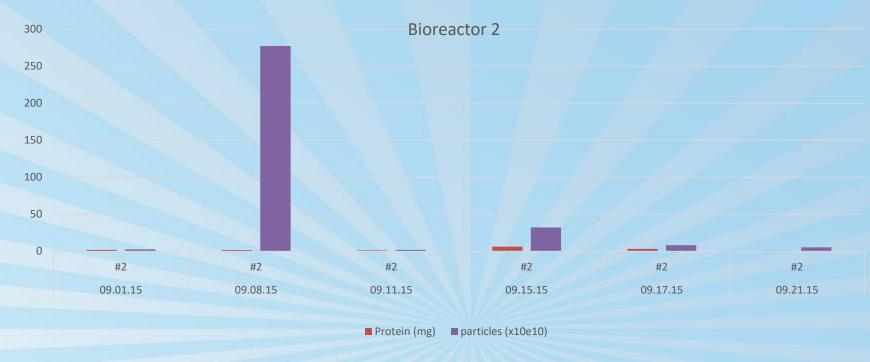








# Exosomes from Adult Adipose MSC



Total Volume: 120 mls

Total Protein: 14.45 mgs

Total Particles: 3.26 X 10e12



1.5 mgs/liter