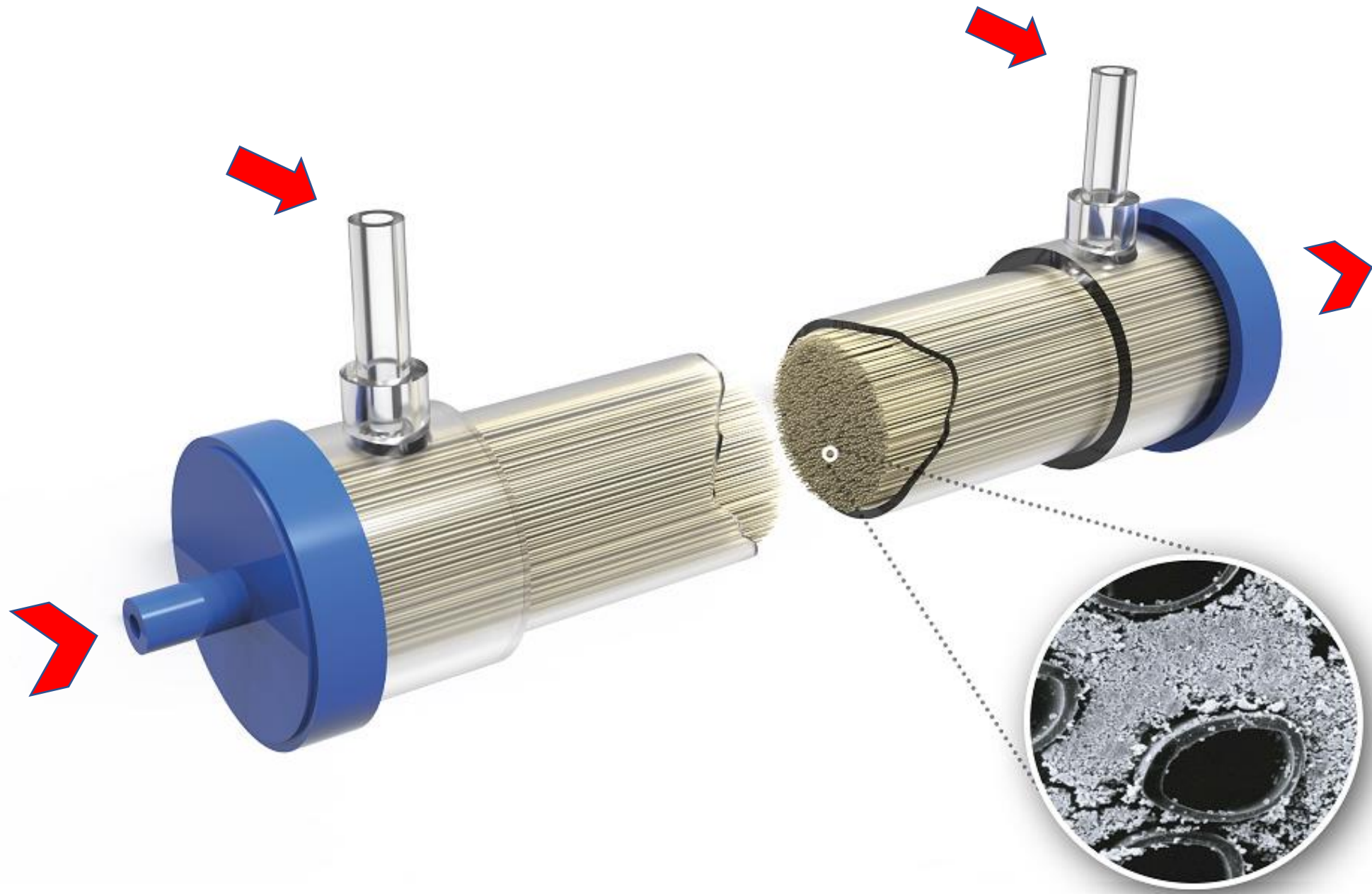


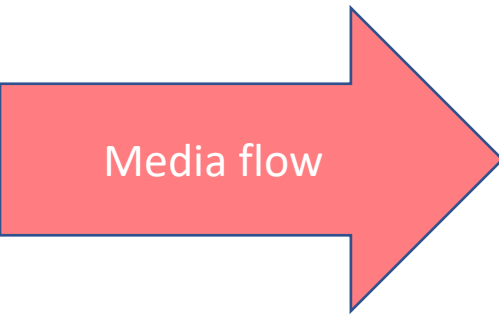
# FiberCell Systems Bioreactor

*Harvesting EVs from cells in  
continuous high density culture*





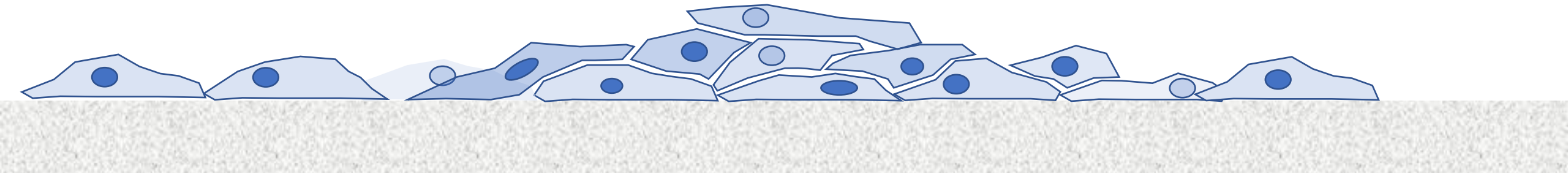
Cells grow on a **POROUS** substrate



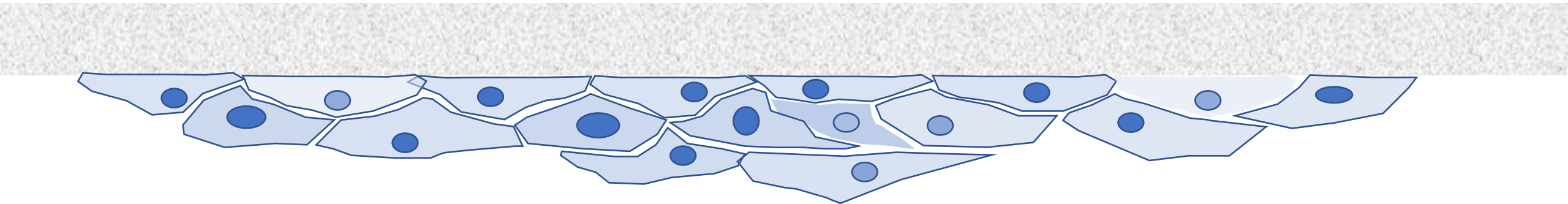
Hollow fibre lumen



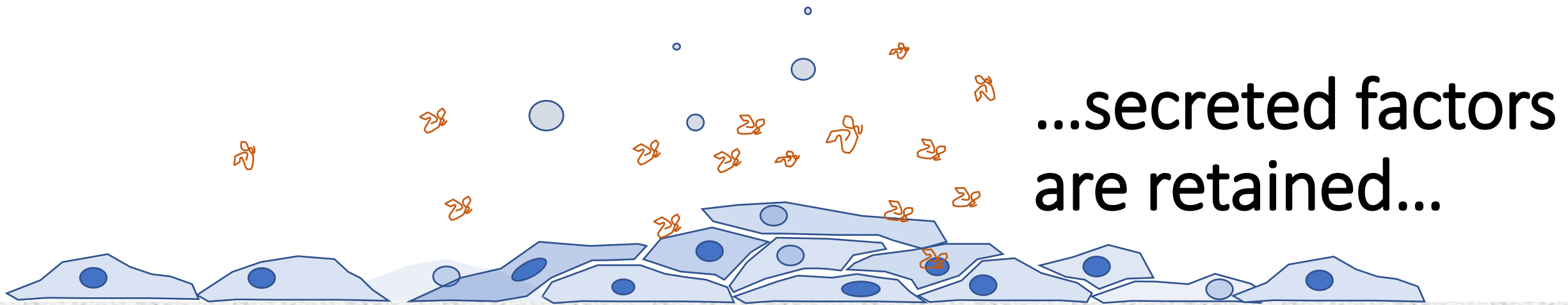
Cells can grow post-confluently in **3D** layers



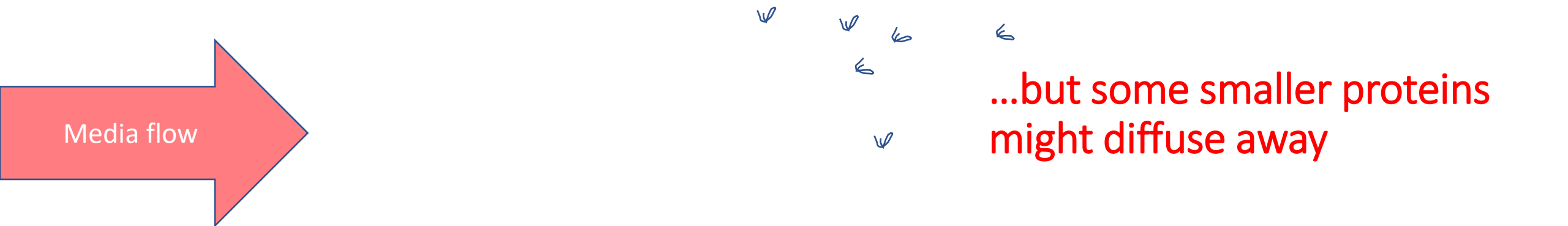
Hollow fibre lumen



# 5 kDa or 20 kDa molecular weight cutoff



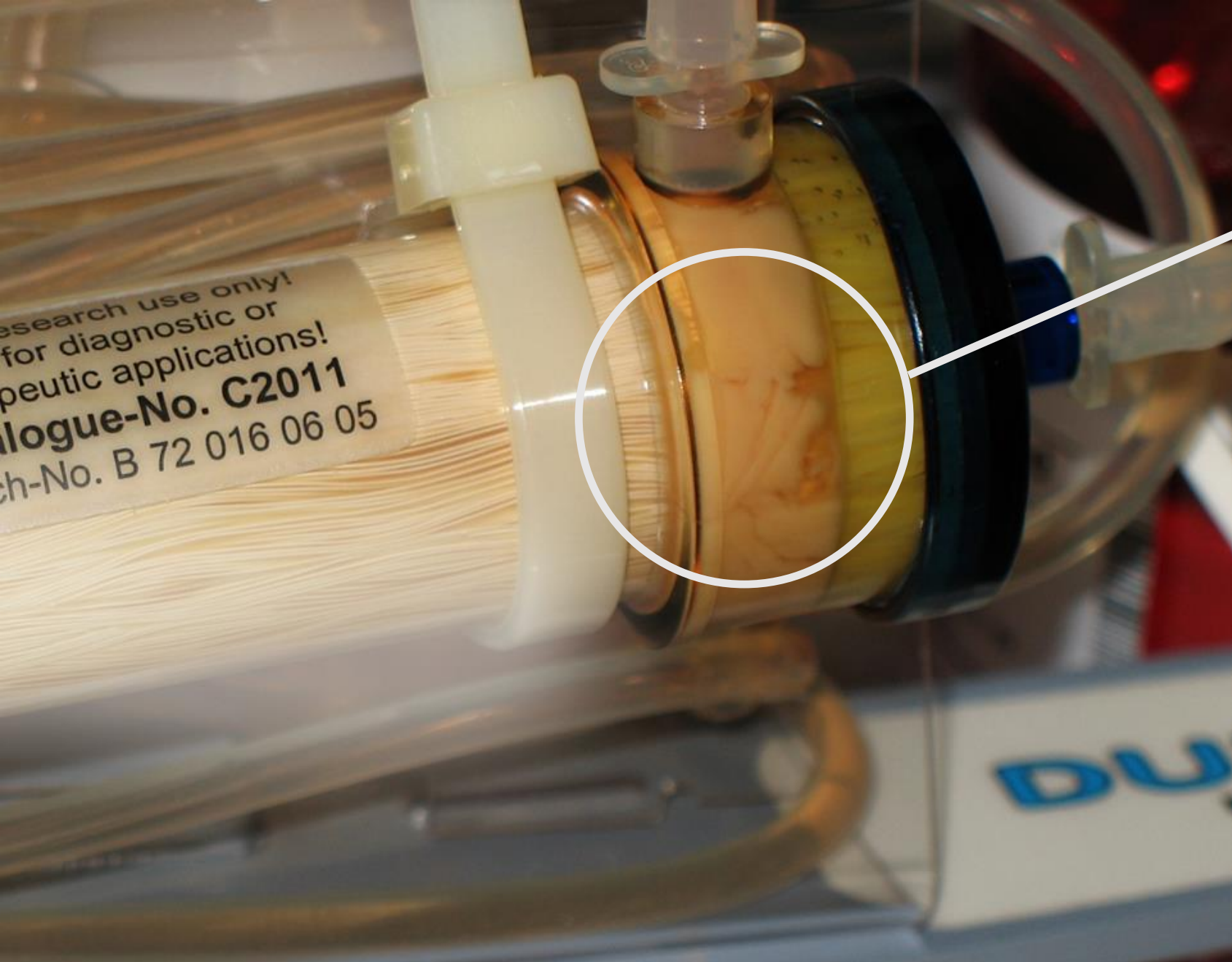
...secreted factors are retained...



Media flow

...but some smaller proteins might diffuse away





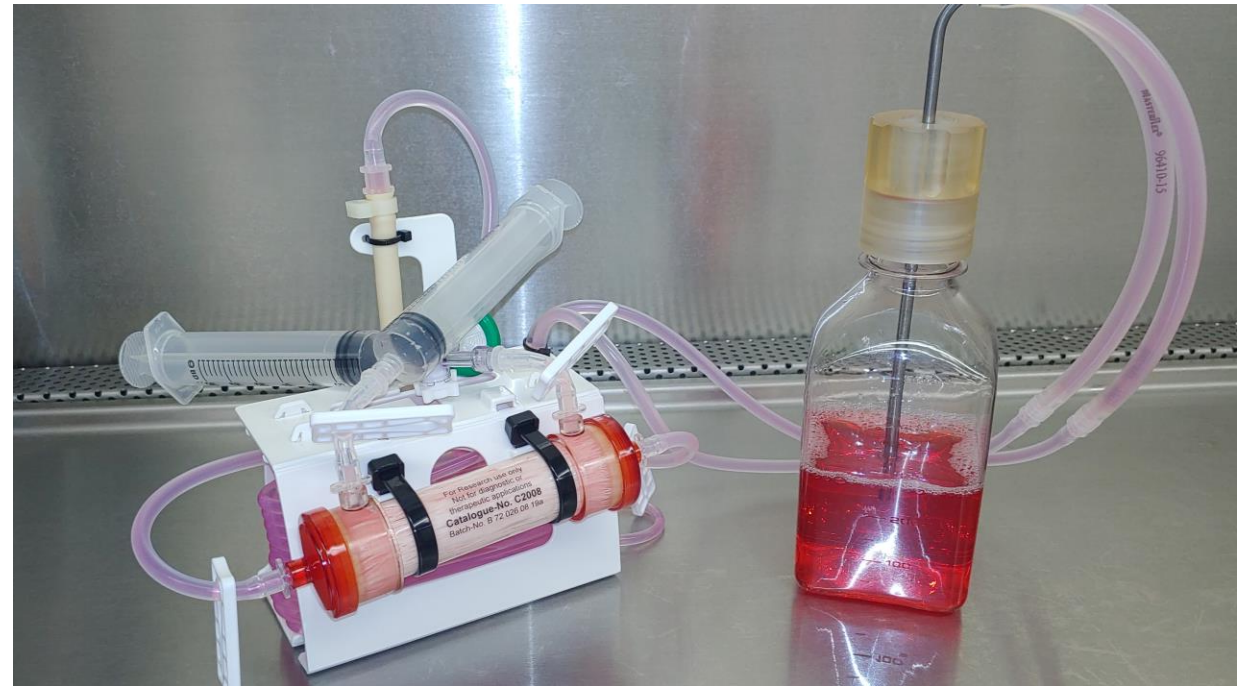
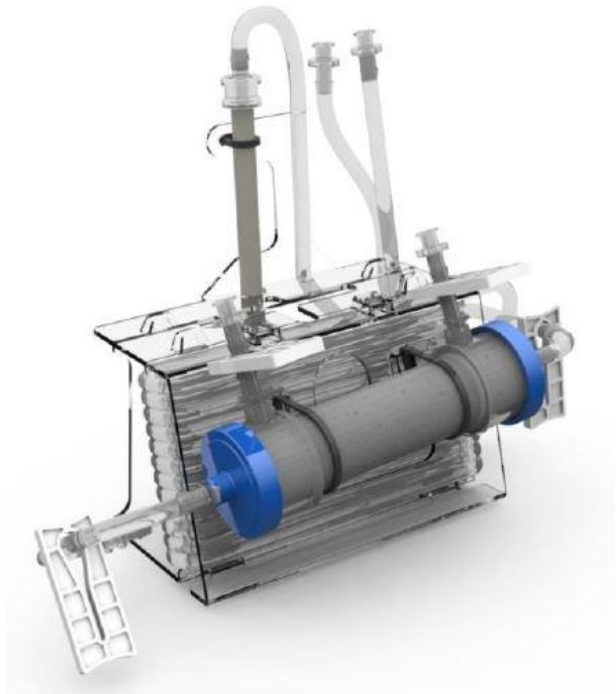
Tissue-like density at end-caps and between fibres



LNCap prostate cancer line in hollow fibre



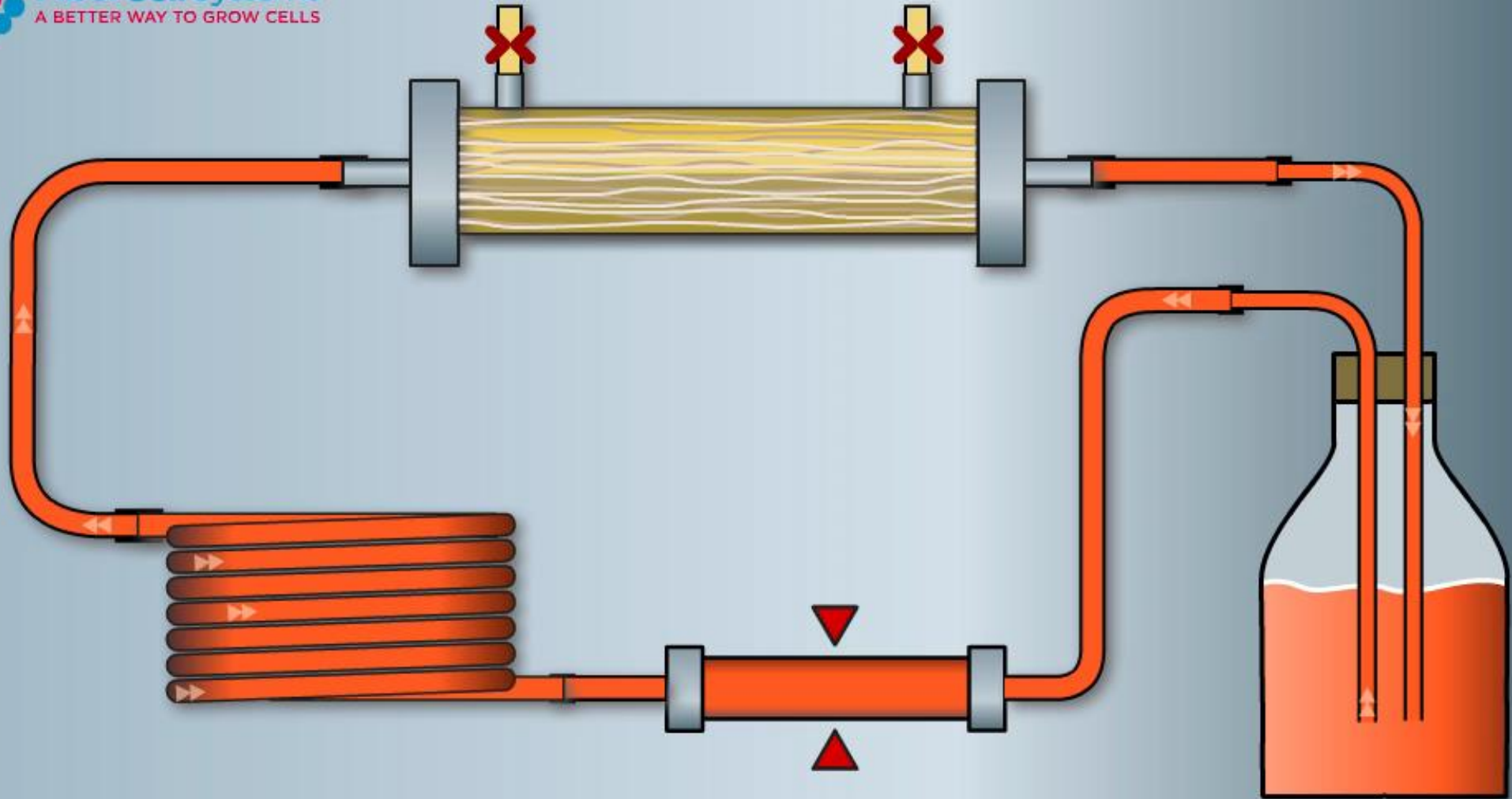
# Compact single-use cartridge unit



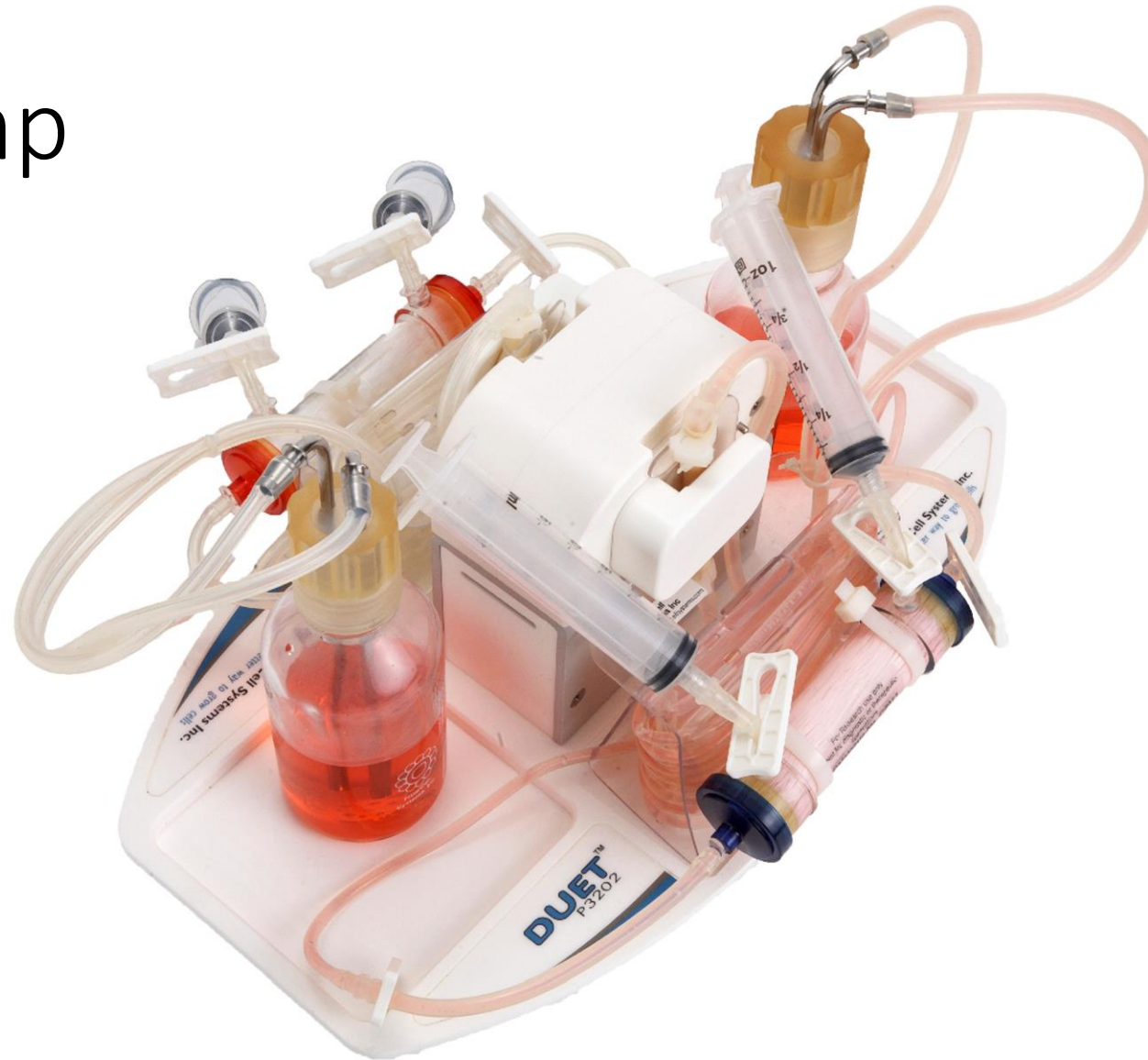




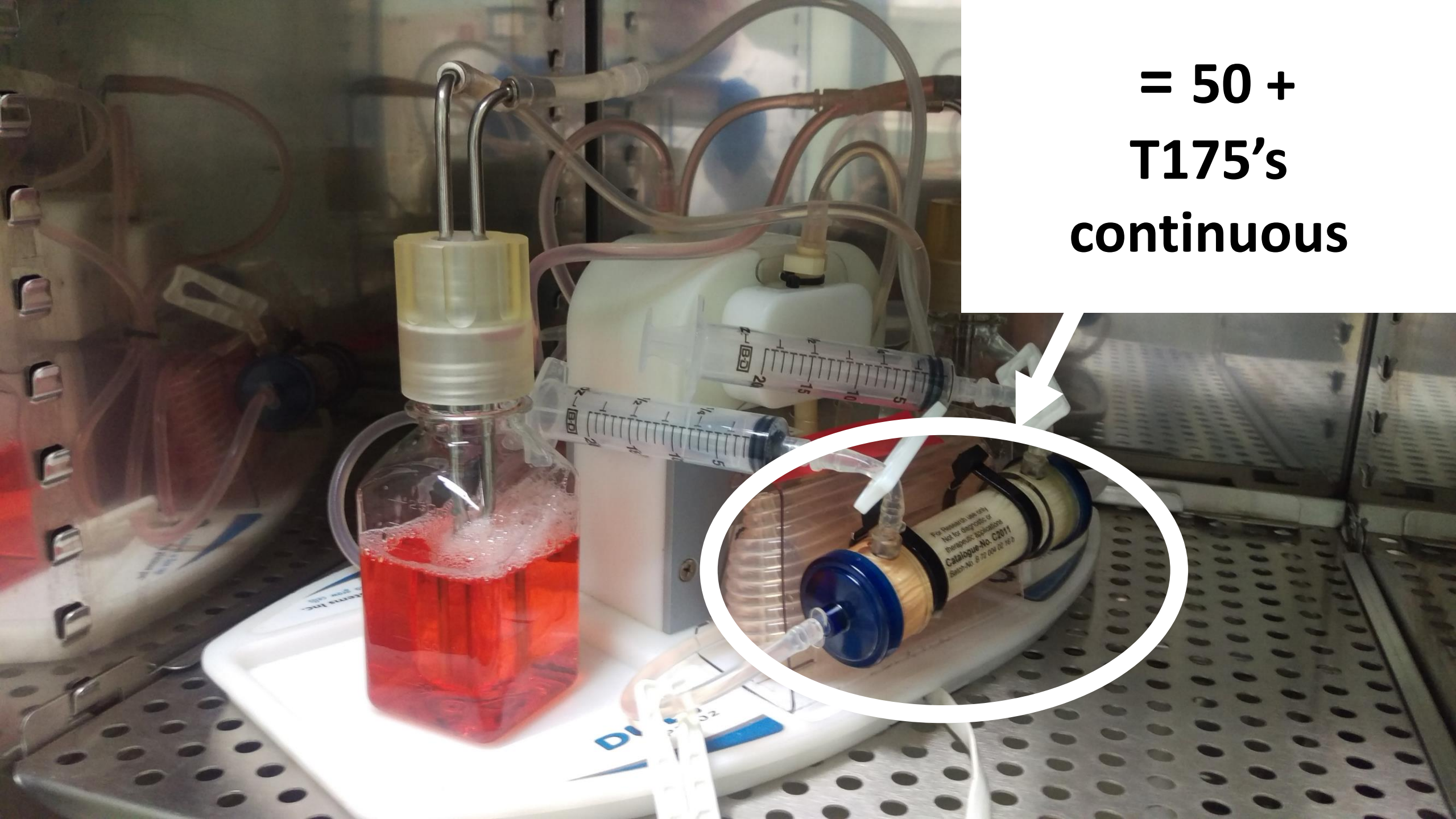
FiberCell Systems®  
A BETTER WAY TO GROW CELLS



# Duet pump



**= 50 +  
T175's  
continuous**





**High yield supernatant**

**Every day**







**No passaging**

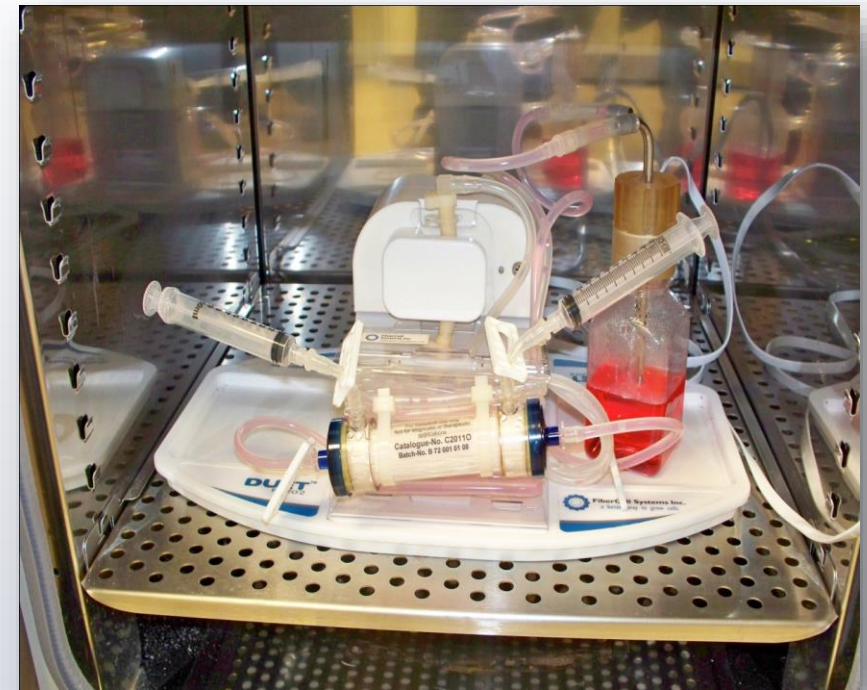
**Reduced trash**

# In the Laboratory...

Fits on one shelf of 180L incubator

Incubator controls gas and temperature

Power cord very thin





Work with cartridge/reservoir  
in laminar flow cabinet

Harvest product using syringes

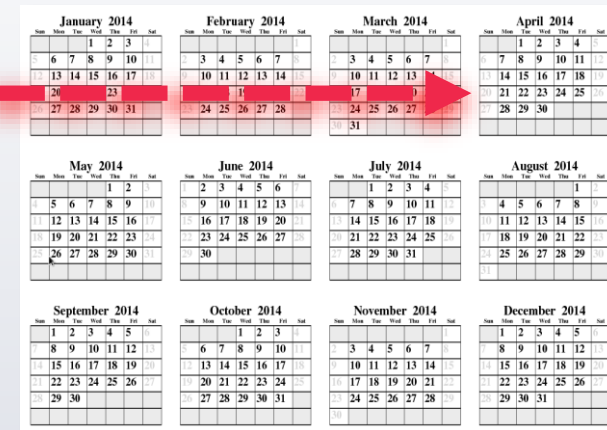
Measure glucose consumption

15 minutes per day



# General Advantages of hollow fibre bioreactors

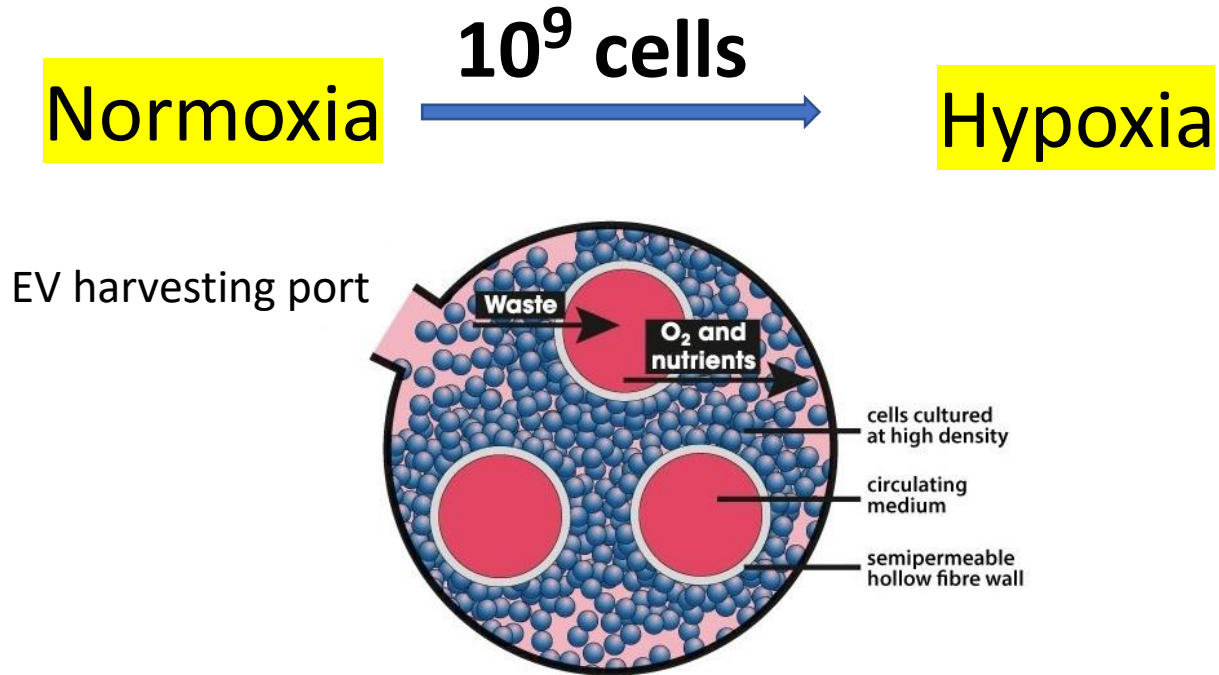
- Compact – 100 X cell density vs. flasks (...and no passaging)
- Concentrated product
- Large amounts of product (time scaleable process)
- Easier to switch cells to chemically defined media
- No shear stress
- More *in vivo*-like conditions for better quality of cell-secreted products





# stress treatments

3D hollow fiber cell culture

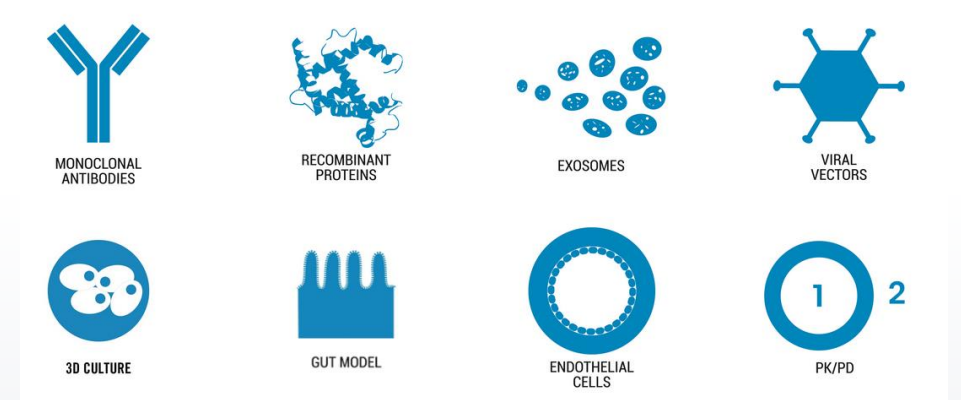


**Alternative stressors :**

starvation, temperature shift, chemical treatment, pressure pulsing

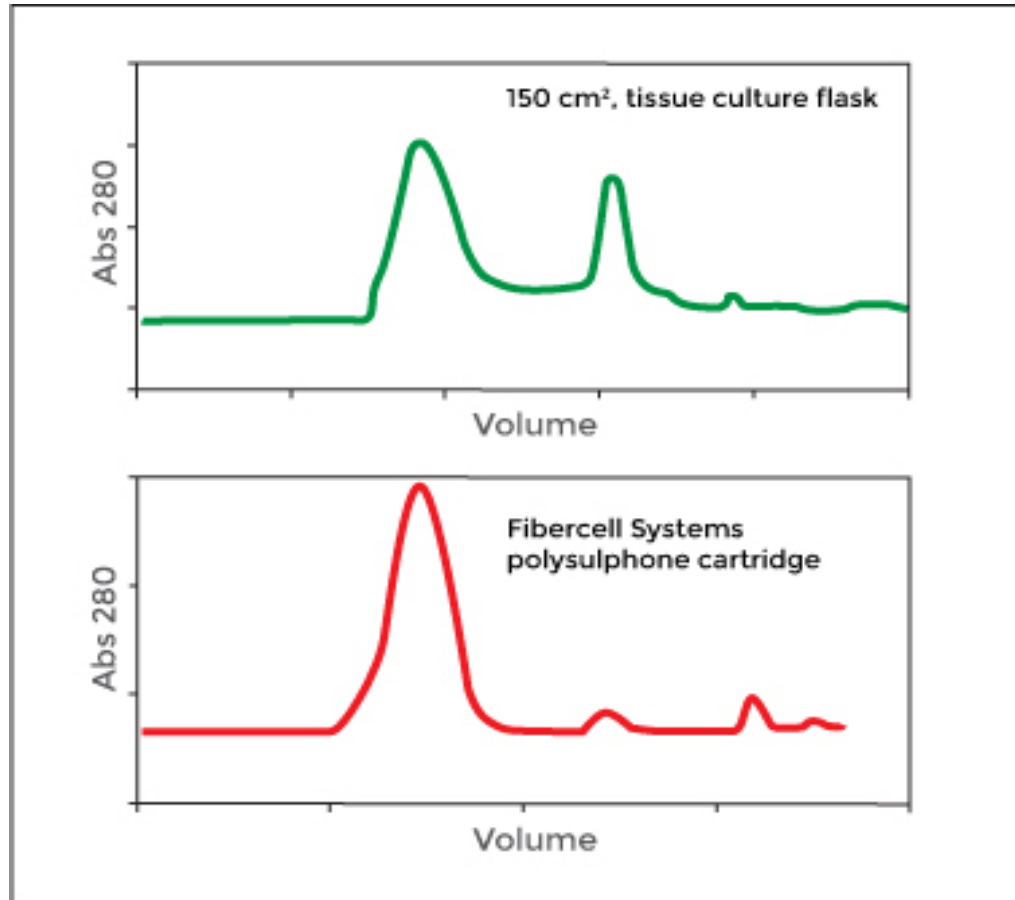
# Hollow Fiber Applications

- Monoclonal antibody production
- Recombinant protein production
- Cell secretome – 3D *in vitro* models
- EV / Exosome production
- Endothelial cell culture under shear stress
- Cell co-cultivation
- *in vitro* toxicology



# Biochemical and biological characterization of a dodecameric CD4-Ig fusion protein. Implications for therapeutic and vaccine strategies:

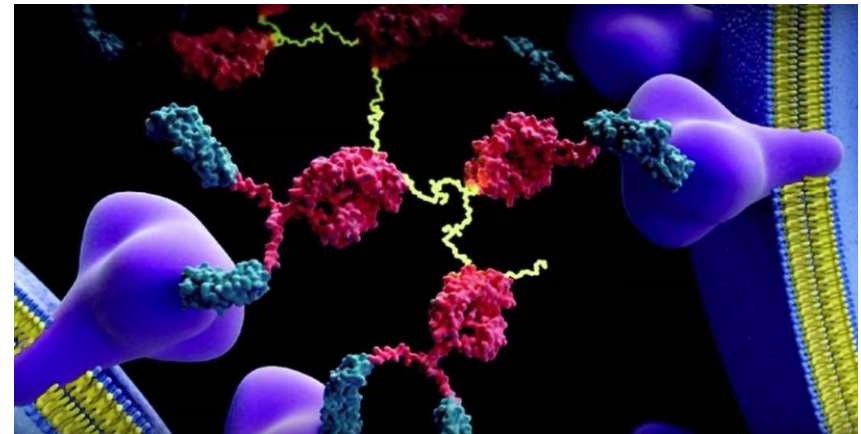
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FLASK

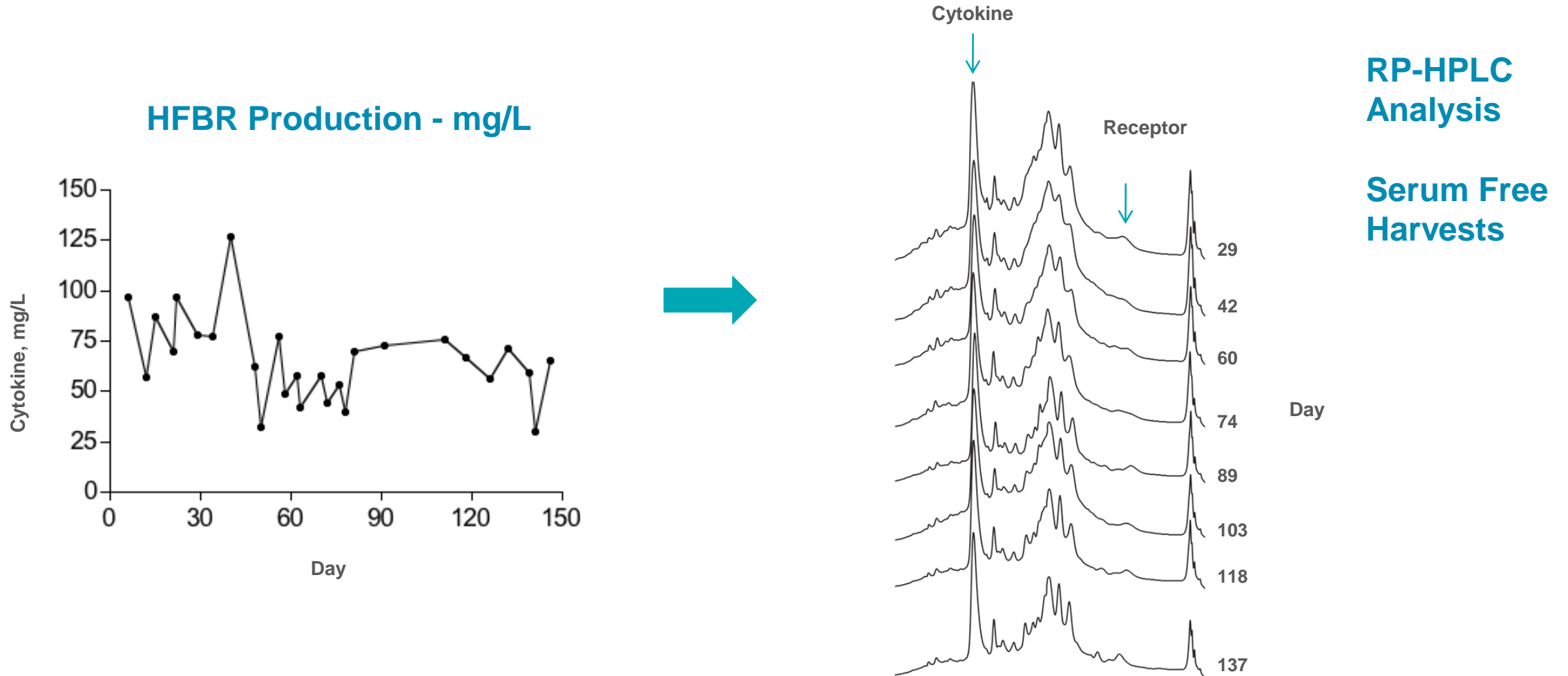
FIBERCELL

CryoET image of hexamerized IgG



# Characterization and Favorable in Vivo Properties of Heterodimeric Soluble IL-15•IL-15R $\alpha$ Cytokine Compared to IL-15 Monomer:

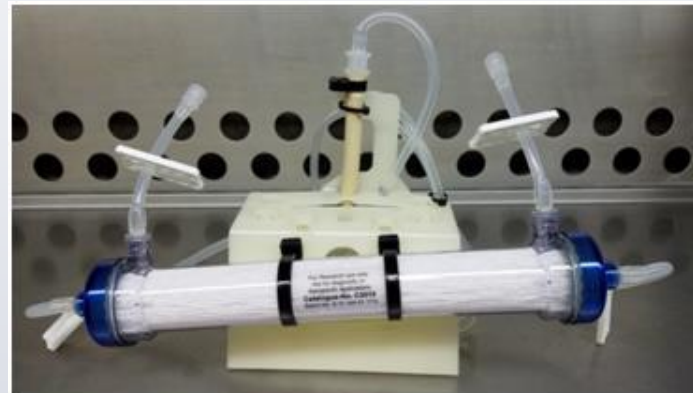
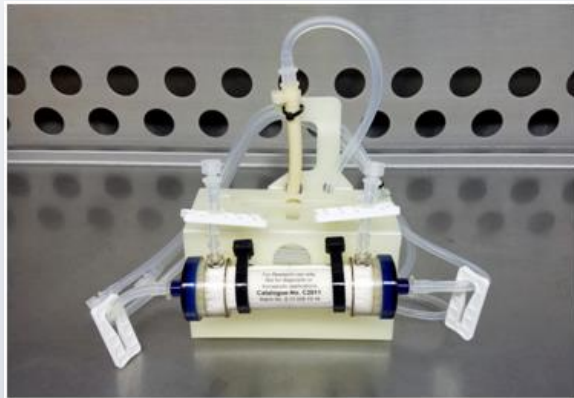
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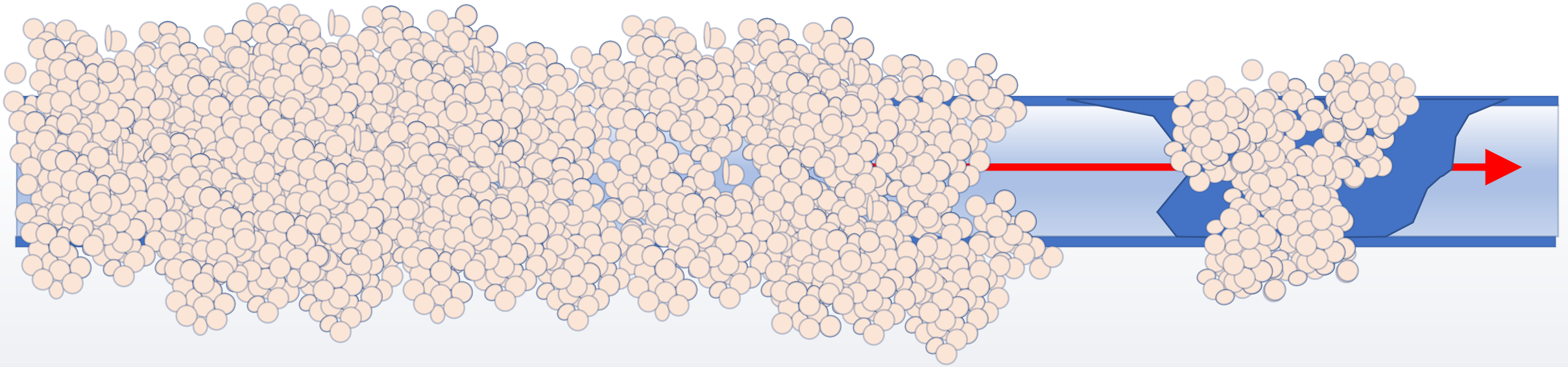


# Typical Productivity for Recombinant Protein

- 20 ml cartridge – 2 mg per day
- 70 ml cartridge – 8 mg per day



# 3D culture environment



..simplification of culture media possible



# CDM-HD mentioned in EV-related publications

Osteosarcoma-Derived Extracellular Vesicles Induce Lung Fibroblast Reprogramming: Alekhya Mazumdar et al. IJMS 21 (15) 2020 [[open access](#)]

AL-PHA beads: bioplastic-based protease biosensors for global health applications Richard Kelwick et al. [[open access](#)]...

Hypoxia-induced tumor exosomes promote M2-like macrophage polarization of infiltrating myeloid cells and microRNA-mediated metabolic shift: Park, JE et al.; Oncogene (2019) [[abstract](#)]

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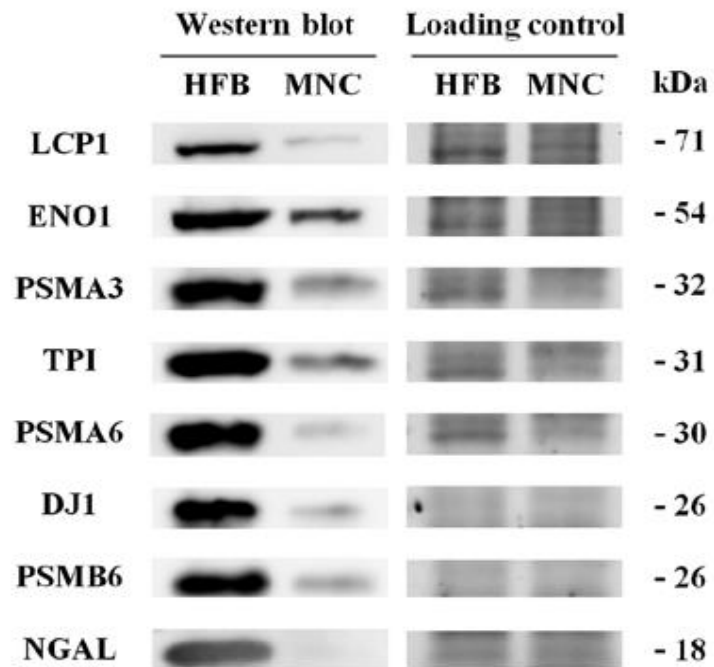
Efficient production and enhanced tumor delivery of engineered extracellular vesicles: Watson DC et al.; Biomaterials 105, 2016: 195-205 [[open access](#)]

# Secretomic profiling of cells from hollow fiber bioreactor reveals PSMA3 as a potential **cholangiocarcinoma** biomarker:

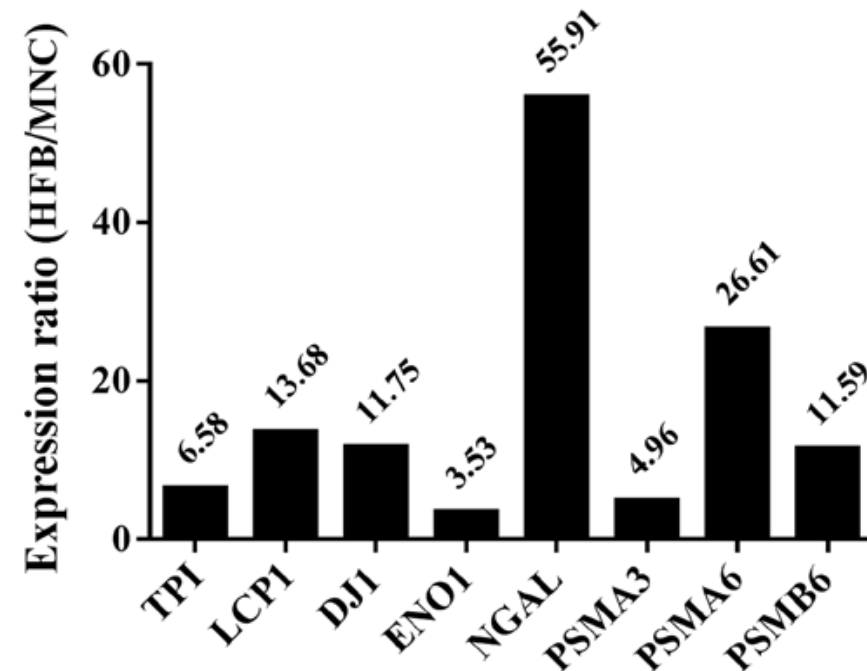
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## *Monolayer culture (MNC) vs. HFB*

**A**



**B**





# 95 proteins > 2 fold changes

- **BLUE:** 20S proteasome core
- **RED:** cell cycle
- **GREEN:** metabolic pathway

Hollow fibre vs monolayer culture

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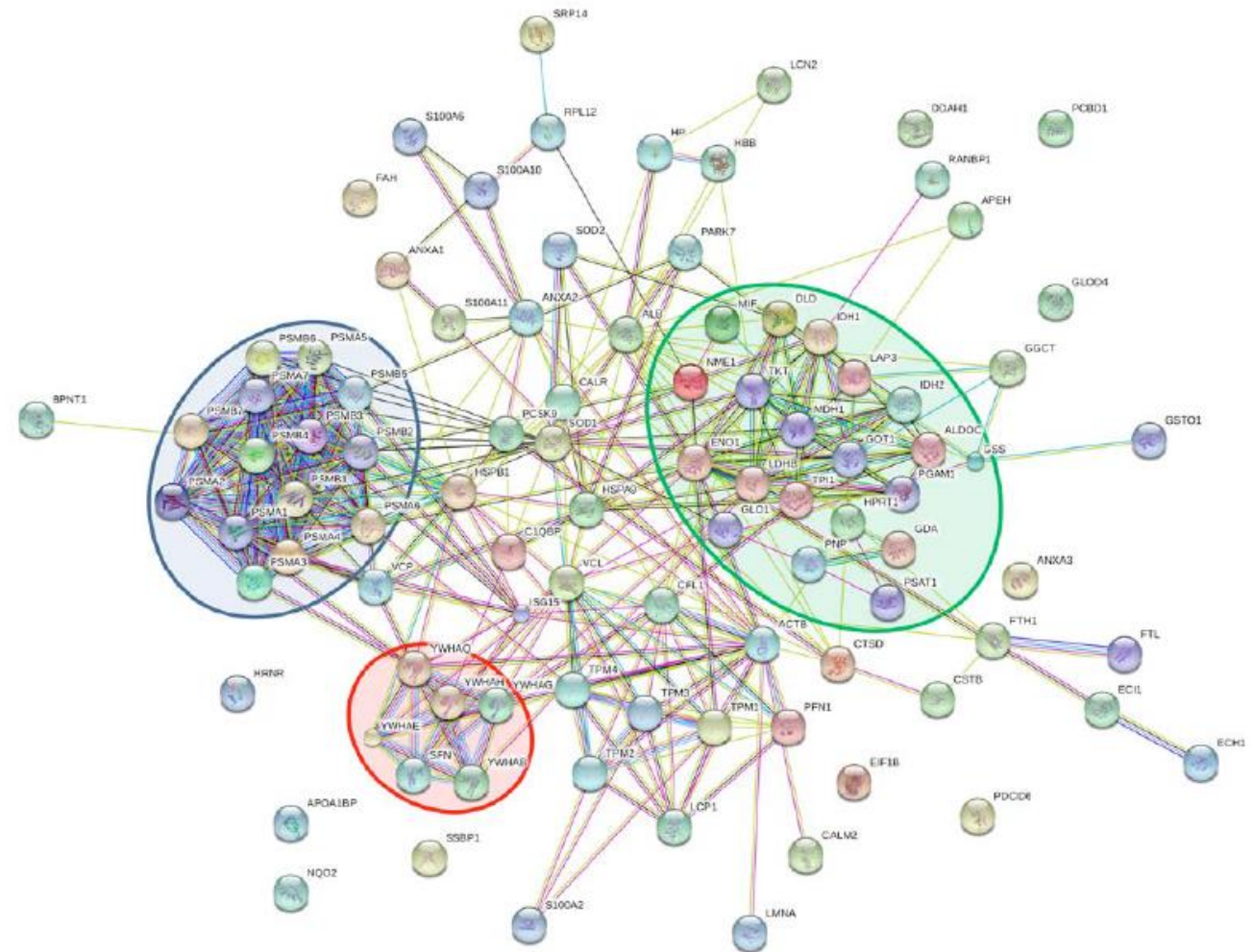
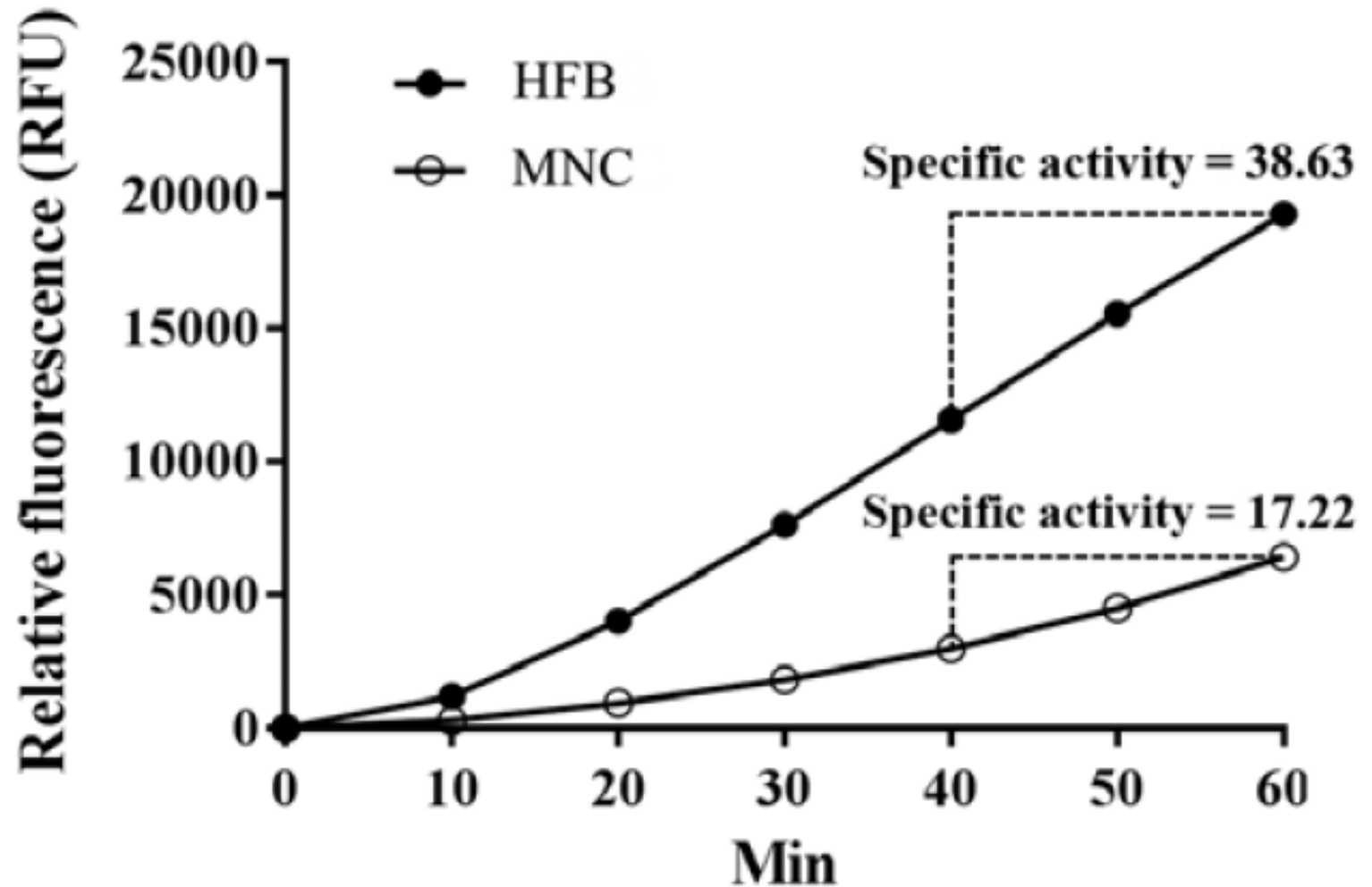


Figure 3. STRING analysis of 95 proteins significantly increased in HFB system as compared to MNC system (>2-fold changes). The interaction networks can be divided into three major clusters, namely proteins related in metabolic pathways (green background), 20S proteasome core subunits (blue background), and cell cycle pathways (red background).

# Relative proteasome activity

Hollow fibre vs monolayer culture

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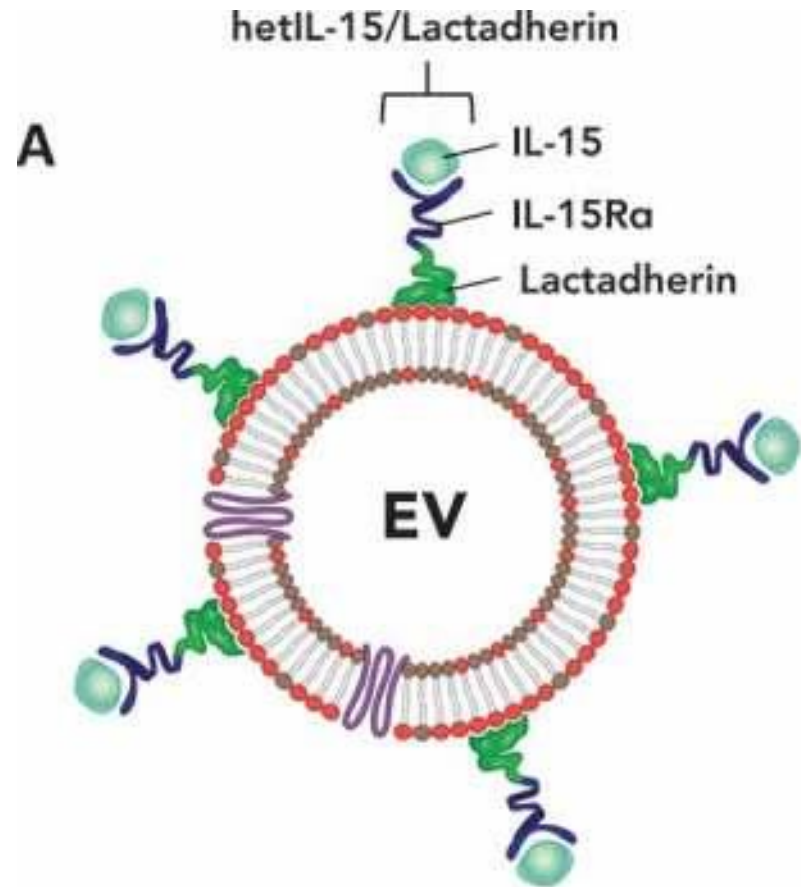
# EV related publications

2018 - 2020

# Scalable, cGMP-compatible purification of extracellular vesicles carrying bioactive human heterodimeric IL-15/lactadherin complexes:

Watson, D.C. et al.; J Extracell Vesicles. 2018 Feb 28;7(1) [[open access](#)]

...We cultured recombinant HEK293 cells expressing hetIL-15 in a hollow-fibre bioreactor with serum-free media....**and found that yield of EV was consistently >40-fold higher than conventional tissue culture flasks....**

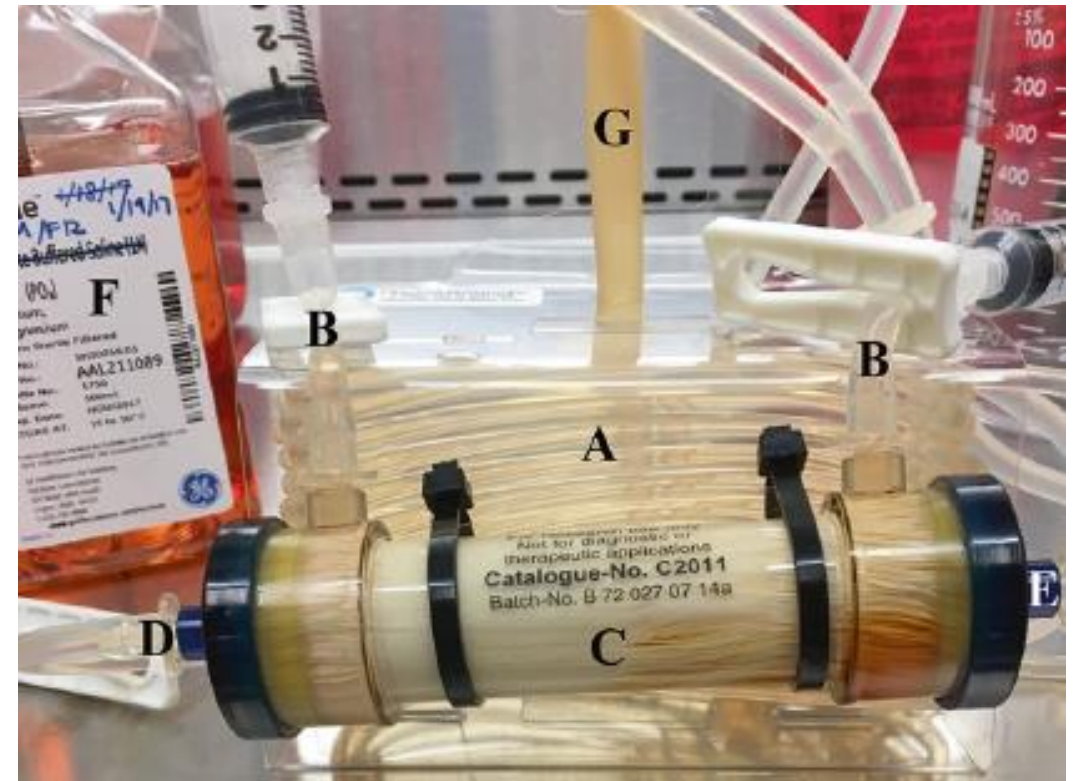
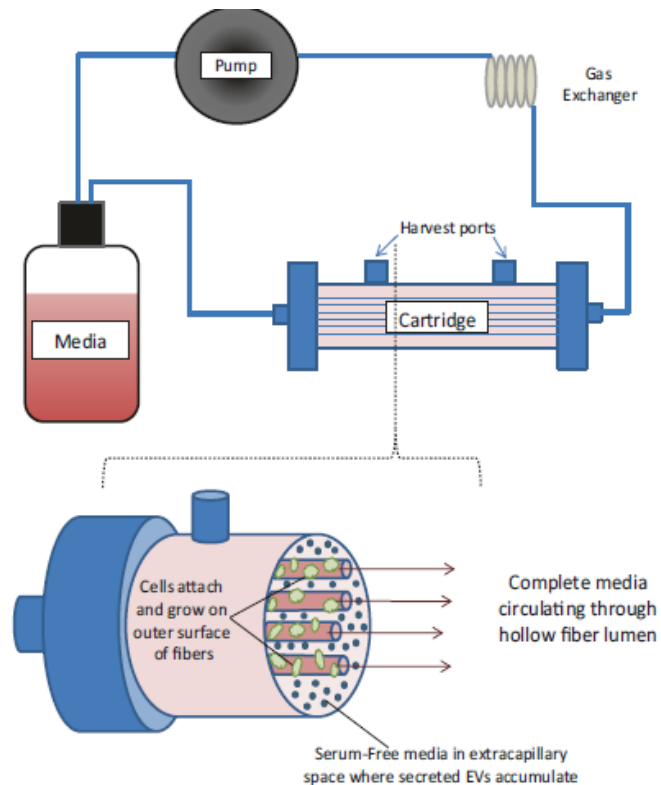




Author provides his complete protocol for EVs harvesting from FiberCell System

## Use of a Hollow Fiber Bioreactor to Collect Extracellular Vesicles from Cells in Culture:

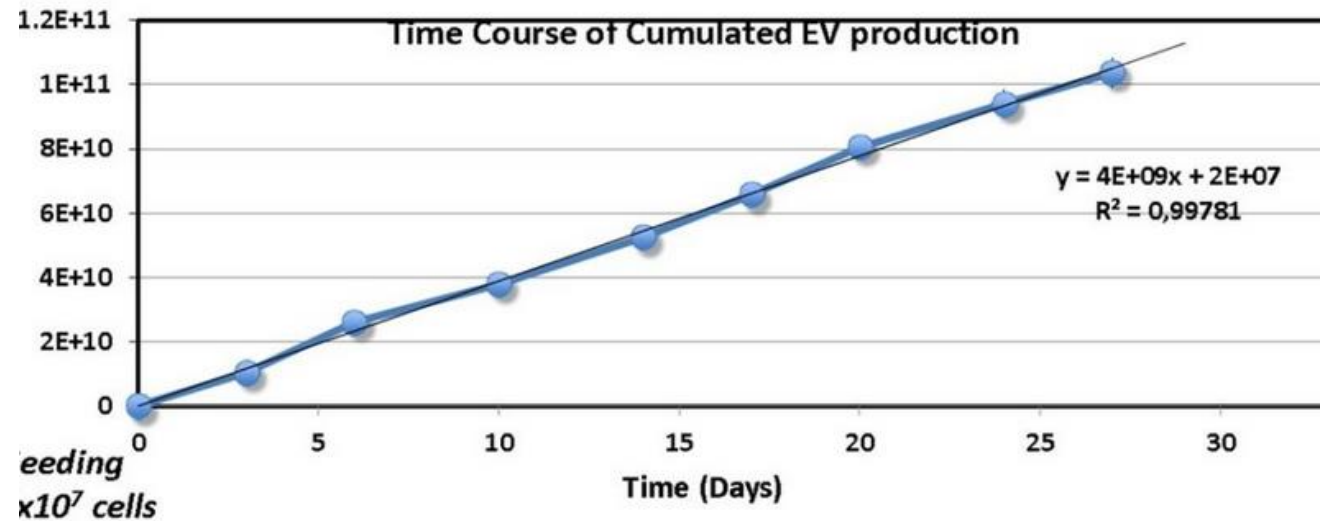
Yan IK et al.; Methods Mol Biol. 2018;1740:35-41



# EVs from cbMSCs (INSERM U1197)

*“We have now performed three experiments with cord blood MSC. In all three cases, the production of extracellular vesicles was linear with time up to 4 or 5 weeks of culture.”*

NTA Analysis of EV produced by Bone-marrow MSC in FiberCell Duet Bioreactor – Small Cartridge C2025D

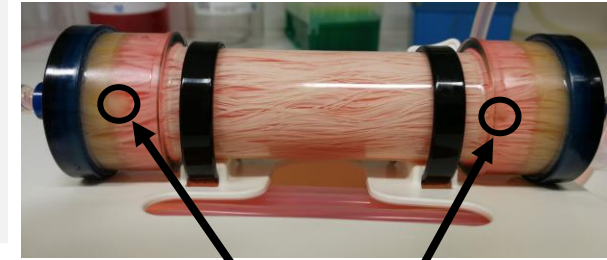


EVs produced using FiberCell C2025D Hollow Fibre Cartridge

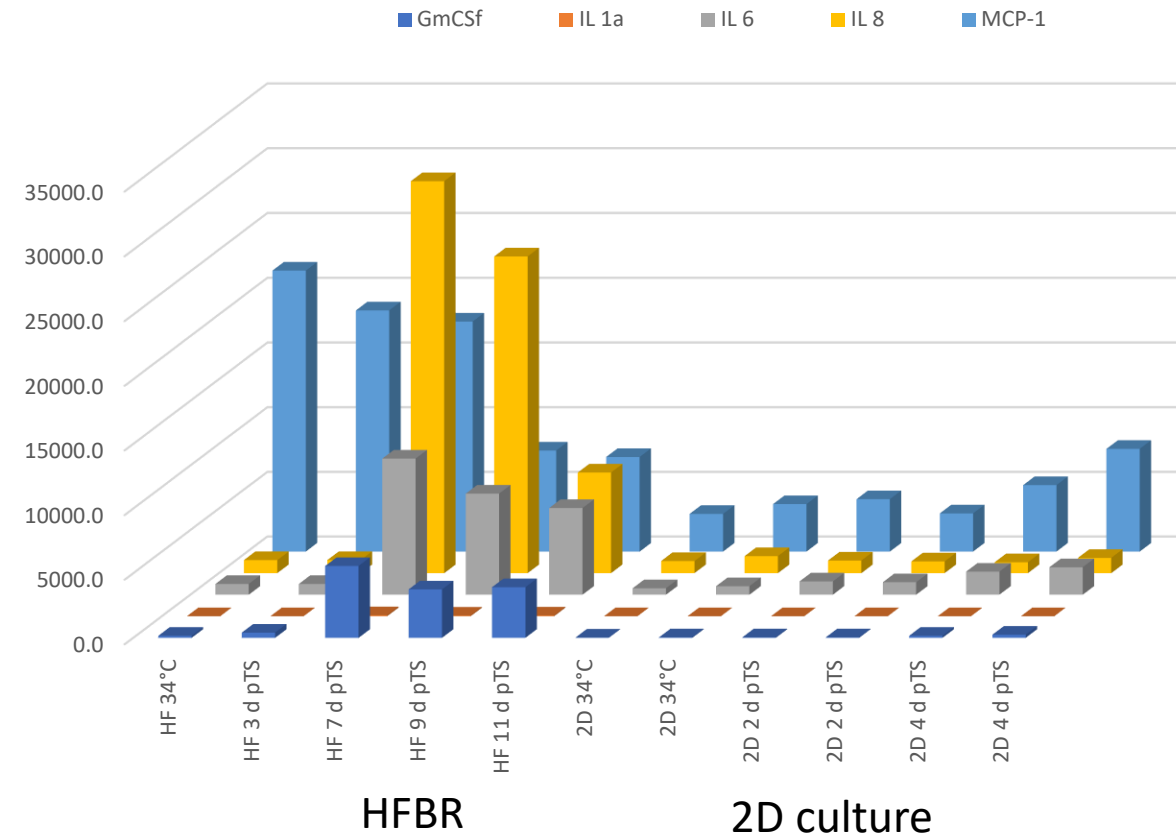
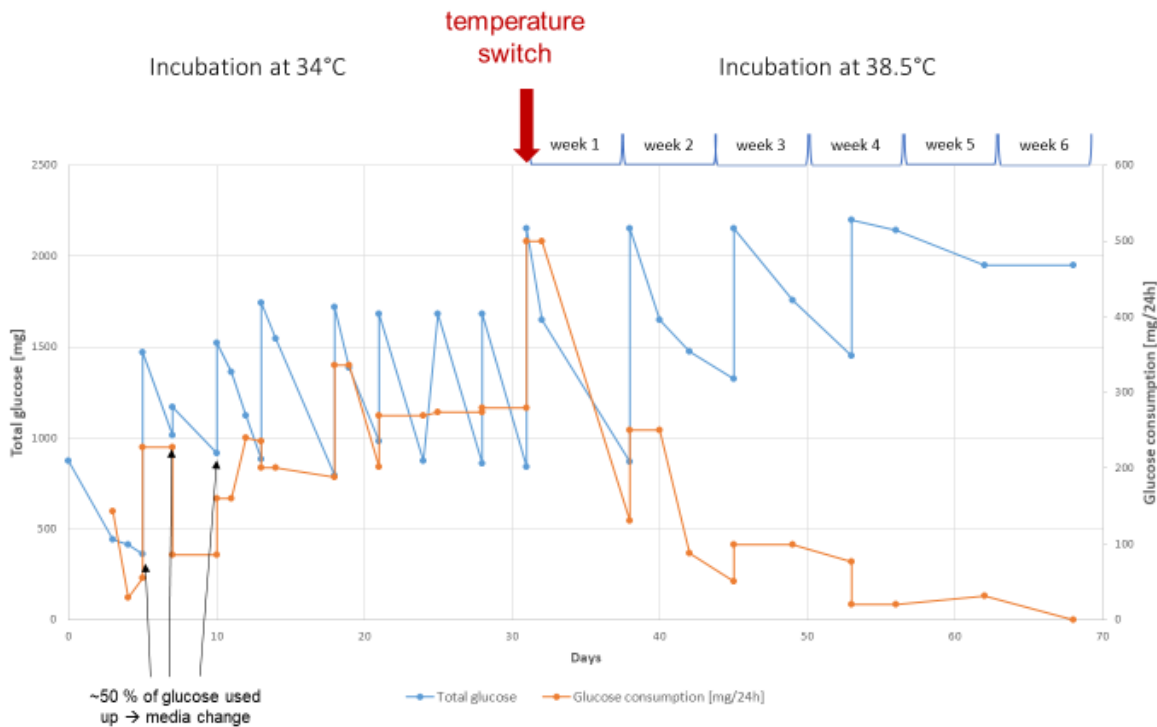
Data courtesy of Philippe Mauduit, INSERM U1197, \

# Hollow Fibre Reactor for large scale production of senescent cell derived extracellular vesicles

Elena Stelzer, Vera Pils, Johannes Grillari, [Institut für Biotechnologie](#), 27.10.2018



Cells growing in 3D nodules



# Large-scale preparation of extracellular vesicles enriched with specific micro-RNA:

Yoo, KW et al. ; Tissue Engineering. 2018

The hollow fiber bioreactor system allows high-density culture of EV-producing cells, and the 20 kDa cutoff of the fiber allows nutrients and waste products to pass through but retains EVs (40–1000nm in diameter, molecular weight >500 kDa). We grew the HEK293-mir-133a, HEK293-mir-202, and HEK293-mir-NT cells in the system for >30 days, and **collected 50mL of EV-enriched supernatant every 1 or 2 days**. We discontinued the cultures only because we collected enough supernatant.

**Compared with supernatants of conventional 2D cultures, expression of miR-133a-3p and miR-202-5p in the supernatants collected from the bioreactors contained 4.3-fold more miR-133a-3p or miR-202-5p in EVs.**

## *EMAIL STATEMENT FROM AUTHOR:*

*“Yes, we do believe that the 3D culture conditions provide a more physiological environment. In addition, the number of cells cultured in a 3D environment is much greater than a 2D culture. We believe that this is a great system to obtain high density extracellular vesicles.”*

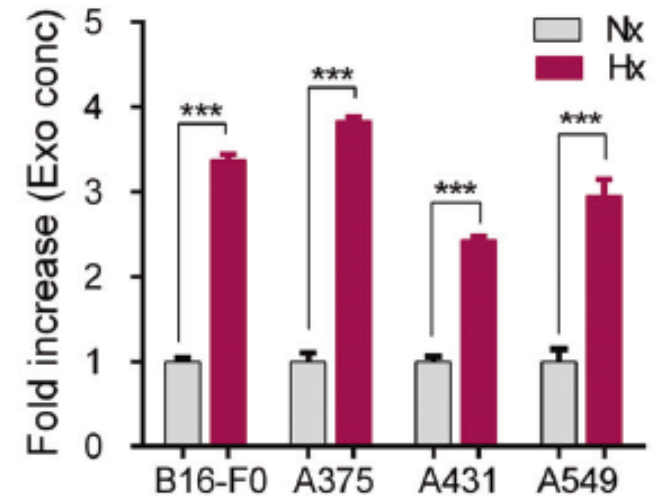
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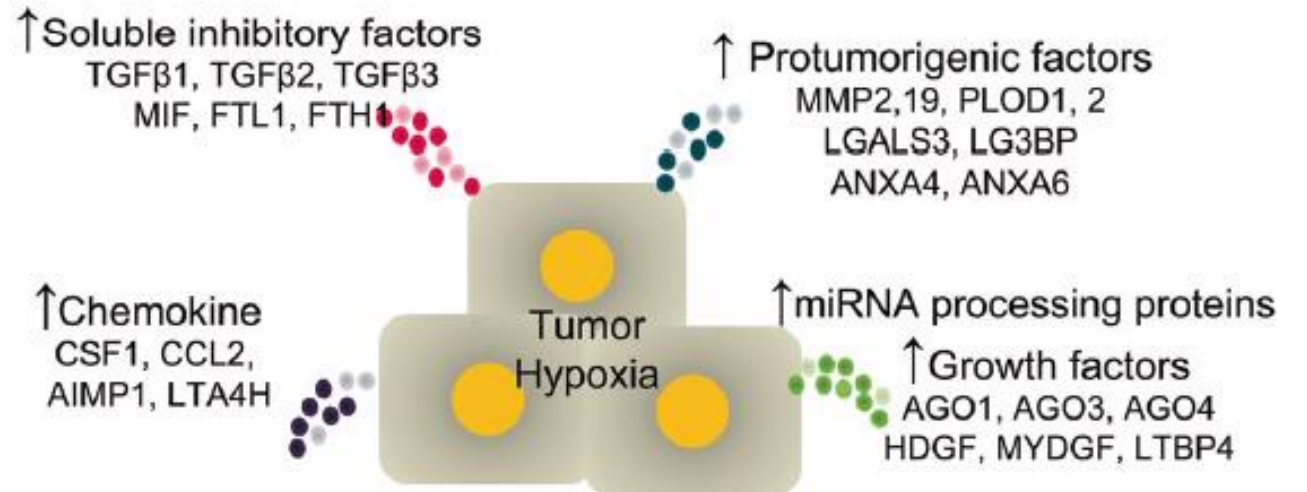
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## Exosome concentration increase



“We used a hollow fiber culture system to generate an in-vivo like 3D environment”

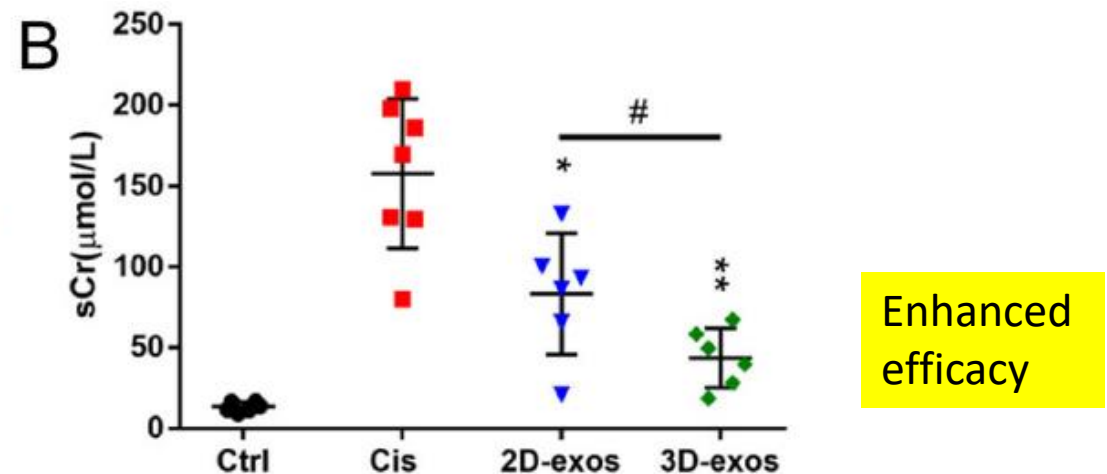
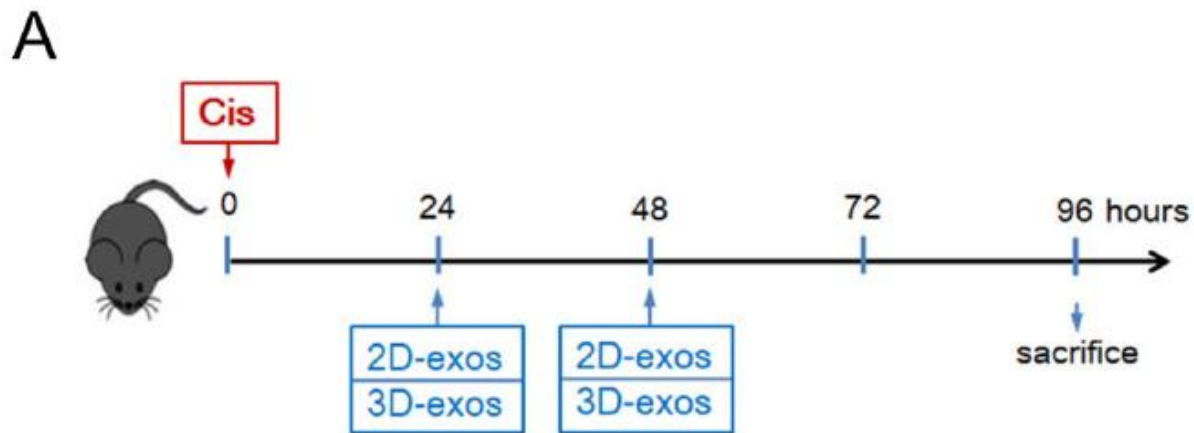
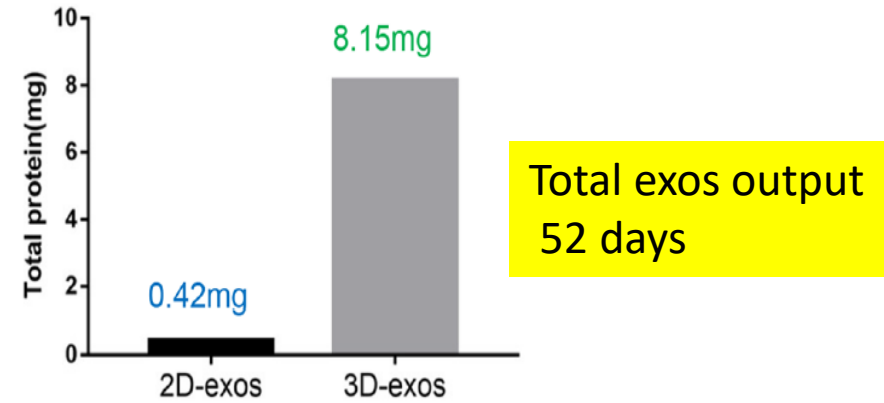
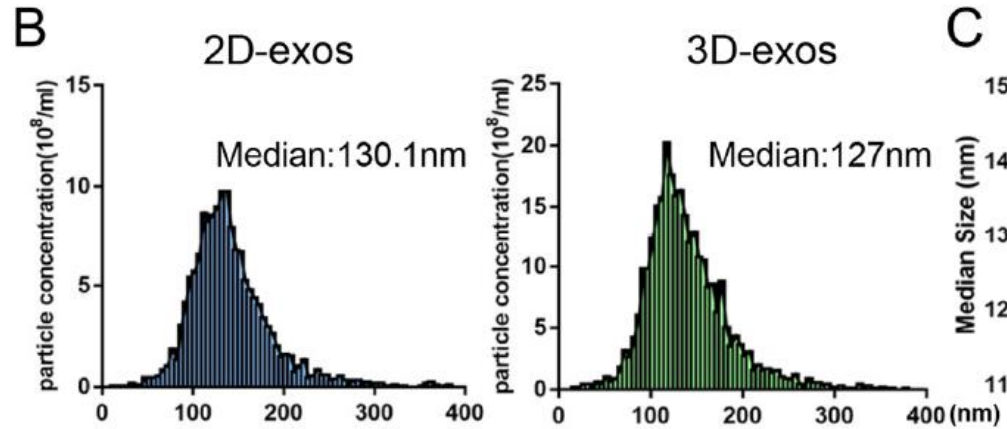
## Hypoxic B16 cells- exosome proteins that were enriched





# Three-dimensional culture of MSCs produces exosomes with improved yield and enhanced therapeutic efficacy for cisplatin-induced acute kidney injury

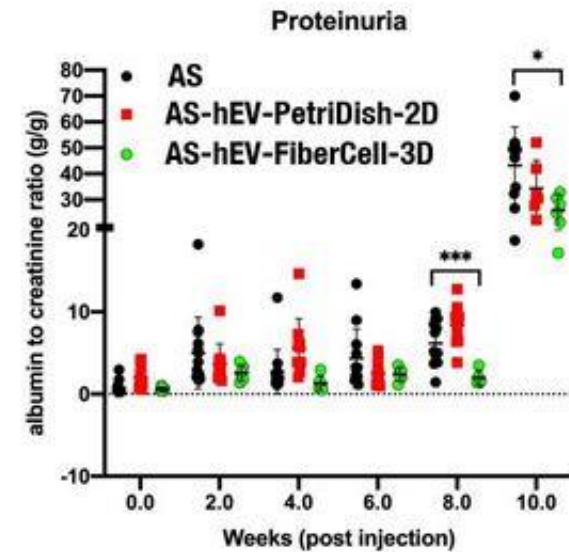
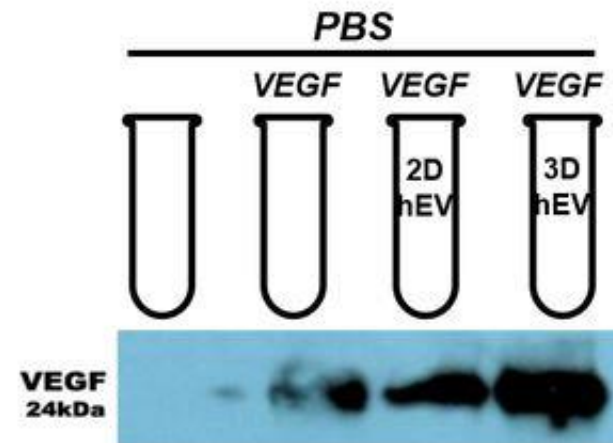
Cao et al. Stem Cell Research & Therapy (2020) 11:206 [[open access](#)]



## EVs produced in 3-D hollow fiber bioreactor are equivalent to 2-D EVs

EV clinical transition is limited by scale-up of EVs production. Hollow fiber bioreactor (HFBR) can support culture of large numbers of cells at high densities and can produce large numbers of EVs.

Amniotic fluid stem cell EVs produced in a 3-D hollow fiber bioreactor are biochemically and functionally equivalent to petri dish 2-D EVs, with yields that can support clinical scale in a cGMP compatible system





**Continuous culture of  $10^9$  to  $10^{11}$  cells**

***in vivo* like conditions**

**Very high yields**

**Simplifies purification**

**Avoid serum EV contamination**

**Clinical scale production possible for a modest size lab**

# Last Slide