

SFM4HEK293

HYCLONE MEDIA AND SUPPLEMENTS

HyClone™ SFM4HEK293 is a protein-free and animal-derived component-free (ADCF) cell culture medium. The product was developed through the HyClone Metabolic Pathway Design process (see box) to support the growth of human embryonic kidney (HEK) 293 cells and the production of adenoviral vectors and recombinant proteins. The medium is specifically formulated using our proprietary lipid complexing process for enhanced stability and broad-spectrum cell culture applications. The product is successfully tested in a variety of culture systems including T-flasks, shakers, roller bottles, and bioreactors. SFM4HEK293 is available in liquid and powder formats in user-friendly packaging (Fig 1).

Key features of SFM4HEK293 include

- Ready-to-use liquid formulation requires no supplementation
- Allows for direct or sequential adaptation
- Designed for large-scale culture applications, including perfusion and fed-batch strategies
- Manufactured from traceable components and according to cGMP guidelines

Specifications

- Protein-free and ADCF formulation
- Liquid medium contains poloxamer 188
- Does not contain phenol red
- Developed through Metabolic Pathway Design process for high adenoviral vector and recombinant protein production

Product handling

Store medium at 2°C to 8°C away from light. In addition, powder medium should be stored protected from moisture in a tightly sealed container.



Fig 1. SFM4HEK293 medium is available as liquid or powder in pack sizes suitable for small-volume cell culture as well as large-scale bioprocessing applications.

Metabolic Pathway Design process

An optimal cell culture process is dependent on a variety of factors including the parental cell line, the genetic makeup of the specific clone, medium and feed composition, as well as process variables to maximize viable cell densities and titers while maintaining cell morphology. Our experts in medium design and development know and understand how these factors can influence the metabolic processes involved. They evaluate the culture's metabolic activities, measuring nutritional demand and waste creation to make sure the correct type and quantity of nutrients are used to minimize waste and resultant cell toxicity. Our experts use their understanding of metabolic pathways to optimize medium composition for enhanced productivity and viable cell densities. Once a medium has been optimized using this Metabolic Pathway Design process, our scientists can help you devise the most effective cell culture strategy using a combination of medium and feeds to further enrich productivity and reduce process inefficiencies.

Suggested preparation

Reconstitution of SFM4HEK293 powder medium

1. While stirring, add 18.4 g/L of SFM4HEK293 powder medium to cell culture-grade water (room temperature) at 90% of final preparation volume. If your water source is normally cool, it may be useful to adjust the water temperature. Using warmer room temperature water (22°C to 25°C) will improve solubilization time. Mix for 20 min or until dissolved.
2. Add 1.0 g/L poloxamer 188 and 2.0 g/L sodium bicarbonate. Minimum mixing time: 20 min.
3. Bring vessel to final volume with cell culture-grade water. Allow solution to mix for 10 to 20 min.
4. Check pH and osmolality. Expected values:
 - pH 7.0 to 7.4
 - Osmolality 290 to 340 mOsm/kg
5. Sterile filter into desired container using a 0.2 µm sterile filter.

Preparation notes

SFM4HEK293 powder medium does not contain L-glutamine. Recommended concentration: 4 to 6 mM.

General culture recommendations

1. Cultures should be incubated at 37°C in a 5% CO₂ environment.
2. The caps on culture flasks should be loosened and adequate vessel headspace should be given to provide gas exchange.
3. Seeding densities should be ~ 3.0 × 10⁵ cells/mL. Cells should typically be subcultured every 3 to 5 days, as necessary.

Direct adaptation

1. Transfer cells grown in current medium directly into SFM4HEK293 medium at 5.0 × 10⁵ cells/mL.
2. When viable cell density reaches 2.0 to 4.0 × 10⁶ cells/mL, subculture the cells.
3. Cells should be subcultured every 48 to 96 h.
4. If cell viability drops below 80%, proceed to sequential adaptation.

Sequential adaptation

1. Transfer cells grown in current medium into SFM4HEK293 medium at a ratio of 1:1 using a seeding density of 5.0 × 10⁵ cells/mL.
2. Incubate culture until two population doublings are observed. Subculture cells by mixing equal volumes of cell suspension in conditioned medium and fresh SFM4HEK293 medium (1:1 ratio).
3. Continue to subculture the cells using this method until the previously used medium is reduced below 0.05% concentration and cell viability is > 85%.

Cryopreservation

SFM4HEK293 medium adapted cells can be cryopreserved in a 1:1 mixture of fresh and conditioned SFM4HEK203 medium supplemented with 10.0% DMSO.

Quality control testing

Quality control test specifications are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Test specifications¹

Appearance	Clear solution
Osmolality	290 to 340 mOsm/kg
pH	7.0 to 7.4
Sterility	No growth (bacteria or fungi)
Endotoxin	< 10.0 EU/mL ¹
Application	Growth promotion

¹ Refer to certificate of analysis for actual results.

Custom production

Formulations and delivery systems can be customized to your specific process requirements or optimized to maximize process yields.

Rapid Response Production (RRP)

Our Rapid Response Production (RRP) program manufactures up to 200 L of your custom prototype formulation within seven working days of your request. Use our RRP service to expedite the development and testing of custom buffers and process liquids for your biopharmaceutical manufacturing process.

Table 2. Supplement matrix

	Amino acids	Vitamins	Glucose	Trace elements	Growth factors	Hypoxanthine/thymidine	ADCF* lipids	ADCF cholesterol	Suitable for	Product code
Cell Boost 1 Supplement (R05.2)	•	•	•						HEK293 CHO	SH30584
Cell Boost 2 Supplement (R15.4)	•		•						PER.C6® CHO	SH30596
Cell Boost 3 Supplement (JM3.5)	•	•	•	•		•			Hybridoma Myeloma	SH30825
Cell Boost 4 Supplement (PS307)	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	CHO	SH30857
Cell Boost 5 Supplement (CN-F)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Hybridoma NS0 HEK293 CHO	SH30865
Cell Boost 6 Supplement (CN-T)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	T-Cells Hybridoma NS0 HEK293 CHO	SH30866
LS250 supplement							•	•	NS0	SH30554
LS1000 supplement								•	NS0	SH30555

* Animal-derived component-free

Related products

Table 2 gives an overview of HyClone supplements.

HyClone Cell Boost kit

Cell Boost™ Process Supplements (100 g each) contain samples of supplements designed to increase cell productivity in a variety of cell lines (Table 2). Each supplement is developed through the Metabolic Pathway Design process and is chemically defined and protein-free with no animal derived components.

HyClone LS250 supplement

LS250 is a chemically defined, animal-derived component-free lipid supplement developed to stimulate cell growth and MAb production in NS0 cell cultures using traditional hybridoma serum-free media.

HyClone LS1000 supplement

LS1000 supplement is a chemically defined, animal-derived component-free lipid supplement developed to stimulate cell growth and MAb production in NS0 cell cultures using traditional hybridoma serum-free media. The supplement is formulated using a proprietary complexing process for enhanced cholesterol delivery. LS1000 has been successfully tested in a variety of serum-free medium cultures, including HyClone CDM4NS0 and CDM4MAb media.

Ordering information

SFM4HEK293 is manufactured in homogenous liquid lot sizes up to 10 000 L and powder lots up to 250 000 L.

Product	Size	Product code
HyClone SFM4HEK293 liquid medium With L-glutamine	500 mL bottle	SH30521.01
	1000 mL bottle	SH30521.02
	5 L bag	SH30521.03
	10 L bag	SH30521.04
	20 L bag	SH30521.05
	50 L bag	SH30521.06
	100 L bag	SH30521.07
	200 L bag	SH30521.08
	200 L bag	SH30521.09
HyClone SFM4HEK293 powder medium Without L-glutamine	1 × 5 L*	SH30522.01
	1 × 10 L*	SH30522.02
	1 × 50 L*	SH30522.03
	1 × 100 L*	SH30522.04
	1 × 500 L†	SH30522.05
	1 × 1000 L†	SH30522.06

* High-density polyethylene (HDPE) bottle
† Polybag/pail

Related products	Size	Product code
HyClone Cell Boost kit	6 × 100 g	SH30890
HyClone LS1000 cholesterol supplement	50 mL bottle	SH30554.01
	100 mL bottle	SH30554.02
	500 mL bottle	SH30554.03
	1000 mL bottle	SH30554.04
HyClone LS250 lipid supplement	100 mL bottle	SH30555.01
	500 mL bottle	SH30555.02
	1000 mL bottle	SH30555.03

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