

# Corning® hybrigro SF™ Medium

Animal-free, Serum-free Defined Medium  
with Corning® glutagro™ Supplement

Protocol

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## Adaptation and Weaning Techniques in Corning® hybrigro SF™ Medium

Direct adaptation or weaning techniques can be used to adapt cells to Corning® hybrigro SF™ medium (Corning Cat. No. 40-215-CV). While most hybridoma cells do not require weaning, this method is recommended as a precaution due to possibly significant differences in formulation between the current media used and hybrigro SF medium.

Important factors leading to successful adaptation include:

- Cells must be in the mid-logarithmic phase of growth with viability >90% prior to adaptation.
- Higher seeding density than normal is recommended to increase conditioned medium carry over the early period of adaptation.

### Direct Adaptation

1. A seeding density of double the normal seeding density for the cell line is suggested for the first passage.
2. Subculture cells when the cell density is  $2 \times 10^6$  to  $3 \times 10^6$  cells/mL.
3. For passage numbers 2 to 4, subculture the cells to a viable cell density of  $2 \times 10^5$  cells/mL in fresh, serum-free medium.

### Weaning

Gradually change the medium over 2 to 3 passages by blending the two media 50:50 for the first passage and then 25:75 for the second. Seed cells at  $\sim 5 \times 10^5$  cells/mL.

## Maintenance in Corning hybrigro SF Medium

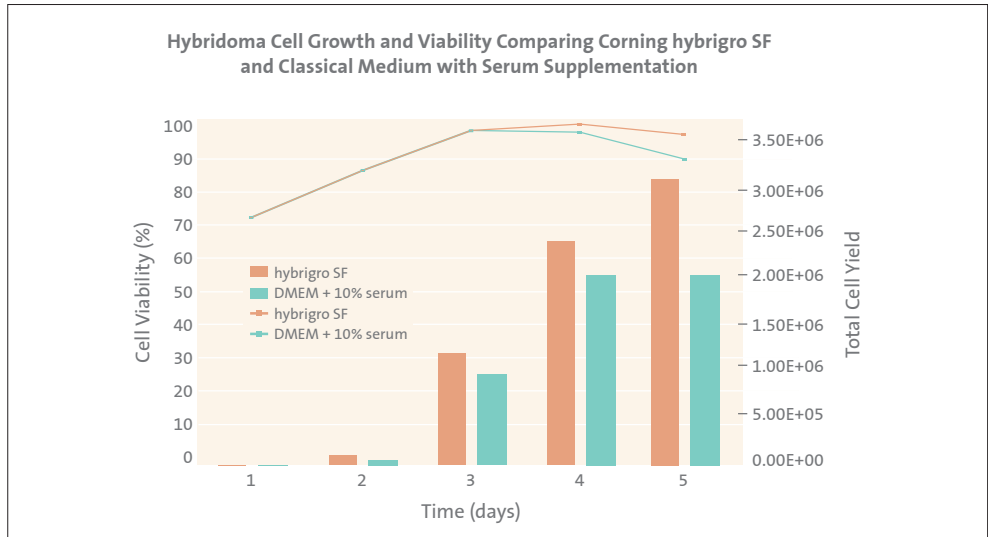
Hybridoma cultures should be split into fresh, serum-free medium every 3 to 4 days and seeded at  $1$  to  $2 \times 10^5$  cells/mL to maintain optimal growth and productivity.

### Cryopreservation

1. Gently pellet mid-log phase cells for freezing. Remove supernatant and resuspend in a volume of cryopreservation medium (e.g., 500  $\mu$ L conditioned medium: 500  $\mu$ L fresh medium and 50 to 100  $\mu$ L DMSO) to obtain a final cell density of  $1$  to  $5 \times 10^6$  cells/mL.
2. Dispense into cryovials and freeze following standard procedures.

### Thawing

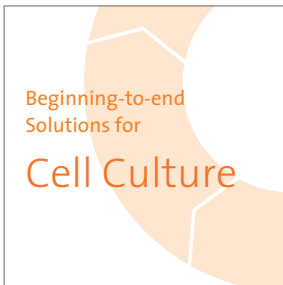
1. Once the last amount of ice thaws, quickly transfer the contents of the vial so the cells are seeded at  $4$  to  $5 \times 10^5$  cells/mL in fresh serum-free medium. If using centrifuge, take care to use low speed as cells are extremely fragile following freezing.
2. Resume normal maintenance schedule. Monitor cell growth and viability.



**Figure 1. Comparison of Corning® hybrigro SF™ medium versus standard serum-supplemented medium using AE1 (ATCC® HB-72™) hybridoma cell line.** Growth with hybrigro SF medium is superior and exhibits enhanced viability, as compared to a standard serum-supplemented medium.

**Note:** hybrigro SF medium will not grow cholesterol-auxotrophic myeloma-derived hybridomas (e.g., NS0, NS1, and P3X63Ag8.653) without further supplementation. Supplementation with a solubilized preparation of cholesterol is required for these cell line derivatives.

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