

# A Study on Animal Cell Culture

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**Abstract:** Animal cell culture is currently a more essential and multifarious technique for implementing existing study sources. A number of areas are explored by animal cell culture: stem cell biology, IVF science, the biology of cell cancer, development of monoclonal antimicrobials, recombinant protein production, gene therapy, vaccine production, selection and enhancement of new medicines. This study analyses the recent developments on animal cell culture.

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## Introduction:

The general idiom used to extract the cells, tissues or organs and to position them in an artificial environment that leads to growth in cell culture. Cell growth in a culture is readily visible when tissue or cell is removed from the body. It is also regarded as tissue protection strategies that grow in a suitable culture medium. In an adequately grown cultured medium containing the either solid or liquid mixture, growing tissues of living organisms outside the corps are made possible. At present, researchers have made a major animal cell culture association: human insulin has been the early accepted recombinant protein as a therapeutic agent, human growth hormone developed with recombinant bacteria has been identified for good use, plasminogen [5]. The mechanism by which cells of humans, animals or insects are cultured in a suitable artificial environment is cell culture. The cells may come from multicellular eukaryotes, existing cell lines or fixed cell strains. Animal cell culture became a popular laboratory procedure in the mid-1900s, but in the 19th century, it was discovered that the idea of preserving live cell lines was isolated from the tissue source. Animal cell culture is also one of the main research methods in the life sciences with economic importance and commercialisation opportunities [2]. The invention of the culture media has helped scientists to work under controlled conditions with a wide range of cells, which has played an important role in our understanding of cell growth and differentiation, recognizing growth factors and understanding the processes behind the normal functions of the various cell types. New research has also been used to analyze bioreactor and conditions of high cell density and culture. Many biotechnological products (for example, virus vaccines) depend primarily on animal cell line mass cultivation [1]. Although several simplified proteins are produced in bacterial cultures with rDNA, more complicated proteins currently need to be produced in animal cells and glycosylated proteins (carbohydrate modified). At the current stage, cell culture research aims to study the effect on viability, efficiency and constancy of post-translation changes, such as glycosylation, that are of significant importance to recombinant protein biological operation [6]. Anticancer agents, enzymes, immunobiological (interleukins, lymphokines, monoclonal antibodies) and hormones are biologics produced by recombinant DNA (rDNA) technology in animal cell cultures. In different fields, from fundamental to advanced science, animal cell culture has been used. It offered a framework model for a number of research activities:

1. The research of basic cell biology, dynamics of cell cycles, specialized cell function, relationships between cells and cells and matrix.
2. Tests for toxicity to investigate new drug effects.
3. Gene therapy to replace non-activated genes with gene-carrying functional cells.
4. Characterizing cancer cells, the role of different chemicals, viruses and radiation in cells of cancer.
5. Vaccines, monoclonal antibodies and pharmaceutical medicinal products are produced.
6. Virus development for the production of vaccines (e.g., chicken pox, polio, rabies, hepatitis B, and measles) [4].

Today, the development of biopsies (hormones, antibodies, interferons, clotting factors and vaccines) is a prerequisite to mammalian cell culture.

When supplied with nutrients and growth factors, cells that are harvested from animal tissues or whole organisms can continue to expand. This method is known as the culture of cells. It takes place in vitro ('in glass') and in vivo ('in life'). Culture enables individual cells to behave as a microorganism, like bacteria or fungi, like autonomous units. The cells can be separated by mitosis, and the cell population can begin to

expand until certain conditions, such as nutritional depletion, are limited. Picked animal cells for cultivation are held in separate units. Normally cultures contain single cells (e.g., fibroblasts). The genetically equivalent (homogeneous population) or genetic diversity of the cells in culture may occur (heterogeneous population). A single parent cell homogeneous population is called a clone. Both cells are also genetically similar within a clonal population. This book focuses on cell culture as a commonly used method. The culture of cells is very distinct from the culture of organs. Culture of the organ involves the preservation of entire organs or tissue fragments with the maintenance of a balance of the related cell types as in vivo. In the development of cultural techniques, this idea of the maintenance of tissue was important. However, it quickly became apparent that this was incredibly difficult over long stretches as individual cell types and tissues had distinct growth potential. The cultivation of individual cells is now the preferred procedure, as conditions can be regulated to allow a certain degree of quality and reproductivity in cell development. Although 'cell culture' is the most suitable and rational term, it's still commonly regarded as a 'tissue culture,' as it refers to organ culture.

## **EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR CELL CULTURE:**

### **Laminar Flow Hoods:**

There are two kinds of vertical and horizontal laminar flow hoods. The vertical hood is also well-known as the biological safety cabinet, which is useful for hazardous species, as horizontal hoods are built to offer the best protection for crops as well as air flows directly through the operator. Both types of caps have a constant air movement which passes through a HEPA filter to eliminate particulate matter from the air. The filtered air blows in a vertical cap from the top of the cap. The filtered air blows in a horizontal hood horizontally at the operator's disposal. The hoods are fitted with a short-wave UV light to sterilize the hood surfaces for a few minutes, but be mindful of the fact that only UV light can be accessed on uncovered surfaces. When the UV light is on, do not position your hands or your face next to the cap as short-wave light will harm the skin or eye. Until using, hoods should be flipped on about 10-20 minutes.

### **CO<sub>2</sub> Incubators:**

The cells are grown to 5% – 10% CO<sub>2</sub> in an atmosphere because of the sodium bicarbonate/carbonic acid medium used, and the pH needs to be preserved strongly. Cells are considered to be left as long as possible out of the incubator, and doors for the incubator cannot be opened long. The humidity should also be preserved in tissue cultivation plates for individual cells while holding a pot of water full during the time.

### **Microscopes:**

At the same time, as not in use, microscopes must be kept closed and the lights turned down. Since the cells are found on the base of the tissue flower, it is essential for cell culture to be in vitro absorbed with the use of an inverted microscope. The media of culture remains above the increasing plates of cells. If these plates are placed over a regular microscope, it is not possible to observe the growing cells at the bottom. The inverted microscope is therefore used for the purpose.

### **Vessels:**

The nontoxic, biologically inert, and optically visible surfaces of anchorage-dependent cells allow cells to be attached and improve their lifetimes. These include multi-purpose petri plates, multi-purpose panels, roller bottles, and tap-flasks—T-25, T-75, T-150 (cm<sup>2</sup> of surface area).

### **Centrifuges**

There are various kinds of speed-based centrifuges. The majority of cell culture requires a low-speed centrifuge. The cellular separate pearls are simply interrupted by a gentle rupture. Cells often have to fly to 20 °C because the heat that increases the temperature is developing because of the motor. Therefore, the cells should not be exposed to a high temperature by using a low-temperature centrifuge.

### **Freeze**

Freezing or solidification is a phase change in which a fluid becomes solid when its flushing point's temperature is lowered. The process of making null and void is melting. Human gametes and embryos can survive freezing, a cryopreservation process that lasts up to 10 years. Investigative attempts at freezing people are known as cryonics for later revitalization.

### **Types of cell culture:**

**Primary Cell Culture:** These cells are obtained by mechanical disintegration or enzyme digestion directly from tissues and organs. These cells are produced in suitable containers of glass or plastic with complex mediums. These crops typically have a low growth rate and are heterogeneous but are still preferred over cell lines since they are more similar to their tissues' cell types. The cell morphology in cultivation is of a variety of types: (a) epithelial-like, multiplied and flattened, as it is attached to a substratum and forms thin,

continuously layered cells (i.e., monolayer on solid surfaces;) (b) epithelial-like, circular, and non-fixing cells; (c) fibroblast-like, whickering cells;

#### **Advantages and Disadvantages of Primary Cell Culture:**

The best experimental models for in vivo studies are these cultures. They are karyotyped with the same parent and have traits that are not visible in cultured cells. However, they are hard to achieve, and their lifespans are limited. A significant disadvantage is also potential contamination by viruses and bacteria.

Depending on the kind of cells in culture, the primary cell culture can also be divided into two types.

#### **Anchorage-Dependent/Adherent Cells:**

These cells are subject to a stable, non-toxic and biologically inert surface for attachment and growth. STO cells are mouse fibroblast cells.

#### **Anchorage-Independent/Suspension Cell:**

These cells require no solid supporting or growing surface. In fluid media, cells can be cultivated continuously. The cell source is the factor that controls suspension cells. Blood cells are suspended in plasma, and in suspension cultures, these cells can easily be identified.

#### **Secondary Cell Culture:**

In the case of passing or subculturing primary cell cultures and their cultivation in fresh mediums for a long time, they form secondary cultures and remain long-lasting (as opposed to primary cell cultures) due to their regular fresh availability nutrients. Enzymatic digestion of adherent cells is used for the passage or sub-culture. The required number of cells in the appropriate growth media volumes is washed and re-suspended. Secondary cell cultures are preferable because they are easy to grow and available, and are useful in virology, immunology and toxicology.

#### **Advantages and Disadvantages of Secondary Cell Culture**

This culture is useful for the development and transformation of a wide population of similar cells. These cell cultures preserve their cellular properties. The main downside of this system is that cells tend to differentiate in culture and produce aberrant cells over a certain period of time.

#### **Characteristics of Cell Cultures:**

The cultures of the animal cells are specific and differentiate from those of the microbials [10]. Slow growth, the need for solid substrates in mixing-dependent cells, lack of a cell wall (which leads to fragility) and sensitivity to physiochemical conditions such as the pH, CO<sub>2</sub> levels, etc are the important characteristics of the animal cell. Some of the main variables of bioprocess are:

#### **Temperature:**

The temperature is a critical element in growth and production as it interferes directly with it. A small size can be used for the control of temperature through thermostatically controlled incubators. However, large-scale cell cultures in bioreactors need more temperature control. In order to keep the cell culture's temperature, different bioreactors use different methods. A thermal blanket and a water jacket with a temperature sensor retain the temperature in a bioreactor.

#### **pH :**

The pH of a culture medium can be controlled either with the addition of alkaline solution (NaOH, KOH) or acid (HCl). The pH of culture is maintained through addition of CO<sub>2</sub> gas in the bioreactor, sodium buffers or the use of natural buffering solutes. The most commonly used electrode in the bioreactor is an electrode of the type of pH silver chloride.

#### **Oxygen**

The most fundamental variable to be supplied to the medium of cell culture is dissolved oxygen. It is eaten in aerobic cultures with a carbon source. Diffusion via the liquid surface or membranes is one of the ways to supply dissolved oxygen.

#### **Advantages of animal cell culture:**

1. physiochemical and physiological condition: PH, temperature, concentration of O<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> and culture media osmotic pressure may be altered in order to study the impact of these on cell culture.
2. Cell Metabolism: to study cell physiology and cell biochemistry and to study cell metabolism.
3. Cytotoxic test: The effects on specific cell types such as liver cells of various compounds or drugs may be examined [3].
4. Homogenous cultures: these cultures contribute to the study of the cell biology and origin [11].
5. Valuable biological data from large-scale cell cultures: Large volumes can synthesize specific proteins from genetically modified cells in large crops.
6. Result consistency: reproducibility of results obtainable through the use of a specific type / clonal population.

7. Cell type identification: The presence of markers such as molecules or karyotyping can detect specific cell types.
8. Ethics: Animal use in experiments may be avoided with ethical, moral and legal questions.

#### **Disadvantages of animal cell culture:**

1. Expense and expertise: This procedure requires aseptic environments, skilled professionals and expensive equipment.
2. Differentiation: after a continuous growth of cells in cultures, cell characteristics can change and result in differentiated characteristics in comparison with the original strain.
3. Low product quantity: The limited quantity of monoclonal antibodies and recombinant protein that is generated and refined downstream for pure products raises immense expenditures.
4. Pollution: Mycoplasma and virus infections are hard to diagnose and very infectious.
5. Instabilities: Chromosomal aneuploidy refers to the dysfunction of continuous cell lines.

#### **Translational significance:**

For different uses, biomedical science has benefited the use of animal and human cell cultures. It offers vital instruments for manufacturing many products, including biopharmaceuticals, monoclonal antibodies, and gene therapy products. Furthermore, cell cultures provide suitable test systems to study biological processes, intercellular and intracellular reactions, pathologic mechanisms and the development of viruses [7]. The following addresses some of the uses of animal cell culture.

#### **Anti-viral vaccines**

Technology for the advancement of viral vaccine production played a significant role in the cultivation of livestock. Cell-culture technology was developed in the 1950s and live animals were replaced in order to produce antigens. Bio-processing methods have seen significant progress [8]. Molecular modification of viruses culminated in the development of a recombinant hepatitis B virus (HBV) vaccine and a number of other possible vaccines which were in the final stage of clinical trials with the development of DNA technology.

#### **Viral Particles Production by Cell Culture:**

Cells formed viral particles varies from molecules produced by bacteria, or animal cells, such as proteins, enzymes and toxins. Unlike the development of the virus, which is not attributed to a secondary metabolic pathway, the product formation cannot be connected to the developing or growth of a cell. The viral infection is created as cell machinery is guided to viral particle processing. production is carried out [9]. The viral development takes place in two stages:

1. Cell culture system: This includes creating an appropriate method for transforming the medium cell mass culture substratum.
2. Virus production: This stage varies from infection and has various diet and metabolism criteria. For the commercial development of viral vaccines, a range of immortalized cell lines is used.

#### **Recombinant therapeutic proteins:**

Proteins play an important role in the conduction and transport of biochemical processes, the formation of receptors and channels in membranes, small molecules into a cell or from one organ to another, and the development of scaffolding frames. As a product of post-translation changes, the number of functionally independent proteins greatly exceeds the number of genes in humans. These improvements include glycosylation, phosphorylation, allergy-free, nitrosylation, methylation, and lipidation. Disease disorders are also caused by changes in protein composition as the result of mutation or other anomalies. Protein therapy provides immense disease alleviation benefits. In 1986, human plasminogen tissue received consumer acceptance becoming the first drug from recombinant mammalian cells. 60–70 percent of all the therapeutic recombinant proteins are developed in mammalian cells [12].

#### **Importance of Cell Culture in Gene Therapy:**

Gene therapy means that a corrective or functional gene copy is placed, removed or modified to curate an infection or defect, or slow down a disease's development, thereby enhancing the quality of life. The first significant move in tackling human health and disease has been the human genome maps. The mission of gene therapy remains a great scientific challenge and involves the ex vivo cultivation and adaptation to a

clinically appropriate state from the laboratory. Gene therapy remains an exceedingly successful one. In gene therapy advancement is imperative the creation of animal cell culture technologies [13]. Human gene therapy's main aims are monogenic disorders caused by particular gene mutations (for example, cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, muscular dystrophy and Sickle cell anaemia). In gene therapy, the first step is to recognize the defective gene. The gene isolation follows, and a structure is produced to be adequately expressed. Integration of the genome and subsequent transmission of in vivo or ex vivo genetic materials was critical to gene therapy's success. The in vivo treatment involves the genetic material into the person at a certain location, and the target cells are treated outside the patient's body in ex vivo therapy. These cells would then be extended and returned to the individual at a certain location. Ex vivo requires gene therapy in the cultured cells and is then extended into the desired tissue.

### **Baculovirus Production in Animal Cell Culture:**

For effective commercial development of bioinsecticides, a number of factors are important:

1. The generation of highly competitively costly viruses.
2. Virus economic performance (i.e., low cost for the media and running the culture).
3. Efficient high virus-cell line for cell efficiency.
4. There is a loss of virulence and an increased risk of mutant development with the virus's passage into cells; this should be prevented.
5. In cell culture, the consistency of polyhedral should be close to that obtained from caterpillars.

There are a variety of benefits in the insect baculovirus-cell system. It produces functional, immunologically active recombinant proteins, as they can make modifications after translation. A solid polyhedron promoter is used for the recombinant method.

### **Conclusions:**

The use of animal cell culture is currently greatly extended from a strict research technique into a typical technical module of many biological research areas. This analysis summarizes the scientific context and fundamental techniques of animal cell culture in a style that all researchers can quickly access in the field. The therapeutic file of animal tissue culture has huge functions. The determination of the cell's reaction to chemicals or as a means to generate protein extracted from cells, which really helps enhance medicine. An animal tissue culture offers a way to generate monoclonal antibodies that cause it to produce pathogen-controlled antibodies. The Discovery of animal cell culture provides the chance to cure diseases like AIDS and cancer. A traditional, easy and approachable means of producing well-tolerated and useful vaccines are provided by applying animal tissue culture. It seems that cell culture is really important for medical advancement. Besides, there are also variations in the in vitro- in vivo method during drug discovery and organ transplantation, making it not completely trustworthy.

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