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TCH™ Defined Serum Replacement Product Instructions

TCH™ is a fortified, multipurpose serum replacement for the long-term culturing of anchorage dependent and suspension cultures. These serum replacements are effective in research situations such as studying the effects of growth factors or in the manufacturing of cell derived products.

TCH™ is packaged as a 50X concentrate. Therefore, 10ml will produce 500ml of complete medium, 100ml will produce 5 liters of complete medium, and 500ml will produce 25 liters of complete medium when added to basal media.

TCH™ is stable for a minimum of 6 months after receipt when stored at 2°C to 8°C in the 50X concentrate and 30 days when diluted with basal media.

The following recommended protocol is a series of serum dilutions while increasing the concentration of the Protide serum replacement. Since each cell line has unique characteristics, slight adjustments in cell density, length of adaptation period, etc. may be necessary. Please contact our technical service department for additional information.

Preparation

1. Aseptically add 10ml of the TCH™ serum replacement to 500ml of basal medium (Complete Medium).
2. Recommended final working concentration is 2%.
3. Add 2-4 mM sterile L-glutamine.
4. Add antibiotics if desired.
5. Add 10 to 20mM sterile HEPES.
6. Add 1mM sodium pyruvate if necessary.
7. The final pH should be 7.2 \pm 0.1.

Adaptation of Cells

1. Dilute serum containing medium two-fold with TCH™ complete medium.

Example: Adding 5ml of 10% FBS-containing medium with 5ml TCH™ complete medium would result in a final serum concentration of 5%.

2. Culture cells for two passages.
3. Dilute serum two-fold again with TCH™ complete medium.

Example: Adding 2.5 ml of 10% FBS with 7.5ml of TCH™ complete medium.

4. Culture cells for at least two passages.
5. Continue to adapt cells in similar manner, each time reducing the FBS concentration by one-half until the serum has been completely eliminated.

Note: Some cell lines will not adapt to a level of serum below 0.5% depending on culture conditions. Please contact our technical service department for additional information.

Special Notes

1. Anchorage dependent cultures should be monitored for trypsin toxicity when serum levels are less than 1%. Care must be taken not to over-trypsinize some adherent cells.
2. Cells should be maintained in logarithmic growth for optimal results.
3. The pH of the medium should be monitored carefully.
4. Cells growing in a low protein, non-serum media are generally more sensitive to antibiotics, enzymes, hormones, and cytokines. Thus, these components should be adjusted accordingly. In general, a two-fold reduction is appropriate.

Any question concerning Protide products can be addressed directly to our technical service department.

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