

HE400 medium

Chemically defined medium

Description

HE400 medium has been developed for the growth of human embryonic kidney (HEK) 293 cells, such as Expi293F, 293-F, 293T, or VPC cells, and the high production of recombinant proteins or the transfection assay in serum-free culture. HE400 medium is a chemically defined, serum-free, protein-free, animal origin-free medium that contains no protein, hydrolysates, or components of unknown composition.

(Storage; 2°C to 8°C / Protect from light)

Culture conditions

Cell line: 293 cells

Culture type: Suspension

Culture vessels: Flask, plate, dish, or culture bag, etc.

Incubate atmosphere: Humidified atmosphere of 5–8% CO₂ in air

Temperature range: 36°C to 38°C

Shaker culture: 120–130 rpm

Prepare medium

HE400 medium requires supplementation with L-glutamine or L-alanyl-L-glutamine.

- 1 Add 200 mM L-glutamine or L-alanyl-L-glutamine, 2–8 mM final concentration, to the medium.
- 2 HE400 medium contains no antibiotics. Please supply to the medium as necessary.

Thaw and Subculture method

For Shaker Culture (125-mL Shaker Flasks)

- 1 Thaw 293 cells in a water bath and transfer into a 15-mL tube containing 10 mL of HE400 medium.
- 2 Resuspend with 10 mL of HE400 medium, count cells and determine cell viability.
- 3 Transfer cells at a seeding density of 3×10^5 cells/mL ($2\text{--}4 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) into a 125-mL shaker flask containing 30 mL of HE400 medium and incubate at 37°C.
- 4 On the second day culture, harvest cells with a 50-mL tube, and determine the viable cell density.
- 5 Transfer cells at a seeding density of 3×10^5 cells/mL ($2\text{--}4 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) into a 125-mL shaker flask containing 30 mL of HE400 medium and incubate at 37°C.
- 6 On the fourth day culture, harvest cells with a 50-mL tube, and determine the viable cell density.
- 7 Subculture cells at a seeding density of 3×10^5 cells/mL ($2\text{--}4 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) every 4 days (3–5 days) with fresh HE400 medium.
- 8 For your experiments before using, subculture 293 cells a minimum of three times to allow them to

recover from cryopreservation.

For Static Culture (T75 Flasks)

- 1 Thaw 293 cells in a water bath and transfer into a 15-mL tube containing 10 mL of HE400 medium.
- 2 Resuspend with 10 mL of HE400 medium, count cells and determine cell viability.
- 3 Transfer cells at a seeding density of 3×10^5 cells/mL ($2-4 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) into a T75 flask containing 25 mL of HE400 medium and incubate at 37°C.
- 4 On the second day culture, harvest cells with a 50-mL tube, and determine the viable cell density.
- 5 Transfer cells at a seeding density of 3×10^5 cells/mL ($2-4 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) into a T75 flask containing 25 mL of HE400 medium and incubate at 37°C.
- 6 On the fourth day culture, harvest cells with a 50-mL tube, and determine the viable cell density.
- 7 Subculture cells at a seeding density of 3×10^5 cells/mL ($2-4 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) every 4 days (3–5 days) with fresh HE400 medium.
- 8 For your experiments before using, subculture 293 cells a minimum of three times to allow them to recover from cryopreservation.

Adaptation method to HE400 medium

We recommend both direct and sequential adaptation method, adapting 293 cells to HE400 medium. It is critical that the growth rate is in mid-logarithmic phase before adaptation culture.

For direct adaptation (125-mL Shaker Flasks)

- 1 Harvest cells and ensure that the growth rate is in mid-logarithmic phase.
- 2 Transfer cells at a seeding density of 3×10^5 cells/mL ($2-4 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) into a 125-mL shaker flask containing 30 mL of HE400 medium and incubate at 37°C.
- 3 On the fourth day culture, harvest cells by pipetting with a 50-mL tube and determine the viable cell density. **Do not use trypsin.**
- 4 Subculture cells at a seeding density of 3×10^5 cells/mL ($2-4 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) every 4 days (3–5 days) with fresh HE400 medium.
- 5 Continue to subculture cells as necessary every 4 days (3–5 days) with fresh HE400 medium until consistent growth is achieved.

Cryopreservation

- 1 Prepare the cryopreservation medium of 90% HE400 medium and 10% DMSO.
- 2 Harvest cells and resuspend at a cell density of 5–10 x 10⁶ cells/mL with the fresh cryopreservation medium.
- 3 Transfer 293 cells into cryovials.
- 4 Achieve cryopreservation following standard procedures, do not directly put into liquid nitrogen.
- 5 Transfer frozen cells to liquid nitrogen.

Other information

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HE400 medium	HE400-0010	Suspension culture
HE400AZ medium*	HE400AZ-0010	Suspension culture
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* Ready-to-use medium with L-alanyl-L-glutamine