

CH400 medium

Chemically defined medium

Description

CH400 medium has been developed for the growth of Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells, such as CHO-S, CHO-K1, DG44, or DXB11 cells, and the high production of recombinant proteins or the transfection assay in serum-free culture. CH400 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: CHO 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

CH400 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 CH400 medium contains no hypoxanthine, thymidine, and antibiotics. Please supply to the medium as necessary.

Thaw and Subculture method

For Shaker Culture (125-mL Shaker Flasks)

- 1 Add 200 mM L-glutamine (8 mM final concentration, 40 mL/L) to the medium before use.
- 2 Thaw CHO cells in a water bath and transfer into a 15-mL tube containing 10 mL of CH400 medium.
- 3 Resuspend with 10 mL of CH400 medium, count cells and determine cell viability.
- 4 Transfer cells at a seeding density of 2×10^5 cells/mL ($1\text{--}3 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) into a 125-mL shaker flask containing 30 mL of CH400 medium and incubate at 37°C.
- 5 On the second day culture, harvest cells with a 50-mL tube, and determine the viable cell density.
- 6 Transfer cells at a seeding density of 2×10^5 cells/mL ($1\text{--}3 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) into a 125-mL shaker flask containing 30 mL of CH400 medium and incubate at 37°C.
- 7 On the third day culture, harvest cells with a 50-mL tube, and determine the viable cell density.
- 8 Subculture cells at a seeding density of 2×10^5 cells/mL ($1\text{--}3 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) every 3 days (2–4 days)

with fresh CH400 medium.

- 9 For your experiments before using, subculture CHO cells a minimum of three times to allow them to recover from cryopreservation.

For Static Culture (T75 Flasks)

- 1 Add 200 mM L-glutamine (8 mM final concentration, 40 mL/L) to the medium before use.
- 2 Thaw CHO cells in a water bath and transfer into a 15-mL tube containing 10 mL of CH400 medium.
- 3 Resuspend with 10 mL of CH400 medium, count cells and determine cell viability.
- 4 Transfer cells at a seeding density of 2×10^5 cells/mL ($1-3 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) into a T75 flask containing 25 mL of CH400 medium and incubate at 37°C.
- 5 On the second day culture, harvest cells with a 50-mL tube, and determine the viable cell density.
- 6 Transfer cells at a seeding density of 2×10^5 cells/mL ($1-3 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) into a T75 flask containing 25 mL of CH400 medium and incubate at 37°C.
- 7 On the third day culture, harvest cells with a 50-mL tube, and determine the viable cell density.
- 8 Subculture cells at a seeding density of 2×10^5 cells/mL ($1-3 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) every 3 days (2–4 days) with fresh CH400 medium.
- 9 For your experiments before using, subculture CHO cells a minimum of three times to allow them to recover from cryopreservation.

Adaptation method to CH400 medium

We recommend both direct and sequential adaptation method, adapting CHO cells to CH400 medium. It is critical that the growth rate is in mid-logarithmic phase before adaptation culture.

For direct adaptation (125-mL Shaker Flasks)

- 1 Add 200 mM L-glutamine (8 mM final concentration, 40 mL/L) to the medium before use.
- 2 Harvest cells and ensure that the growth rate is in mid-logarithmic phase.
- 3 Transfer cells at a seeding density of 2×10^5 cells/mL ($1-3 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) into a 125-mL shaker flask containing 30 mL of CH400 medium and incubate at 37°C.
- 4 On the third day culture, harvest cells by pipetting with a 50-mL tube and determine the viable cell density. **Do not use trypsin.**
- 5 Subculture cells at a seeding density of 2×10^5 cells/mL ($1-3 \times 10^5$ cells/mL) every 3 days (2–4 days) with fresh CH400 medium.
- 6 Continue to subculture cells as necessary every 3 days (2–4 days) with fresh CH400 medium until consistent growth is achieved.

Cryopreservation

- 1 Prepare the cryopreservation medium of 90% CH400 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 CHO 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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Gxpress CHO Transfection Kit	GXCHO-RK-0010
Gxpress CHO TF Reagent	GXCHO-TF-0010
Gxpress CHO Enhancer	GXCHO-EN-0010

< Chemically Defined Medium >

CH100 medium	CH100-0010	Adhesive culture
CH150 medium	CH150-0005	Cloning assay
CH200 medium	CH200-0010	Suspension culture
CH300 medium	CH300-0010	Suspension culture
CH300AZ medium*	CH300AZ-0010	Suspension culture
CH400 medium	CH400-0010	Suspension culture
CH400AZ medium*	CH400AZ-0010	Suspension culture
Gxpress CHO Feed medium	GXCHO-FD-0010	Fed-Batch culture
Scattering reagent CHO	SRCHO-005	Anti-clumping reagent

* Ready-to-use medium with L-alanyl-L-glutamine