

Simplifying Progress

# Regulatory Considerations when Choosing Stem Cell Media

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Manufacturer

Manufacturer Quality System  
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NutriStem® Family

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Quality System Regulation  
(QSR)

**cGMP**  
Manufacturing  
Facility



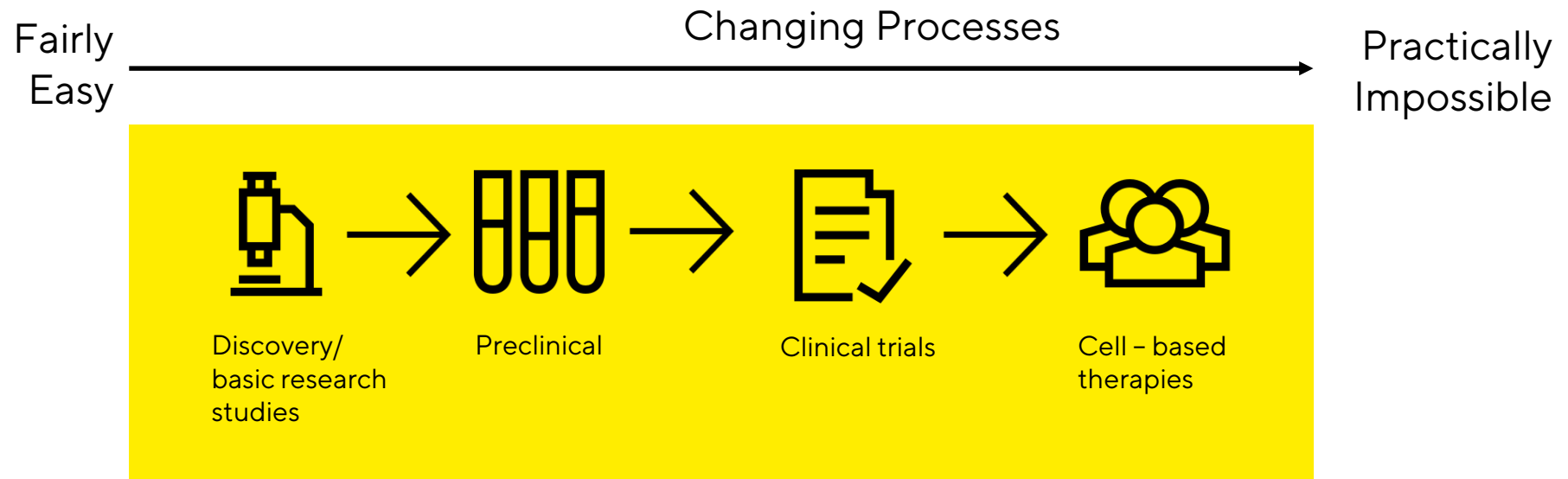


Media and Manufacturer Features

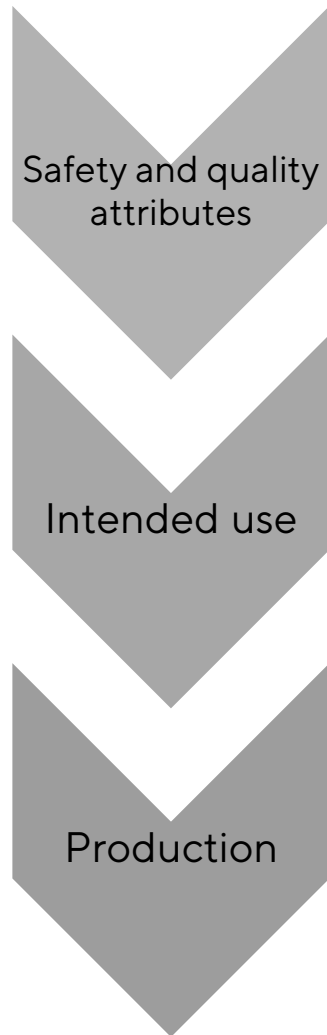
# CONSIDERATIONS FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

# Begin troubleshooting early

- Establishing optimal cell culture systems
- Suitable reagent supplier selection
- Eliminate downstream laborious and time-consuming modifications



# Media Features



## **Safety and quality attributes of media components:**

Biological components- human/animal or recombinant, undefined materials (serum, lysates),  
Biological activity, purity/impurity profile, risk of adventitious agents (bacteria, viruses, etc.) ,  
stability

**Availability of information:** Product documentation to support future IND submission (DMF/MF)

**Ease of use:** Protocol, media components (single bottle, supplements)

- Research use only (RUO)/IVD/MD/excipient/further manufacturing
- Ability to scale from RUO to cGMP: Is it transferable to cGMP?
- Compliant with regulation guidelines: cGMP, ancillary material
- Approved documents: Drug Master File availability, certifications, product dossier

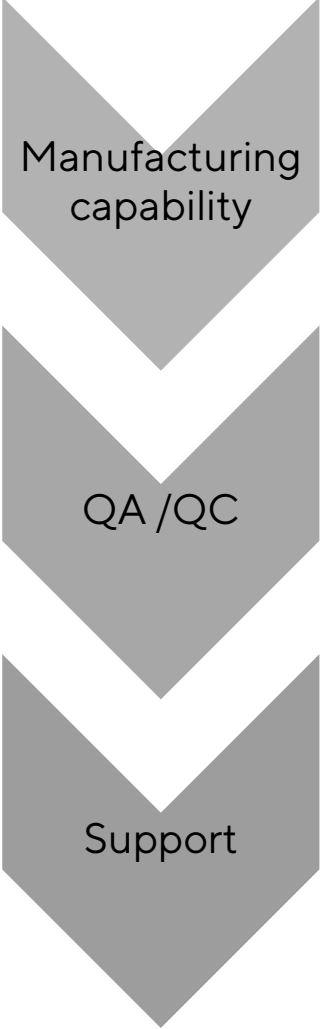
Material: **Proof of safety and traceability**

Consistency and reproducibility: lot-to-lot variation

Shelf-life and storage options

→ Confidence the supplier can support you to your goal

# Manufacturer Features



Manufacturing  
capability

- **Guarantee of supply chain:** from manufacturing to delivery
- **Consistency and reproducibility:** minimal lot-to-lot variation
- **Capacity to scale-up product:** larger lots, lot reservations, customized products
- **Production suite certifications:** Clean room levels, sterile filtration, aseptic filling

QA /QC

- **Quality management system:** Accreditations? Certifications?
- **Possibility for on-site audits**

Support

- **Technical Support and overall support by professional teams** (logistics, R&D, production, sales), communication strategy
- **Available QA team:** able to collaborate with QPs and regulatory bodies
- **Available product documentation**

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Meeting regulations and scientific quality

# MANUFACTURER QUALITY SYSTEM

# Guidelines to consider

- Which Quality Standards are implemented:
  - Implementation of QMS ISO certifications?
  - cGMP manufacturing?

**21 CFR Part 820**  
Quality System Regulation  
**(QSR)**

**cGMP**  
Manufacturing  
Facility



# BI Quality Management System

BI manufacturing operates under an established **Risk Management** based Quality Management System (QMS)

QMS comply with the international standards for Quality Management Systems as defined by ISO 13485:2016 and routinely audited by an accredited external body.

Committed to the current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) comprising local and international guidelines adopted by the FDA and EMA.

Facility Certified ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 13485:2016. Our controlled-environment clean rooms are graded from ISO 8 up to ISO 5

Our products are divided into three groups:

Research Use Only

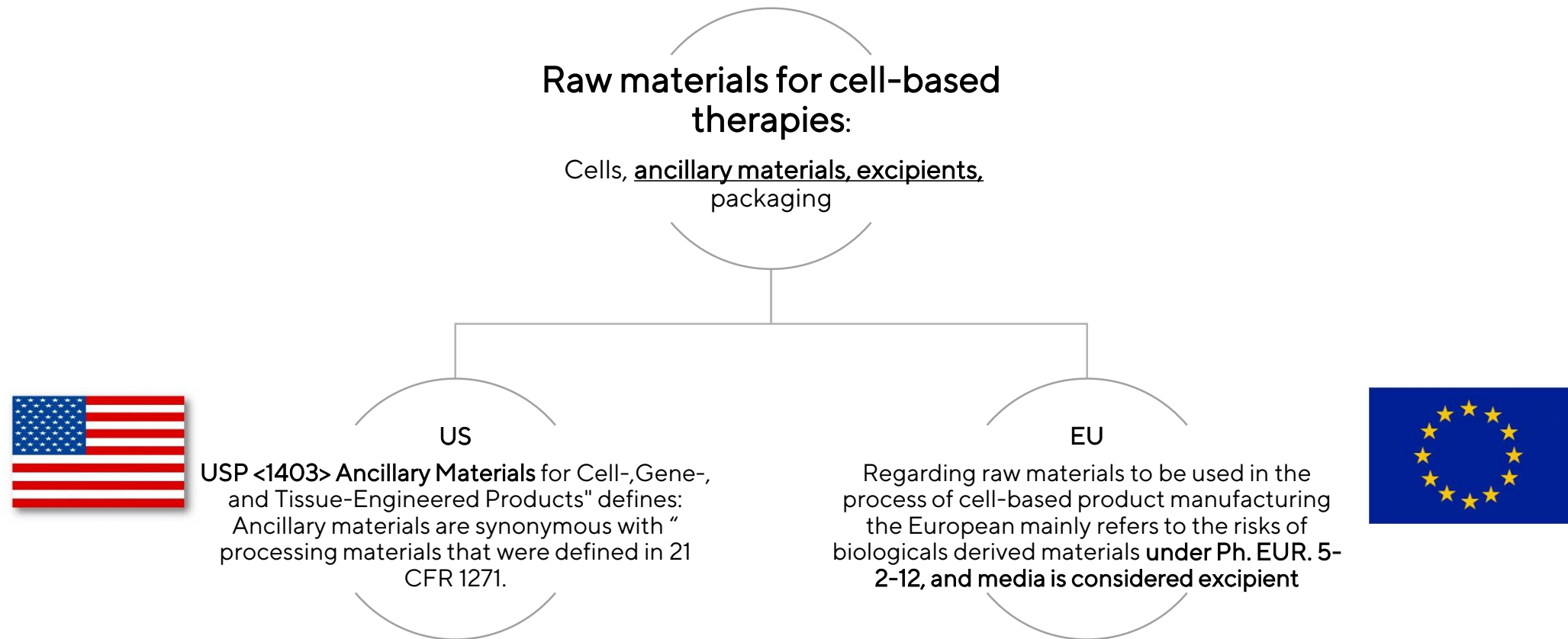
In Vitro Diagnostics  
Medical Devices

Ancillary materials for cell-based therapy



# What are Ancillary Materials?

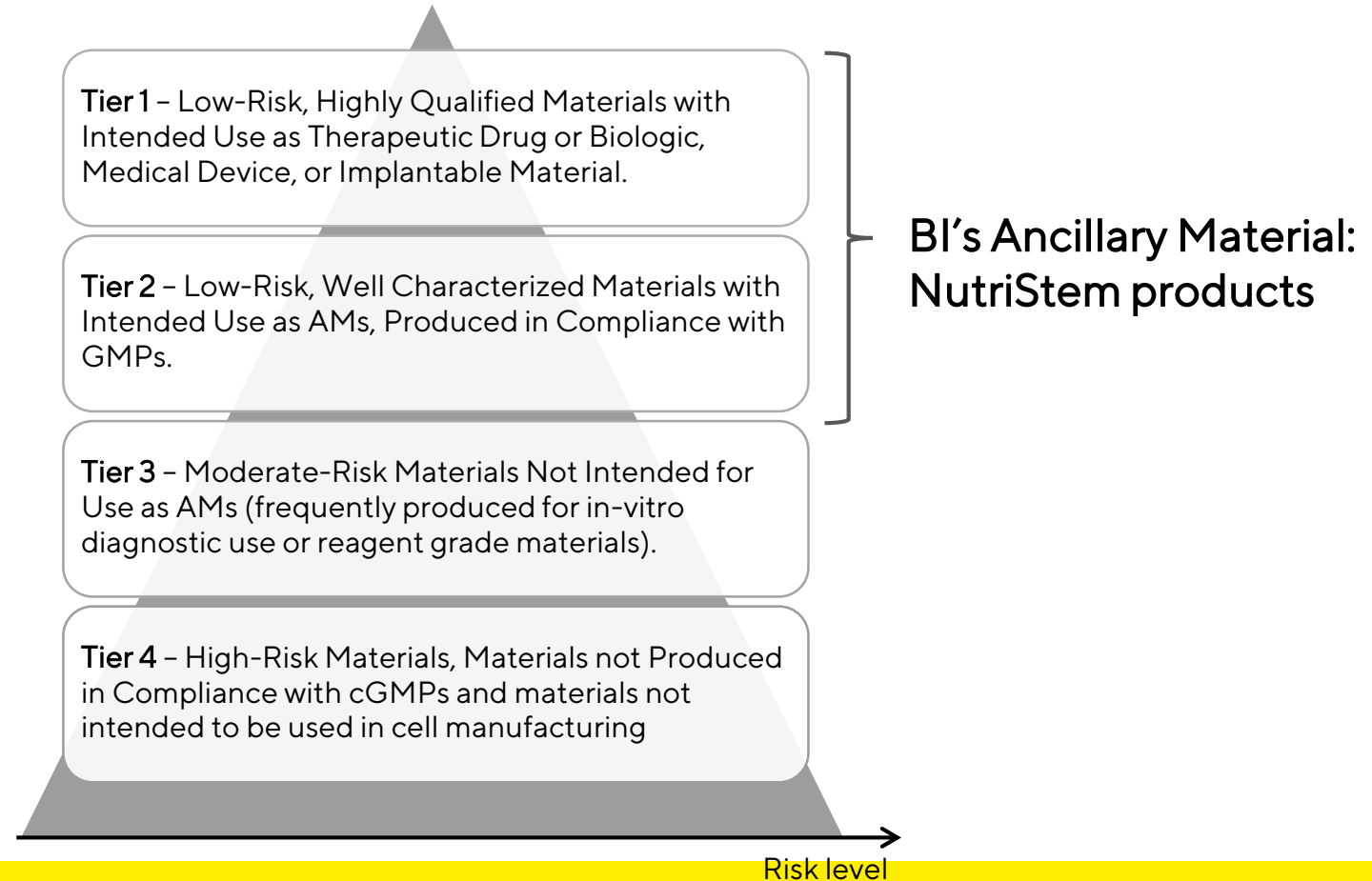
International Regulations – Products used in the processing of the cell product



# The HCT\*/ATMP\* manufacturer needs to address the ancillary materials with a risk-based approach, and for this purpose the USP defines 4 risks levels:

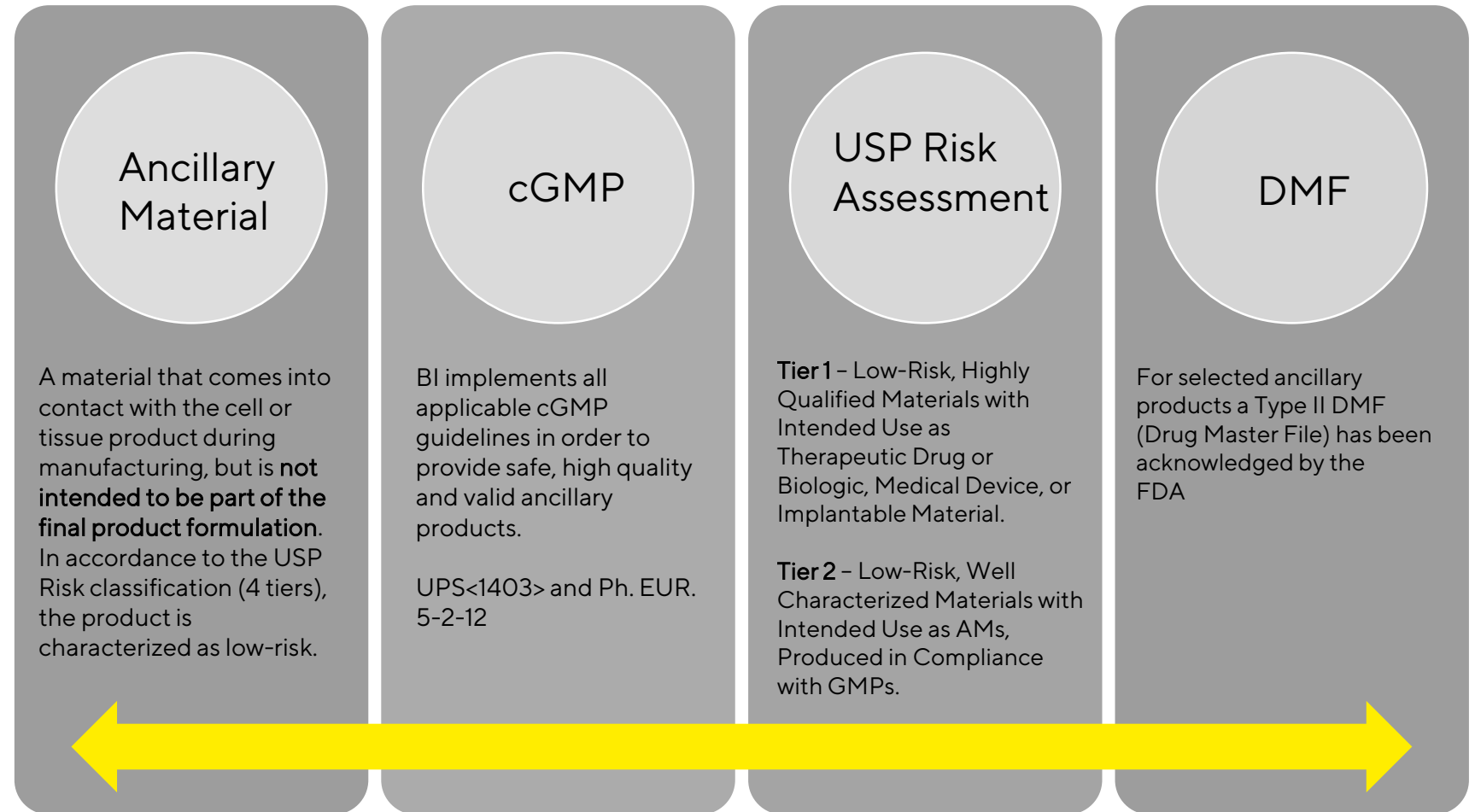
\*HCT: Human Cells, Tissues

\*ATMP: Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products



# Ancillary Materials at BI

- Products intended for cell based therapy classified as **Ancillary Materials /Excipients**
- **Nutristem products for hPSC and hMSC**
- **NutriFreez® D10 Cryopreservation Medium**





NutriStem® Family

# CELL THERAPY REAGENTS AT SARTORIUS ADVANCED THERAPIES

Stem cell research and regenerative medicine applications require high quality and reliable media and auxiliary reagents.

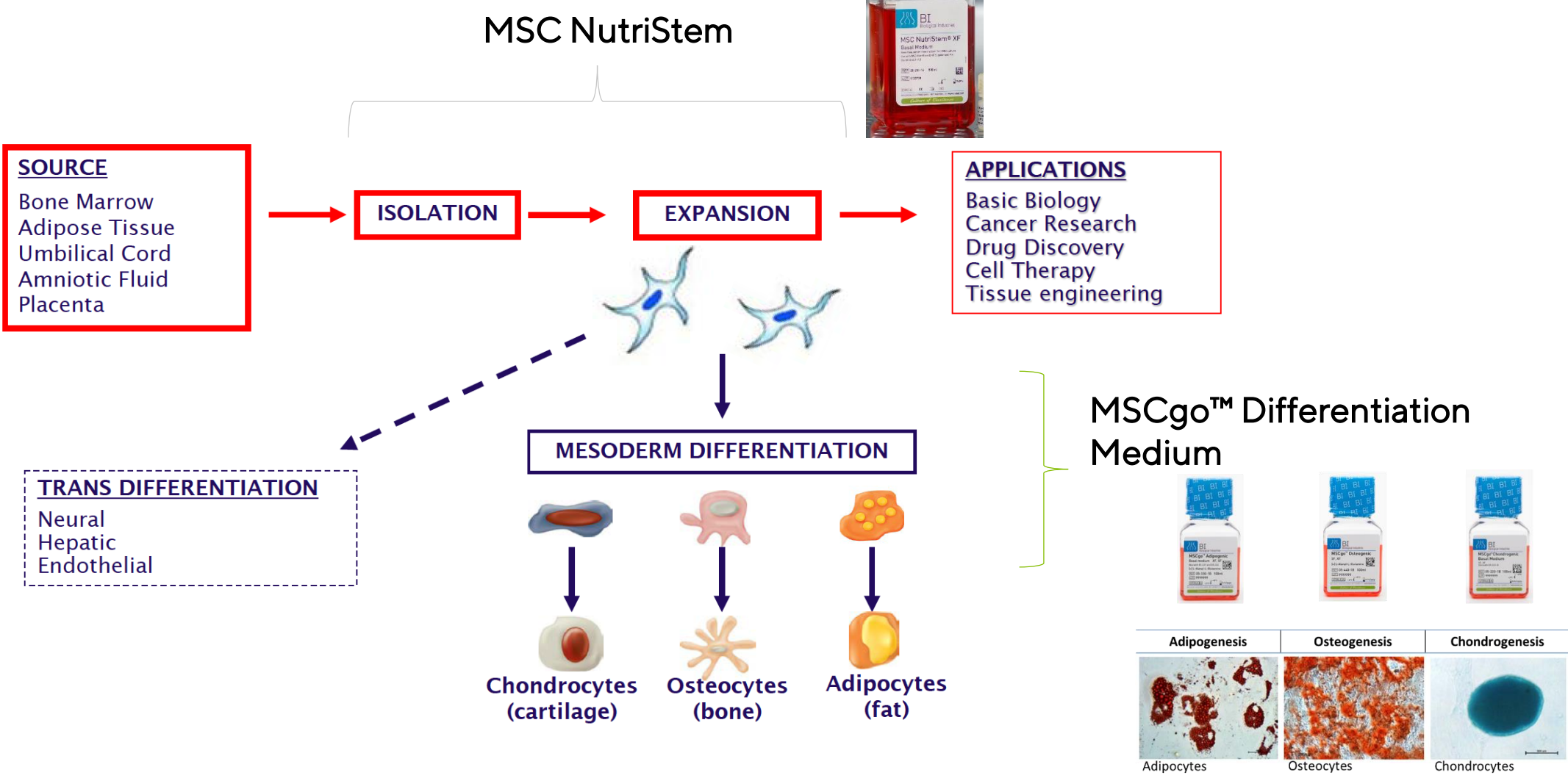
- Defined
  - Serum-free
  - Xeno-free, without any non-human ingredients
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- Eliminate lot-to-lot variability (serum/ PL- batch/source)
  - Eliminate contagious health risk: viral agents, mycoplasma and prions
  - Ensure reliable performance



Serum-free, xeno-free system for human mesenchymal stromal cells of multiple sources

**MSC NUTRISTEM® XF**

# Standard MSC workflow:



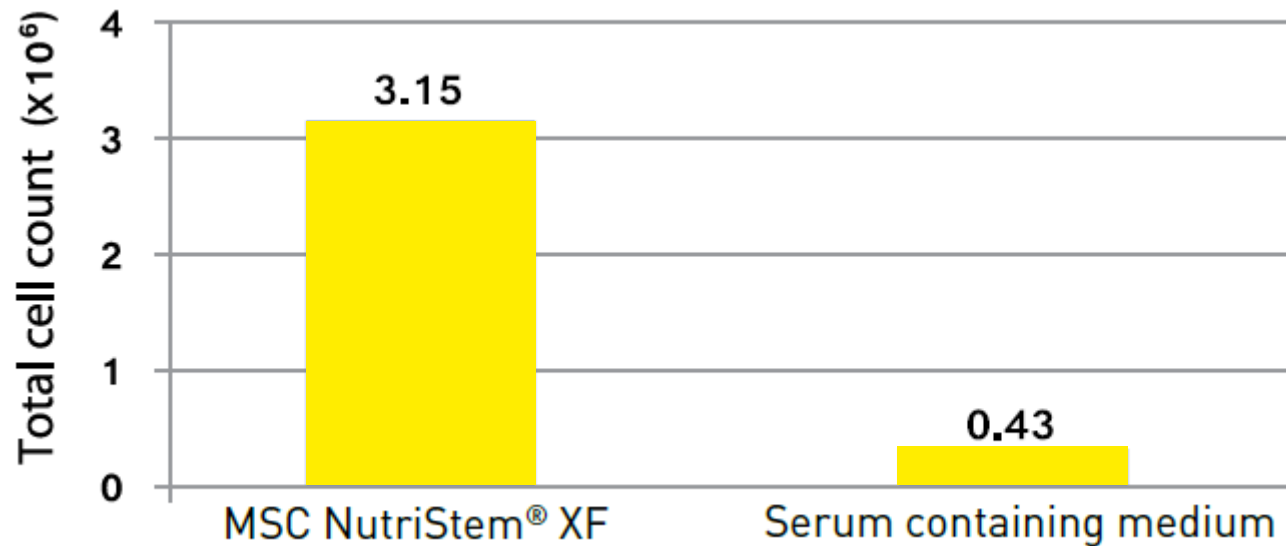


MSC isolation from multiple tissue sources (BM, AT, PL, WJ, DP)

**MSC NUTRISTEM® XF**

# Evaluation of hMSC-BM isolation using MSC NutriStem® XF vs. FBS

hMSC were isolated from bone marrow under SF, XF culture conditions using MSC NutriStem® XF on pre-coated plates with MSC Attachment Solution, w/o supplementation of human AB serum and in FBS-containing medium.

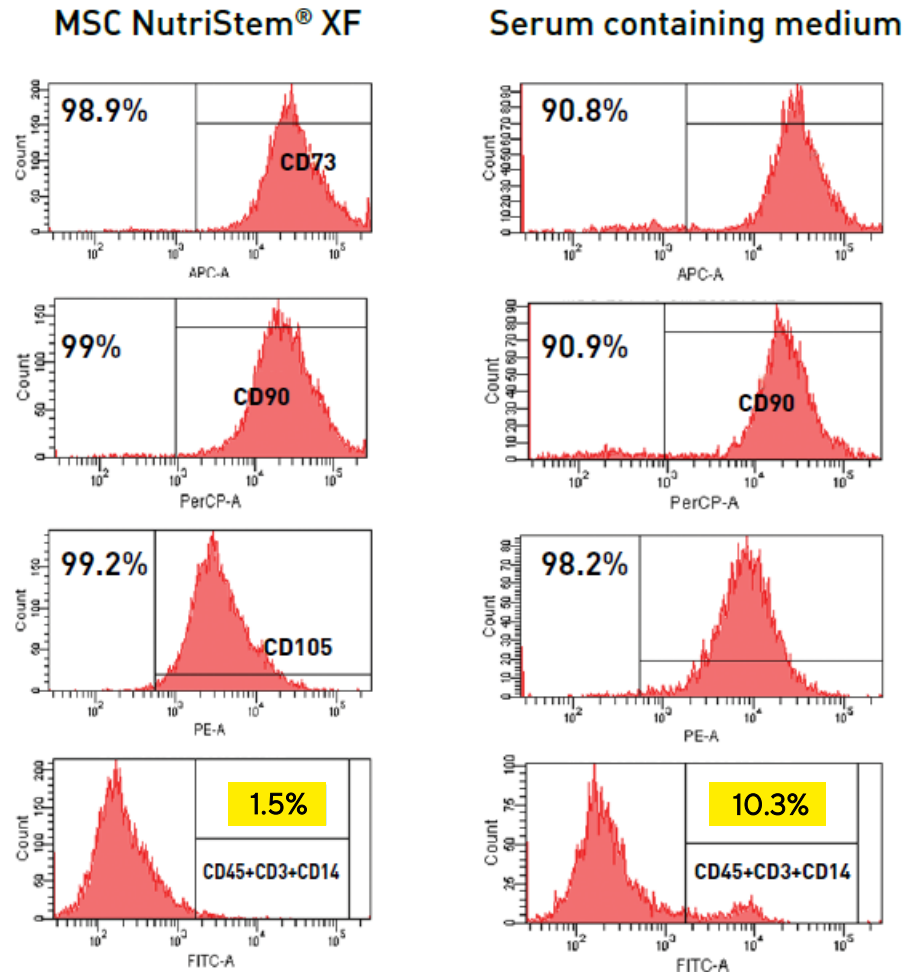


✓ Higher number of viable cells isolated

- Number of viable cells, measured by trypan blue exclusion assay
- 11days post initial isolation (P0).

# Immunophenotyping using FACS analysis (P0)

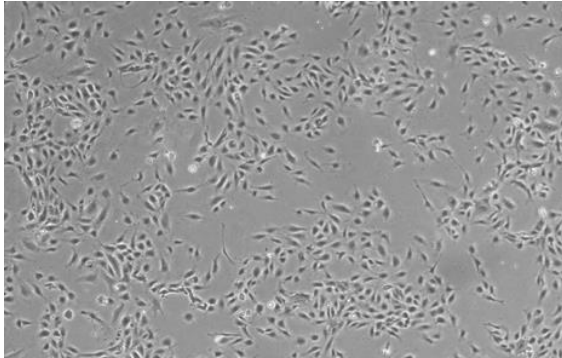
hMSC-BM



✓ High population purity, low hematopoietic contamination

# Successful isolation using MSC NutriStem®

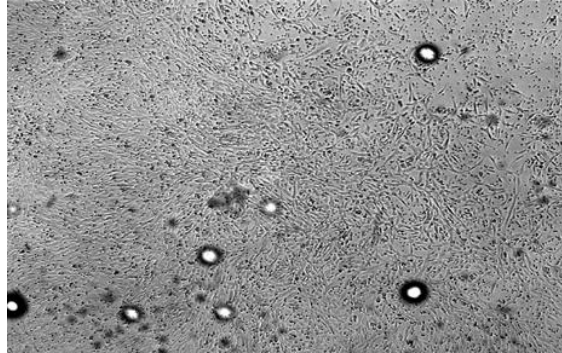
**hMSC-WJ**



6 days post initial isolation (P0)

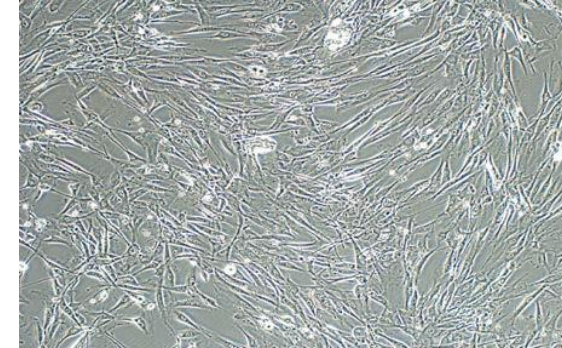
- + supplementation of 2% human AB serum
- on pre-coated plates (MSC Attachment Solution)

**hMSC-AT**



4 days post initial isolation (P0)

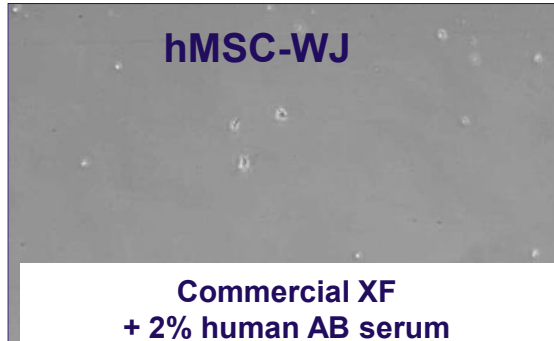
**hMSC-PL**



11 days post initial isolation (P0)

- w/o human AB serum
- on pre-coated plates (MSC Attachment Solution)

**hMSC-WJ**



Commercial XF  
+ 2% human AB serum

**Isolation of hMSC from various tissues is achievable under XF (SF?) culture system using MSC NutriStem® XF**



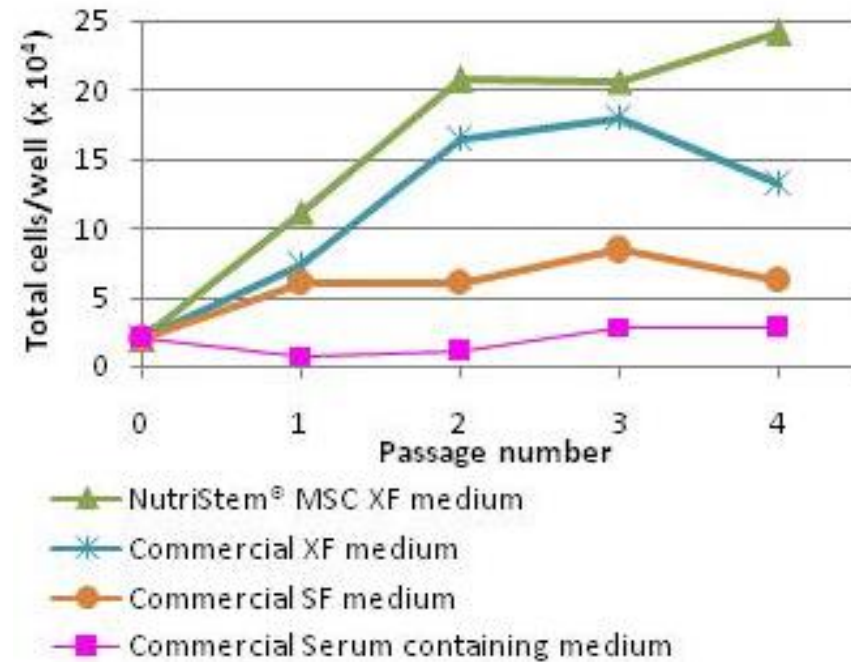
MSC expansion and characterization from multiple tissue sources (BM, AT, PL, WJ, DP)

**MSC NUTRISTEM® XF**

# Expansion with MSC NutriStem® XF

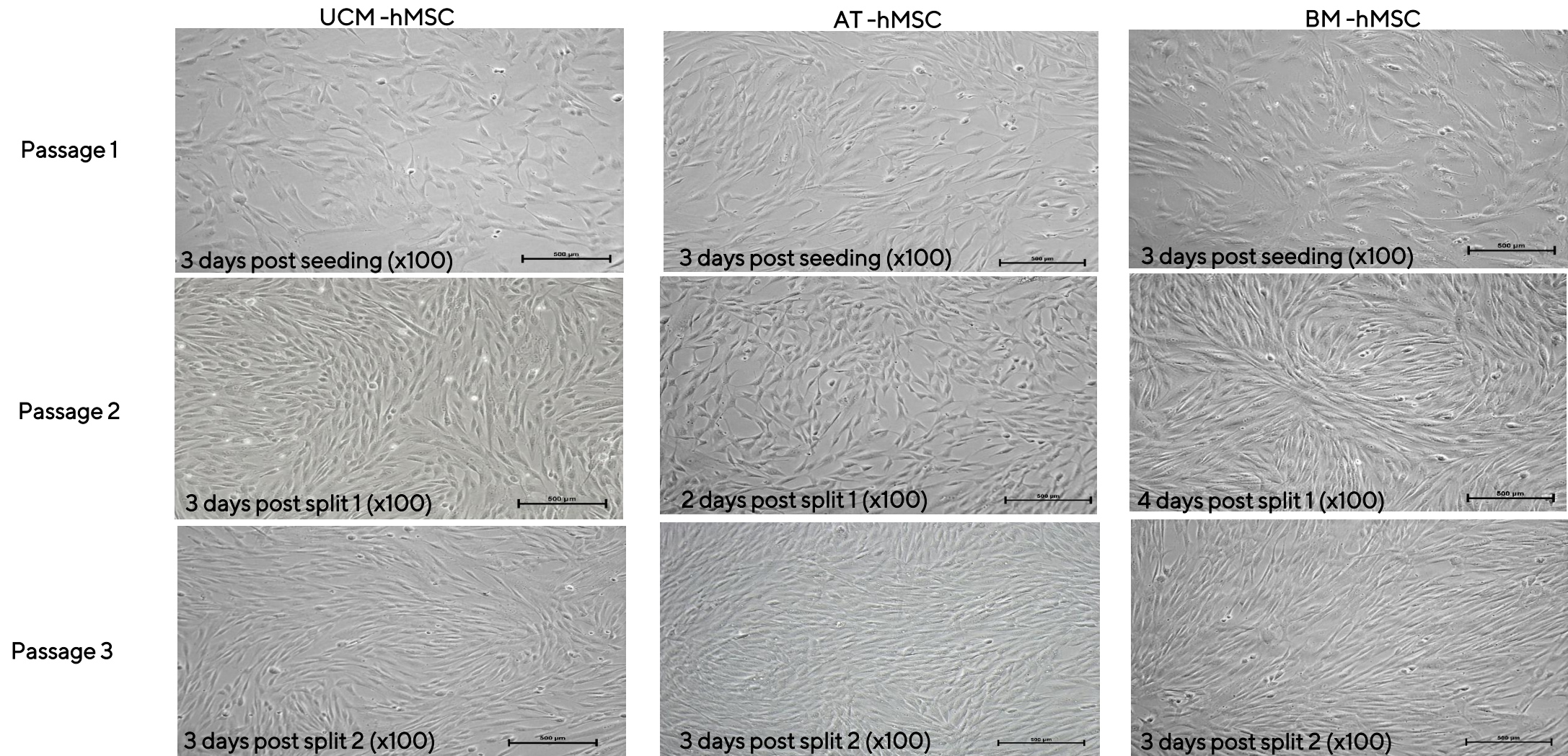
- The culture plates were pre-coated with MSC Attachment Solution
- Seeding density:  $2 \times 10^4$  cells/well (12 well-plate)
- Passage frequency of 3 days.

Expansion of hMSC-AT in various serum-free media



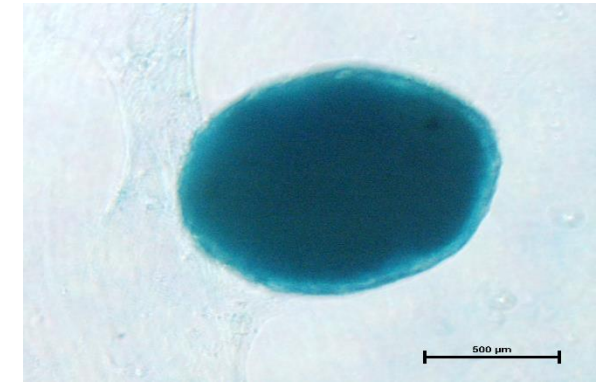
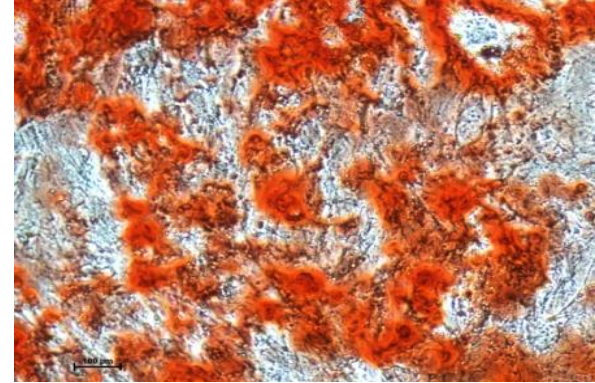
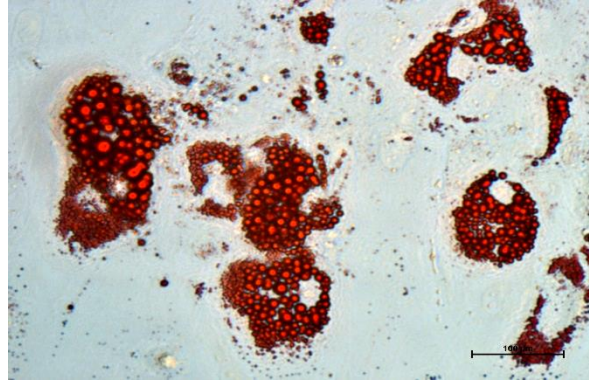
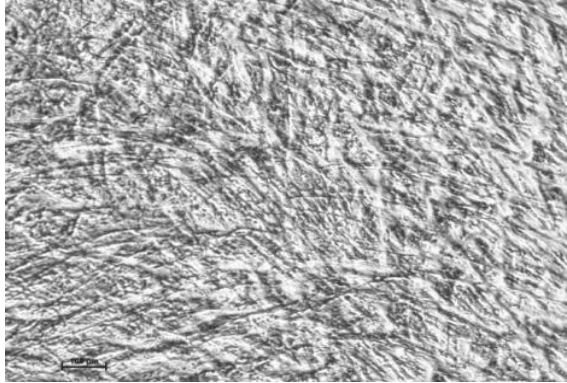
- hMSC-AT cultured in MSC NutriStem® XF exhibit **superior proliferation** in comparison to serum-containing medium and commercially available SF and XF media.

# MSC NutriStem® XF promotes proliferation of hMSC from a variety of tissues

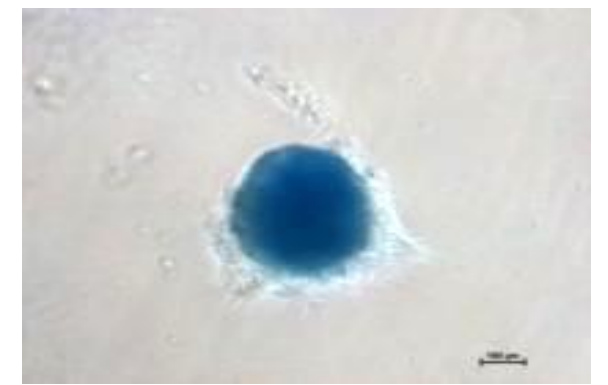
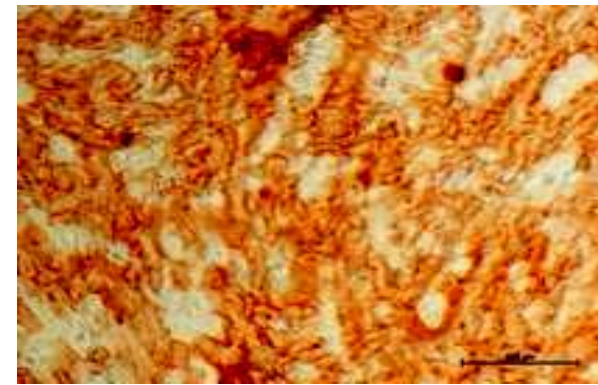
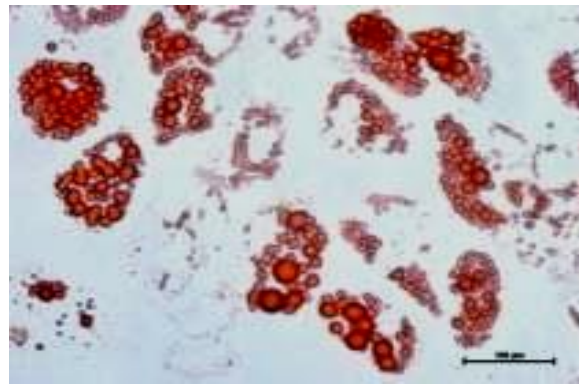
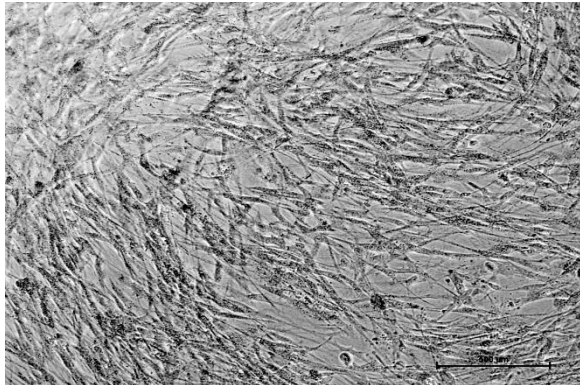


# hMSC multi-lineage differentiation potential

hMSC -BM



hMSC -AT



Control

Adipocytes - Oil red O

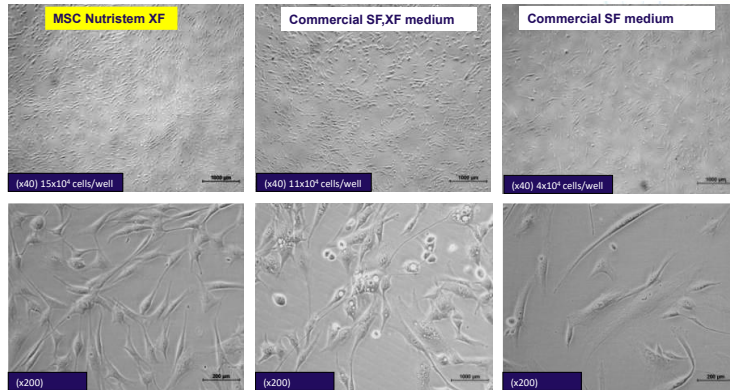
Osteoblasts - Alizarin red

Chondrocytes - Alcian blue

- ✓ hMSC cultured (3-5P) in MSC NutriStem® XF
- Maintained their multi - lineage differentiation potential
- With no background differentiation

# Performance validation

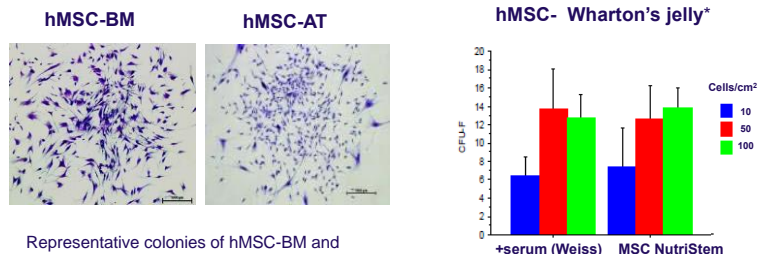
## MSC NutriStem®XF: normal morphology



hMSC-AT expansion in MSC NutriStem® XF & commercially SF available media

## hMSC self-renewal potential

Colony Forming Unit-Fibroblast (CFU-F) assay was used to evaluate hMSC self renewal potential

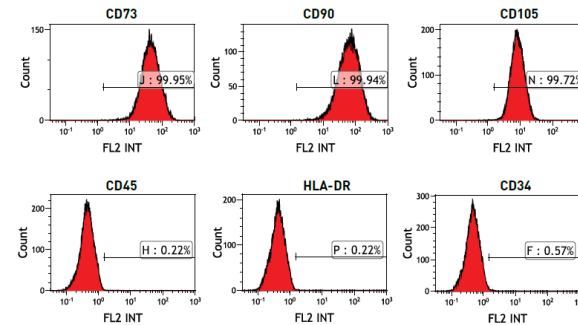


Representative colonies of hMSC-BM and hMSC-AT.  
CFU-F assay was performed after 3-5 passages in MSC NutriStem® XF.  
Colonies were stained with 0.5% Crystal violet.

\*Image kindly provided by Prof. Mark L Weiss.

## Profile markers

Immunophenotyping results of hMSC-AT at passage 2 using FACS analysis



## Karyotypic stability

G-banding karyotype analysis of hMSC-BM and hMSC-AT cultured for 4-6 passages in MSC NutriStem®XF



✓ Achieved Performance

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# MSC NutriStem® XF

Serum-free (SF), xeno-free (XF) medium specially developed for the isolation and expansion of hMSC

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**Provides** Defined culture system  
Multiple sources: Adipose Tissue, Bone Marrow,  
Placenta, Wharton's Jelly, Dental Pulp

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- Features**
- **Isolation:** higher cell count, low hematopoietic contamination
  - **Expansion:** High proliferation, long-term culture with stable karyotype. Maintenance of MSC features.
  - **Suitable for clinical applications, DMF filed with FDA.** cGMP manufacturing, for clinical trial, cell banks
  - Customized packaging available



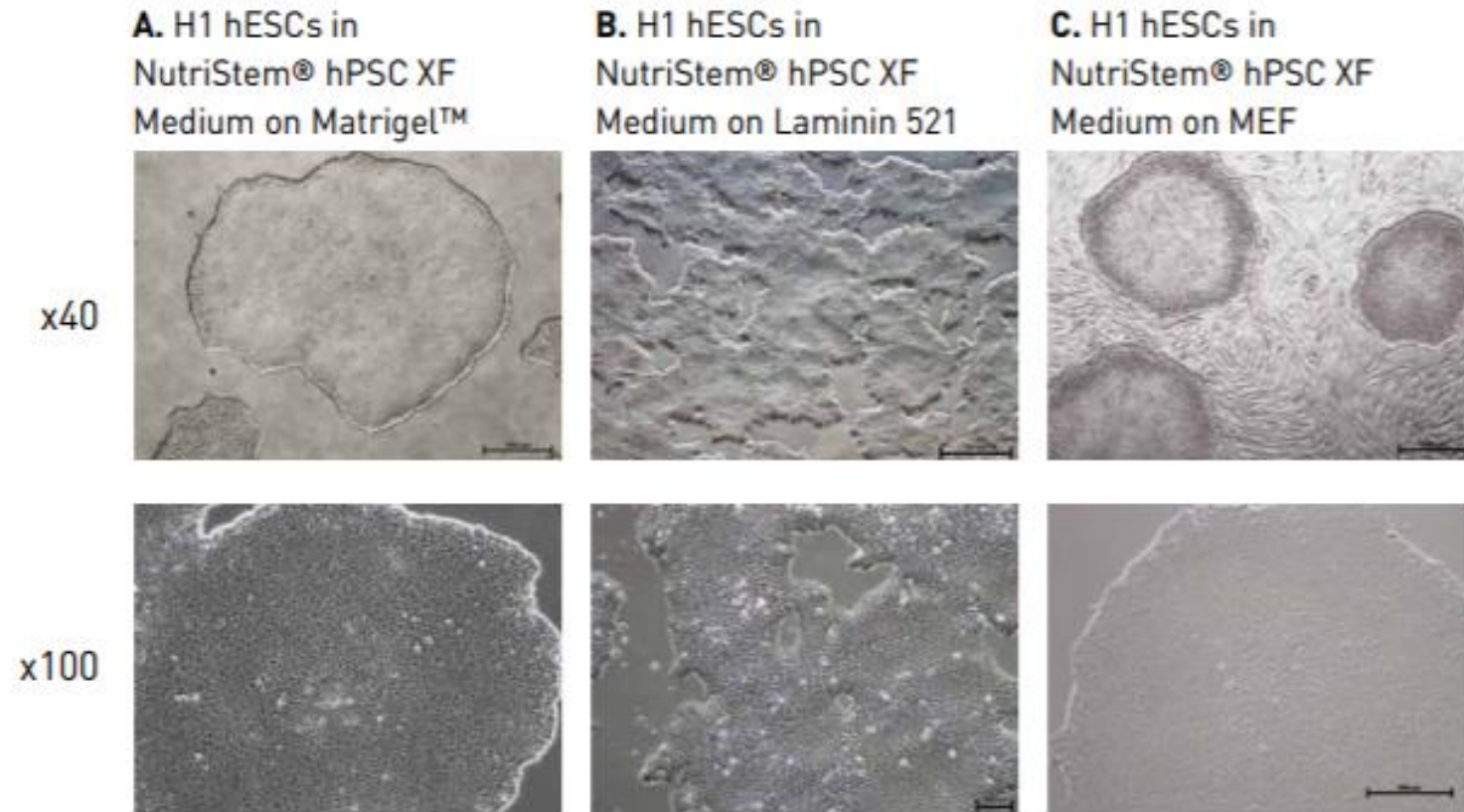
Used with MSC Attachment Solution



Serum-free, xeno-free culture system for derivation and expansion of hESC and iPSC

**NUTRISTEM® HPSC XF**

# Classical morphology of hPSC

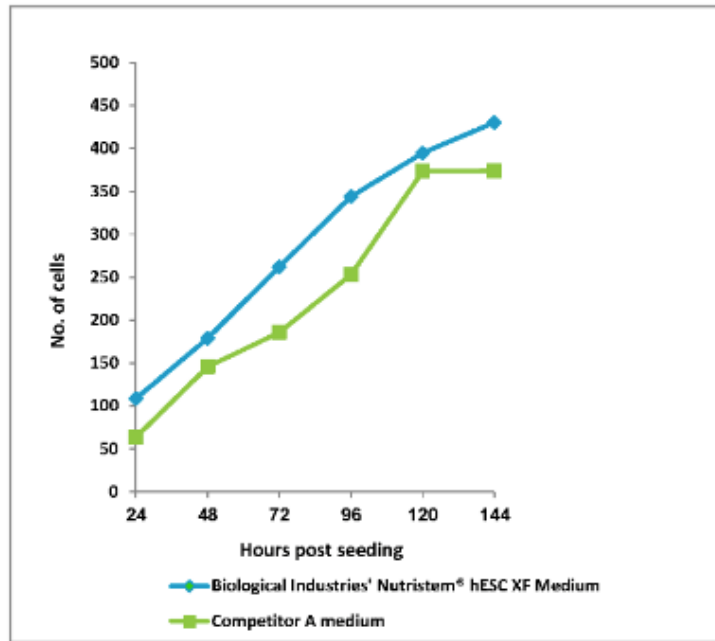


“The nice thing about NutriStem hPSC Medium is that **it wasn’t developed with a specific matrix,**” giving the lab the freedom and versatility to derive and culture new lines on a variety of substrates.

- Dr. Zoe Hewitt, University of Sheffield

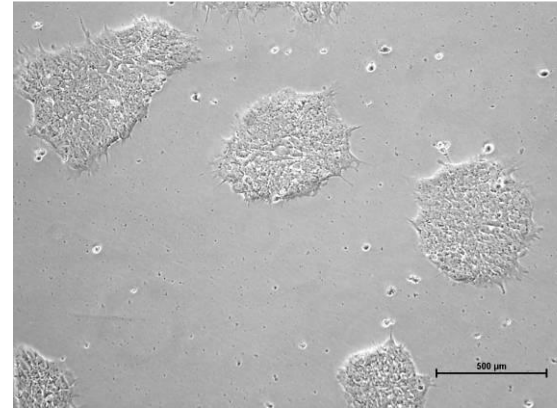
**Figure 1: Classical H1 hESC (P64) morphology cultured in NutriStem® hPSC XF medium.**

# Rapid expansion and recovery after split

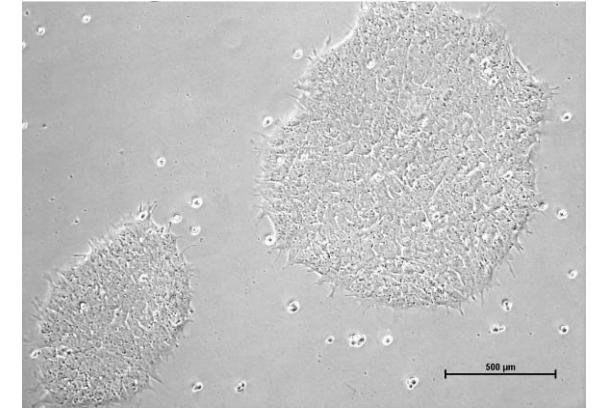


**Figure:** Human Embryonic Stem Cells (H1, passage 6) were seeded in 96-well plates (Matrigel coated) in BI's Nutristem® and competitor's media. Stem cell media were changed every 24 hours. Number of cells was determined using CyQuant™ cell proliferation assay kit.

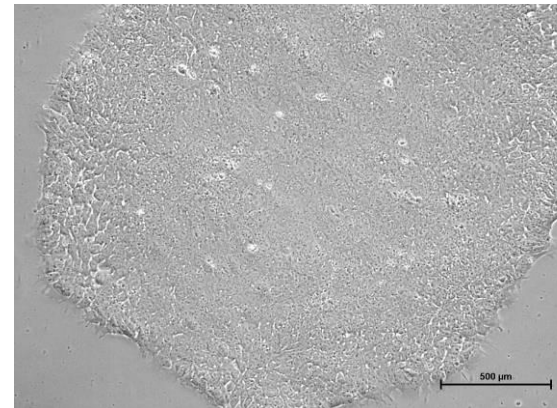
Day 1 after split



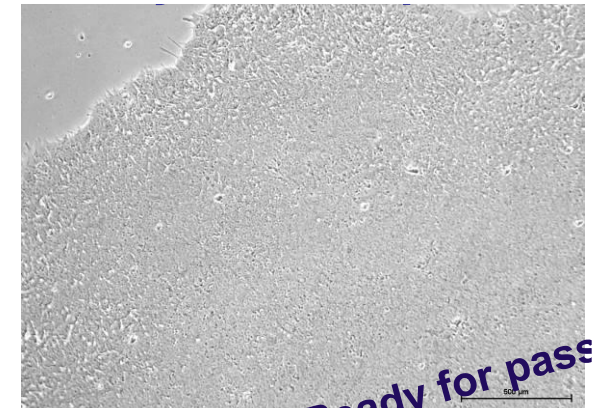
Day 2 after split



Day 3 after split



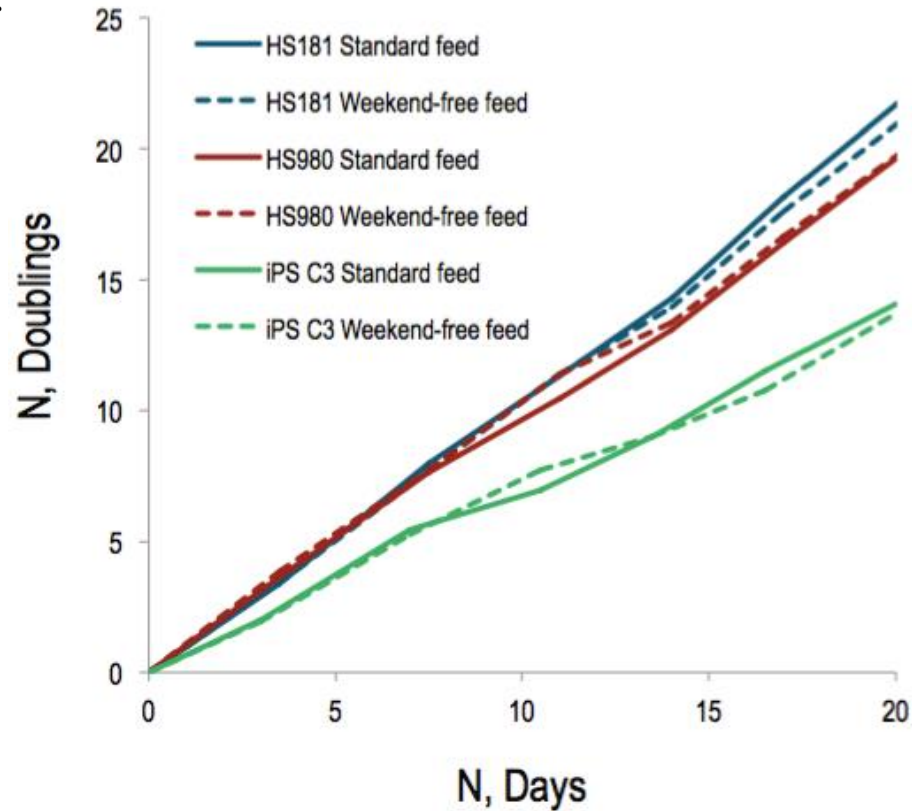
Day 4 after split



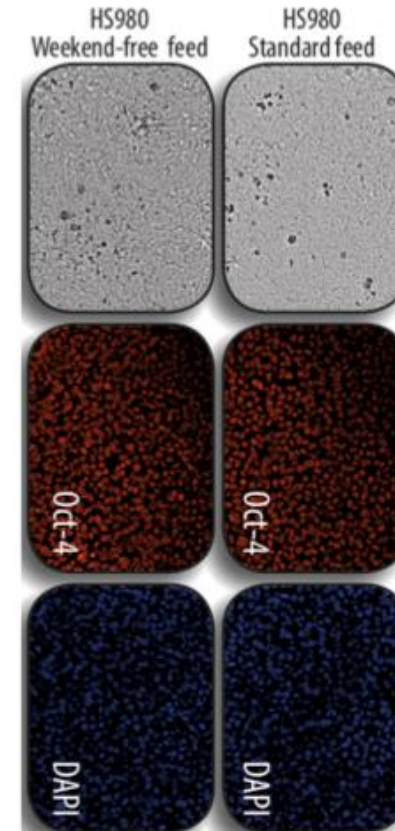
H1 hESC cultured in NutriStem after passaging using collagenase IV

# Weekend-free feeding

A.



B.



- A. HS181 and HS980 hESC or iPSC were maintained in Nutristem under standard every day-feeding (filled lines) or weekend free feeding (dashed lines) for 6 passages. Fold expansion at each passage was determined by comparing the number of cells generated to the amount seeded.
- B. B. Retain pluripotent phenotype.

Courtesy of Biolamina

# NutriStem® hPSC XF

NutriStem® hPSC XF is a defined, XF, SF optimized for the derivation and expansion of hESC and iPSC.

Provides	Ready-to-use, one bottle formulation  Physiological levels of growth factors (bFGF, TGFb) Modifiable formulations: GF-free, albumin-free
Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Rapid expansion</b> hPSC: standard split 3-5 days, of 1:4-1:8 splitting ratio.</li><li>▪ <b>Flexible culture systems</b> in feeder dependant (MEF, HFF) and feeder-free culture (Matrigel™, Laminin, GelTrex)</li><li>▪ Suitable for clinical applications, <b>DMF filed with FDA</b>. cGMP manufacturing.</li><li>▪ <b>Weekend-free feeding</b></li><li>▪ Validated performance: maintenance of hPSC characteristics</li></ul>



In collaboration with

Technion  
Faculty of Medicine  
Stem Cells Research Center  
Human Embryonic Stem Cells laboratory  
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Worldwide academic excellence, clinical trials and cell banking

# CELL THERAPY COLLABORATIONS

# Academic Excellence

## The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2004

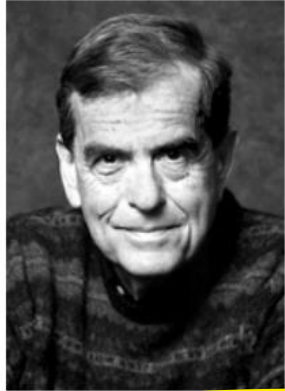


Photo: D. Porges  
**Aaron Ciechanover**  
Prize share: 1/3



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**Avram Hershko**  
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**Irwin Rose**  
Prize share: 1/3

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2004 was awarded jointly to Aaron Ciechanover, Avram Hershko and Irwin Rose *"for the discovery of ubiquitin-mediated protein degradation"*.

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**Prize motivation:** "for the discovery of ubiquitin-mediated protein degradation"

## The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2009



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# Clinical Trial: Septic Shock

## Ottawa man survives deadly infection after taking part in world-first stem cell trial on humans



Name: Cellular Immunotherapy for Septic Shock (CISS2)

Conditions: Septic Shock, Sepsis, Pathologic Processes, Shock, Infection, Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome, Inflammation

Phase: Phase 2

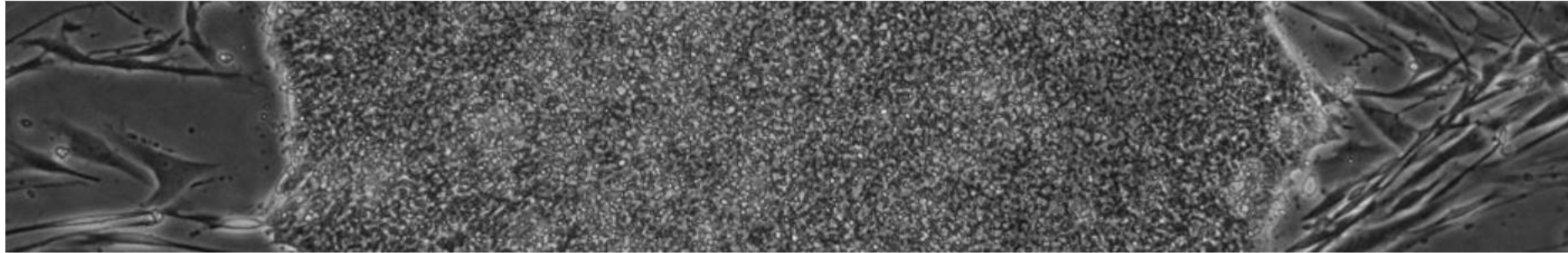
Country: Canada

<https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/ottawa-man-survives-deadly-infection-after-taking-part-in-world-first-stem-cell-trial-on-humans-1.2840434>

<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03369275>

# Cell Banking: First EUTCD-grade hESC Line

Supplier media to researchers at University of Sheffield



## EUTCD-Grade Human Embryonic Stem Cell Lines

EUTCD-Grade stem cell lines have been derived and banked under conditions which allow them to be supplied as starting material for the development of cellular therapies. In partnership with our depositors, the EUTCD-Grade cell lines meet the requirements of the [European Tissue and Cells Directives](#) (EUTCD) and have been banked in a facility licenced by the Human Tissue Authority (HTA).

“In order to get a cell product to the end (clinic), you need to start with material that you know is going to go from start to end,” she explained. The risk being taken when switching from research-grade cells, media, or other materials to a clinical-grade version is clear. “To do a lot of research on the research-grade ES cells and then move to the clinical-grade version, it could be that the protocol that you just spent 10 years developing didn’t work.” – **Dr. Zoe Hewitt**

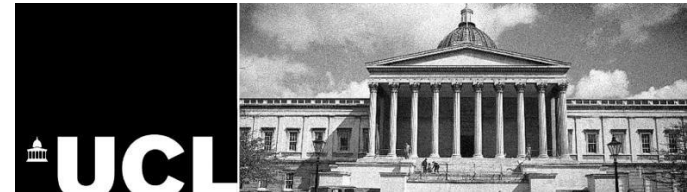
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# Cell Banking: Therapeutic Genetically Modified Cell Bank

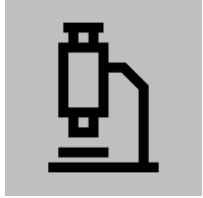
ISCT 2017: Making the World's Largest Therapeutic GM Cell Bank University College London, United Kingdom

- Appreciation of scaling challenges for clinical manufacture and an overview of process considerations.
- Methodologies behind the translation of research to GMP manufacture.
- An understanding of clinical assay design and implementation.

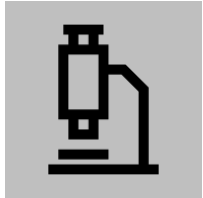
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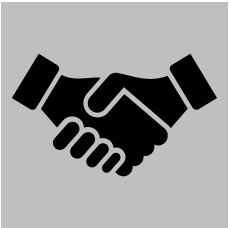


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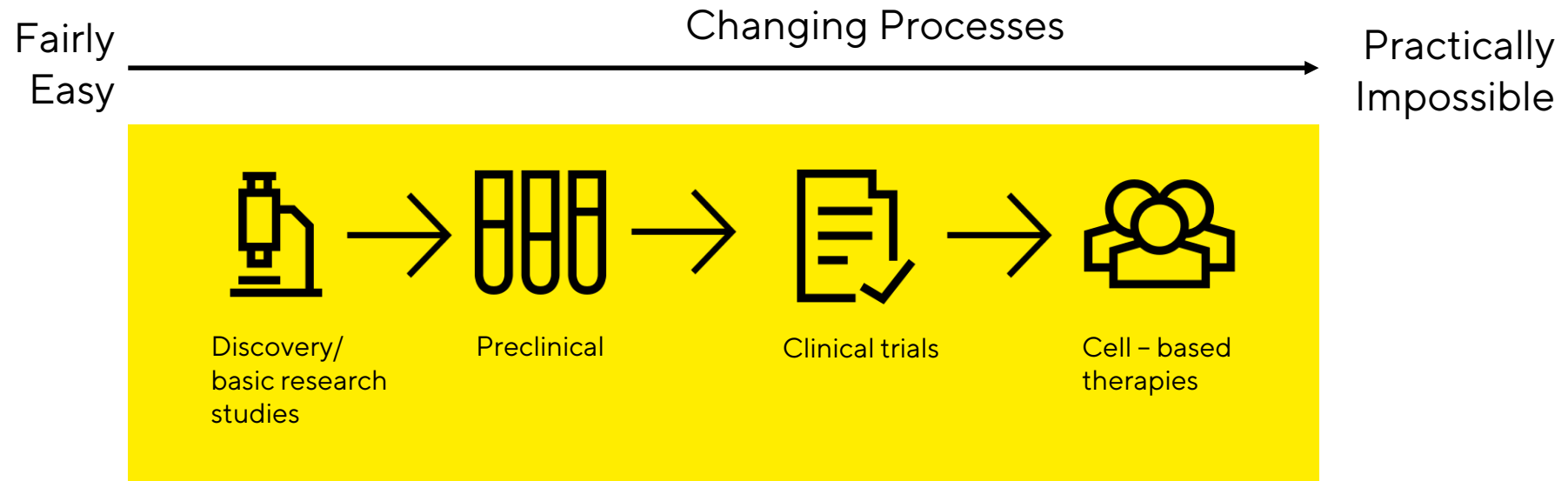
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