



CHO Cell Bank Testing

Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells have been extensively used in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries for several decades, primarily for the production of therapeutic proteins and biopharmaceuticals. Quality control (QC) of CHO cell banks is crucial in biopharmaceutical manufacturing to ensure the safety, purity, and consistency of the cell lines used for therapeutic protein production.

CHO Cell Bank Development Testing

| Critical Quality Attributes | Assay | Description |
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| Characterization | RNA-Seq | Evaluate performance of clones |
| | Southern blot for Clone Selection | Compare integration profile using Southern blot |
| | Confirmation of clonality by Southern blot | Evaluate consistency of integration site(s) between cell bank clones |
| | Northern blot for clone selection | Compare RNA expression profile between clones by Northern blot |
| | Integration site analysis by NGS | Identification of integration site(s) by targeted sequencing using Illumina or Nanopore NGS |
| | mRNA Sequencing | RT-PCR Sequencing of transcribed target gene by Sanger |
| | Protein expression | Evaluate target protein expression and quality |

CHO Cell Bank Release Testing

| Critical Quality Attributes | Assay | Description |
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| Stability | Southern Blot- Integration Site analysis | Determine number of integration sites within cell bank and stability over time |
| | Southern Blot- Confirmation of Structure | Confirm no large insertions or deletions within integrated transgene |

CHO Cell Bank Release Testing (Cont.)

| Critical Quality Attributes | Assay | Description |
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| Stability | Northern Blot | Confirm stability of transgene expression over time or for clone screening |
| | Copy Number Analysis- QPCR | Quantitate number of integrated transgene copies per cell and stability over time by QPCR |
| | Copy Number Analysis- ddPCR | Quantitate number of integrated transgene copies per cell and stability over time by ddPCR |
| | mRNA Sequencing | RT-PCR Sequencing of transcribed target gene by Sanger |
| | Viability Assay | Ratio of live to dead cells |
| Purity | Sterility Testing | Confirm sterility of cell bank |
| | Mycoplasma Testing | Screen cell bank for presence of Mycoplasma |