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Illustrations and recommendations are based upon a typical process and may be subject to change based upon your individual process requirements.

# LV Drug Products

## An introduction to today's LV manufacture

Encouraging results from gene-modified cell therapies such as CAR-T cell-based therapy, have been reported, and there is growing optimism that similar therapies will have a big impact on patient health. In the case of CAR-T cell therapy, the T-cells are modified with a viral vector. Commonly these are Lentivirus (LV), and these offer unique advantages over other gene delivery systems, namely the ability to integrate transgenes into the genomes of both dividing and nondividing cells. The large packaging capability of the LV allows the *in-vivo* or *in-vitro* transfer of large encoding sequences (genes) that are not possible with other commonly used vectors such as adeno-associated virus (AAV). Gene therapies represent a new medical paradigm and their astonishing potential is the result of decades of research, acquired best practices, and hard lessons learned. Despite an increasing number of gene therapy drugs in development and clinical trials every year, this industry is still in its early stages. While there is a lot of experience from the field of recombinant antibodies that can be bridged to this evolving industry, manufacturers are facing differences and challenges at various stages of the drug marketing journey, from development and manufacture, to the regulatory approval of LV for *in-vitro* and *in-vivo* use.

## Plan for Speed in LV Development

In process development, speed-to-market and cost are critical considerations. Selecting the most suitable production system that results in fast production, high yields, and high potency of LV is key. Several producers are currently entering the market using transfection and adherent cells because it presents a fast route to market. There are, however, limitations to adherent based manufacture, as typical LV titers currently plateau around 10<sup>6</sup>-10<sup>7</sup> transduction units (TU) per cm<sup>2</sup>. For products that require higher yield and lower costs, adapting cells for suspension culture or developing stable producer lines comes with a long-term benefit regarding yield and scalability.

## Increase Capacity and Quality in LV Manufacture

The global viral vector manufacturing capacity is estimated to be 1–2 orders of magnitude lower than what is needed to support commercial supply requirements both today and in future. Academics and industry are therefore putting focus on measures for the most durable capacity increase; improving manufacturing practices to increase productivity through engineering cell lines, refining plasmid constructs, and enhancing process recovery in downstream processing. Current downstream recovery yields are at only 15%, and maximizing yield while meeting both product and impurity specifications is a significant challenge in downstream. Lentivirus is extremely sensitive, and this makes the downstream processing a race against the clock. Although yields at bench scale can be higher, techniques such as ultracentrifugation are not scalable. Other techniques need therefore to be used such as filtration, chromatography, and tangential flow filtration. This forces manufacturers to work extremely quickly, and to find ways to protect the product as much as they can.

## Gain Regulatory Approval for LV Drug Products

Moving LV products into the highly regulated GMP production environment puts a spotlight on the rising expectations in drug reviews, as the understanding in industry and regulatory bodies is building. The much-needed regulatory framework is rapidly developing and is supported through multiple guidance documents that have been published recently. Part of the challenge to obtain regulatory approval is paired with analytical constraints: viral titer, quality and impurity assays require lengthy off-line processes and come with limited sensitivity. This burden is lighter when LV is used as raw material for gene modified cell therapies, but remains important for applications with *in-vivo* use. A series of next generation analytical tools are being developed at rapid pace and promise real-time monitoring and implementation of process analytical technology (PAT).

With several approved gene therapies and hundreds of products in the pipeline, the industry knowledge is building quicky. At the same time, the regulatory framework is rapidly developing which is increasing confidence in interpreting guidelines and builds maturity in both industry and within those regulatory bodies. The continued connection of academic research, industry investment, and regulatory commitment comes with great potential for streamlining LV manufacturing and allows new, high-quality LV therapeutics and gene modified cell therapies to reach patients.



# 1. Cell Seeding

Early in therapeutic development, viral vectors are routinely manufactured in adherent cells using two-dimensional systems such as cell factories or roller bottles. As processes scale-up and more virus is needed, the footprint and manual operations required to grow cells in this fashion quickly becomes problematic and formats more suited to the industrialization of the process become advantageous.

## **Equipment**

## Xpansion® Multiplate Bioreactor System

The Xpansion multiplate bioreactor system is a closed, single-use system that has been specifically designed for the scale-up of shear-sensitive, adherent mammalian cells under controlled conditions. Its 2D multiplate design allows easy scale-up from traditional multitray systems.

Part Number (PN): XPNBRS

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## Input

Allegro™ Bioprocessing Workstations PN: LGRTBDC, LGRTSDC, LGRTPE20L, LGRTLPE20L, LGRTRDC

Transfer Sets

PN: 7292-1398X, 7292-1397E

Xpansion Seeding Manifolds PN: 7414-0972X

Allegro® 2D Standard Systems PN: 7190-1397S

Nunc\* Cell Factory\* System

T-Flasks



## Output

Allegro 2D Standard Systems PN: 7190-1397U



### Supporting

mPath™ Benchtop Bioreactor Control Tower

PN: MPATHLINK

Xpansion Lift PN: XPNLIFT

Xpansion 100 Bioreactor

PN: XPN50

**Xpansion Harvest Station** 

PN: XPNHVST





## 2. Cell Culture



As the therapies progress into clinical development, there is a requirement to increase the quantity of the virus produced while maintaining the quality. Manufacturing virus from adherent cells using fixed-bed bioreactor technology allows for direct transfer of the 2D reference process, simplifying technology transfer, minimizing risk and saving time.

## **Equipment**

## iCELLis® 500+ Bioreactor

The iCELLis bioreactor was the world's first fully integrated high-cell density bioreactor designed to simplify processes by combining the advantages of both single-use technology and a fixed-bed system to simplify cell culture and reduce operational costs. The system delivers a scalable platform to support cell culture from R&D to industrial scale GMP manufacturing.

PN: ICL500CSSSIPH



## Input

Allegro Bioprocessing Workstations PN: LGRTBDC, LGRTSDC, 215-19658-B4N, LGRTPE20L, LGRTLPE20L, LGRTRDC

Allegro 3D Standard Systems PN: 7190-1374Y

Allegro Plastic Totes PN: LGRPTTE200L, LGRPTRL200L, LGRPTTEL200L, LGRUFBK

Emflon® II Membrane in Kleenpak™ Capsules PN: 7090-1388M

LevMixer® System PN: LM200JCMA-B4N, LMG403, 7403-1352K

Magnetic Mixer PN: MMG403, 7404-1401R, LM200JCMA-B4N

Transfer Sets PN: 7292-1381X, 7292-1381Q







## **Output**

Allegro 3D Standard Systems PN: 7190-1376T, 7190-1374Y

Allegro Plastic Totes PN: LGRPTTE200L, LGRPTRL200L, LGRPTTEL200L, LGRPTTE500L, LGRPTTEL500L, LGRPTRL500L

LevMixer System PN: LM200JCMA-B4N, LMG403, 7403-1352K

Transfer Sets PN: 7292-1381X

## Supporting

Allegro 2D Standard Systems PN: 6415-0615S, 6415-0615T, 7190-1397P, 7190-1376R

iCELLis 500+ Bioreactor Manifolds PN: 6415-0464G, 6415-0615U iCELLis 500+ Bioreactor Vessel PN: 4415-I500H133

Transfer Sets PN: 7292-1382M. 7292-1381U. 7292-1381X



## 3. Clarification



The clarification step removes cells, cell debris, and other impurities to reduce biological burden. The easiest and most economical technology to clarify the cell culture is filtration. As cell densities increase upstream, maintaining high yields becomes more of a challenge. Our experienced technical team can help you find the best filter technologies and protocols for your process, whether you are just beginning process development or need to re-evaluate and optimize this step down the line. Supor® membranes are appropriate for this step and are available in a wide range of sizes and formats. Contact us for assistance in determining the best filter technology for your process.

## **Equipment**

## Allegro MVP Single-Use System

A fully automated bioprocessing system, providing flexibility and improved productivity in upstream and downstream single-use processing.

PN: LGRMVPAPE, CBG401A

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## Input

LevMixer System PN: LMG403, LM200JCMA-B4N, 7403-1352K

Allegro Bioprocessing Workstations PN: LGRKPCBKHD, LGRUFBK, LGRTBDC, LGRTSDC, LGRTPE20L, LGRTLPE20L, LGRTRDC

Allegro 2D Standard Systems PN: 7190-1397M

Transfer Sets PN: 7292-1381X



### Supporting

Supor EAV Membrane in Kleenpak Capsules PN: 7090-1562Q

Transfer Sets

PN: 9430-1413G, 9430-1413Q, 7292-1381A

## Output

Transfer Sets PN: 7292-1381X

LevMixer System PN: 7403-1352N, LM400JCMA-B4N, LMG403

Allegro 2D Standard Systems PN: 7190-1397N, 7190-1397S

Allegro Bioprocessing Workstations PN: LGRTPE20L, LGRTLPE20L, LGRTRDC



# 4. Purification (Chromatography)



Purification by ion exchange chromatography can be optimized to reduce empty capsids, DNA and host cell proteins (HCP). Adsorptive membrane technology offers an efficient and effective option for this step and, as a scalable single-use solution, is quickly integrated into any manufacturing process.

## **Equipment**

## ÄKTA ready† Single-Use System

ÄKTA ready is a single-use liquid chromatography system built for process scale-up and manufacturing. The system uses disposable flow paths and pre-packed columns that enable flexibility and speed in bioprocessing.



## Input

LevMixer System PN: LMG403, 7403-1352N, LM400JCMA-B4N

Allegro Bioprocessing Workstations PN: LGRTBDC, LGRTSDC, LGRTPE20L, LGRTLPE20L, LGRTRDC

Allegro 2D Standard Systems PN: 7190-1397P, 7190-1397M, 7190-1397N

Transfer Sets PN: 7292-1381L





## **Output**

Allegro Plastic Totes PN: LGRPTTE500L, LGRPTRL500L, LGRPTTEL500L

Transfer Sets PN: 7292-1381L

Allegro 2D Standard Systems PN: 7190-1397S

Allegro 3D Standard Systems PN: 7190-1376T

### Supporting

Transfer Sets PN: 7291-1399Y

UNICORN† Workstation License

ÄKTA ready Low Flow Kit

Mustang® Q XT Ion Exchange Chromatography Capsules PN: XT5000MSTGQPIV, XT5000B100, XT5000H100, XT5000T100



#### Additional resources



# 5. Concentration

Ultrafiltration (UF)/diafiltration (DF) using tangential flow filtration (TFF) membranes further concentrates the target molecule and exchanges buffers. Achieving high yield is a common challenge with TFF, but our technical experts can work with you to optimize your UF/DF unit operation and system design based on years of experience and thorough testing.

## **Equipment**

## ÄKTA readyflux† Filtration System

The automated system uses gamma-irradiated single-use flow kits including single-use flow path, pumps and sensors for pressure, conductivity, temperature, flow and pH. These allow a wide variety of control modes and help users to tailor the filtration controls to different processing requirements.





## Input

Allegro Bioprocessing Workstations PN: LGRTBDC, LGRTRDC, LGRTSDC, LGRTPE20L, LGRTLPE20L

Allegro 2D Standard Systems PN: 7190-1397S, 7190-1397M, 7190-1397N

Transfer Sets PN: 7292-1381A



## **Output**

Allegro 2D Standard Systems PN: 7190-1397N, 7190-1397S

Allegro Bioprocessing Workstations PN: LGRTPE20L, LGRTLPE20L

Transfer Sets PN: 7292-1381A

## Supporting

Allegro 2D Standard Systems PN: 7190-1397N

Cadence® Single-Use Tangential Flow Filtration (TFF) Modules PN: CSUM100T010, 7443-1437P

Transfer Sets PN: 7292-1381A ÄKTA readyflux Flow Kit TriClamp

Bagkart<sup>†</sup> Bag Trolley

C10 Manifold with TriClamp ready for readyflux

UNICORN† Workstation License



# 6. Bulk Filtration



Manufacturing clinical material requires the production of highly pure and biologically active vectors that meet regulatory requirements. As part of this, a final sterilizing grade (0.2 µm) filtration step contributes to sterility assurance and maintains product safety while the product is sent for final filling.

## **Equipment**

## Palltronic® Flowstar V Filter Integrity Test Instrument

The Palltronic Flowstar V integrity test instrument ensures accurate filter integrity testing with a further reduction in test time, full compliance with 21 CFR Part 11, advanced automation capabilities, and simplified network integration saving the user time while improving process efficiency.

PN: FFS05

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## Input

Allegro 2D Standard Systems PN: 7190-1397N, 7190-1397M

Transfer Sets PN: 7292-1382M



## Supporting

Supor EKV Sterilizing-Grade Membrane in Mini Kleenpak Capsules

PN: 7090-1388G

Emflon II Membrane in Mini Kleenpak Capsules

# **Additional Resources**

Process Description	Format	Title	Link
LV Adherent	Poster	Scaling-Up and Industrializing the Production of Viral Vectors and Cells for Therapeutic Use	•
LV Adherent	Poster	Single-Use Platform for Scalable Purification of a VSV-G Lentiviral Vector	•
Cell Seeding	Poster	Scaling-Up and Industrializing the Production of Viral Vectors and Cells for Therapeutic Use	•
Cell Seeding	Poster	Overcoming Adherent Seed Train Biomass Limitations: Pall Xpansion Bioreactor	•
Cell Culture	Video	iCELLis Single-Use Fixed-Bed Bioreactors	•
Cell Culture	Poster	Adherent HEK293t Cells Cultured in Pall's iCELLis Bioreactor with OptiPEAK HEK293t Blood-Free Chemically Defined Media Exhibit Robust and Rapid Population Doubling Times	•
Clarification	Poster	Single-Use Platform for Scalable Purification of a VSV-G Lentiviral Vector	•
Clarification	Poster	Optimizing the Clarification of Viral Vector Culture for Gene Therapy	•
Purification (Chromatography)	Poster	Single-Use Platform for Scalable Purification of a VSV-G Lentiviral Vector	•
Purification (Chromatography)	White Paper	Mustang Membrane Chromatography for Gene Therapy Purification: A Robust and Scalable Solution	•
Concentration	White Paper	Understanding Single-Pass Tangential Flow Filtration and the New Era of Bioprocessing	•
Concentration	Poster	Single-Use Platform for Scalable Purification of a VSV-G Lentiviral Vector	•
Bulk Filtration	Poster	Single-Use Platform for Scalable Purification of a VSV-G Lentiviral Vector	•



# **Equipment List**

Step No.	Process Description	Product	Part Number	Link
1	Cell Seeding	Nunc Cell Factory System	N/A	
1	Cell Seeding	T-Flasks	N/A	
1	Cell Seeding	Allegro Bioprocessing Workstations	LGRTBDC, LGRTSDC, LGRTPE20L, LGRTLPE20L, LGRTRDC	•
1	Cell Seeding	Transfer Sets	7292-1398X, 7292-1397E	
1	Cell Seeding	Xpansion Seeding Manifolds	7414-0972X	•
1	Cell Seeding	Allegro 2D Standard Systems	7190-1397S, 7190-1397U	•
1	Cell Seeding	Xpansion Multiplate Bioreactor System	XPNBRS	•
1	Cell Seeding	mPath Benchtop Bioreactor Control Tower	MPATHLINK	•
1	Cell Seeding	Xpansion Lift	XPNLIFT	•
1	Cell Seeding	Xpansion 100 Bioreactor	XPN50	•
1	Cell Seeding	Xpansion Harvest Station	XPNHVST	•
2	Cell Culture	Allegro 2D Standard Systems	6415-0615S, 6415-0615T, 7190-1397P, 7190-1376R	•
2	Cell Culture	Allegro 3D Standard Systems	7190-1376T, 7190-1374Y	•
2	Cell Culture	Allegro Bioprocessing Workstations	LGRTBDC, LGRTSDC, 215-19658-B4N, LGRTPE20L, LGRTLPE20L, LGRTRDC	•
2	Cell Culture	Allegro Plastic Totes	LGRPTTE200L, LGRPTRL200L, LGRPTTEL200L, LGRPTTE500L, LGRPTTEL500L, LGRPTRL500L, LGRUFBK	•
2	Cell Culture	Emflon II Membrane in Kleenpak Capsules	7090-1388M	•
2	Cell Culture	iCELLis 500+ Bioreactor	ICL500CSSSIPH	•
2	Cell Culture	iCELLis 500+ Bioreactor Manifolds	6415-0464G, 6415-0615U	•
2	Cell Culture	iCELLis 500+ Bioreactor Vessel	4415-I500H133	•
2	Cell Culture	LevMixer System	LM200JCMA-B4N (EU), LM200JCMA-B4A (US), LMG403, 7403-1352K	•
2	Cell Culture	Magnetic Mixer	MMG403, 7404-1401R, LM200JCMA-B4N (EU), LM200JCMA-B4A (US)	•
2	Cell Culture	Transfer Sets	7292-1381X, 7292-1381Q, 7292-1382M, 7292-1381U, 7292-1381X	



# **Equipment List**

Step No.	Process Description	Product	Part Number	Link
3	Clarification	LevMixer System	LMG403, LM200JCMA-B4N (EU), LM200JCMA-B4A (US), 7403-1352K, 7403-1352N, LM400JCMA-B4N (EU), LM400JCMA-B4A (US), LMG403	<b>&gt;</b>
3	Clarification	Allegro Bioprocessing Workstations	LGRKPCBKHD, LGRUFBK, LGRTBDC, LGRTSDC, LGRTPE20L, LGRTLPE20L, LGRTRDC	•
3	Clarification	Allegro 2D Standard Systems	7190-1397M, 7190-1397N, 7190-1397S	•
3	Clarification	Transfer Sets	7292-1381X, 9430-1413G, 9430-1413Q, 7292-1381A	
3	Clarification	Allegro MVP Single-Use System	LGRMVPAPE, LGRMVPAPA, CBG401A	•
3	Clarification	Supor EAV Membrane in Kleenpak Capsules	7090-1562Q	<b>•</b>
4	Purification (Chromatography)	LevMixer System	LMG403, 7403-1352N, LM400JCMA-B4N (EU), LM400JCMA-B4A (US)	•
4	Purification (Chromatography)	Allegro Bioprocessing Workstations	LGRTBDC, LGRTSDC, LGRTPE20L, LGRTLPE20L, LGRTRDC	•
4	Purification (Chromatography)	Allegro 2D Standard Systems	7190-1397P, 7190-1397M, 7190-1397N, 7190-1397S	•
4	Purification (Chromatography)	Transfer Sets	7292-1381L, 7291-1399Y	
4	Purification (Chromatography)	ÄKTA ready Single-Use System	29032038	
4	Purification (Chromatography)	Allegro Plastic Totes	LGRPTTE500L, LGRPTRL500L, LGRPTTEL500L	•
4	Purification (Chromatography)	UNICORN Workstation License	29128116	
4	Purification (Chromatography)	ÄKTA ready Low Flow Kit	28930182	
4	Purification (Chromatography)	Mustang Q XT Ion Exchange Chromatography Capsules	XT5000MSTGQP1V, XT5000B100, XT5000H100, XT5000T100	•
4	Purification (Chromatography)	Allegro 3D Standard Systems	7190-1376T	•



# **Equipment List**

Step No.	Process Description	Product	Part Number	Link
5	Concentration	ÄKTA readyflux Filtration System	29151000	
5	Concentration	ÄKTA readyflux Flow Kit TriClamp	29151600	
5	Concentration	Allegro 2D Standard Systems	7190-1397S, 7190-1397M, 7190-1397N	•
5	Concentration	Allegro Bioprocessing Workstations	LGRTBDC, LGRTRDC, LGRTSDC, LGRTPE20L, LGRTLPE20L	•
5	Concentration	Bagkart Bag Trolley	29151500	
5	Concentration	C10 Manifold with TriClamp ready for readyflux XL	7443-1437S	
5	Concentration	Cadence Single-Use Tangential Flow Filtration (TFF) Modules	CSUM100T010, 7443-1437P	•
5	Concentration	Transfer Sets	7292-1381A	
5	Concentration	UNICORN Workstation license	29128116	
6	Bulk Filtration	Supor EKV Sterilizing-Grade Membrane in Mini Kleenpak Capsules	7090-1388G	
6	Bulk Filtration	Allegro 2D Standard Systems	7190-1397N, 7190-1397M	•
6	Bulk Filtration	Transfer Sets	7292-1382M	
6	Bulk Filtration	Palltronic Flowstar V Filter Integrity Test Instrument	FFS05	•
6	Bulk Filtration	Emflon II Membrane in Mini Kleenpak Capsules		•



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