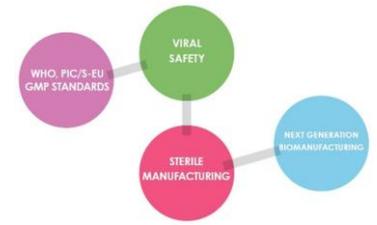


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PURIFICATION OF VACCINES & BIOLOGICALS

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SYNOPSIS

- Manufacturing Process
- Harvest/Clarification
- Purification
- Techniques Used For Purifications
- Advances in Purification
- Critical and Major Observations- By Regulatory Agencies



SIMPLE EXAMPLE OF PRODUCTION-AGRICULTURE/FARMING



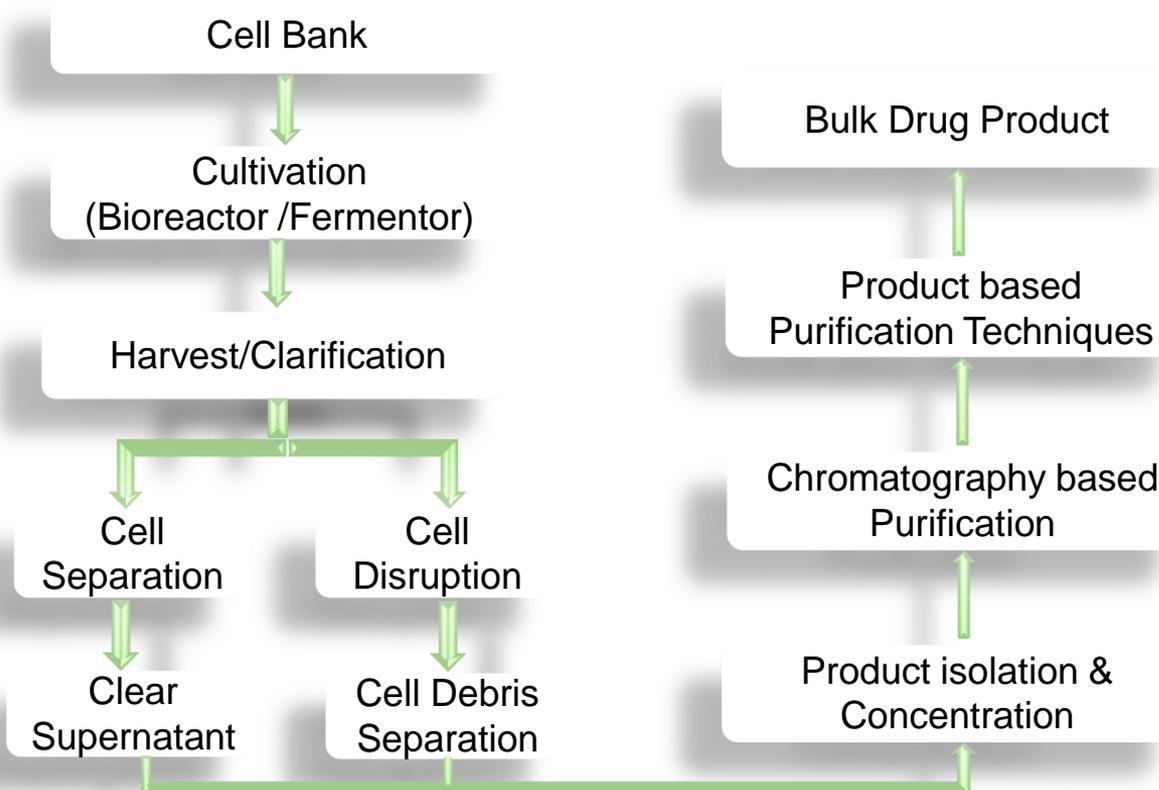
VACCINES & BIOLOGICALS

Biological products include a wide range of products such as vaccines, mono/polyclonal antibodies, gene therapy human tissue & cellular products, cytokines, growth factors, enzymes, immunomodulators blood and blood components, allergenics, somatic cells & recombinant therapeutic proteins.

Basically Biomolecules, Group of Biomolecules, Live or Inactivated viruses, Whole cells etc desirably **purified to high purity level of more than 99.9??????%**

Manufacturing Process

VACCINES & BIOLOGICALS GENERAL MANUFACTURING PROCESS



Harvest/Clarification

HARVEST/CLARIFICATION

- Preliminary step for separation of product from a bioreactor/fermentor broth having process impurities is the first step in a downstream process.
- Primary step that can introduces a significant risk to product degradation or increase in bioburden.

HARVEST / CLARIFICATION

- Centrifugation
- Microfiltration
(Tangential Flow Filtration)
- Combination Technique
(i.e. centrifugation and
depth filtration)

Continuous Centrifugation

Microfiltration

Purification

Process to remove all possible impurities to acceptable level to avoid any adverse event.

- Intracellular products are difficult to purify

Required cell disruption, removal of cell debris, DNA, RNA, lipid etc...

- Extracellular products are easier to purify

- No cell disruption and low level of intracellular impurities

TECHNIQUES USED FOR PURIFICATIONS

- **Cell Disruption for intracellular products**
- **Precipitation**
- **Adsorption**
- **Membrane Separation**
- **Chromatography**

Cell Disruption

Disruption: Cell disruption is a method or process for releasing biological molecules from inside a cell.

- ❖ **Ultrasonication** (sonicators) can be applied at lab scale for disruption of Bacteria & Viruses
- ❖ **Mechanical oscillation:** by a titanium probe immersed in a cell disrupter equipment.

This method is usually used in combination with a chemical method.

Milling:

Continuous operation at low temperature.

The System with mechanical agitator & beads in horizontal grinding container for dispersion and wet grinding in a completely enclosed system.
Generally used for

- Bacteria and fungi
- At Industrial, Pilot & Lab scale

Other Method

- Drying
- Heat or Osmotic Shock
- Freeze Thaw
- Organic Solvent
- Chaotropic agents
- Enzymes
- Surfactant

Homogenization

Process whereby a biological sample is brought to a state such that all fractions of the sample are equal in composition.

Issues/Challenges of Disruption :

Damage to the product

- Denaturation
- Oxidation
- Unwanted intracellular byproducts

SEPARATION OF SOLUBLE PRODUCTS

- Precipitation
- Adsorption or Absorption Techniques
- Membrane Purification Technologies
- Chromatography

Precipitation

Precipitation

Concentration of proteins of biological products in order to and purify them from various contaminants present in broth by precipitation.



Precipitation Methods:

- **Salting-out;** by adding inorganic salts such as ammonium sulfate, or sodium sulfate to increase high ionic strength.
- **Isoelectric precipitation;** The isoelectric point (pI) is the pH of a solution at which the net primary charge of a protein becomes zero. The pI of most proteins is in the pH range of 4–6.
- **Precipitation with miscible solvents;** Addition of miscible solvents such as ethanol or methanol to a solution may cause proteins or polysaccharides in the solution to precipitate.
- **Non-ionic hydrophilic polymers;** Polymers, such as dextrans and polyethylene glycols, are frequently used to precipitate proteins
- Temperature based precipitation

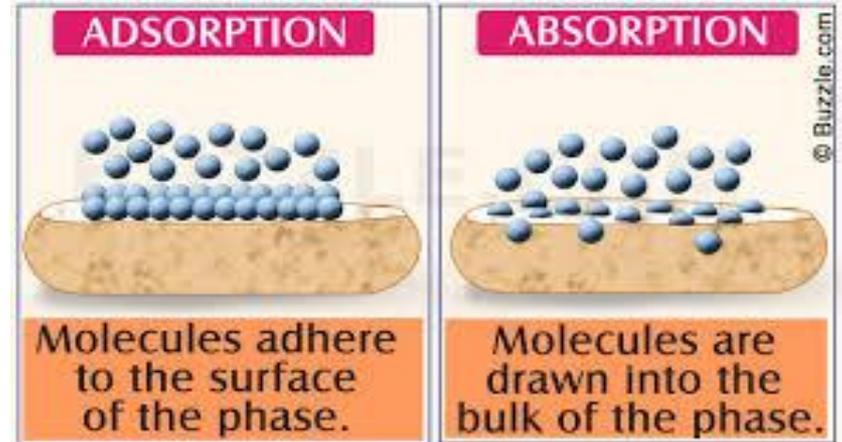
Adsorption

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Adsorption & desorption is simple, low-cost and scalable unit operations. Its a traditional protein separation approaches with low protein purity. e. g. Silica for rHBsAg

Purification of the molecule is depends upon

- ✓ Functional groups
- ✓ Surface properties
- ✓ pH
- ✓ Ionic strength
- ✓ Temperature



Membrane Separation

Concentration & Diafiltration by Tangential Flow

Filtration: Pressure driven separation process that uses membranes to separate components in a liquid solution or suspension based on their size.

Technique	Microfiltration	Virus Filtration	Ultra Filtration	Nano Filtration
Approximate membrane cut of range	0.05 μm – 1 μm	100 kD – 0.05 μm	1 kD – 1000 kD	<1 kD

Chromatography

Chromatography

Chromatography is a technique used for separation of a mixture. The mixture is dissolved, called *mobile phase*, which carries it through another material called the *stationary phase*.

- Ion exchange chromatography (Anion vs. Cation) - Based on Charge
- Affinity chromatography - Specific binding
- Hydrophobic interaction chromatography - Hydrophobic/hydrophilic characteristics
- Gel filtration (Size exclusion chromatography) - based on Molecular Weight

- Column Chromatography is the most common approach to purifying larger amounts of proteins
- It achieves highest level of purity and used at industrial scale.
- It can be operated at atmospheric pressure (gravity out) or at high pressure

Advances In Purification

Biological industry is challenged to develop safe & quality products at decreased cost with shortest possible time results in new development strategies and techniques.

High Throughput Technology (HTT) to Accelerate Biological Purification Process Development

In HTT a large number of experimental conditions can be evaluated simultaneously in small space with screening of chromatography condition and software assisted data evaluation.

- Single-use filters
- Automated buffer dilution systems
- Single-use tangential flow filtration
- Single Use Chromatography Systems
- Enhanced capacity adsorption systems

- High-capacity chromatography resins with short residence time
- Continuous Chromatography System
- Simulated moving bed chromatography systems
- Cast-in-place "monolithic" chromatography media
- Improved Analytical techniques

CRITICAL AND MAJOR OBSERVATIONS- MATURE REGULATORY AGENCIES

- Storage condition of cassettes, buffers and mediums
- Bioburden analysis
- CIP Validation ; product testing
- Trend and analysis of data along with reference to previous year and batches used in clinical trial and initial batches
- Leachable and Extractable

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