



Fraunhofer IZI Services for Antibodies

Fraunhofer IZI provides GMP Antibody Manufacturing Services with Sartorius Stedim Biotech single-use technologies



Success Story

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In recent years, the increasing number of therapeutic monoclonal antibody candidates under preclinical and clinical development require new flexible, efficient and economic opportunities for GMP production of therapeutic antibody candidates. Small-scale batch production of test samples for late preclinical GLP animal studies or for phase-1 and phase-2 clinical studies is often not appropriate for large-scale manufacturing facilities in the industry.

The Fraunhofer IZI, founded in 2005, investigates and develops solutions to such specific problems at the interfaces of medicine, life sciences and engineering.

State-of-the-art equipment

- Isolator | Incubators for inoculation from the master cell bank
- Sartorius Biostat® RM20 & RM50 for seeding
- Sartorius Biostat® STRplus 200 L for production
- Sartorius FlexAct® Controlling systems for media preparation, cell harvest and virus removal
- GE Healthcare ÄKTApilot chromatography system for protein purification
- Sartorius Sartoflow® Advanced for ultra and diafiltration
- Colanar semiautomatic filling machine for product formulation

Process development

- Transfer of the Research Cell Bank into a GMP Master Cell Bank with strategic partners for characterization
- Customized design for all parts of the manufacturing process
- Establishment of a lab-scale process and process optimization e.g. expression media screening, fed-batch development
- Identification of critical process parameters for cell growth and protein production
- Establishment and validation of product QC



Upstream

- Transfer to production scale up to 200 L of total cultivation volume
- Based on single-use bag assemblies
- Equipment for aseptic liquid transfer e. g. Biowelder® TC, Biosealer® and Biosafe® Transfer Ports

Downstream

- Cell removal via depth filtration
- Capture, purification and polishing with three step affinity and ion exchange chromatography
- virus inactivation and removal
- Setting the final buffer for the product
- End up with a minimal volume of 200 mL



Aseptic filling

- Final product as bulk ware or in glass vials
- Filling in clean-room class A in class B environment
- Available glass vials in different sizes

Single-use Capabilities

- High flexibility
- Easy change-over to different products
- Fast implementation of technology changes
- Customized production
- Ideal for preclinical and early clinical trials
- Ready-to-use GMP compliant products by integrated sample filling



Services

- Transfer of your promising biopharmaceutical candidate from research to clinical development
- Manufacturing of Master and Working Cell Banks
- Process development from Upstream to Downstream
- Design of your user-specific process by single-use materials
- GMP-compliant production of e.g. human monoclonal antibodies in 200 L-scale



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