# Optimize Serum-Free Embryonic Stem Cell Culture with GIBCO® Media

- Improve growth and maintenance of undifferentiated ES cells
- Eliminate drawbacks of FBS

Product	Optimized For	Applications
KnockOut™ D-MEM	Murine and human embryonic stem (ES) cells	Growth and maintenance of undifferentiated ES cells for production of transgenic mice. Growth and maintenance of both human and murine ES cells used in differentiation studies.
KnockOut <sup>™</sup> Serum Replacement		

Serum-Free Media

## KnockOut<sup>™</sup> D-MEM

KnockOut<sup>™</sup> D-MEM is a special basal medium designed specifically to improve the morphology of ES cells. The osmolality of KnockOut<sup>™</sup> D-MEM has been reduced to better mimic the natural environment of embryonic tissue.

When used together, KnockOut<sup>™</sup> D-MEM and KnockOut<sup>™</sup> SR significantly reduce ES cell differentiation as compared to ES Cell Qualified FBS and traditional D-MEM (*figure 1*).

**ES Cell Differentiation Comparison** 



**Figure 1. Undifferentiated ES Cell Growth.** Murine D3 ES cells were cultured at low density in D-MEM or KnockOut<sup>™</sup> D-MEM supplemented with ES Cell Qualified FBS or KnockOut<sup>™</sup> SR, and traditional supplements. No LIF (Leukocyte Inhibitory Factor) was used. After 7 days, colonies were fixed and stained for alkaline phosphatase, a marker for undifferentiated ES cells. Undifferentiated colonies were scored based on morphology and staining characteristics.

## KnockOut<sup>™</sup> Serum Replacement Eliminates Use of FBS

KnockOut<sup>™</sup> Serum Replacement (KnockOut<sup>™</sup> SR) is a serum-free formulation designed to directly replace FBS in ES cell culture and provide the highest level of performance and ease of use. KnockOut<sup>™</sup> SR can replace FBS for growth and maintenance of undifferentiated ES cells, ES cell cryopreservation, blastocyst injection, electroporation/cationic lipid transfection, drug selection, isolation of new ES cell lines, embryoid body formation, and *in vitro* differentiation studies.

### **Custom Production and Packaging**

When you need a unique formulation or special packaging, our Custom Product Services team can modify GIBCO<sup>®</sup> catalog media formulations and packaging to meet your particular requirements.

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### References

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### **Ordering Information**

Description	Catalog No.	Size
KnockOut™ D-MEM	10829-018	500 ml
KnockOut <sup>™</sup> Serum Replacement	10828-028	500 ml
Growth Factors		
Basic Fibroblast Growth Factor (bFGF), Human, Recombinant	13256-029	10 µg
Epidermal Growth Factor (EGF), Human, Recombinant	13247-051	100 µg
Insulin-Like Growth Factor-I (IGF-I), Human, Recombinant	13245-063	10 µg
Nutritional Supplements		
GlutaMAX <sup>™</sup> -I Supplement Stable form of L-glutamine.	35050-061	100 ml
L-Glutamine-200 mM (100X), liquid	25030-081	100 ml
L-Glutamine, powder	21051-024	100 g
Selective Antibiotics		
Geneticin <sup>®</sup> Selective Antibiotic, liquid 50 mg/ml.	10131-035 10131-027	20 ml 100 ml
Wash Buffer		
Dulbecco's Phosphate-Buffered Saline (1X), liquid Contains no calcium or magnesium.	14190-144	500 ml
Cell Dissociation		
Trypsin-EDTA (1X), liquid 0.05% Trypsin, 0.53 mM EDTA•4Na.	25300-054	100 ml
Trypsin-EDTA (1X), liquid 0.25% Trypsin, 1 mM EDTA•4Na.	25200-056	100 ml
Trypsin Inhibitor, soybean Inactivates trypsin in serum-free cell media.	17075-029	1 g
Additional Trypsin options	See the GIBCO <sup>®</sup> Catalog.	
Transfection		
Lipofectamine <sup>™</sup> 2000 Reagent Transfects adherent 293 cells.	11668-027 11668-019	0.75 ml 1.5 ml
Lipofectamine <sup>™</sup> 2000 CD An animal-origin-free, chemically-defined version of Lipofectamine <sup>™</sup> 2000.	12566-014	1 ml
Related Products		
CO <sub>2</sub> -Independent Medium (1X), liquid For handling mouse embryos in atmospheric conditions.	18045-088	500 ml
MEM Non-Essential Amino Acids Solution 10 mM (100X), liquid	11140-050 11140-076	100 ml 20 × 100 ml
2-Mercaptoethanol (1,000X), liquid Helps prevent oxidation.	21985-023	50 ml



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