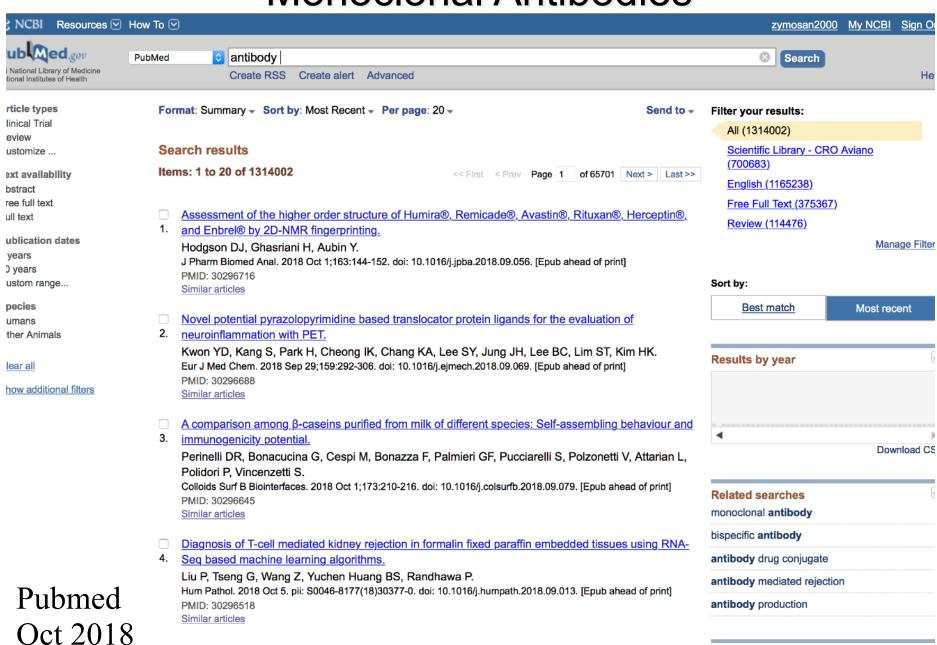
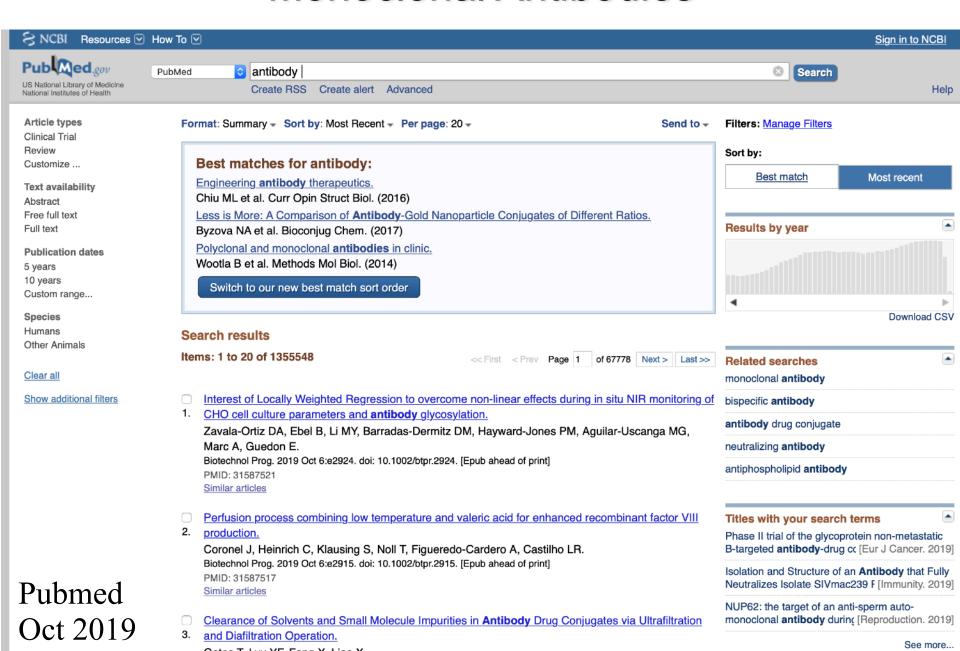
Production of polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies

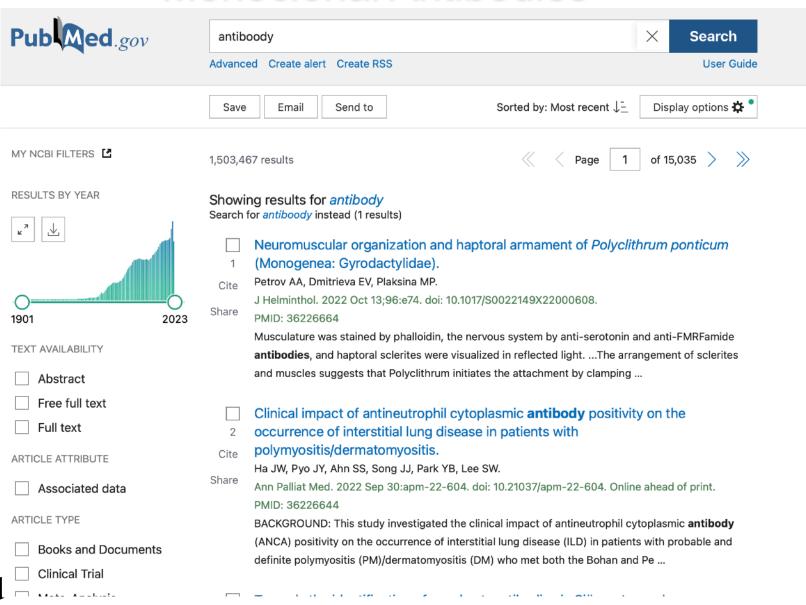
Monoclonal Antibodies



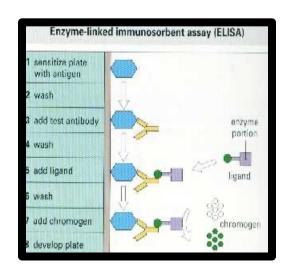
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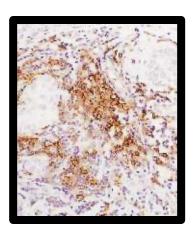


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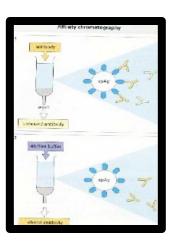


Use of monoclonal antibodies

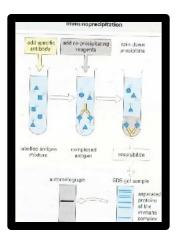




Immunohistochemistry



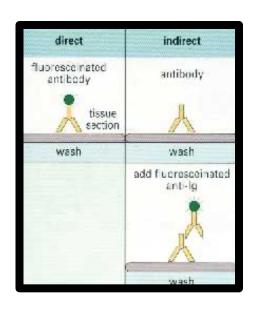
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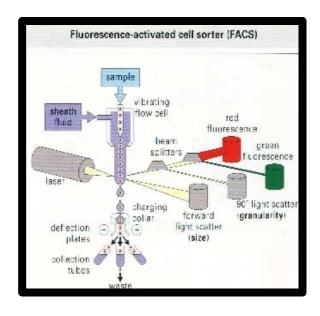


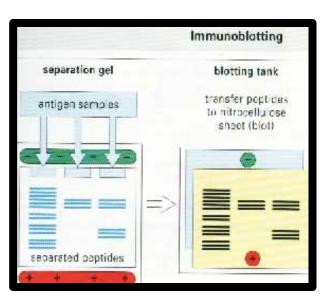
Immunoprecipitation

ELISA

Use of monoclonal antibodies







Immunofluorescence

Flow cytometry

Immunoblotting

Antibody Production

Polyclonal:

Antibodies are collected from sera of exposed animal,

- or -

a combination of monoclonal colonies is combined.

Can be any animal: **Rabbit**, **Goat**, Horse, Rat, Sheep, etc...

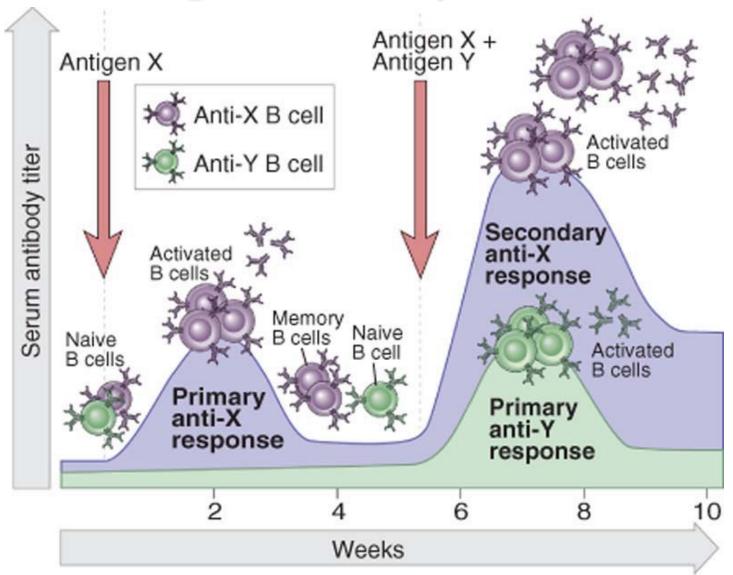
Suite of antibodies recognizing <u>multiple</u> antigenic sites of injected biochemical.







Timing for Ab production



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Disadvantages of Polyclonal Antisera

- Antiserum is composed of a mixture of high and low affinity antibody populations
- Antiserum is composed of a mixture of antibodies with different specificities - not all recognize the target of interest
- If the animal has had an infection, antibodies against the infecting organism will be present - can lead to "non-specific" binding
- Quantity of antiserum is limited by amount of serum and life of immunized animal.
- Antigen must be pure.

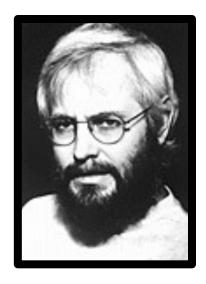
Advantages of Polyclonal Antisera

- Antiserum recognizes many different epitopes on the target
- Can usually be used for many different research procedures
 (Immunohistochemistry, immunofluorescence, immunoprecipitation, ELISA, precipitation assays, functional assay)
- Can be affinity purified to eliminate the non-specific binding antibodies

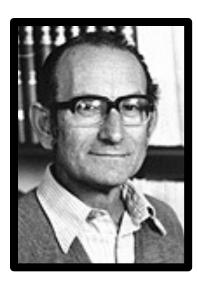
One of the most important example of induction and selection of stable cell mutant and cell fusion is the production of **hybridoma**

Hybridomas are hybrid of cells obtained fusing lymphocytes and a tumor cell line obtained from multiple myeloma.

The aim is to obtain a stable clone of lymphocytes in order to obtain in vitro, for long time and in high amount, monoclonal antibodies that usually lymphocytes produce after their differentiation to plasma cells.







Georges Köhler (1946-1995)

Cesar Milstein (1927-2002)

Nature Vol. 256 August 7 1975

Continuous cultures of fused cells secreting antibody of predefined specificity

Method to produce monoclonal antibodies -1975 Nobel Prize - 1984



The ultimate guide to antibody production

Hybridoma technology

Monoclonal production

Individual hybridoma cells have the ability to reproduce and secrete the antibody of interest while continuing to proliferate indefinitely





Timelines

The generation of hybridomas and production of mAbs can take several months depending on the immunogenicity of the antigen. Once the hybridoma is stabilized, unlimited amounts of antibody can be produced in a relatively short time

Advantages

The principal advantages of mAbs over pAbs are homogeneity and consistency





Cost-effective

Following isolation of a single hybridoma, these cells can serve as a quick, constant, cost-effective and renewable source of a specific mAb. Cell lines can be retained for decades to produce an endless supply of mAb

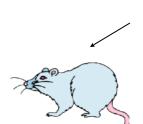
pplicability

For antibodies that perform well in downstream applications, these clones are an invaluable resource for the research, diagnostic and therapeutic communities



How to make a monoclonal antibody

- 1. Immunize mice
- 2. Test the serum
- 3. Purify lymphocytes from the spleen
- 4. Perform a fusion
- 5. Screen the fusion for the right cells
- 6. Grow the hybridomas
- 7. Harvest the antibody
- 8. Concentrate and purify the product



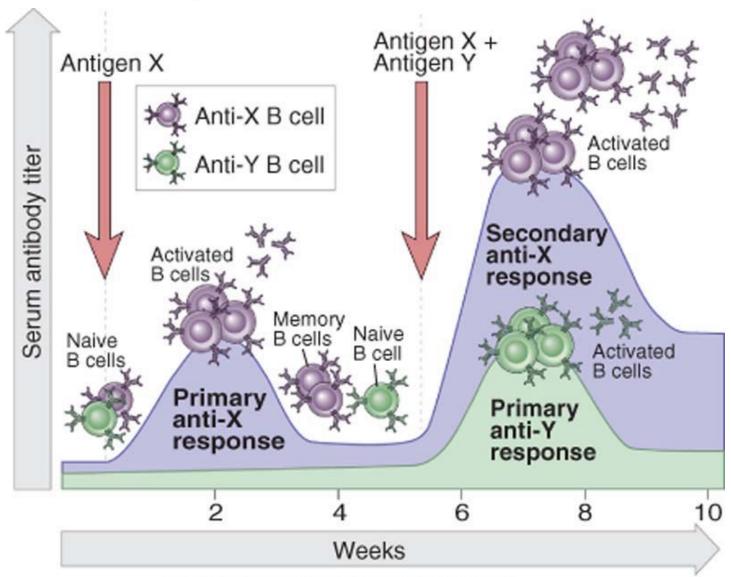
Immunisation with antigen

Ab titre from serum Ab₁ Ab₂ ... Ab_n

Immunize the mice - Inoculation

- The mice are aseptically inoculated with the antigen combined with an adjuvant.
- Inoculations are done either sub-cutaneously or intraperitoneally.
- Normal dose per mouse is between **20 and 100 micrograms** of protein.
- Inoculations are performed every 14 to 21 days.

Timing for Ab production

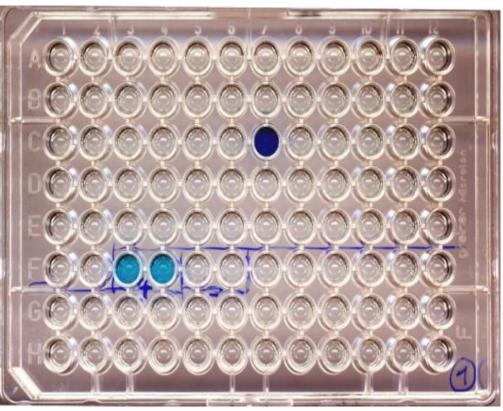


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Test the serum - In the lab

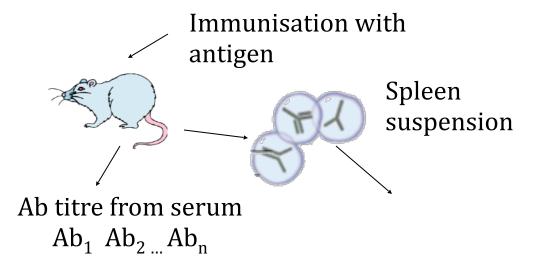


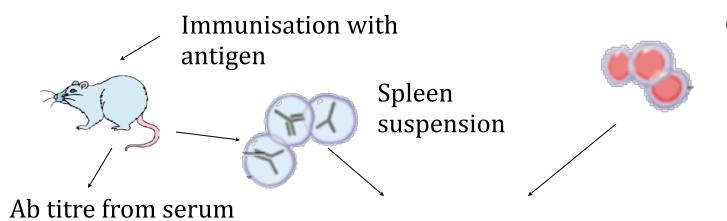


Test the serum - Decision time

- When the serum titer of the mice has reached a plateau, an additional ELISA test is performed to determine the predominant isotype present. The two isotypes that are most common in mouse serum are IgG and IgM.
- A fusion is done when the IgG level is high and the IgM level is low.

- Sometimes additional testing is done (Western blots, immunoflurorescence) to determine whether the serum response is specific for the selected antigen.
- The mouse with the strongest, most specific response is chosen for the fusion.

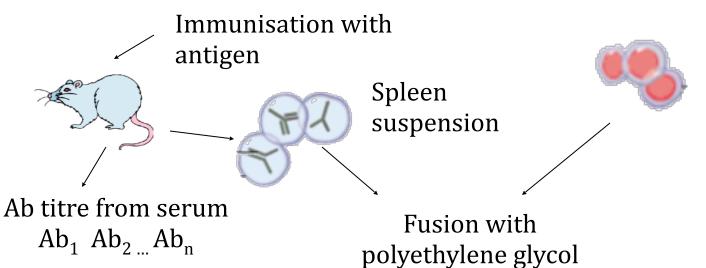




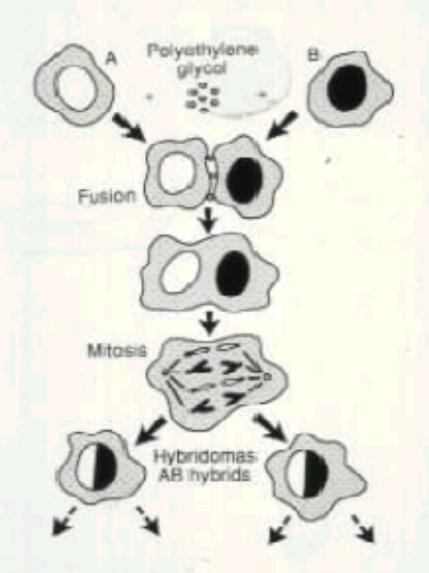
 $Ab_1 Ab_2 Ab_n$

Cell line –myeloma P3– NSI/I – Ag4 – 1 X63 – Ag8 - 653

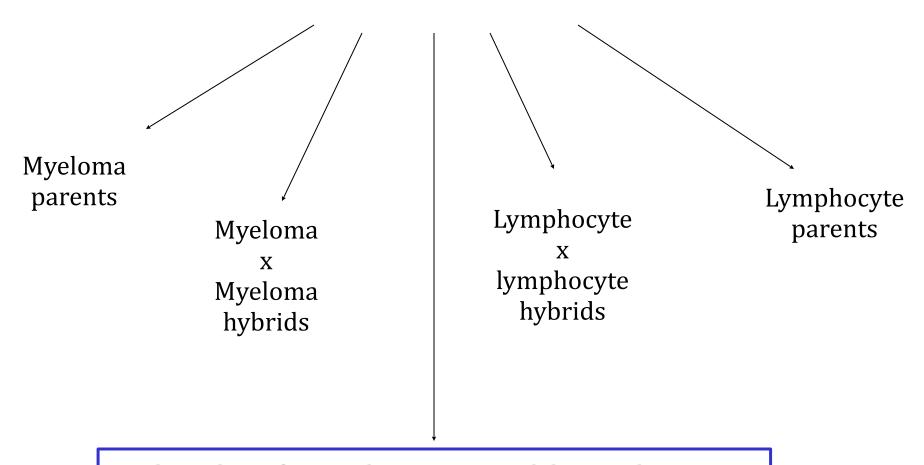
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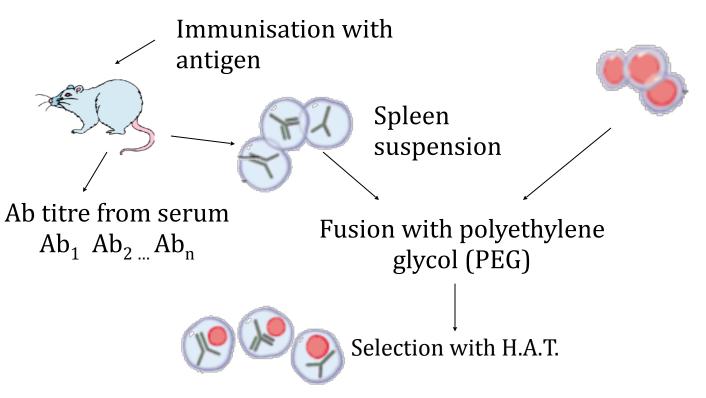
Cell types present after fusion



Hybrids of myelomas and lymphocytes

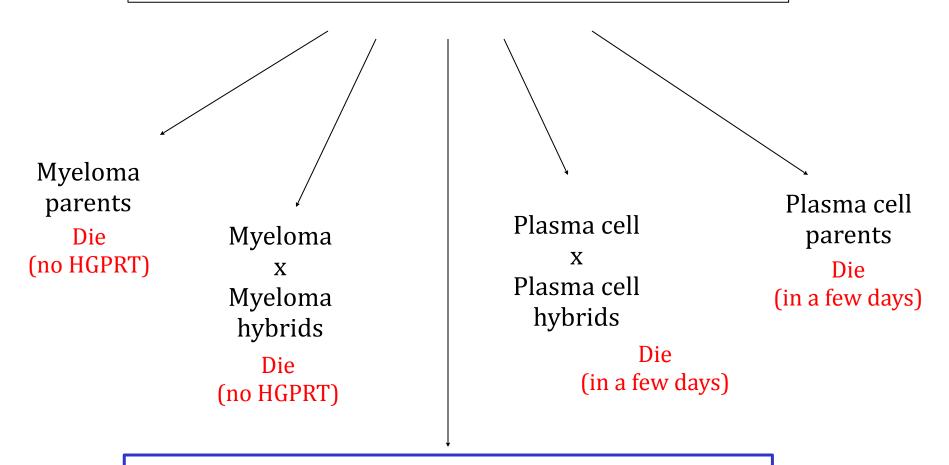
What does HAT do?

- Myeloma cell fusion partners were selected for the loss of the ability to synthesize hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase (HGPRT)
- HGPRT enables cells to synthesize purines using an extracellular source of hypoxanthine as a precursor.
- Normally, the absence of HGPRT is not a problem because cells have an alternate biochemical pathway (termed the rescue pathway) they use to synthesize purines. The rescue pathway allows myeloma cells to divide normally.
- **The rescue pathway is inhibited by aminopterin**. In the presence of aminopterin, HGPRT is essential for survival.
- HAT contains:
 - Hypoxanthine
 - Aminopterin
 - Thymidine
- HAT is selective for fused, (hydridoma) cells because:
 - Unfused myeloma cells cannot grow because they lack HGPRT
 - Unfused normal spleen cells cannot grow indefinitely because of their limited life span.
- In hybridomas the spleen cell partner supplies HGPRT and the myeloma partner is immortal because it is a cancer cell, overcoming the growth block of spleen cells.



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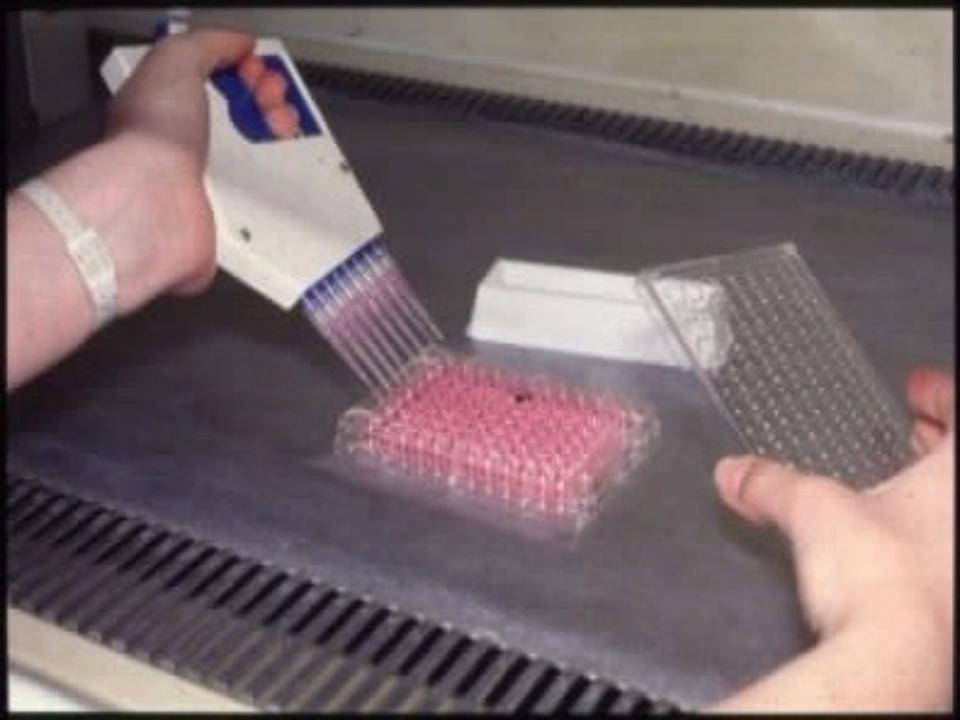


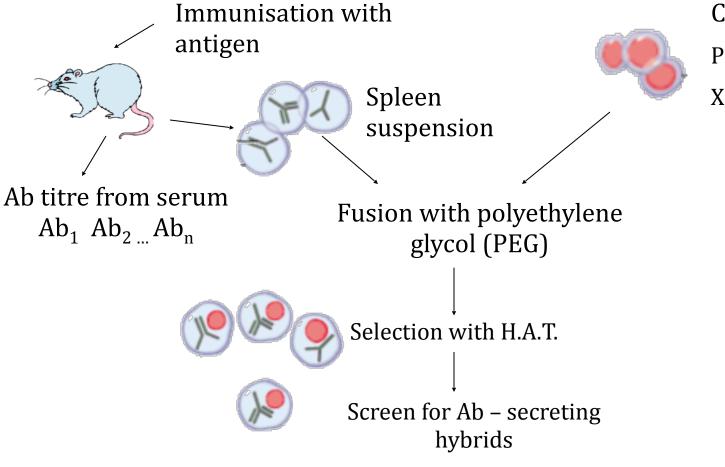
Hybrids of myelomas and plasma cell Survive

Perform a fusion - Growing the cells (hybridomas)

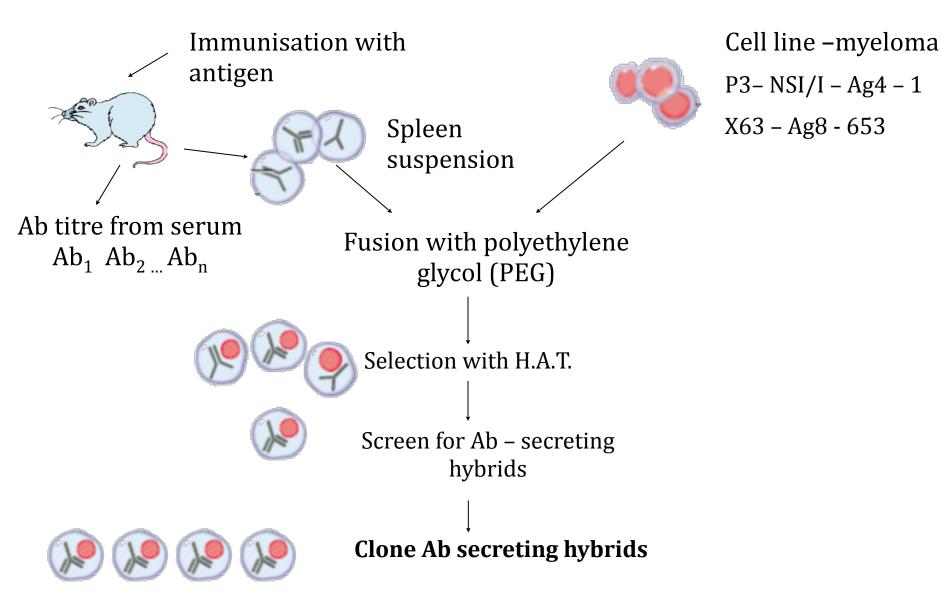
- Cells are grown in a 37° C incubator.
- Cells are kept in an atmosphere of about 5% CO₂.
- The cells are fed after 7 days of incubation.
- The cells are checked for growth after 10 days of incubation.

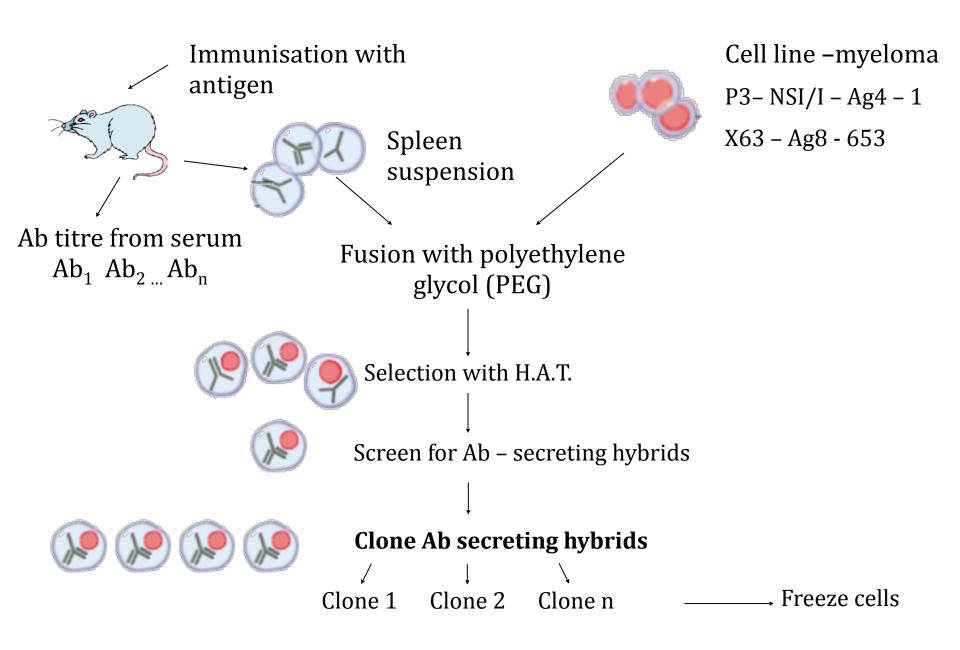


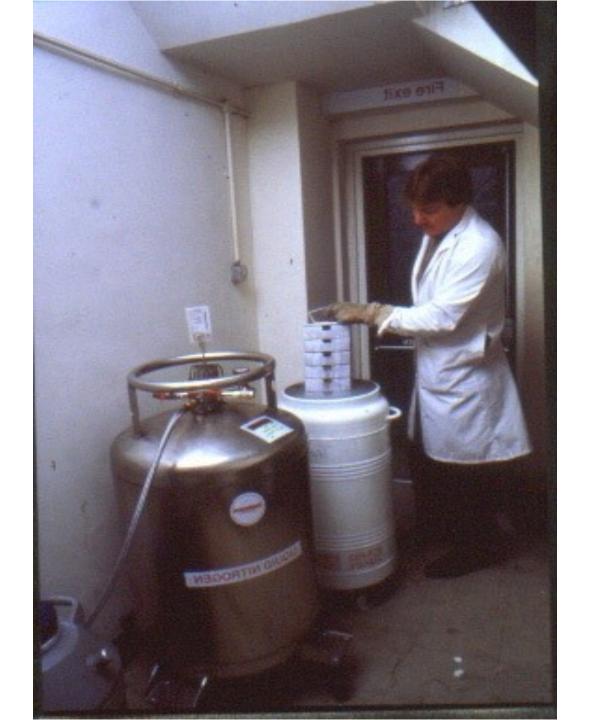




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Advantages

- 1. Possible to select mAbs with the **required specificity**.
- **2. Large quantities** of antibodies can be obtained easily.
- 3. Pure antibodies can be obtained more easily.
- 4. Indefinite supply.

Disadvantages of Monoclonal Antibodies

1. Labour intensive.

2. Costly.

3. Longer time span.

Roller bottles

- Old technology, principally for attached cell culture
- Bottle rotates at 1-3 rpm
- Effective OTR related to rotation speed and operating volume
- Scalable by replication





Bioreactors for Suspension Systems (examples)



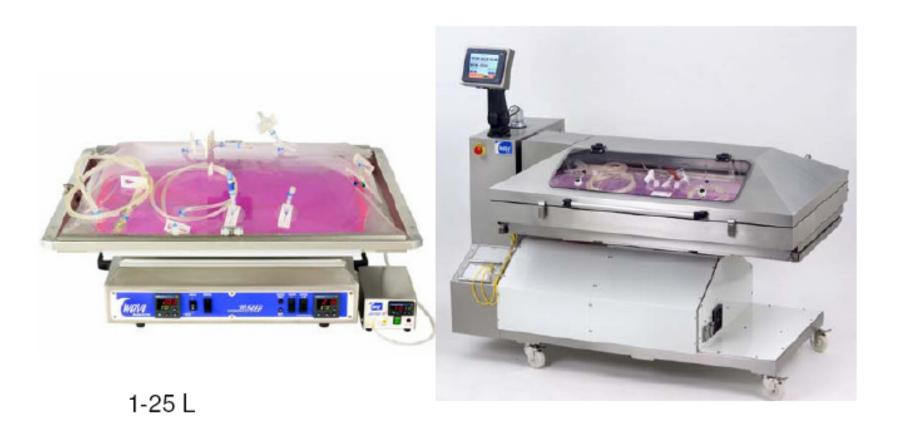






Disposable systems





10-100 L

http://www.wavebiotech.com/







Cost (in 2015)

- Facilities cost \$20-50 million to build
- Antibodies cost \$500-1,000/gram

 High costs present challenges for reimbursement in chronic diseases

High level production in mammalian cells: the math

Lonza (contract manufacturer) claims = 5.5 g/L yield in 24 days

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30,000 L reactor:
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30,000 \text{ L. } X 5.5 \text{ g/L} = 165 \text{ kg in 24 days},
 x 12 = 1,980 \text{ kg/year} = 2,000,000 \text{ g/year}
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One mAb dose = 500 mg = 0.5 g 2,000,000/0.5 = 4 million doses per reactor per year. 6 doses per patient per year? 4,000,000/6 = 600,000 patients per year per reactor.At \$10,000 per patient per year \rightarrow \$6B in sales /per 30KL reactor

Not bad!!