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DEVELOPMENT OF PERFUSION CELL CULTURE PROCESSES FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF THERAPEUTIC RECOMBINANT PROTEINS

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Project Summary: This project was focused on the development of perfusion processes for the production of therapeutic proteins in mammalian cells. An extensive literature review was first undertaken to understand how and in which context this technology is raising so much interest in the field. A scale-down model for parameter screening in semi-continuous mode was developed. A study using a number of different clones will be presented to highlight the benefits of this screening methodology. This is then followed by a comparison of three different processes for the production of a conjugated protein. The benefits of perfusion for intensification but also for some quality attributes will be demonstrated. The final part of this presentation will focus on process intensification.

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