**Product Description**

StemSpan™ Serum-Free Expansion Medium (SFEM) has been developed and tested for the in vitro culture and expansion of human hematopoietic cells, when the appropriate growth factors and supplements are added. This allows users the flexibility to prepare medium that meets their requirements. When combined with the appropriate cytokines, SFEM has been used for the culture and expansion of hematopoietic cells isolated from other species, including mouse, non-human primate, and dog (Bauer et al.; Miller & Eaves; Sandrin et al.; Zhang & Lodish). SFEM has also been used for culture of various other hematopoietic and non-hematopoietic cell types. Using appropriate StemSpan™ Expansion Supplements, SFEM may be used to expand CD34+ cells isolated from human cord blood, mobilized peripheral blood, or bone marrow samples, or to expand and differentiate lineage-committed progenitors to generate populations of erythroid, myeloid, or megakaryocyte progenitor cells.

StemSpan™ SFEM II (Catalog #09605) is an improved version of StemSpan™ SFEM that is further enriched to promote and support higher rates of CD34+ expansion and/or cell differentiation.

**Properties**

**Storage:** Store at -20°C.

**Shelf Life:** Stable until expiry date (EXP) on label.

**Contains:**
- Iscove’s MDM
- Bovine serum albumin
- Recombinant human insulin
- Human transferrin (iron-saturated)
- 2-Mercaptoethanol
- Supplements

This product contains material derived from human plasma. Donors have been tested and found negative for hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) and HIV-1 antibodies and/or HIV-1 antigen. However, this product should be considered potentially infectious and treated in accordance with universal handling precautions.

**Directions for Use**

**PREPARATION OF COMPLETE MEDIUM**

1. Thaw StemSpan™ SFEM at room temperature (15 - 25°C) or overnight at 2 - 8°C. Mix thoroughly.
   
   NOTE: If not used immediately, aliquot into tubes and store at -20°C. After thawing aliquots, do not re-freeze. Do not exceed the shelf life of the medium.

2. Add desired cytokines, growth factors, and other components to StemSpan™ SFEM. Mix thoroughly.
   
   NOTE: Added components and cells in sterile cell culture medium (e.g. Iscove’s MDM or DMEM) should not exceed ~10% of total volume.

3. Add cells, mix thoroughly, and set up cultures as desired.

For complete instructions for CD34+ cell expansion using StemSpan™ media and StemSpan™ CD34+ Expansion Supplement (10X; Catalog #02691), refer to the PIS for the supplement (Document #10000000078), available at www.stemcell.com or contact us to request a copy.

For a complete list of expansion supplements for use with StemSpan™ SFEM, see Notes and Tips. Refer to the Product Information Sheet (PIS) for each supplement for recommended cell expansion protocols with StemSpan™ media.
ASSESSMENT OF HEMATOPOIETIC CELLS
Assessment of CD34+ cells before and after culture may be performed by flow cytometry using the following fluorochrome-conjugated antibody clones:

- Anti-Human CD34 Antibody, Clone 581 (Catalog #60013) or Clone 563 (Catalog #60119) or Clone 8G12 (Catalog #60121)
- Anti-Human CD45 Antibody, Clone HI30 (Catalog #60018) or Clone 2D1 (Catalog #60123)
- Anti-Human CD38 Antibody, Clone AT-1 (Catalog #60131) or Clone HIT2 (Catalog #60014)
- Anti-Human CD90 Antibody, Clone 5E10 (Catalog #60045)

Notes and Tips
STEMCELL Technologies recommends the use of Human LDL (Catalog #02698) as a culture supplement. It has been pre-screened for the culture, expansion, and colony assay of human hematopoietic and non-hematopoietic cells in serum-free culture media. It promotes the proliferation and survival of human hematopoietic and other progenitor cells in culture, resulting in increased cell output in expansion cultures and increased colony numbers and/or colony size in colony assays. Selection of an optimal growth factor combination is dependent upon the source and type of cells and the experimental objectives of the researcher. StemSpan™ expansion supplements, described below, are suitable for use with StemSpan™ SFEM.

- StemSpan™ CD34+ Expansion Supplement (10X) (Catalog #02691)
  - Culture and expansion of large numbers of human CD34+ progenitor cells
  - Contains: rh SCF, rh TPO, rh IL-3, rh IL-6, rh Flt3 ligand, other additives
- StemSpan™ CC100 (Catalog #02690)
  - Culture and expansion of human hematopoietic cells
  - Contains: rh Flt3 ligand, rh SCF, rh IL-3, rh IL-6
- StemSpan™ CC110 (Catalog #02697)
  - Culture and expansion of human hematopoietic cells
  - Contains: rh Flt3 ligand, rh SCF, rh TPO
- StemSpan™ Erythroid Expansion Supplement (100X) (Catalog #02692)
  - Expansion and lineage-specific differentiation of human CD34+ cells into erythroid progenitor cells
  - Contains: rh SCF, rh IL-3, rh EPO
- StemSpan™ Megakaryocyte Expansion Supplement (100X) (Catalog #02696)
  - Expansion and lineage-specific differentiation of human CD34+ cells into megakaryocyte progenitor cells
  - Contains: rh SCF, rh TPO, rh IL-6, rh IL-9
- StemSpan™ Myeloid Expansion Supplement (100X) (Catalog #02693)
  - Expansion and lineage-specific differentiation of human CD34+ cells into granulocytes
  - Contains: rh SCF, rh TPO, rh G-CSF, rh GM-CSF
- StemSpan™ Myeloid Expansion Supplement II (100X) (Catalog #02694)
  - Expansion and lineage-specific differentiation of human CD34+ cells into monocytes
  - Contains: rh Flt3 ligand, rh SCF, rh TPO, rh M-CSF, rh GM-CSF, other additives

SCF = stem cell factor; EPO = erythropoietin; TPO = thrombopoietin; rh = recombinant human; IL = interleukin; Flt = fms-like tyrosine kinase

RELATED PRODUCTS
For related products, including specialized culture and storage media, supplements, antibodies, cytokines, and small molecules, visit www.stemcell.com/HSPCWorkflow or contact us at techsupport@stemcell.com. For available fresh and cryopreserved peripheral blood, cord blood, and bone marrow products in your region, visit www.stemcell.com/primarycells.

References