

Finding the right expression system for protein production

The choice of the system relies on factors such as the protein type, intended applications, and the desired yield and cost. **Biortus provides a range of major expression hosts** to support your protein production and purification steps as you initiate your project.

Expression Systems at Biortus Three Major Systems:

	Applications	Advantages	Disadvantages
E.coli	 Structural biology Protein-protein interaction In vivo biotinylation possible 	 Simple genetics Easy to manipulate Fastest Turnaround (2-4 weeks) 	 Lack of eukaryotic PTM Codon usage issues Inclusion bodies may need refolding Potentially low activity for eukaryotic proteins
Insect cells	 Functional assays Structural biology 	 PTMs Good for secreted proteins Able to tolerate toxic proteins better compared to mammalian cells 	 6-8 week turnaround for protein production Higher consumables cost Not as easy to scale up compared to bacterial systems
Mammalian cells	 Functional assays Able to integrate into cell-based assays Therapeutic protein production Antigen & Antibody production 	 Comprehensive eukaryotic PTMs Closer to endogenous system for human proteins 	 4-6 week turnaround time Higher consumable costs Not as easy to scale up compared to bacterial systems



Recombinant protein expression systems serve as valuable tools for generating a range of proteins across diverse applications.



Ongoing advancements in expression systems aim to enhance protein production by improving yields, folding efficiency, and PTM capabilities.



Different expression systems at Biortus

	Applications	Advantages	Disadvantages
Silkworm	 Secreted & membrane protein production Functional assays Therapeutic protein production Antigen production 	 Low maintenance cost Better at tolerating toxic proteins since a whole organism Similar to insect cell expression parameters 	 More manual labor required for purification
Cell-free System	 High throughput expression testing Toxic protein expression 	 Faster and more efficient logistically compared to cell-based systems Adaptable to a range of production& testing schemes UAA or label incorporation 	 Lower yield and quality Limited PTMs
Yeast*	 Structural biology Protein-protein interaction assays 	 Eukaryotic PTMs Lower consumable cost 	 Glycosylation differences with human systems Toxic mammalian proteins not well tolerated

Factors to consider when choosing an expression system



Amount of protein needed

Type of post-translational modifications, number of disulfide bonds, tolerability in the expression system

Downstream application of the protein affects the scale, purity, and construct needed

Time investment for development & Cost efficiency



One-stop shop for Protein Expression & Purification

Since 2009, Biortus has been collaborating globally with research institutions, pharmaceutical, and biotechnology companies, delivering consistently **high-quality custom proteins** for every stage of biomedical research.



We employ expression systems to ensure the successful delivery of fitfor-purpose recombinant proteins, spanning **enzymes**, **kinases**, **transcription factors**, **immunity-related proteins**, **GPCRs**, **transporters**, **SLCs**, **E3 ligases**, **epigenetic proteins**, and more for our clients.

Convenience & Consistency:

Biortus provides an **off-the-shelf catalog**, now on VWR.

- •Membrane Proteins (SLCs, GPCRs, etc.)
- •Ubiquitin Proteasome enzymes (DUBS E1/E2/E3 Ligases)

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•Transcription factors and more



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