

# Cell Culture Solutions

## Optimum Growth® System



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### SPECIAL FLASKS

Thomson Optimum Growth® Special Flasks were designed with the unique needs of small-to-medium-scale bioprocessing applications



### TRANSFER CAPS

Eliminates intermediate vessels for scale up & seed cultures



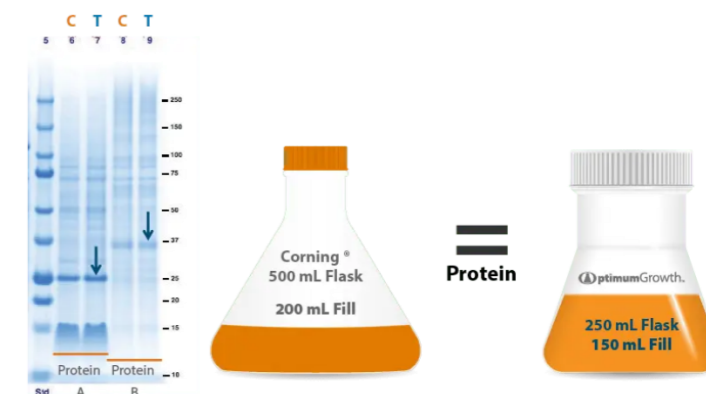
### RAPID CLEAR® CAP

Quickly and efficiently clarify cell culture media directly from the Thomson 5L Optimum Growth® shaker flask without the need for centrifugation

See why Thomson Flasks are a better option than Corning Flasks.

- **Corning®** – 500mL flask, 200mL culture
- **Thomson** – 250mL flask, 150mL culture
- 4mL samples purified over Ni-NTA
- Protein A – Membrane protein of moderate expression, 34kDa
- Protein B – Membrane protein of low expression, 45kDa
- 12µL of elution resolved on a coomassie gel

**Conclusion:** Thomson Optimum Growth® flasks are equivalent to Corning® standard flasks in terms of expressed protein purity but with a 50-60% fill volume Optimum Growth® flasks generate a far greater total yield/flask.



### Optimum Growth® 125mL Flask

PTFE 0.2µm Vent Cap for Increased Aeration | Sterile Scale Consistently Across All Sizes



### Optimum Growth® 250mL Flask

PTFE 0.2µm Vent Cap for Increased Aeration | Sterile Scale Consistently Across All Sizes



### Optimum Growth® 500mL Flask

PTFE 0.2µm Vent Cap for Increased Aeration | Sterile Scale Consistently Across All Sizes



### Optimum Growth® 1.6L Flask

PTFE 0.2µm Vent Cap for Increased Aeration | Sterile Scale Consistently Across All Sizes | Transfer Caps Available



### Optimum Growth® 2.8L Flask

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### Optimum Growth® 5L Flask

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## TECH TIP: THOMSON FILTER VIAL AND PROTEIN CRASH

Protein samples need to be crashed out before injecting them into the HPLC system. Many users have traditionally done off-line procedures. The THOMSON PTFE Filter Vials can do this easily by mixing the Acetonitrile and Aqueous solution in the bottom chamber, and then allowing the filter to push down, trapping the protein, and letting the clean sample come through for analysis.



# Optimum Growth® Flasks

SCALABLE FROM 125ML UP TO 5L

Thomson Optimum Growth® Flasks (patented) for mammalian and insect cell culture come in multiple sizes of 125mL, 250mL, 500mL, 1.6L, 2.8L and our popular 5L. They are superior to traditional shake flasks due in part to the fact that they support a 50-60% fill volume versus 33% fill volume making your shake cabinet a much more efficient space.

- Baffles designed for high aeration and low shear to maintain cell viability
- Same footprint as comparable Fernbach flask but with a 50-60% fill volume
- Less foaming than disposable Fernbach potentially eliminates additives
- 0.2µm Vented Cap simultaneously maintains high gas exchange and sterility
- Transfer cap option connects directly to cell bags or bioreactors with multiple connection options
- Scalability from 125mL up to 5L lets you mix and match different flask sizes in your shaker greatly improving space efficiency
- Individually packaged and sterilized for immediate use



## All Sizes Shake At The SAME Optimal Shake Speed

MAXIMIZE SHAKER SPACE EFFICIENCY

Thomson Optimum Growth® Flasks in all sizes shaking at an optimal shake speed of 120 rpm on a 1" (2.54cm) throw shake platform.

Note: that virtually every square inch of platform space is utilized

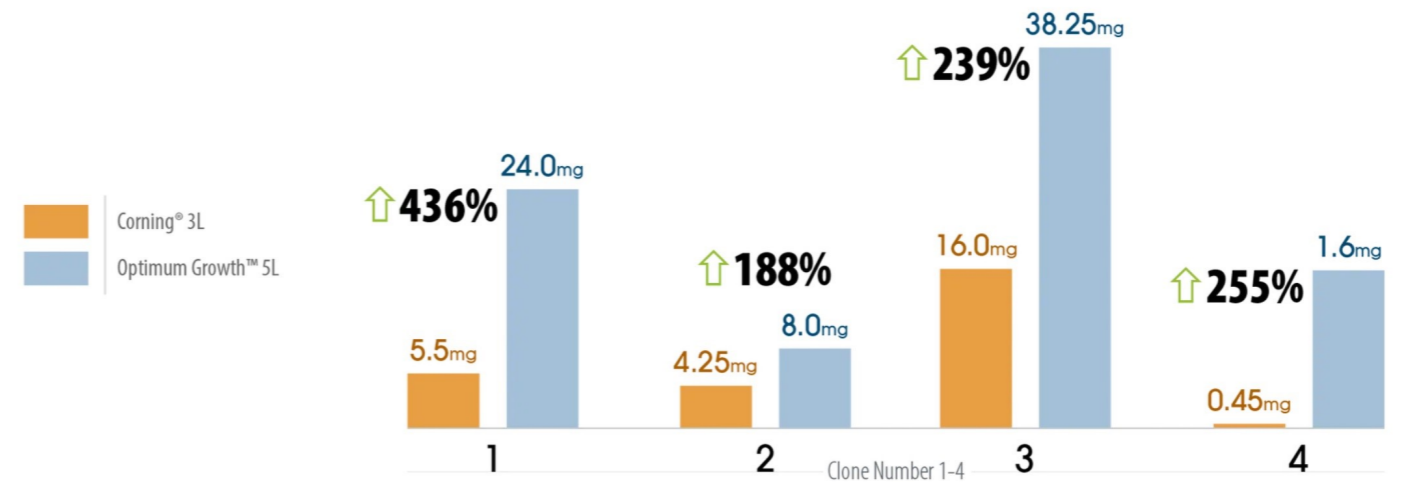
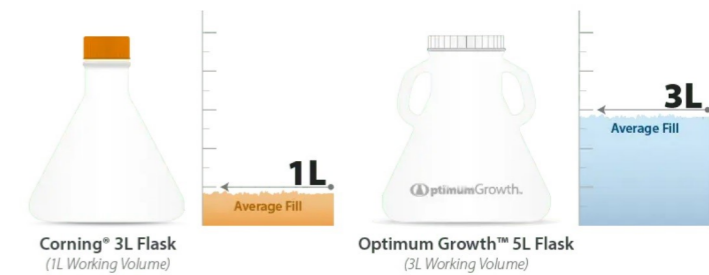


## 214% Yield Increase From Insect Cells

### PROTEIN PRODUCTION/FLASK

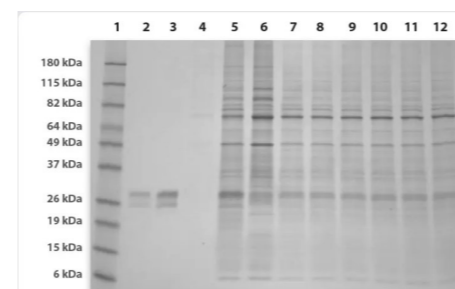
Data supplied by New York Structural Genomics Research Consortium

Four insect cell line clones cultured in Thomson 5L Optimum Growth® flasks and Corning 3L shake flasks. In the figure below note the consistently higher protein yield with Optimum Growth® flasks over Corning. Each flask has the same footprint but flasks operate with 3x higher fill volume (illustrated in the figure at right).



## Consistent Expression From HEK293 Strains

THOMSON 5L FLASKS CONSISTENTLY MAXIMIZE PRODUCTION OF YOUR BEST EXPRESSERS



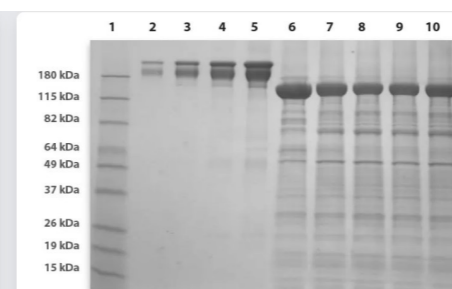
4-20% SDS-PAGE Quick Blue Stain Comassie Gel Expected MW of dimer 24.5 kDa Estimated expression level ~10-20 mg/L

#### LOW EXPRESSING GEL

This gel shows equal bands from 5 replicates of a low expressing protein, producing roughly 10 to 20 mg/L.

#### GEL KEY

1. Benchmark Pre-Stained Protein Ladder
2. Purified protein, 100 ng control
3. Purified protein, 200ng control
4. Untransfected cells, -ve control
5. +ve control
6. +ve control
7. Protein of interest, 5L Combined Flasks #1-5
8. Protein of interest, 5L Flask #1
9. Protein of interest, 5L Flask #2
10. Protein of interest, 5L Flask #3
11. Protein of interest, 5L Flask #4
12. Protein of interest, 5L Flask #5



4-20% SDS-PAGE Quick Blue Stain Comassie Gel Expected MW of dimer 159.4 kDa Estimated expression level ~300 mg/L

#### HIGH EXPRESSING GEL

This gel shows equal bands from 3 replicates of a high expressing protein, producing approximately 300 mg/L.

#### GEL KEY

1. Benchmark Pre-Stained Protein Ladder
2. Purified mAb 100 ng control
3. Purified mAb 250 ng control
4. Purified mAb 500 ng control
5. Purified mAb 1000 ng control
6. +ve control
7. Protein of interest, 5L Flask #1
8. Protein of interest, 5L Flask #2
9. Protein of interest, 5L Flask #3
10. Protein of interest, 5L Combined Flasks #1-3



### Conclusion:

With the same footprint as a typical Corning® 3L flask and a culture volume of up to 3L, the Optimum Growth® 5L Flask may increase production 200%, if not more, in the same space (this is construct dependent).

Most constructs express at higher levels in the Optimum Growth® 5L flasks. This makes one Optimum Growth® 5L equivalent to, if not greater than, two 3L flasks.