

# Plant Cell Culture

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The large-scale production of plant-derived secondary metabolites (PDSM) in bioreactors to meet the increasing demand for bioactive compounds for the treatment and prevention of degenerative diseases is nowadays considered an engineering challenge. Plant cell culture (PCC) is nowadays recognized as a promising, renewable, sustainable, and environmentally friendly alternative to obtain PDSM out of wild plants. PCC accounts for the virtues of whole-plant cultivation systems and offers significant advantages, such as controlled manufacture due to standardized environmental conditions, i.e., it is not seasonal dependent, makes use of low amounts of water, and pesticides and herbicides are not required, achieving better quality in the desired product.

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cell suspension culture (CSC)

## 1. Types of Cell Cultures

Calluses relate to the massive growth of cells and the buildup of agglomerated dedifferentiated cells, that may be able to revamp the complete plant, acquiring features like meristematic cells and developing new stem cells, which are able to form new individual plants <sup>[1]</sup>. Somatic embryos are obtained by the tissue formation from somatic cells or callus, having as the main objective the micropropagation of species seeds. Hairy roots culture is usually obtained by the infection of plant cells with *Agrobacterium rhizogenes*, resulting in the transformation of callus into differentiated tissues <sup>[2]</sup>.

Even though there are several studies where the production of PDSM from callus cultures and differentiated cells/tissues are used, the cell suspension culture from dedifferentiated cells is mostly preferred <sup>[3][4]</sup>. Cell suspension cell culture (CSC) is considered as a simple and cost-effective method, allowing suitable conditions for cells to produce compounds identical to those from parental cells to be achieved, offering advantages such as setting stable systems for continuous PDSM production with homogeneity in yields and quality, as well as offering the possibility of synthesizing new compounds and greater potential for PDSM commercial application <sup>[3][5]</sup>. Therefore, CSC has been demonstrated to be the selected biotechnological tool for obtaining high-value PDSM, such as taxol <sup>[5][6]</sup>, resveratrol <sup>[7][8]</sup>, and ginsenosides <sup>[9]</sup>, among others. To this end, further discussions will be centered on CSC for producing PDSM at laboratory and larger scales using different bioreactor configurations. **Table 1** shows recent successful examples where plant cell culture is used for producing PDSM with pharmacological relevance.

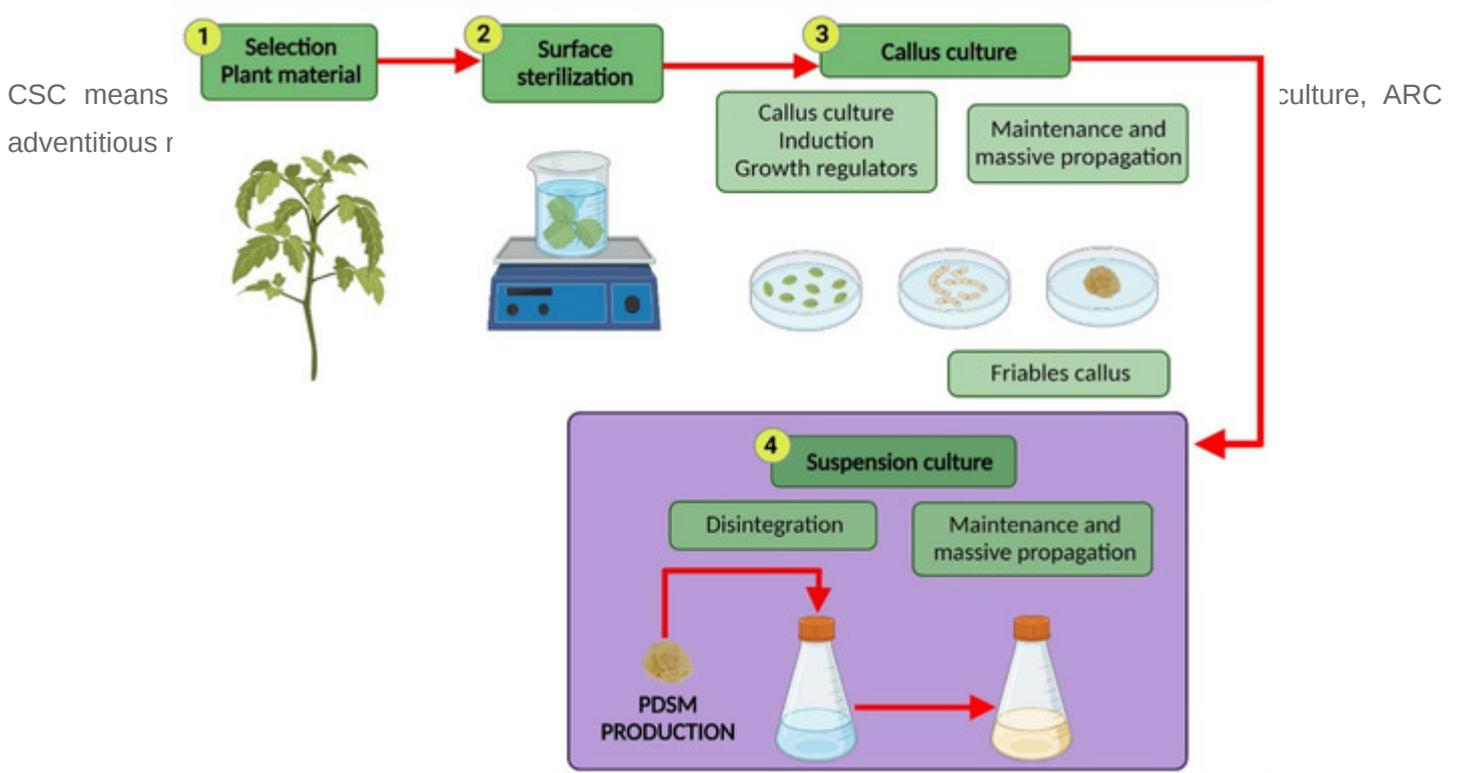
**Table 1.** PDSM from medicinal plants successfully produced in the in vitro plant cell culture, bioactivities, and yield comparison.

Compound	Plant Species	Biological Activity/ Pharmaceutical Use	Extraction Yield		Type of Culture	Ref.			
			Mother Plant	In Vitro Cell Culture					
Shikonin	<i>Lithospermum erythrorhizon</i> <i>Alkanna tinctoria</i> Tausch	Anticancer, antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, hepatic steatosis attenuator, antitumor, and antioxidants	10–20 mg/g	150–200 mg/g	CSC	[10] [11] [12] [13] [14]			
	<i>Echium plantagineum</i> L.			36.25 mg/L		HRC	[15]		
Anthraquinones	<i>Morinda citrifolia</i> <i>Rubia cordifolia</i> <i>Senna obtusifolia</i>	Antimicrobial, antifungal, hypotensive, analgesic, antimalarial, gastroprotective, antioxidant, hepatoprotective and antileukemic, and mutagenic functions	3 mg/g	100–200 mg/g	HRC CCC CSC	[16] [17] [18] [19]			
	<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>					8.78–9.4 mg/g	12.32–21.28 mg/g	CSC	[20] [21]
Rosmarinic acid	<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	Antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antiviral activities	12 mg/g	38 mg/g	CSC	[22] [23]			
	<i>Satureja khuzistanica</i>					30 mg/g	270 mg/g	CSC	[24] [25]
	<i>Coleus blumei</i>					30 mg/g	360 mg/g	CSC	[26]
	<i>Salvia officinalis</i>					0.1 mg/g	0.8 mg/mL	CSC	[27] [28]
	<i>Thalictrum minus</i>					20–40 mg/g	132 mg/g	CSC	[29] [30] [31]
Berberine	<i>Coptis japonica</i>	Effects antitumor, anticancer, lower blood lipid, lower blood glucose, anti-osteoporosis, anti-osteoarthritis, antibiotic, and anti-inflammatory	1 mg/g	178 mg/g	CCC	[32]			
	<i>Coscinium fenestratum</i>								

Compound	Plant Species	Biological Activity/ Pharmaceutical Use	Extraction Yield		Type of Culture	Ref.
			Mother Plant	In Vitro Cell Culture		
Ginsenosides	<i>Panax ginseng</i>	Antitumor, immunological, anti-inflammation, anticancer, antidiabetic, and cardiovascular-protective	0.015–8 mg/g	36.4–80 mg/g	HRC	[9] [33] [34]
				3.4–28.9 mg/g	CSC	
	15.1–105.6 mg/g			ARC		
	20–50 mg/g			CSC		
	<i>Panax notoginseng</i>			60 mg/g	CCC	
71.94 mg/g		ARC				
Diosgenin	<i>Dioscorea deltoidea</i>	Anticancer, antidiabetic, anticoagulant, antithrombosis, anti-inflammatory, antiviral, anti-ageing	0.4–3 mg/g	40 mg/g	CSC	[35]
				72 mg/g	CSC	
	3.5–16 mg/g			CCC		
	<i>Dioscorea bulbifera</i>			12 mg/g	CCC	
				<i>Helicteres isora</i> L.	8.64 mg/L	
Ajmalicine	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	3 mg/g	23 mg/g		CCC	[36] [37] [38]
			63 mg/L	CCC		
			10 mg/g	CSC		
Paclitaxel	<i>Taxus chinensis</i>	Anticancer	0.02 mg/g	34 mg/L	HRC	[39] [40]
				1.5 mg/g	CSC	
Podophyllotoxin	<i>Linum narbonense</i>	Vigorous antimitotic and antiviral activities and anticancer	0.5 mg/g	1.57 mg/g	CCC	[42]
	<i>Juniperus chinensi</i>			0.025 mg/g	189.91 mg/g	

Compound	Plant Species	Biological Activity/ Pharmaceutical Use	Extraction Yield		Type of Culture	Ref.
			Mother Plant	In Vitro Cell Culture		
	<i>Linum flavum</i>		1.6 mg/g	2 mg/g	CSC	
Artemisinin	<i>Artemisia annua</i> L.	Treat multi-drug-resistant strains of falciparum malaria	1–15 mg/g	9.33–110.2 mg/L	CSC	[43] [44]
Phenolic Acids (rosmarinic, chlorogenic, and ferulic acid)	<i>Verbena officinalis</i>	Antimicrobial, secretolytic, expectorant, and diuretic agent	136.59 mg/g	126.55 mg/g [3][47]	CCC CSC	[45]
Resveratrol	<i>Vitis vinifera</i> L.	Reduced coronary heart disease mortality rates and atherosclerosis, inhibiting low-density lipoprotein oxidation, and carcinogenesis	NR	277.89 µg/g	CSC	[46] [48]

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**Figure 1.** General steps for obtaining cell suspension culture. PDSM means plant-derived secondary metabolites. \* Schemes were created with BioRender.com.

Success in the operation of suspension cultures depends on the induction and obtention of friable callus (stage 3) through the exposure to growth regulators, such as auxins and cytokinin. The final step (stage 4) comprises the transfer and maintenance of this cell culture in a liquid. CSC may become unstable when subjected to prolonged culture times, causing differences in the quality and quantity of PDSM; this behavior is due to the consumption and reduced availability of nutrients in the culture media, in addition to genetic variations that can restrict the conservation of the high-yield cell line [50]. Among the strategies used for improving the production of PDSM in CSC is the modification in the culture media composition (different carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorous sources) for optimizing the nutrient availability during the culture time [51][50], and the use of biotic or abiotic elicitors that trigger the defense response from plant cells promoting the secondary metabolism through the introduction of chemical or physical stresses [46][3][52]. Biotic elicitors are complex compounds derived from biological sources, including plant-derived polysaccharides, such as pectin and cellulose, and microbial-derived polysaccharides, such as chitin and glucan [51][53], and plant immune-signaling molecules, such as jasmonic acid [54], salicylic acid [55][56], and methyl jasmonate [54]. Abiotic elicitors include inorganic salts, heavy metals, UV irradiation, high salinity, and pressure [57].

### 3. Commercial Production of PDSM from CSC

The current production of various drugs, cosmetics, and food ingredients is obtained using plant cell cultures, especially in the form of CSC, as these offer several advantages over other technologies, such as better control during the production of PDSM, a larger feasibility for the scaling up of the process, and shorter production cycles, being environmentally responsible and sustainable processes. The application of CSC to obtain commercial products dates back to the 1960s [46][50][58][59]. **Table 2** shows a selection of plant cell extracts that have been successfully manufactured at a commercial scale for pharmaceutical purposes. So, by way of history, the first report about industrial manufacturing of bioactive compounds derived from CSC was found for Shikonin from *L. erythrorhizon* by Mitsui Petrochemical Ind., now Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. (Tokyo, Japan). To date, Taxol<sup>®</sup>, manufactured by Phyton Biotech, Inc. (Delta, BC, Canada), and Genexol, the commercial name for paclitaxel compound by Samyang Genex, represent the cancer drugs with greater demand in the market, with annual sales reaching up to 200–300 kg per year [60]. In agreement with the information available at the website for manufacturers, the production volume for PDSM increases from a few cubic meters to 75 m<sup>3</sup> equivalent, to reach 880 m<sup>3</sup> per year [61].

**Table 2.** Plant-derived products manufactured from plant CSC which have entered into the pharmaceutical industry. The list of products makes no claim to be complete.

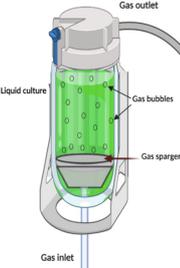
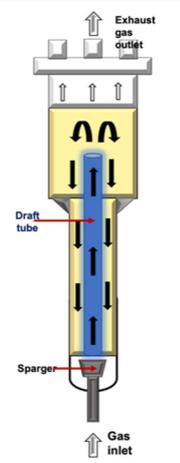
Product	Species	Pharmaceutical Use	Manufacturer, Tradename, and Scale of Production	Type of Culture	Reference
Rosmarinic acid	<i>Coleus blumei</i>	Anti-inflammatory	ANattermann & Cie. GmbH, <a href="http://www.sanofi.de">www.sanofi.de</a> (accessed on 30 October 2021)	CSC	[62]
Echinacea polysaccharides	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Immunostimulant, anti-inflammatory	Diversa, 75,000 L bioreactor	CSC	[59][63]

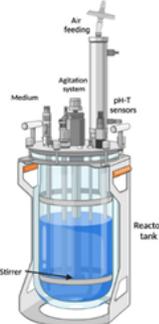
Product	Species	Pharmaceutical Use	Manufacturer, Tradename, and Scale of Production	Type of Culture	Reference
Berberines	<i>Thalictrum minun</i>	Anticancer; antibiotic; anti-inflammatory	Mitsui Chemicals, Inc., (75,000 Lbr)	CSC	[64]
	<i>Coptis japonica</i>		<a href="https://www.mitsuicheicals.com/">https://www.mitsuicheicals.com/</a> (accessed on 30 October 2021)	CSC	
Podophyllotoxin	<i>Podophyllum</i> spp.	Anticancer	Nippon Oil Company, Ltd.	CSC	[65]
			<a href="https://www.freepatentsonline.com/5336605.html">https://www.freepatentsonline.com/5336605.html</a> (accessed on 30 October 2021)	OC	[66]
Docetaxel	<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Ovarian cancer treatment	Phyton Biotech, Inc., Taxotere (150 kg/year)	CSC	[67][68]
			<a href="https://phytonbiotech.com/">https://phytonbiotech.com/</a> (accessed on 30 October 2021)		
Paclitaxel	<i>Taxus</i> spp.	Anticancer: FDA approved for the treatment of ovarian, breast, and lung cancers	Phyton Biotech, Inc., Taxol® (1000 kg/year)	CSC	[69]
			<a href="https://phytonbiotech.com/">https://phytonbiotech.com/</a> (accessed on 30 October 2021)		[70]
			Samyang Genex Corporation., Genexol (32,000 Lbr) <a href="https://samyangbiopharm.com/eng/ProductIntroduce/injection01">https://samyangbiopharm.com/eng/ProductIntroduce/injection01</a> (accessed on 30 October 2021)	CSC	[71]
Scopolamine	<i>Duboisia</i> spp.	Anticholinergic; antimuscarinic; motion sickness, nausea, and intestinal cramping	Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan (50–20,000 Lbr) <a href="https://www.sumitomo-chem.co.jp/pharma-chem/">https://www.sumitomo-chem.co.jp/pharma-chem/</a> (accessed on 30 October 2021)	HRC	[72][73]
Shikonin	<i>Lithospermum erythrorhizon</i>	Anti-HIV, antitumor, anti-inflammatory	Xi'an NEO Biotech, Shikonin 95% <a href="http://www.extractneo.com/about">http://www.extractneo.com/about</a> (accessed on 30 October 2021)	CSC	[59]

Bioreactors are defined as containers used to provide a controlled environment to transfer nutrients and oxygen to cell cultures in adequate concentrations that allow the cell to maintain its primary and secondary metabolic activity. Because plant cells, as well as other micro-organisms, are more sensitive and less stable than chemical compounds, bioreactor designs must be robust enough to provide a greater degree of control over process disturbances and contamination and achieve high productivities, high quality products, and cost effectiveness. The bioreactor design and its optimal operation depend on the determination of the operating conditions giving rise to the required product formation, minimizing the cost of the process [74]. The most common bioreactor configurations utilized for commercial and large-scale production consist in stirred tank bioreactor (STB), wave stirred bioreactor (WSB), air-lift bioreactor (ALB), and bubble column (BC). The selection of the bioreactor configuration is frequently established by its optimal performance in terms of metabolic activity and kinetics of cell cultures, economic costs, CSC: cell suspension culture; HRC: hairy root culture; OC: organ culture.

and its flexible operation regarding maintenance of cultures by controlling operational conditions, such as temperature, pH, aseptic, mixing, aeration, and scalability. **Table 3** shows some characteristics, advantages, and disadvantages of these types of bioreactors.

**Table 3.** Comparison of bioreactor configurations commonly used for plant cell culture.

Bioreactor Configuration	Schematic Diagram *	Description	Advantages	Disadvantages	Ref.
Bubble column (BC)		<p>It is classified in the pneumatic-type bioreactor. They are constructed in cylindrical columns where gas injection represents the only energy entrance to the system. BC bioreactors operate under constant bubbling where gas flows from the bottom to the top through nozzles, perforated plates, or spray rings, allowing not only the aeration process, but also helping the mixing and circulation of the fluid, without the need to install mechanical accessories.</p>	<p>Simple structure as no mechanical force is required to shake. Easier maintenance and reduces the risk of contamination due to the lack of mobile parts. Reduced effect of the shear stress.</p>	<p>High foam formation under high gas flow rates. Poor oxygen transfer capabilities. Poor fluid mixing in highly viscous fluids. High levels of foaming under high-aeration conditions</p>	<p>[58] [49] [75]</p>
Airlift (ALB)		<p>It is classified in the pneumatic-type bioreactor. This configuration is considered reasonably like STR, excepting for the impeller. They are tower reactors where fluid broth is mixed with a gas stream, which is compressed and injected at the bottom of the discharge pipe. The gas–fluid mix allows the creation of differences in density and upward displacement. It is more suitable for hairy root and somatic embryo cultures.</p>	<p>Easy maintenance and reduces the risk of contamination due to the absence of mobile parts. Reduced effect of the shear stress. Higher oxygen transfer than that in BC. The energy required is provided by the compressed gas.</p>	<p>High levels of foam formation under high gas flow rates. Poor fluid mixing in highly viscous fluids. Relatively poor oxygen transfer capabilities.</p>	<p>[58] [76] [77] [78]</p>

Bioreactor Configuration	Schematic Diagram *	Description	Advantages	Disadvantages	Ref.		
Stirred tank bioreactor (STB)		It is grouped in the mechanically agitated bioreactor. This bioreactor consists in a mixer (turbine or propeller) installed within the tank reactor and may be equipped with gassing inlet stream. It can operate in batch, semi-continuous, or continuous mode [76][79].	Efficient fluid mixing systems. High oxygen mass transfer capability. Convenient for high-viscous fluids. Comply with Good Manufacturing Practices. Easy scale-up. Highly adaptable to production scale and products. Impeller alternative.	High energy cost owing to mechanical agitation. Contamination risk with mechanical seal. Some cells and metabolites are susceptible to shearing generated by the impeller and bursting gas bubbles. Depending on the operation mode, this configuration can represent high costs of maintenance, cleaning, and	[49] [76] [79] [80]		
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Species	Compounds	Operation Variables Evaluated		Biomass Production		PDSM Production	Ref.
		In Shake Flask	In Bioreactor	In Shake Flask	In Bioreactor		
<i>Scrophularia striata</i>	Phenylethanoid glycosides	50 mL SCC in 100 mL flask 110 rpm 25 °C	5.0 L SCC in STR 10 L Fg: 0.5–1.0 L/min 110–170 rpm 25 ± 1 °C Darkness	14.16 g/L	15.64 g/L	The acetoside content in CSC in the bioreactor was about threefold higher than that in the shake flask	[81]
<i>Buddleja cordata</i>	Verbascoside, linarin and hydroxycinnamic acids	50 mL SCC in 250 mL flasks 110 rpm 26 ± 2 °C	STR 2 L Fg: 1 vvm (ring diffuser Rushton impeller 400 rpm 26 ± 2 °C 16/8 h light to dark photoperiod	11.8 g/L	13.62 g/L	The content of phenolics was twofold higher in STR.	[82] [83]
<i>Rubia tinctorum</i>	Anthraquinone	25 mL SCC in 250 mL flasks 100 rpm 25 ± 2 °C	1.0 L SCC in STR 2 L Fg: 1 vvm Turbine impeller	330 g/L	220 g/L	Anthroquinone production was 2.5 times higher in STR	[84]

Species	Compounds	Operation Variables Evaluated		Biomass Production		PDSM Production	Ref.
		In Shake Flask	In Bioreactor	In Shake Flask	In Bioreactor		
		16/8 h photoperiod (140 $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	450 rpm 25 $\pm$ 2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ 16/8 h photoperiod (140 $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )				
<i>Arnebia</i> sp.	Shikonin	25 mL CSC in 250 mL flasks	Air-lift bioreactor			The shikonin content was 2.6 times higher in the bioreactor than in the flask. Production remained without significant differences in both bioreactors	[85]
		100 rpm	2 L working volume				
		25 $\pm$ 2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	25 $\pm$ 2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	1249.2 g/L	480 g/L		
		Continuous light	Fg: 2 L/min (sparger ring)				
		(70 $\mu\text{mol/m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$ )					
			STR 2 L				
			Six-blade turbine impeller 100 rpm	1249.2 g/L	450 g/L		
	Fg: 2 L/min						
		25 $\pm$ 2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$					
<i>Ocinum basilicum</i>	Rosmarinic acid	100 rpm	7 L CSC in STR 10 L			Production increased 1.66 times in bioreactor	[21]
		25 $\pm$ 2 $^{\circ}\text{C}$	Marine impeller 100 rpm	Biomass was 8.4 times higher in bioreactor than in flask			
			Fg: 25 L/min				
<i>Satureja khuzistanica</i>	Rosmarinic acid	200 mL CSC in 1 L flask	1 L CSC in culture bags 2 L	13.6 g/L	18.7 g/L	Production increased 2.5	[86]

Species	Compounds	Operation Variables Evaluated		Biomass Production		PDSM Production	Ref.
		In Shake Flask	In Bioreactor	In Shake Flask	In Bioreactor		
		110 rpm	Batch mode			times in bioreactor	
		25 °C	20–30 rpm				
			25 °C				
			Fg: 0.1 vvm				
			Darkness				
		100 mL CSC in 300 mL flasks	STR 5 L				
<i>Vitis labrusca</i> L.	Resveratrol	110 rpm	Marine impeller 110 rpm	NR	≈35 g DW	Production increased 1.15 times in bioreactor	[87]
		23 °C	Fg: 0.15 vvm				
		Darkness					
		100 mL CSC in 250 L flask	Airlift bioreactor 7 L				
<i>Santalum album</i> L.	Squalene	90 rpm	Batch mode	1.05 mg/g	1.25 mg/g	Production increased 1.71 times in bioreactor in four weeks of culture	[48][49][88]
		28 °C	70–80 rpm				
			Fg: 4 L/min				
			28 ± 2 ° C				

cell viability rates, and production rates of PDSM are observed. In these conditions, promising plant cells are identified and selected to be evaluated in larger bioreactor configurations, such as those presented in **Table 3**.

The second step accounts for characterization of cell growth kinetics, cell viability rates, metabolic activity, and NR means Not reported. production rates of PDSM under controlled operating conditions in bench-scale bioreactors with similar configurations to those systems to be implemented at the commercial scale, i.e., bench-scale bioreactors accounting for three phases (liquid–gas–cells) (see **Table 3**). Thus, during the analysis of bench-scale systems, the coupling of experimentation with mathematical modeling is essential for stating the basis for the scaling up of CSC [89][90][91]. Herein, cell growth kinetics and production rates of PDSM are the main response variables to maximize during CSC. It is worth mentioning that their experimental and theoretical characterization makes possible the connection between the microscopic world of the metabolic cell activity and the macroscopic world of the bioreactor

performance and, hence, the downstream processing. Besides, the experimental characterization of these cell mechanisms and their analysis using mathematical models lead to the construction of the engineering tool for the scaling up and optimization of the bioreactor configuration, allowing a better understanding of CSC during the production of PDSM. In particular, the use of bench-scale bioreactors allows for identifying and controlling those operating conditions where transport phenomena favor the kinetics of the CSC.

Based on the kinetics, since in CSC it is not possible to develop intrinsic kinetic models, there are two types of models that can be developed in bench-scale bioreactors: extrinsic ones, where transport phenomena are explicitly included during the modeling of the bioreactor; and apparent ones, where transport phenomena resistances impact during the experimentation but they are not considered during the modeling of the bench-scale bioreactors [90][92][93][94][95][96]. Thus, to determine extrinsic kinetic models, it is recommended to carry out a regime analysis to identify and model those transport phenomena limiting the production of PDSM. Experiments make possible the development of the corresponding model, relating kinetics with macroscopic variables, namely the concentration of substrates and PDSM, cell growth, and cell viability involved during the operation of the bench-scale bioreactor. The kinetic model depends on the quality of the experimental data and it is only reliable for the range of operational conditions utilized during its development. When the kinetic model is based on metabolic steps of the reaction, the mathematical complexity increases but leads to a better physical representation of the CSC during the production of PDSM. Besides, the loss of cell viability caused by operational aspects, i.e., a toxic compound, cell shear stress, or cell sintering, is modeled by empirical expressions whose parameters involve physical meaning [97], such as the generalized power law equation (GPLE) [98][99][100]. Finally, the Monod model offers an adequate explanation for the reaction rates of growing cells, but it has no mechanistic basis [101][102]. Moreover, the Monod model is only applicable when cells are in a metabolic equilibrium, namely when the composition of the macromolecules in the cell remains in a pseudo-steady state during the CSC. **Table 5** presents some kinetic models to describe cell growth rate. It is worth mentioning that, in transient experiments, when the concentration of a substrate or PDSM is brusquely modified, Monod kinetics are not suitable and the kinetic model must account for the cell metabolism [97][103]. There are, in the literature, several models that have no mechanistic grounds but account for some biological features of the cell growth [97][104]. These models offer an acceptable description of the cell growth and metabolic activity due to fluctuation in the concentration of substrates and products. In these models, cell mass is divided into compartments, and the rate of formation of each compartment has different stoichiometry and kinetics.

**Table 5.** Models used to describe kinetics and deactivation in whole cells [96][99][100][101].

Mathematical Equation	Conventional Name
$r_x = \mu = \mu_{\max} \frac{[S_i]}{[S_i] + K_m} r_s = Y_{x/s} \mu$	Monod kinetics
$r_x = \mu = \mu_{\max} \frac{[S_i]}{([S_i]^2/K_i) + [S_i] + K_m} r_s = Y_{x/s} \mu$	Expanded Monod kinetics
$r_x = \mu = \mu_{\max} \frac{[S_i]}{[S_i] + K_m(1 - [P]/[P]_{\max})} r_s = Y_{x/s} \mu$	Expanded Monod kinetics
$r_x = \mu = \mu_{\max}(1 - \exp(-[S_i]/K_m)) r_s = Y_{x/s} \mu$	Monod's teacher Tessier kinetics.

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$r_x = \mu = \mu_{\max} \frac{[S_i]}{[S_i] + K_S} r_s = Y_{X/S} \mu$	Contois kinetics.
$r_x = \mu = \mu_{\max} (1 - X/K_S) r_s = Y_{X/S} \mu$	Logistic kinetics.
$d\theta/dt = -k_{in}(\theta_x - \theta_{ss}) m r = r_s = \theta x k [S_i] / [S_i] + K_m$	Cell deactivation kinetics

[98][99][100][105]. In the fluid bulk, concentration, temperature, or radiative gradients can be present. Hydrodynamics impact on mass and heat transfer mechanisms from the gas phase to the liquid phase and from the liquid phase to the cell phase. Moreover, cell growth can impact on mass and heat transfer mechanisms. Although complicated, a proper kinetic analysis must account for the effect of fluid dynamics on transport phenomena and, hence, on cell growth, cell viability, and metabolic activity.

During the screening at the laboratory bioreactors or during the operation of the bench-scale bioreactor, the response surface methodology (RSM) is a potential tool to guide experimental designs. RSM leads to the following advantages [106][107][108][109][110]:

- (1) It defines an establishment of the relationship between responses (yield, cell viability, oxygen concentration, etc.) and control operating conditions (temperature, pressure, initial concentration, power input, agitation rate, etc.).
- (2) It predicts the effect of control operating condition on responses.
- (3) It gives inferences on the significance of the operating conditions on the performance of the reactor.
- (4) It allows the determination of the operating window where the bioreactor meets its best performance.

On the above end, RSM couples experimental designs, and mathematical and statistical methods [111][112]. Firstly, an experimental design is proposed; the evaluation of this experimental design constitutes the so-called response surface design (RSD). The suitability of the RSD depends on its orthogonality, rotatability, and uniform precision [112]. Secondly, the empirical model is then developed; it is approximated by a polynomial equation that accounts for elements that consist of powers and cross-product powers, constant coefficients referred to as parameters, and a random experimental error. Albeit empirical, first-degree and second-degree polynomial equations are usually used to fit observations and carry out the optimization. To this end, every model and its reliability depends on the RSD, i.e., first-order designs are used to fit observations with the first-degree models, and observations out of second-order designs are fitted with second-degree models [111][112][113]. The most common first-order designs are 2k factorial, Plackett–Burman, and simplex designs, while the most common second-order designs are 3k factorial, central composite, and the Box–Behnken designs. Note that the choice of a proper RSD is essential since the quality of prediction, as measured by the size of the prediction variance, depends on it; thus, the lower the variance, the better the fit of the responses. On this basis, a single RSD is not able to satisfy all criteria, but it is considered as robust if it meets the assumptions related to the model and the error distribution [111][112]. Finally, the assessing of the results uses both statistical tests, i.e., F-value, t-value, and confidence interval, and graphical

tests, i.e., variance dispersion graphs, fraction of design space plots, and quantile plots. Graphical methods [108] [109] based on quantile dispersions have also been used to compare experimental designs for estimating variance components in an analysis of variance (ANOVA) situation. RSM can lead to the identification of the operational window where CSC presents its higher yields to PDSM, which, in turn, will be essential in the conceptual design and scaling up of the bioreactor configuration.

Because of the advent of computation in the last years, the bioreactor design not only depends on empirical, but also deterministic approaches, which allows the proper determination of hydraulics, fluid dynamics, mass transport, heat transfer, radiative transfer, and kinetics from different bioreactor configurations at various scales. This information is transferred to design and scale up the industrial bioreactor. The design of this reactor strongly depends on the development of a model coupling kinetics and transport phenomena at both the cell and bioreactor level, including the fluid and the gas phase. This is, however, a complex task, since it needs experiments and mathematical solutions that are not trivial. It is worth stressing that, during the construction of this model, fluid dynamics are yet the bottleneck during the scaling up of a bioreactor configuration because of their impact on transport phenomena, kinetics, and, hence, on the global production of PDSM.

Based on the above, a model accounting for kinetic, deactivation, and all transport mechanisms should be developed from the laboratory to the bench scale. This model should be constructed following a framework based on computational fluid dynamics (CFD). The model needs to be validated at the bench scale before using it to design the industrial bioreactor. The preliminary dimensions of the reactor need to be obtained from the utilization of the practical know-how reported in the literature or experimental and modeling results obtained at the bench scale. It will make the scaling up process more efficient and reliable. Developing a model for the use of CFD allows the consideration of fluid dynamics along with its effect on transport phenomena, which leads to obtaining operating conditions where mixing, hydrodynamics, and transport phenomena are improved without affecting the operating cost of the process. A criterion when designing the industrial-scale bioreactor is to achieve a compromise between operating expenses and yield of the PDSM. At the end of the scaling-up process, the experimentation and investment cost as that compared using an empirical or heuristic approach will be significantly minimized.

In addition to the aforementioned, the scaling up of CSC becomes more challenging when observing how operating conditions impact on the production of PDSM. Operating conditions influence in different scenarios and magnitudes the performance of cell cultures during the production of PDSM, from the supply of nutrients (oxygen, light, ionic strength, pH) to the implementation of mechanical and pneumatic work to keep the process operating in optimal conditions. In further sections, a discussion about the main operating variables in bioreactors and their effect on the performance of cell culture will be provided.

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