Supplemental information

High-titer manufacturing of SARS-CoV-2

Spike-pseudotyped VSV in stirred-tank bioreactors

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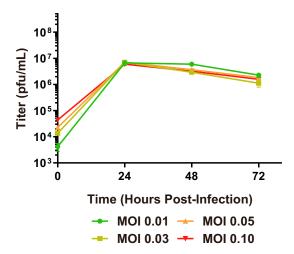


Figure S1: Growth curves of VSV- Δ G-S_{CT Δ 21} in tissue-culture plates. 145 cm² tissue culture plates were infected at indicated MOIs (pfu/cell) with VSV- Δ G-S_{CT Δ 21}. Cultures were harvested at the indicated times and titered on Vero cells. Mean \pm SD is shown (n=2).

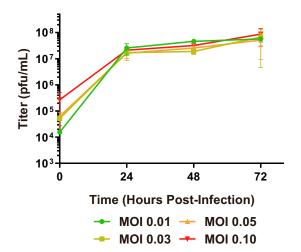


Figure S2: Growth curves with VSV- Δ G-S_{CT Δ 21} in 125 mL bioreactors. Cultures were infected at indicated MOIs (pfu/cell) with VSV- Δ G-S_{CT Δ 21}. Cultures were harvested at the indicated times and titered on Vero cells. Mean \pm SD is shown, n=2.

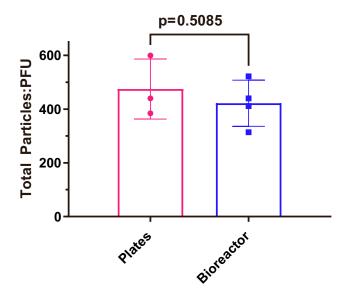


Figure S3: Particle to pfu ratio of VSV- Δ G-S_{CT Δ 21} as measured by Tunable Resistive Pulse Sensing (TRPS). Virus was produced in 145 cm² tissue culture plates or 125 mL Celstir bioreactors as described in Materials and Methods. Mean \pm SD is shown and two-tailed t-test was used, n=3-4.

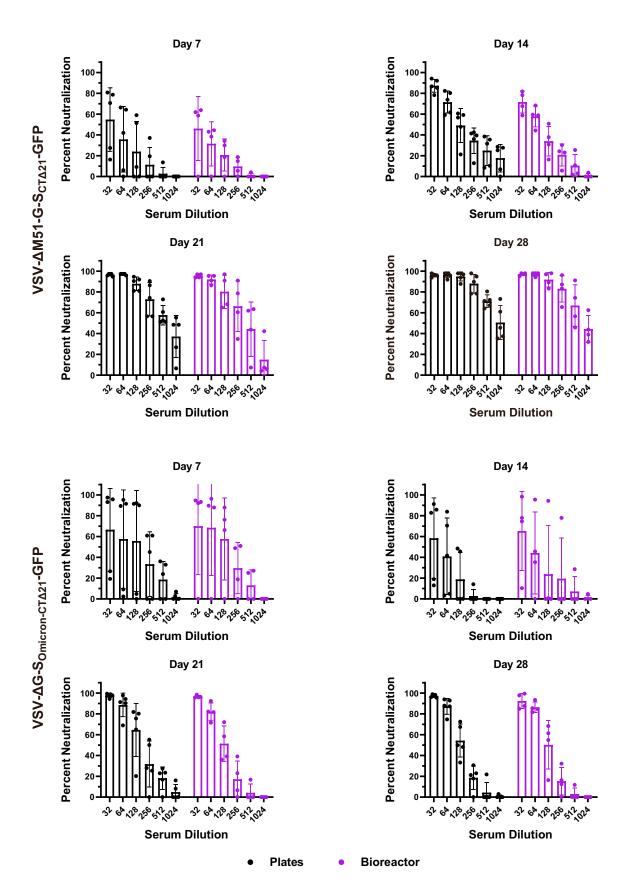


Figure S4: Neutralization against ancestral SARS-CoV-2 pseudovirus measured in serum harvested from hamsters. Hamsters were vaccinated with a single intranasal (IN) injection of 1×10^3 pfu VSV- Δ G-S_{CT Δ 21} of plate- or bioreactor-based virus. Serum neutralizing antibody titers were monitored over 28 days by pseudovirus PRNT assay using either VSV- Δ M51- Δ G-S_{CT Δ 21}-GFP or VSV- Δ G-S_{Omicron-CT Δ 21}-GFP *in vitro*. Mean \pm SD is shown, n=4.

Table S1: Comparison of plate-based and bioreactor-based Vero growth and VSV- Δ G-S_{CT Δ 21} and VSV- Δ G-S_{Omicron-CT Δ 21}-GFP production. *Determined using the peak virus titers in the culture medium at 24 or 48 hpi for plates and 72 hpi for both bioreactor sizes. **n=1 for 1 L.

	1 145 cm ²	125 mL	1 L Bioreactor
	Plate	Bioreactor	
Available growth area (cm ²)	145	2 200	26 400
Mean cells per cm ²	1.00 <u>+</u> 0. 64	2.98 ± 0.47	1.49 <u>+</u> 0.16
	×10 ⁵	×10 ⁵	×10 ⁵
Mean total cells grown	1.45 ± 0.93	6.55 ± 1.02	3.95 ± 0.42
	×10 ⁷	×10 ⁸	×10 ⁹
Mean peak* virus yield for VSV-ΔG-S _{CTΔ21}	7.02 ± 0.05	5.88 <u>+</u> 2.59	2.05 ± 0.58
(pfu/mL)	×10 ⁶	×10 ⁷	×10 ⁸
Mean peak* cell-specific virus yield for	9.68 + 4.46	8.57 + 2.60	45.77 + 12.2
VSV-ΔG-S _{CTΔ21} (pfu/cell)			
Mean peak* virus yield for VSV-ΔG-	1.09 ± 0.02	5.58 ± 0.35	5.50 ×10 ^{6**}
S _{Omicron-CTΔ21} (pfu/mL)	×10 ⁶	×10 ⁶	
Mean peak* cell-specific virus yield for	3.70 ± 0.07	1.12 ± 0.06	1.82**
VSV-ΔG-S _{Omicron-CTΔ21} (pfu/cell)			
Number of plates/runs that would produce	272 plates	6 runs	1 run
an equivalent number of mean total cells			
Number of plates/runs that would produce	1284 plates	32 runs	1 run
an equivalent number of mean total pfu of			
VSV-ΔG-S _{CTΔ21}			

Table S2: Cost considerations for plate-based and bioreactor-based Vero growth and VSV- $\Delta G\text{-}S_{CT\Delta21}$ production.

	1 145 cm ²	125 mL	1 L Bioreactor
	Plate	Bioreactor	
Fixed costs (USD)	\$20.12	\$31.70	\$54.63
Variable costs (USD)	\$31.62	\$143.83	\$965.36
Cost per million pfu (USD)	\$0.37 ± \$0.00	\$0.03 ± \$0.02	<\$0.01 <u>+</u>
			\$0.00