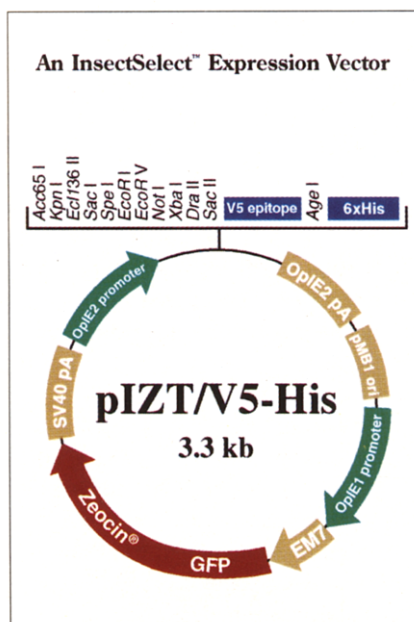


# Product News

## Insect cell expression



The new **InsectSelect™ System**, from **Invitrogen**, allows users to stably produce recombinant proteins, in any insect line, in less time and with less effort than is required by baculovirus expression systems. That is because the InsectSelect™ is a virus-free system that allows you to create stable cell lines that continuously produce high-quality protein. With InsectSelect™, cell lysis is completely eliminated reducing the level of protein-degrading proteases and thereby improving the quality of recombinant protein. What's more, secretory pathways normally shut down during cell lysis remain fully functional allowing improved post-translation modification.

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## In Brief

### STN on the Web

**STN International**, an online service for scientific and technical information, has announced the launch of **STN on the Web**, a new Internet service offering browser access to 400 million database documents of evaluated scientific and technical information. STN on the Web combines the full functionality and the entire database offering of STN International, with the convenience of the web. Using the new service, searchers can access the complete portfolio of 210 STN databases, and utilise all the commands of STN's powerful retrieval system, STN Messenger, all through a standard browser. Circle number 4 on reader response card.

### HPLC diode array detectors

A new line of HPLC diode array detectors, for detection in the UV and UV-Vis range, have been introduced by **Bio-Tek Instruments**. The **DAD 540+** and **DAD 545** feature PeakMax™ fibre optics technology, a Bio-Tek breakthrough. Fibre optics has been proven to be the most efficient way to transfer the energy emitted by the lamps to the flow cell and from the cell to the polychromator. Light is picked up in the region where the energy density is highest. The small image of the source is then focused in three types of high-efficiency flow cells and modulated onto the array of diodes. The results are outstanding in both chromatography and spectroscopy. Circle number 5 on reader response card.

### Easy access to drug information Derwent Information and Ovid

**Technologies Inc.** have announced the launch of the **Derwent Drug File** via Ovid software. This definitive source of information on drug development is now even easier to use with all the advantages of Ovid's highly intuitive search and retrieval software. Containing over 1.6 million references dating back to 1964 from pharmaceutical journals worldwide, the Derwent Drug File brings together a wealth of biological and chemical drug research information covering all aspects of drug development, synthesis, evaluation, manufacture and use. Circle number 6 on reader response card.

### Image analysis software

**SPSS Science** has just released the new version 5.0 of **SigmaScan Pro**, the automated image analysis software used by scientists, engineers and technicians. The latest release combines a new Visual Basic-based macro language with expanded image analysis and data manipulation techniques, offering users a complete tool to measure and analyze their scientific images. Circle number 7 on reader response card.

## Industrial microplate handling



Over the years **Oyster Bay Pump Works** have become the leading manufacturer of equipment for professional plate coating systems to the diagnostics industry all over the world. The majority of the systems are custom made to meet individual requirements. Their product range covers dispensers, plate coating and washing systems which can process 250 to 1500 plates per hour. With an Oyster Bay System you can be assured of excellent performance and reliability. In the UK, Oyster Bay is represented by **Zinsser Analytic**. They have already successfully installed many systems in the UK, Germany and Switzerland. Circle number 2 on reader response card.

## Lambda spectrometer systems



The Analytical Instruments Division of **Perkin Elmer** have launched the **Lambda EZ201™** and the **Lambda EZ210™** ultraviolet/visible (UV/Vis) spectrometer systems. Both systems are cost-effective, space-saving spectrometers that provide high quality double-beam performance and reliable operation. The systems share a common optical and electronic design; the difference between the two is the user interface. The EZ201 has a built-in graphical display while the EZ210 is controlled exclusively with a PC and Perkin Elmer's PESSW™ software. The Lambda EZ201 spectrometer also works with Nucleotide and Protein Application cards. Circle number 3 on reader response card.