

immobilization (in biotechnology)

The technique used for the physical or chemical fixation of cells, *organelles*, *enzymes*, or other proteins (e.g. *monoclonal antibodies*) onto a solid support, into a solid matrix or retained by a membrane, in order to increase their stability and make possible their repeated or continued use. The principle is also used for *affinity chromatography*.

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