air-lift bioreactor

A bioreactor in which the reaction medium is kept mixed and gassed by introduction of air or another gas (mixture) at the base of a column-like reactor equipped either with a draught tube or another device (e.g. external tube) by which the reactor volume is separated into a gassed and an ungassed region thus generating a vertically circulating flow.

Source:

PAC, 1992, 64, 143 (Glossary for chemists of terms used in biotechnology (IUPAC Recommendations 1992)) on page 146