

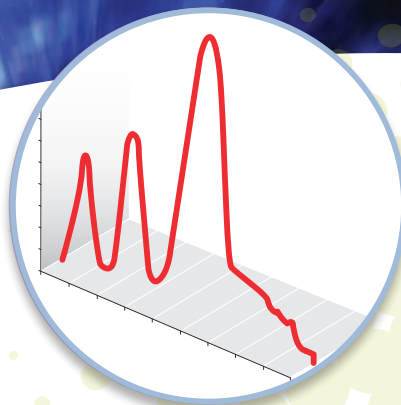
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## Aggregation

Antibodies are becoming increasingly important in the development and manufacture of drugs globally. During the manufacturing process, antibodies and other proteins can form aggregates – these occur when several structures join together to form larger, higher order structures. This can impact the efficacy of a drug, which ultimately can lead to severe side-effects for the consumer. Biopharmaceutical companies therefore have a requirement to accurately measure this aggregation to ensure that levels are minimized.

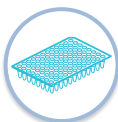
### Recommended Column

**Thermo Scientific™ MAbPac™ SEC-1 5  $\mu$ m,  
7.8 x 300 mm column**

**Product code: 088460**

- Features a proprietary hydrophilic bonded layer, designed to minimize the interactions between the biomolecules of interest and the stationary phase
- Provide accurate quantification of aggregation level within the drug
- Confirmation of drug safety within regulatory requirements

### Sample Preparation



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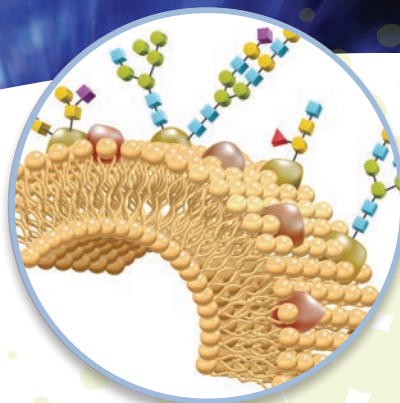
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## Glycosylation

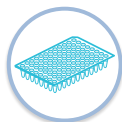
The majority of biotherapeutic proteins contain glycans. Glycans are sugars which are attached to the biotherapeutic compound i.e. they are glycosylated. Glycans are crucial for the function of the proteins and any changes or alterations, however small, can impact the performance and efficacy of the biotherapeutic. Regulatory bodies therefore mandate that full glycosylation characterization is carried out to determine the full pattern and confirm that the protein works as expected. As glycans can exist in both a released form and attached to the protein, multiple, complex measurements can be required.

### Recommended Column

**Thermo Scientific™ GlycanPac™ AXH-1**  
**1.9  $\mu$ m, 2.1 x 150 mm column**  
**Product code: 082472**

- Full glycosylation pattern as mandated by regulatory bodies
- Comprehensive Glycan profiling to confirm effectiveness of the biotherapeutic
- Complete characterization of both attached and released glycans by fluorescence and MS detection

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## Charge Variants

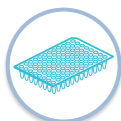
Biotherapeutic proteins consist of amino acids that can be either weakly acid or weakly basic. Proteins of this size and complexity, such as monoclonal antibodies, are far more heterogeneous than small-molecule drugs. The presence of the charged state can significantly impact the structure, stability, binding affinity and efficacy of the biotherapeutic drug. It is therefore necessary to understand the profile of the drug so that charge variants are identified and removed if necessary. Using this method, a wide range of antibodies can be targeted quickly and easily for determination of charge states.

### Recommended Column

**Thermo Scientific™ MABPac™ SCX-10**  
**10  $\mu$ m, 4.0  $\times$  250 mm column**  
**Product code: 074625**

- Characterization of charge variants, which can impact structure, stability, binding affinity and efficacy of biotherapeutics
- Comprehensive determination and quantification of compounds using sub-5 minute analysis times
- Used in conjunction with Thermo Scientific™ pH Gradient Buffers

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MABPac SCX-10 Columns

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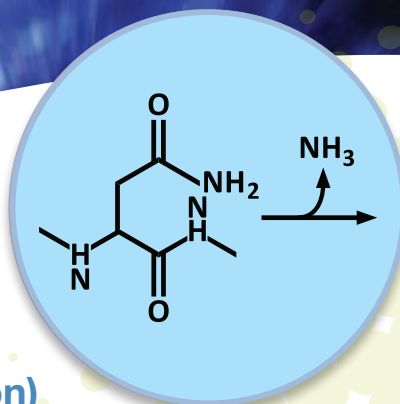
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## Chemical Modification (deamidation and oxidation)

During the biotherapeutic protein production process, a large number of chemical and/or structural changes can occur. Two of the most common modifications are:

- Deamidation – damage of amide-containing side chains of amino acids such as asparagine and glutamine
- Methionine oxidation – which deactivates some protein activities

These chemical changes can reduce or even negate the effect of the protein. During protein characterization, confirmation of these modifications is required.

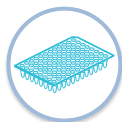
### Recommended Column

**Thermo Scientific™ MABPac™ HIC-20 5 µm,  
4.6 × 100 mm column**

**Product code: 088553**

- Identification of unwanted chemical modifications, resultant of the protein production process; these modifications can affect the efficacy of the biotherapeutic protein
- Separation of mAb fragments from oxidized and damaged compounds

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## Titer (Affinity)

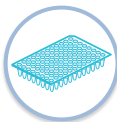
Affinity chromatography is based on the biospecific interaction between a biomolecule and its ligand. This interaction is reversible and therefore specific compounds can be isolated from complex matrices such as cell culture used for mAb production. By doing this, the concentration, or titer, of a biotherapeutic protein during the manufacturing process can be determined. Affinity titer is an extremely important technique in the biopharmaceutical industry as it is used during several stages of the biotechnological protein production process.

### Recommended Column

**Thermo Scientific™ MABPac™ Protein A**  
**12  $\mu$ m, 4.0  $\times$  35 mm column**  
**Product code: 082539**

- Full titer analysis in less than 2 minutes
- Linearity over a sample concentration range of 0.025 to 5mg/mL

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MABPac Protein A Columns

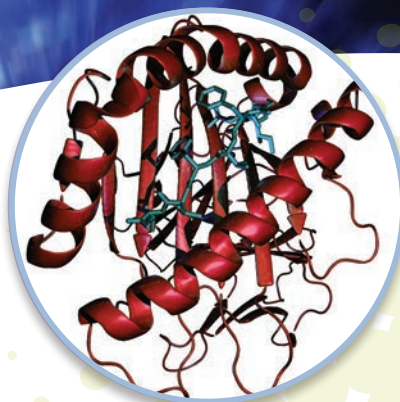
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## Peptide Mapping

Biotherapeutic proteins, like all proteins, can be digested into a number of smaller fragments called peptides. Mapping these peptides via peptide mapping is a commonly used identity test for proteins. Peptide mapping is used to verify the identity of the therapeutic protein and to monitor its structural integrity and or the presence of modifications. In conjunction with mass spectrometry, a full structural survey of the peptides and their modifications can be created which will reveal more about the protein than intact characterization. Peptide digestion can be made significantly easier using Thermo Scientific™ SMART Digest™ Kits.

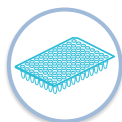
### Recommended Column

**Thermo Scientific™ Acclaim™ RSLC 120 C18**  
2.2  $\mu\text{m}$ , 2.1  $\times$  250 mm column  
Product code: 074812

**Thermo Scientific™ Acclaim™ RSLC 100 C18**  
75  $\mu\text{m}$   $\times$  500 mm column  
Product code: 164540

- Comprehensive separation and identification of peptide fragments
- Confirmation of the structural integrity of the therapeutic protein through identification of any modifications
- Reveals more information about the protein than intact characterization

### Sample Preparation



SMART Digest Kits™ for rapid and reproducible digestion, SOLAu SPE Plates for increased sensitivity

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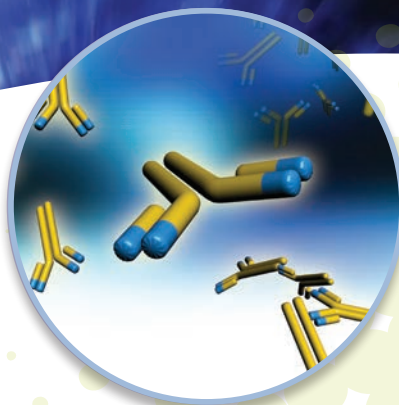
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## Intact Mass

A significant amount of information about a protein can be determined using peptide mapping. However, additional information can also be found through characterization of the whole protein (or light and heavy chain fragments). Accurate mass and, to some degree, the heterogeneity of the protein can be determined. Intact mass is also an important step after manufacture, to ensure the stability of the biotherapeutic drug after storage. Intact mass characterization is sometimes referred to as “top down” for the proteins and is challenging compared to peptide mapping, due to the large mass and complex nature of the samples.

### Recommended Column

**Thermo Scientific™ MABPac™ RP 4  $\mu$ m,  
2.1  $\times$  50 mm column**

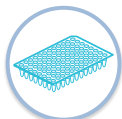
**Product code: 088648**

**Thermo Scientific™ ProSwift™ RP-5H  
100  $\mu$ m  $\times$  500 mm column**

**Product code: 164928**

- Simplified process for the characterization of large and complex protein samples
- Reveals information not determined during peptide mapping, such as accurate mass and heterogeneity of protein
- Confirms stability of biotherapeutic drug after manufacturing

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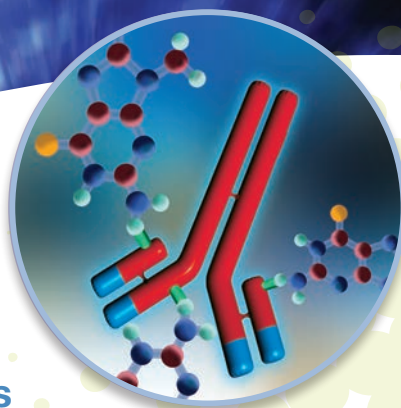
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## Antibody Drug Conjugates

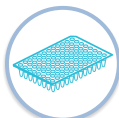
Antibody Drug Conjugates (ADCs) are a new and exciting class of drugs designed for the targeted treatment of certain cancers. They consist of a monoclonal antibody with a synthetic small molecule drug or drugs joined (conjugated) to them. Combining the capabilities of the monoclonal antibody with a cancer-killing drug allows sensitive discrimination between healthy and diseased cells. Development of these biotherapeutics is even harder than with monoclonal antibodies due to the potency of the attached drug, sometimes called the “payload” or “warhead”. In addition to the analysis carried out on standard antibodies, further characterization is needed to determine how much of the drug is attached to the antibody. This is known as Drug to Antibody Ratio (DAR).

### Recommended Column

**Thermo Scientific™ MABPac™ HIC-Butyl  
5µm, 4.6 × 100 mm column**  
Product code: 088558

- Antibody drug conjugates (ADC) require extended characterization to determine the amount of drug attached to monoclonal antibody due to potency of attached drug
- Confirmation of Drug to Antibody Ratio (DAR) for ADC
- Stable at wide pH range 2-12

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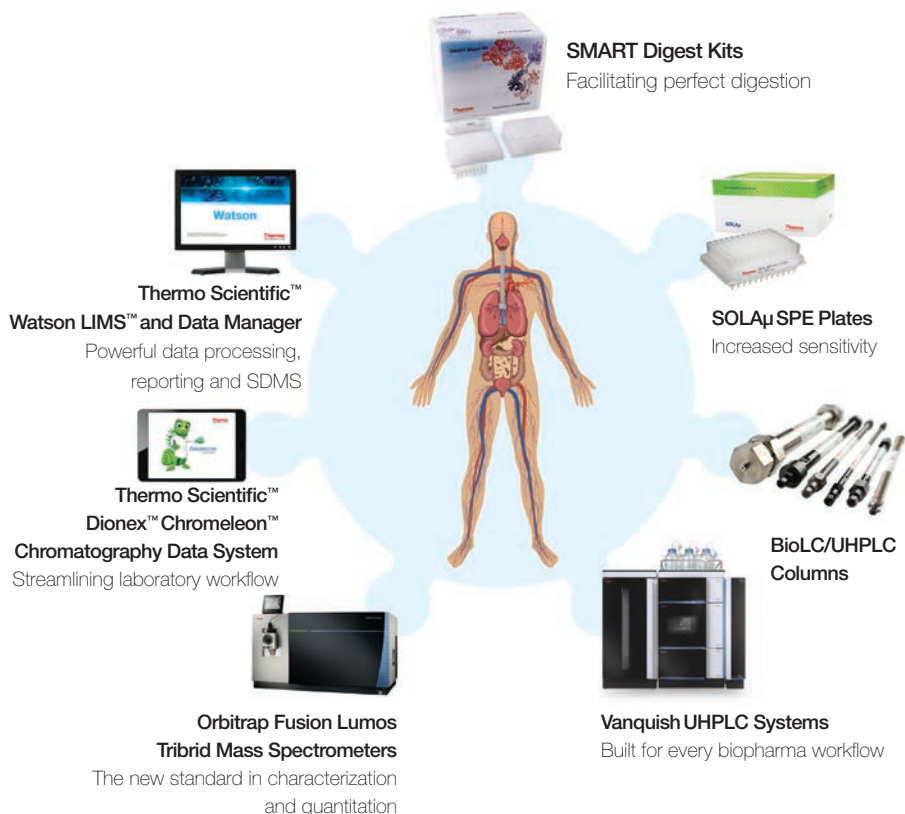
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