Keep Your CQA Analysis Biocompatible from Start to Finish

PEEK-lined columns and bio-inert supplies to complement the Agilent 1290 Infinity II Bio LC system
Biotherapeutic proteins are highly complex molecules, which typically are produced by fermentation using recombinant methodologies. This production process, however, results in the generation of many different variants of these proteins. Ensuring the quality of such materials is paramount. This means confirming the product is correctly manufactured, any impurities are identified and quantified, and the potency of the protein is determined.

As a result, it is necessary to perform tests on the intact, non-denatured molecule. Something as large as a monoclonal antibody may contain more than 1,300 individual amino acids and have a mass of more than 145,000 Daltons. However, identifying a single minor impurity, such as deamidation of asparagine resulting in a mass difference of just one Dalton, is challenging. Only by breaking down the molecule into fragments, and then into smaller polypeptide chains through enzymatic treatment, is it possible to begin to pinpoint some of these subtle differences.

Many types of variants can be created and these are often referred to as post-translational modifications (PTMs), which arise after the protein has been expressed, and can be a consequence of the manufacturing conditions or exposure to conditions that cause changes to occur. Fluctuations in temperature, pH, concentration, or exposure to enzymes can all lead to the development of variants.

The Agilent 1290 Infinity II Bio LC system—together with PEEK-lined, bio-inert Agilent AdvanceBio columns and standards—can help you characterize PTMs and other critical quality attributes (CQAs). For molecules that are susceptible to metal-induced artifacts, we have also designed a biocompatible flow path. Importantly, this includes PEEK-lined columns, because columns are the single largest contributor of metal to the flow path.

Confidently Measure the Efficacy and Stability of Your Therapeutic Proteins with Agilent Consumables and InfinityLab Instruments
Agilent AdvanceBio LC columns

Be Agilent Sure in Your CQA Monitoring

Agilent AdvanceBio LC columns are designed and produced to provide results you can be sure of when analyzing highly complex biotherapeutic molecules and monitoring their purity, potency, and other critical quality attributes.

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Key

- Stainless steel (SS) column hardware
- Solid PEEK or PEEK-lined bio-inert column hardware

Learn more at [www.agilent.com/chem/advancebio](http://www.agilent.com/chem/advancebio)
Meet Your Most Complex Biopharma Challenges

Agilent offers robust, reliable solutions for analyzing purity, potency, and other critical quality attributes (CQAs). For molecules that are susceptible to metal-induced artifacts, we also have designed a biocompatible flow path from start to finish.

**Biocompatible valve automation**
InfinityLab Quick Change valves enable sample enrichment and cleanup, automated column regeneration, and enhanced system flushing.

**Built-in sampling versatility**
The 1290 Infinity II Bio multisampler allows for adaptable injection volumes, thermostating of temperature-sensitive bio-analytes, and ultralow carryover.

**Multiple detection options**
Choose from several optical detection capabilities with varying flow cells, including variable wavelength, diode array and fluorescence detectors, and the bio-MDS system.

**Versatile column handling**
The 1290 Infinity II MCT, featuring the Thermal Equilibration Device, gives high-temperature stability for the most challenging applications. Various bio-inert heat exchangers, Quick Change and Quick Connect capillaries, fittings, and kits are also available.

**Reliable solvent delivery**
Built for robustness under high-salt or high/low-pH conditions, the 1290 Infinity II Bio high-speed pump maintains precise flow rates at pressures up to 1300 bar. It is ideal for applications, such as long, shallow gradients or high throughput.

See ordering information.
AdvanceBio SEC 1.9 µm columns
The best choice for SEC/MS applications

These PEEK-lined columns alleviate interactions with stainless steel surfaces, which can lead to additional aggregation. They feature a narrow 2.1 mm internal diameter for operating flow rates of just 0.05 to 0.10 mL/min, and are ideal for sensitive, native-mode protein analysis. What’s more, their inert hydrophilic coating allows you to use volatile mobile phases in lower concentrations while minimizing nonspecific interactions.

Because most stainless steel columns have exposed active metal sites, they require priming with biologic samples in order to obtain an acceptable level of reproducibility. PEEK-lined stainless steel columns have no active metal sites, which reduces the need for column priming—and saves you time and sample. You can also use AdvanceBio SEC standards to check these columns for quality, just as you would with stainless steel SEC columns.

**PEEK-lined SEC/MS analysis of myoglobin—deconvoluted**

Size exclusion chromatography of myoglobin under denaturing conditions (using formic acid as ion pair reagent) in aqueous acetonitrile on an Agilent 6545XT AdvanceBio LC/Q-TOF system. Under denaturing conditions, the deconvoluted mass corresponds to apo-myoglobin, where the heme group is no longer present. But under native mode conditions, the deconvoluted mass corresponds with the holo-myoglobin (heme group still intact), with only a small proportion of apo-myoglobin present.

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Agilent PLRP-S 1000 Å 5 µm columns

Excellent inertness for intact protein analysis

PLRP-S media is an industry leader for intact protein analysis. Available in a wide pore size for excellent mass transfer, the inert PLRP-S 1000 Å polystyrene-divinylbenzene stationary phase ensures excellent protein recovery with minimal carryover. Its polymer base confers inherent hydrophobicity for reverse-phase separations using MS-compatible ion pair reagents like formic acid. Plus, the absence of residual silanol groups allows for excellent peak shape. In addition, the column’s PEEK-lined hardware minimizes the risk of artifacts—such as oxidation and peak tailing—due to secondary metal interactions.

Analytical success depends upon the quality of your reference material

Agilent standards are rigorously tested and manufactured using ISO certifications—including ISO 17025 and 17034. So you can calibrate with confidence and maximize accuracy. Learn more about Agilent NiSTmAb
**AdvanceBio 2.7 µm EC-C18 columns**

**Designed for biocompatible (U)HPLC instrumentation**

Our fully end-capped C18 silica stationary phase features excellent retention characteristics for a wide range of peptides typically found in a digested protein. What’s more, their superficially porous Poroshell particles offer high performance without exceptional operating pressures. We recommend EC-C18 columns for applications where stainless steel columns might interact with components like phosphorylated peptides—or increase on-column oxidation of susceptible amino acids like methionine.

**Ten peptide standard (5190-0583)**

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<th>3–47% ACN (0.1% FA), 2–46 min, 0.4 mL/min; 55 °C; UV, 220 nm</th>
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For intact analysis, PEEK-lined stainless steel columns can provide significant improvements in symmetry by reducing peak tailing due to secondary metal interactions while retaining similar elution profiles and retention times.

**To improve peak width and capacity, use an ultralow dispersion kit**

Ultralow dispersion kits allow for the least possible on-column dispersion for UHPLC methods by use of optimized tubing components. Here, the 0.07 mm ID tubing produces a much sharper peak than the 0.17 mm ID tubing. This is especially important for SEC, where low flow rates contribute to increased dispersion.

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Is your flow path biocompatible?
Removing stainless steel from your flow path allows for increased recovery, improved peak shape, and higher sensitivity

As illustrated here, stainless steel column hardware (bottom) is the largest barrier to overcoming poor recoveries. PEEK-lined columns (top) maximize recovery and sensitivity while dramatically improving peak shape.

HILIC-DAD chromatograms of adenosine (A), AMP, ADP, and ATP on a stainless steel and PEEK-lined InfinityLab Poroshell 120 HILIC-Z column installed on a 1260 Infinity II bio-inert LC and 1260 Infinity II LC.

Improved recoveries of challenging phosphorylated analytes
This application was performed using InfinityLab Poroshell 120 HILIC-Z columns—both SS and PEEK-lined SS. Superficially porous particle technology is a great way to save time and solvent while increasing throughput and recovery.

Want to know more? Read the complete application note:
HPLC-DAD Analysis of Nucleotides Using a Fully Inert Flow Path

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You can always count on Agilent to support your entire workflow—including sample preparation, columns, supplies, standards, and instruments. To add items to your shopping cart at the Agilent online store, simply click the part number links. Then, enter the quantities for the products you need.

Agilent columns

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Agilent-NISTmAb and SEC standards

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AdvanceBio Gly-X N-glycan prep with InstantPC kits (formerly ProZyme)

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Download our glycan standards chart, which includes structures.
### InfinityLab Quick Connect bio-inert capillaries and supplies

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The Gly-X N-glycan rapid release and labeling with InstantPC kit uses an in-solution enzymatic protein deglycosylation, followed by rapid labeling of released N-glycans with InstantPC dye. After a simple clean-up step, the glycan samples are ready for analysis by UHPLC, LC/MS, MS/MS, and other methods. Learn more about AdvanceBio Gly-X technology.
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