

Microfluidic Modulation Spectroscopy of a Biotherapeutic at Low to High Concentrations without Interference from Formulation Excipients

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Presentation Outline

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- Current State Protein Characterization & Needs
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RedShift BioAnalytics, Inc.

- REDSHIFTbio[™]: Massachusetts based company backed by two of the largest life science instrumentation companies.
- MMS: Inventor of Microfluidic Modulation Spectroscopy, a powerful new technology for characterizing analytes in fluids.
- Protein Analytics. AQS³ delta analytical software for both automated and scientific hands-on analysis.
- Instrumentation: Innovative instruments for better characterization and monitoring of therapeutic proteins in development, manufacturing and release.



Limitations of Today's Tools



Narrow concentration ranges

Limited sensitivity for detecting change

Limited characterization per platform

Complex workflows

DSC - Differential Scanning Calorimetry, CD – Circular Dichroism, HPLC-SEC - High Performance Liquid Chromatography-Size Exclusion Chromatography, UV– Ultraviolet



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The Missing Pillar in Automated Protein Characterization



Currently is no acceptable secondary structure solution.



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Infrared Protein Characterization (Secondary Structure)

- Infrared (IR) spectroscopy directly probes the protein backbone hydrogen bonding indicating the local structure
- Long recognized as an extremely powerful tool for protein analysis
- Unable to be exploited due the current state of infrared measurement technology (e.g. FTIR)





Alpha helix

Beta sheet



Microfluidic Modulation Spectroscopy (MMS)



Automatic and continuous background referencing significantly improves sensitivity REDSHIFT bio

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AQS³pro With AQS³delta Software

- \checkmark 5 key measurements in a single analysis.
- ✓ 30X improvement in sensitivity.
- ✓ Widest concentration of any structural analysis platform, from 0.1mg/mL to > 200 mg/mL.
- ✓ Integrated multi-sample capability for up to 20X savings in direct labor.
- ✓ Automated protein analytics fulfilling the needs of both the operator <u>and</u> the scientist.





AQS³delta Software Analytics Process





AQS³delta Software Analytics Process (con't)



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AQS³pro Workflow



Step 1 - Load water, buffer and samples

Step 3

Press Start. No worries about references, drift or background interferences

Step 4 - Walk away





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Secondary Structure Pillar in <u>Automated</u> Protein Characterization



High performance & automation enables cost effective secondary structure analysis. REDSHIFT bio

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Case Study: Resolving structural impurities

Objective

Insights into the detectability of misfolded species (using BSA spiked into IgG1 at various percentages).

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Proteins representing \beta-sheet and \alpha-helix





Crystal structure of a neutralizing human IGG against HIV-1: a template for vaccine design. Saphire EO, Parren PW, Pantophlet R, Zwick MB, Morris GM, Rudd PM, Dwek RA, Stanfield RL, Burton DR, Wilson IAScience 293 1155-9 (2001). (pdb: 1HZH). Structure content from: http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/P01857#structure



Secondary Structure	Percent
β-strand	3.9
α-helix	94.3
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Structures of bovine, equine and leporine serum albumin. Bujacz A Acta Crystallogr. D Biol. Crystallogr. 68 1278-89 (2012) PMID: 22993082 (pdb: 4F5S). Structure content from: http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/P02769#structure REDSHIFTbio



HOS Study of IgG Spiked with Different Amounts of BSA





Detectability of Different Measurement Techniques



MMS 30X more sensitive than FTIR MMS 5X more sensitive than CD @ 1mg/ml



Case Study: IgG1 - impact of dilution in a buffer

Objective

Study the impact of differing concentrations and buffers on analysis.

Determine linearity of response and reproducibility

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IgG1 – Reproducibility And Linearity: 1 to 150mg/ml

Formulation buffer: 10 mM histidine, 245 mM trehalose, 10 mM methionine, 0.05% polysorbate-20, pH 5.2







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IgG1 – No Impact of Dilution With Buffer On The Structure





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<u>See</u> change

IgG1 – Area of Overlap And Similarity Comparison



Sample concentration	Similarity (%) of replicates		Mean±SD
1 mg/mL	98.74	98.22	98.48±0.37
*5 mg/mL	99.84	99.84	99.84±0.00
10 mg/mL	99.71	99.75	99.73±0.03
20 mg/mL	99.71	99.69	99.70±0.01
50 mg/mL	99.65	99.66	99.66±0.01
100 mg/mL	99.60	99.60	99.60±0.00
150 mg/mL	99.18		99.18

Samples show > 98% similarity



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Comparison of Samples in Formulation buffer with Samples in PBS Buffer

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Materials and Methods

A mAb sample at 157 mg/mL, a formulation buffer and a pH7.4 PBS buffer were supplied by Celldex. The mAb stock was diluted in the formulation buffer or the PBS buffer to make dilution series as shown in the following table.

Sample conc. (mg/mL)	157mg/mL sample stock (uL)	Formulation Buffer or PBS Buffer (uL)	Replicates
1	10	1560	2
5	45	1370	2
10	90	1320	2
20	170	1170	2
40	340	1000	2
80	690	660	1

A RedShiftBio AQS³pro was used to collect the differential absorbance spectra. Samples at concentrations of 1-40 mg/mL were tested at a modulation rate of 1 Hz and a back pressure of 5 psi in both buffers. While sample at 80mg/mL in the formulation buffer was tested at 1 Hz and 25 psi and sample at 80 mg/mL diluted in the PBS buffer was tested at 1 Hz and 10 psi due to the increase viscosity of the samples. One replicate measurement was done for samples at 80 mg/mL in both buffers. All the data was analyzed using AQS³ delta.

Absolute Absorbance (absAU) and Second Derivative Spectra



The absAU spectra and the second derivative spectra of all the samples in both formulation buffer and PBS buffer are closely matched each other indicating very similar secondary structure profiles among samples in both buffers.



The Similarity Comparison

Samples	Conc. (mg/mL)	Similarity (%)
In formulation buffer	1	98.45
	5*	100
	10	99.72
	20	99.65
	40	99.62
	80	99.55
In PBS buffer	1	99.21
	5	99.40
	10	99.48
	20	99.48
	40	99.48
	80	99.52

Similarity data of samples in the PBS buffer

*The similarity (%) data was obtained by comparing the mean Area of Overlap (AO) to that of 5 mg/mL sample in the formulation buffer

When compared to the mean AO of 5mg/mL sample in the formulation buffer the structure of the sample in both buffers are highly comparable, > 98%.



HOS Analysis Results



HOS analysis shows consistent result that all the samples in both buffers are very similar in secondary structure.



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Conclusions

>MMS enables quantitative analysis of monoclonal antibodies and other protein biologics over a wide concentration range with high reproducibility and accuracy

> MMS analysis does not require dilution of concentrated samples for analysis and there was no interference from the optically active formulation buffer components

➢ With these key features MMS is a very versatile technology for direct, label free, characterization of proteins through all phases of biologic drug development from discovery through formulation and manufacturing.



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Microfluidic Modulation Spectroscopy (MMS) - a novel automated infrared (IR) spectroscopic tool for secondary structure analysis of biopharmaceuticals with high sensitivity and repeatability

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