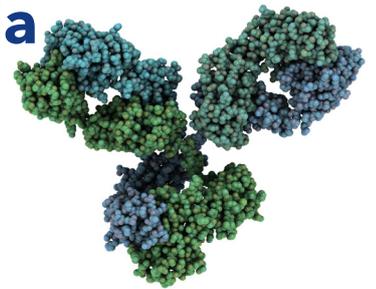


Comparison of IgG purification with two different protein A media



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SUMMARY

The purification of antibodies is generally performed with protein A column materials. Two prepacked protein A columns from two different suppliers were compared in their ability to purify immunoglobulin antibodies (IgG) from human plasma. Capacity and yield were compared and revealed no significant differences in the performances of the two investigated columns.

INTRODUCTION

Today, the most widely used affinity chromatography purification procedure in industry is the capture of antibodies using protein A ligand. Affinity chromatography is used to isolate and enrich proteins or nucleic acids from complicated mixtures like human plasma. The principle is based on biospecific interactions between two reaction partners. The column matrix contains a covalently bound ligand to which the substance of interest specifically binds. A certain

buffer is needed to elute the antibodies bound to the matrix. This type of chromatography is very efficient and delivers a highly clean protein. An AZURA® Bio purification system was used for comparison of two affinity materials. Here, an automated method to purify IgG from human plasma was used. Two protein A media were compared. The capacity of the columns to bind IgG was determined for both materials.



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RESULTS

The IgG were purified from 500 μ L human plasma by affinity chromatography using protein A columns. The eluted antibodies were then automatically collected with a fraction collector. The chromatogram of the whole purification process is divided in three steps (**Fig 1 A&B**). During the first step, the protein A column was equilibrated with buffer A followed by feed injection. The proteins that did not bind to the protein A columns went to waste and were visible as large flow through peak in step one. Thereafter, the column was washed with buffer A until no further peaks were detected. During step two, the antibodies

were eluted from the column with buffer B and collected in 1 mL fractions. In the last step, the protein A columns were equilibrated with the buffer A in preparation for the next sample injection. Three runs were performed for each column material. The amount of purified protein was with 6 mg IgG originating from 500 μ L human plasma are similar (**Tab 1**). Moreover, a SDS PAGE analysis was performed with the IgG samples to check the purity of the individual fractions. The protein bands of IgG heavy chains (HC) and IgG light chains (LC) are visible at 48 kDa and 25 kDa in the SDS-PAGE (**Fig A1**, suppl. material).

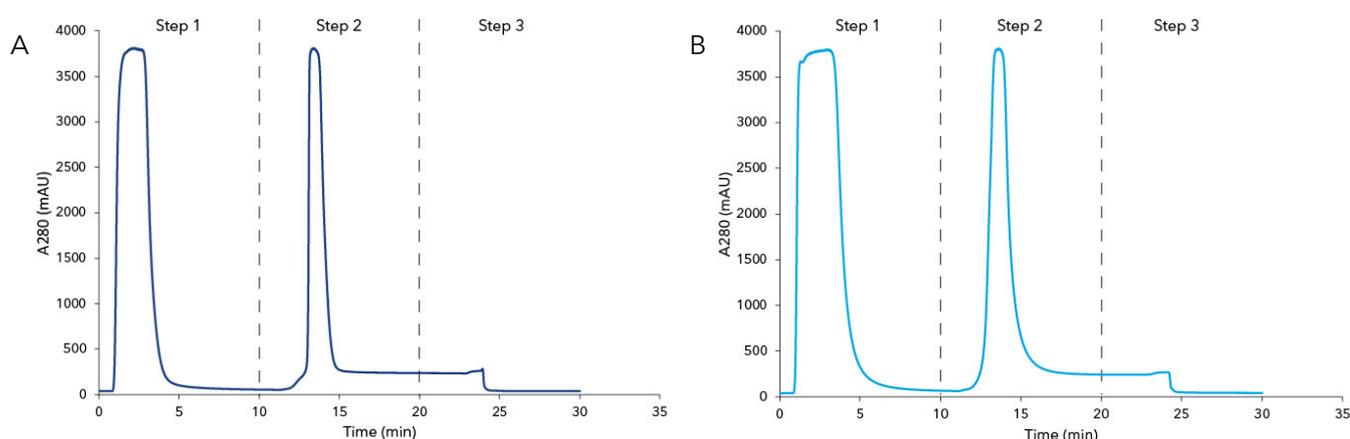


Fig. 1 Chromatogram of antibody purification with Protein A HP column from vendor x (A) and Sepapure Protein A FF (B) columns; Step 1: injection peak of human plasma and column washing; Step 2: elution peak of IgG from protein A column with buffer B; Step 3: column equilibration with buffer A

Tab. 1 Total and fraction concentrations of IgG purified with Sepapure Protein A FF or Protein A HP column from vendor x for three runs

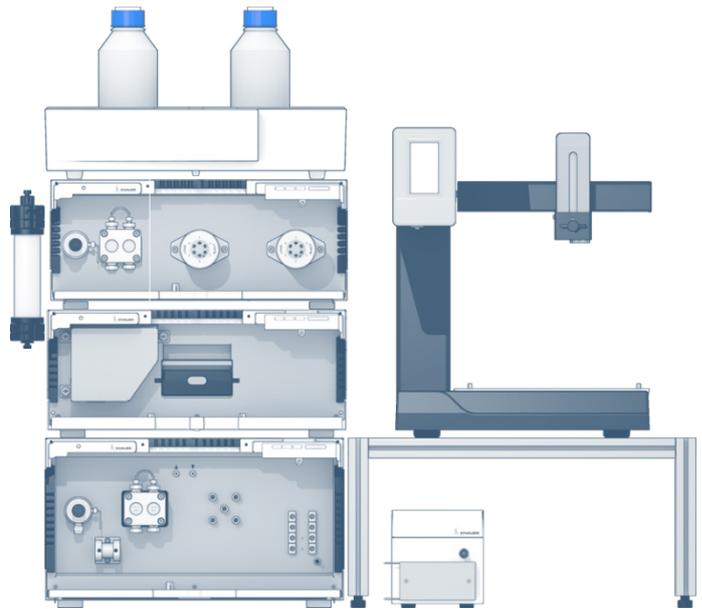
Run	Column	IgG concentration in fraction (mg/mL)	Fraction size (mL)	Total IgG amount in fractions (mg)
1	Sepapure Protein A FF	0.82	7	5.74
2	Sepapure Protein A FF	0.83	7	5.81
3	Sepapure Protein A FF	0.87	7	6.09
4	Protein A HP vendor x	0.95	6	5.70
5	Protein A HP vendor x	1.00	6	6.00
6	Protein A HP vendor x	1.04	6	6.24

MATERIALS AND METHODS

In this application an AZURA Bio purification system was used. It consisted of an AZURA P 6.1L LPG metal-free pump, AZURA ASM 2.1L assistant module with feed pump and two 6 port/3 channel injection valves, an AZURA DAD 2.1L diode array detector with 10 mm, 10 μ L flow cell cartridge; AZURA CM 2.1 conductivity monitor and a fraction collector.

The two 5 mL protein A columns were equilibrated with 20 mL buffer A (20 mM phosphate Buffer pH 7.0) at 2 mL/min. Then 500 μ L human plasma were injected and the column washed with 20 mL buffer A at 2 mL/min.

The antibodies were then eluted with 20 mL elution buffer B (0.1 M Glycin-HCL, pH 2.7) and collected with the fraction collector. The concentrations of the IgG fractions from each individual run were determined with a NANODROP 2000 [Tab 1](#)). The UV signal was measured at 280 nm and conductivity signal was recorded.



CONCLUSION

Human immunoglobulin antibodies (IgG) were successfully purified with both protein A materials via affinity chromatography with the AZURA Bio purification system. An average of 6 mg IgG was purified from 500 μ L of human plasma with both columns. When compared via SDS PAGE, in both cases eluted proteins are identical in purity. All in all, it can be concluded that the purification is quantitatively and qualitatively identical for both tested column materials.

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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS AND METHODS

Tab. A1 Method parameters

Buffer A	20 mM phosphate buffer pH 7.0		
Buffer B	100 mM Glycin - HCl pH 2.7		
Gradient	Time [min]	% A	% B
	0-10	100	0
	10-20	0	100
Flow rate	20-30	100	0
	2 mL/min	System pressure	0 bar
Column temperature	25°C	Run time	30 min
Injection volume	0.5 mL	Injection mode	Full loop
Detection wavelength	280 nm	Data rate	10 Hz

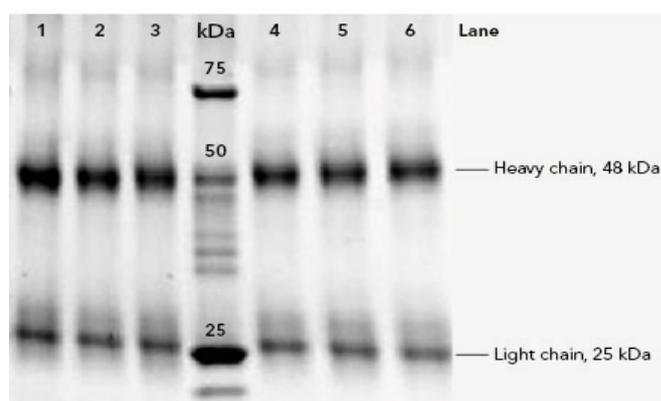


Fig. A1 SDS Page of the eluted IgG from human plasma; Lanes 1 - 3 IgG (4 µg) purified from three runs with the Sepapure Protein A FF column; Marker (10 µL) in kDa; Lanes 4-6 IgG (4 µg) purified from three runs with the vendor x column

Tab. A2 System configuration

Instrument	Description	Article No.
Pump	AZURA P 6.1L LPG, metal-free	APH64EB
Detector	AZURA DAD 2.1L	ADC01
Flow cell	10mm, 10µL, Ti, 300bar	AMC38
Assistant	AZURA ASM 2.1L Left: Pump with pressure sensor, 50 mL pump head, SSt Middle: 6 port 2 position injection valve, 1/16" connectors Right: 6 port 2 position injection valve, 1/16" connectors	AYBHECEC
Fraction collector	Foxy R1	A59100
Conductivity monitor	CM 2.1S	ADG30
Column 1	Protein A HP 5 mL from vendor x	-
Column 2	Sepapure Protein A FF, 5 mL Column	020X39FSPZ
Software	PurityChrom 3D Option	A2654

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