

REAL-TIME EXCIPIENT AND PROTEIN QUANTITATION FOR UF/DF PROCESS MONITORING

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SUMMARY

During the production of monoclonal antibodies (mAbs), it is crucial to implement a control strategy that ensures the product concentration remains within the normal operating range during ultrafiltration/diafiltration (UF/DF) such that the final protein and excipient concentrations meet the required specifications.

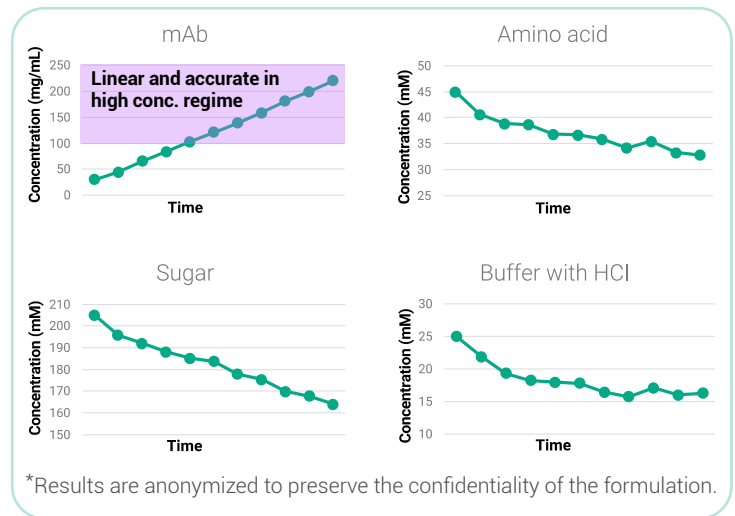
Here, we present the Nirrin NXT, an at-line analyzer leveraging an ultra-low noise, tunable near infrared laser offering wide dynamic range and sensitivity to proteins and excipients. The NXT can deliver accurate results in 30 seconds to scientists for real-time process monitoring using small sample volumes and no dilution. **The results obtained indicate the potential usage of the NXT for accurate UF/DF development and validation, especially for high concentration formulations**

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

Samples were acquired throughout UF/DF and analyzed directly on the Nirrin NXT prototype following the procedure below.

1. Pipette 15 μ L of deionized water on the sample pedestal and scan (background)
2. Clean with Kimwipe
3. Pipette 15 μ L of sample and scan (in seconds)
4. Select analytes for quantitation, run analysis, and obtain quantitative results

RESULTS*



CONCLUSIONS The Nirrin NXT demonstrated the ability to successfully measure all critical excipients and the **mAb product above 200 mg/mL without dilution** during a UF/DF process. All measurements were confirmed to be within $\pm 5\%$ accuracy by orthogonal methods (e.g., HPLC).