



RoboColumns®

RoboColumns are miniaturized chromatographic columns pre-packed with TOYOPEARL ion exchange, mixed-mode, hydrophobic interaction or affinity media. These columns are available in different volumes and can be operated with a robotic liquid handling system, such as the Freedom EVO° from TECAN. This approach allows automated highthroughput, small-scale biochromatographic separations of protein samples by running up to eight individual columns simultaneously. Liquid flow in the columns is driven by positive pressure liquid displacement, rather than by air pressure, thus mimicking the situation in columns individually connected to a conventional standalone chromatography system. RoboColumns are packed with TOYOPEARL media by Repligen GmbH, they are identical to the RoboColumns supplied by Repligen GmbH. A 96-well array plate is available to arrange the up to 96 RoboColumn units.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Miniaturized column format
- High throughput parallel chromatography
 - Automated screening of resins and parameters
 - Better understanding of the design space applications

RoboColumns can be used in a wide range of applications, including parallel resin screening, screening and optimization of separation conditions, scale-down experiments as well as high throughput sample preparation.

SCREENING

Parallel screening of chromatographic media as well as screening of conditions for binding, washing, and elution e.g. buffer pH, ionic strength, type of salt. When screening chromatographic conditions in order to optimize the separation and explore the design space the experimental set-up should simultaneously test many different conditions. Design of Experiments (DoE), a statistical approach used to define those factors having the greatest impact on the process, is a suitable tool to minimize the number of experiments needed.

OPTIMIZATION OF ANION EXCHANGE CONDITIONS

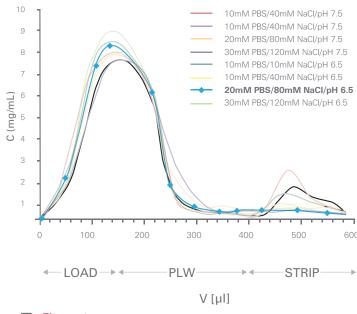


Figure 1

Elution profile of a protein A capture eluate on RoboColumns packed with Toyopearl SuperQ-650M at various conditions. Data kindly provided by T. Schröder, Repligen GmbH.

Figure 1 shows a screening experiment to optimize the chromatographic parameters for the intermediate flow-through anion exchange step in a purification platform for monoclonals. Protein binding of a Protein A capture eluate on RoboColumns packed with TOYOPEARL SuperQ-650M was analyzed by varying salt concentration and pH of loading and washing buffer. Best results were achieved using 20 mmol/L sodium phosphate, 80 mmol/L sodium chloride, pH 6.5.

SEPARATION

RoboColumns can be applied to perform small scale purifications/separations either isocratic or by applying a step gradient. Examples are small scale mAb purification using Protein A affinity for in-process monitoring of fermentation or sample preparation prior to subsequent analysis by MS, ELISA or CGE/SDS-Page.

RoboColumns are available in two formats with 200 µL (bed height of 10 mm) and 600 µL (bed height of 30 mm) resin volume, respectively. They are supplied in a row of eight units pre-packed with the same TOYOPEARL resin and sealed with two removable silicon cover seals for proper storage.

Ordering information

They can be individually arranged on a 96 position array plate. All chromatographic media used in the RoboColumns are also available in larger pre-packed SkillPak™ columns of 1 mL or 5 mL volume and as bulk resins for use at all scales.

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RoboColumn[®]

Part-no	Description	Volume (µL)	Particle size (µm)	Pore size (nm)
0045027	RoboColumn Sulfate-650F	200 x 8	75	100
0045028	RoboColumn Sulfate-650F	600 x 8	75	100
0045023	RoboColumn GigaCap S-650S	200 x 8	75	100
0045024	RoboColumn GigaCap S-650S	600 x 8	75	100
0045001	RoboColumn GigaCap S-650M	200 x 8	75	100
0045002	RoboColumn GigaCap S-650M	600 x 8	75	100
0045025	RoboColumn GigaCap Q-650S	200 x 8	75	100
0045026	RoboColumn GigaCap Q-650S	600 x 8	75	100
0045003	RoboColumn GigaCap Q-650M	200 x 8	75	100
0045004	RoboColumn GigaCap Q-650M	600 x 8	75	100
0045005	RoboColumn GigaCap CM-650M	200 x 8	75	100
0045006	RoboColumn GigaCap CM-650M	600 x 8	75	100
0045007	RoboColumn GigaCap DEAE-650M	200 x 8	75	100
0045008	RoboColumn GigaCap DEAE-650M	600 x 8	75	100
0045021	RoboColumn NH2-750F	200 x 8	75	100
0045022	RoboColumn NH ₂ -750F	600 x 8	75	100
0045051	RoboColumn MX-Trp-650M	200 x 8	75	100
0045052	RoboColumn MX-Trp-650M	600 x 8	75	100
0045053	RoboColumn Ca**Pure-HA	200 x 8	39	
0045054	RoboColumn Ca ⁺⁺ Pure-HA	600 x 8	39	
0045031	RoboColumn Phenyl-600M	200 x 8	65	75
0045032	RoboColumn Phenyl-600M	600 x 8	65	75
0045033	RoboColumn Butyl-600M	200 x 8	65	75
0045034	RoboColumn Butyl-600M	600 x 8	65	75
0045035	RoboColumn PPG-600M	200 x 8	65 65	75
0045036	RoboColumn PPG-600M	600 x 8	2 2 65 2 2	75
0045037	RoboColumn Phenyl-650M	200 x 8	rie de de de la company de la	100
0045038	RoboColumn Phenyl-650M	600 x 8	65 45 8	100
0045089	RoboColumn Butyl-650M	200 x 8	8 9 65 4 4 4	75
0045090	RoboColumn Butyl-650M	600 x 8	65	75
0045091	RoboColumn Hexyl-650C	200 x 8	100	100
0045092	RoboColumn Hexyl-650C	600 x 8	100	100
0045065	RoboColumn AF-rProtein L-650F	200 x 8	45	100
0045066	RoboColumn AF-rProtein L-650F	600 x 8	45	100
0045063	RoboColumn AF-rProtein A HC-650F	200 x 8	45	100
0045064	RoboColumn AF-rProtein A HC-650F	600 x 8	45	100
0045061	RoboColumn AF-rProtein A-650F	200 x 8	45	100
0045062	RoboColumn AF-rProtein A-650F	600 x 8	45	100
0045071	RoboColumn HW-40F	200 x 8	45	5
0045072	RoboColumn HW-40F	600 x 8	45	5
0045099	Array Plate			