



## TSKgel G3000SW<sub>XL</sub> COLUMNS FOR THE REPRODUCIBLE ANALYSIS OF mAbs AND PROTEINS

### INTRODUCTION

Gel Filtration Chromatography (GFC) is popular among biochemists for the analysis of proteins and monoclonal antibodies. With 5  $\mu\text{m}$  particles and 250  $\text{\AA}$  pores, TSKgel G3000SW<sub>XL</sub> columns are an excellent choice for protein separations. TSKgel SW<sub>XL</sub> columns feature rigid spherical silica particles, the surface of which has been shielded from interacting with proteins by chemical derivatization with ligands containing proprietary diol functional groups. Tosoh's proprietary surface chemistry provides an inertness, which allows for minimal adsorption of proteins and other protein aggregates.

TSKgel G3000SW<sub>XL</sub> columns also feature high pore volume per unit column volume, low sample adsorption, excellent column efficiency, and very well-defined pore size distribution. All of these factors contribute to unsurpassed sample resolution. This application note reports the analysis of monoclonal antibodies (mAb) using a TSKgel G3000SW<sub>XL</sub>, 5  $\mu\text{m}$ , 7.8 mm ID  $\times$  30 cm column, demonstrating the effectiveness of the proprietary surface chemistry.

### EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS

Analyses were carried out using an Agilent 1200 HPLC system.

Column: TSKgel G3000SW<sub>XL</sub>, 5  $\mu\text{m}$ , 7.8 mm ID  $\times$  30 cm; lot T03294-19S  
 Mobile phase: 100 mmol/L  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4/\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ , pH 6.8, 100 mmol/L  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  + 0.05%  $\text{NaN}_3$   
 Flow rate: 1.0 mL/min  
 Detection: UV @ 280 nm  
 Temperature: ambient  
 Injection vol.: 20  $\mu\text{L}$   
 Sample: monoclonal antibody (mAb-02)

High purity HPLC grade Sigma Aldrich chemicals were used in this study. All the standards and samples were filtered through a 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$  membrane before injecting into the column.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Figure 1 shows the overlay of the first two consecutive injections of a monoclonal antibody (mAb-02) onto a TSKgel G3000SW<sub>XL</sub> column. This brand new column was not pre-conditioned prior to this analysis. The monomer peak is baseline resolved from the dimer peak and the aggregate peaks. The overlay does not

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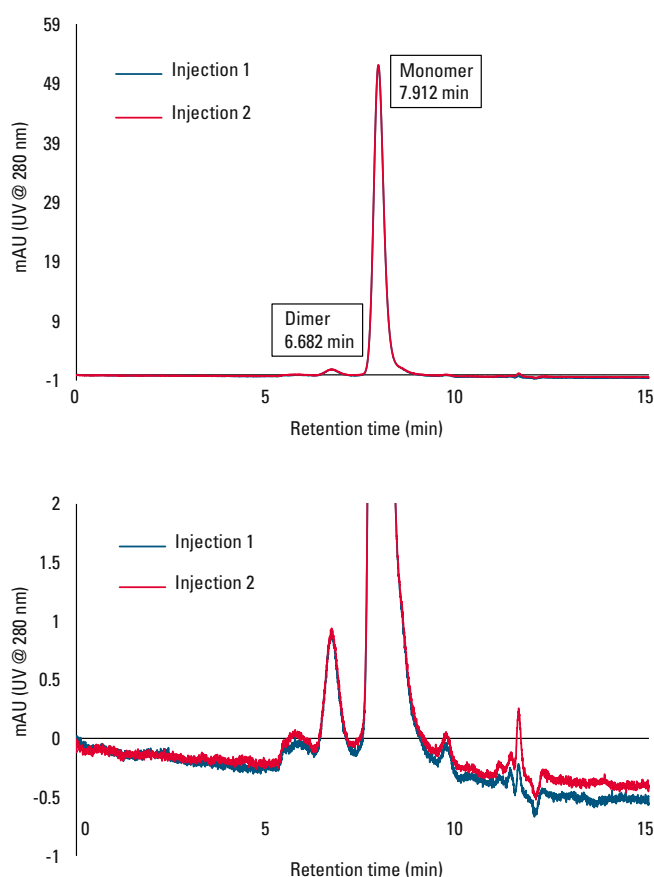


Figure 1

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MAB-02	RT (min)		PEAK AREA (mAU*S)	
	Dimer	Monmer	Dimer	Monomer
Injection 1	6.676	7.913	23.7	1029
Injection 2	6.682	7.912	24.2	1029.8

Table 1

show any difference in the monomer and dimer peak areas of the first and second injections. There is no shift in retention time between the two consecutive injections and no difference in peak height is noticeable. These results clearly demonstrate that there was not any adsorption of the monoclonal antibody onto the column.

