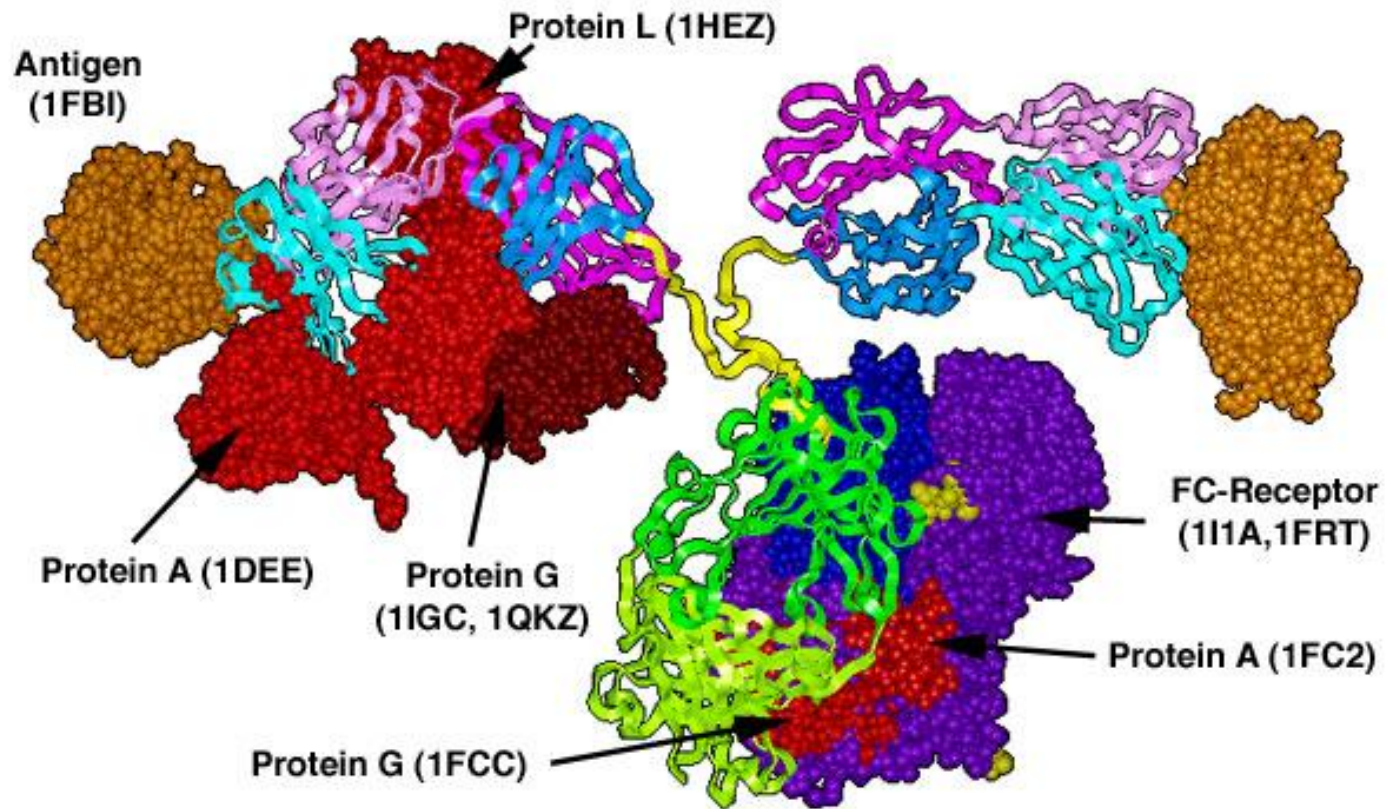


Comparison of 3 different ProteinA resins in a DoE approach using parallel chromatography

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DoE approach to evaluate the optimal process parameters

Variables: - Antibody titer
- Column load
- CHOP spiking



Used experimental design:

central composite design with 4 factors:

Factor	Name	Units	Minimum	Maximum	-1 Actual	+1 Actual	Mean
A	elution pH		2.25	4.25	2.75	3.75	3.25
B	load	mg/mL resin	10.00	50.00	20.00	40.00	30.00
C	titer	g/L	0.25	9.25	2.50	7.00	4.75
D	CHOP spiking	%	5.00	25.00	10.00	20.00	15.00
	CHOP concentration	µg/mL	100	500	200	400	300



Variables: - Elution buffer
(Citrate or Acetate)

DOE software : Design-Experts Version 9.0

Center point values

→ All graphs refer to these values if they are not otherwise indicated



Facts hardware

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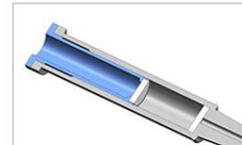
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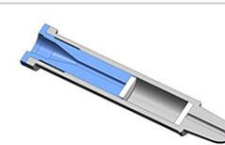
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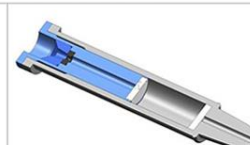
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Facts method

Method Protein A :

Used resins:

1. MabSelect SuRe LX
2. Toyopearl AF - rProteinA - 650F
3. Toyopearl AF - rProteinA HC - 650F

Step	buffer	Volume [CV]	flow [mL/min]	flow [cm/h]
EQ	100 mM Phosphate pH 6.5	20	0.5	150
Load (2min res. time)		according to schedule	0.1	30
Wash	100 mM Phosphate pH 6.5	20	0.5	150
Elution	100 mM Citrate or 100 mM Acetate pH according to schedule	20	0.2	60



Facts – experimental schedule

central composite design with 4 factors

number	pH Elution	load [mg/mL resin]	titer [g/L]	CHOP spike [%]
1	2,75	20	2,50	10
2	3,25	30	0,25	15
3	2,75	20	7,00	10
4	3,25	30	4,75	25
5	3,75	40	2,50	10
6	4,25	30	4,75	15
7	3,75	40	7,00	20
8	3,75	40	7,00	10
9	2,75	40	2,50	10
10	3,75	20	7,00	20
11	3,25	30	4,75	5
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29	3,25	30	4,75	15
30	3,25	30	4,75	15

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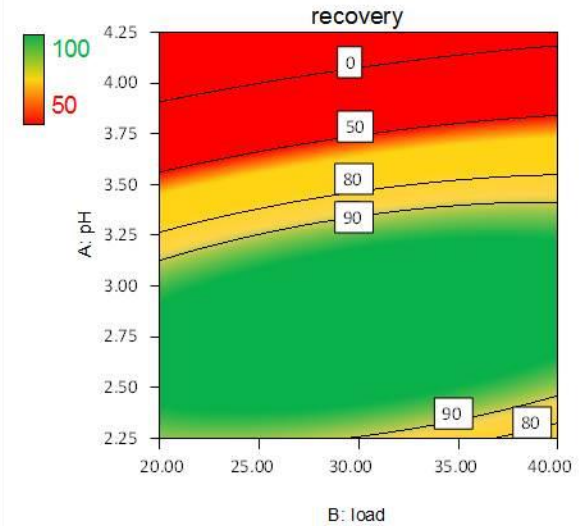
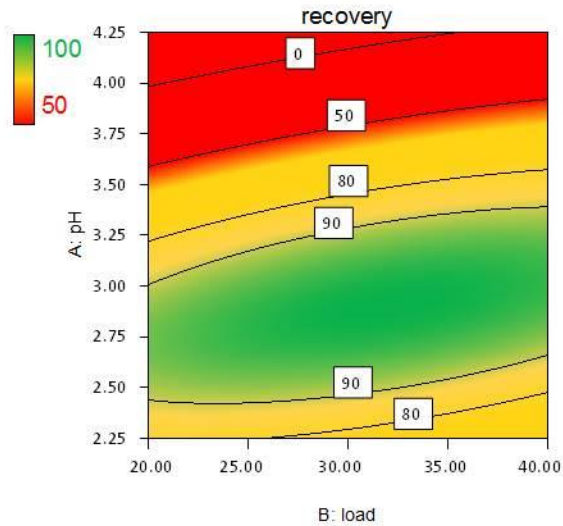
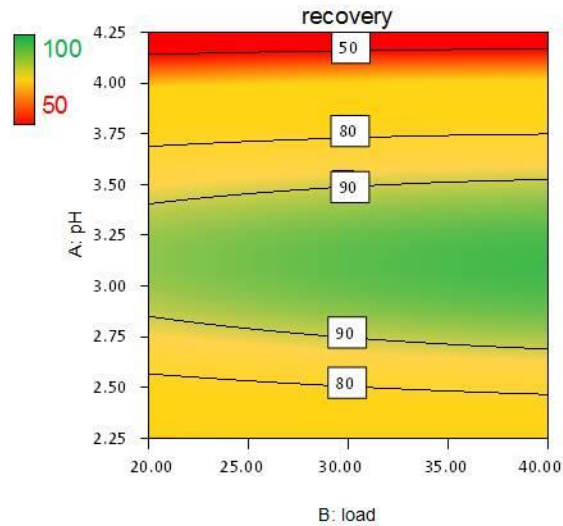
Recoveries [%] – dependency of load

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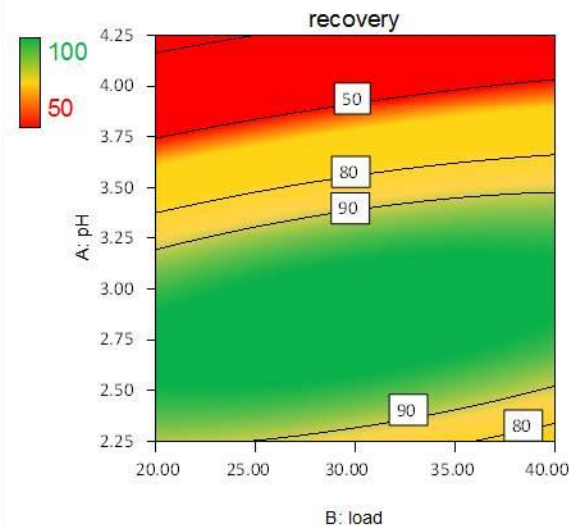
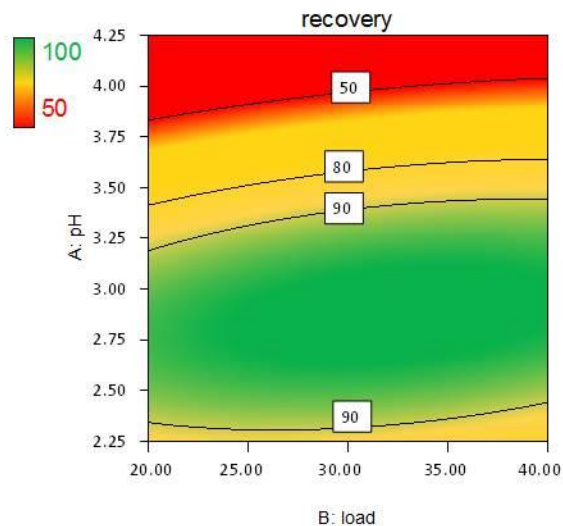
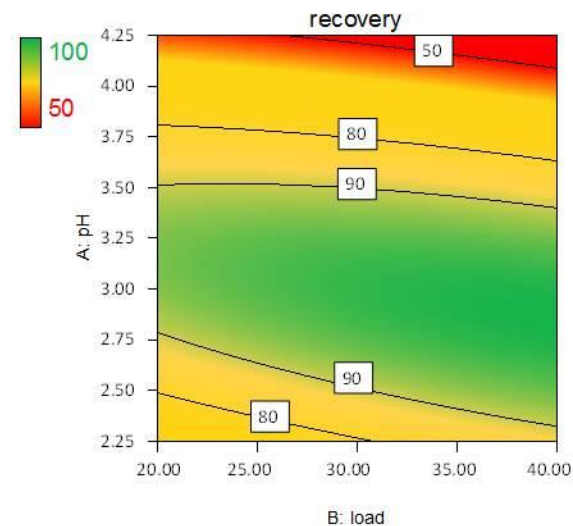
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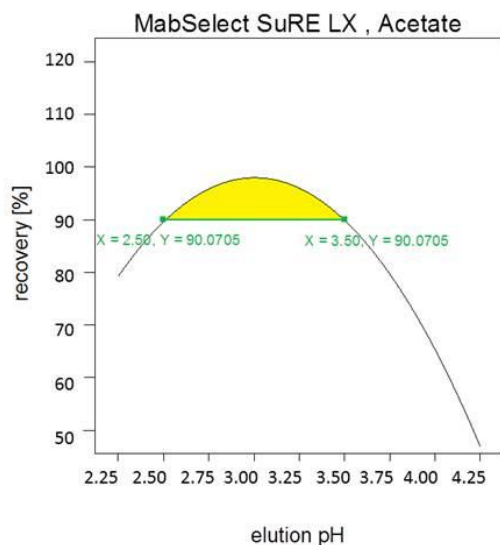
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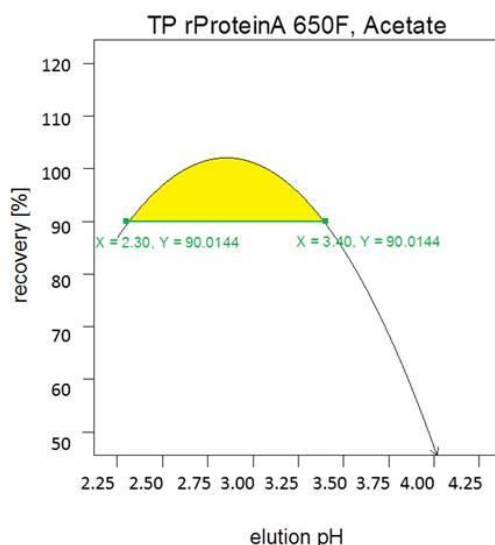


Recovery of all Protein A materials - Acetate

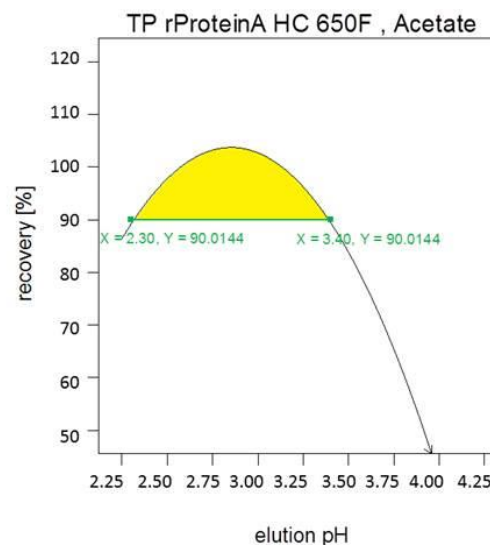
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Toyopearl AF-rProteinA -650F



Toyopearl AF-rProteinA HC-650F



Recovery >90% (region marked in yellow) in pH range:

pH 2.5 - 3.5

pH 2.3 - 3.4

pH 2.3 - 3.4

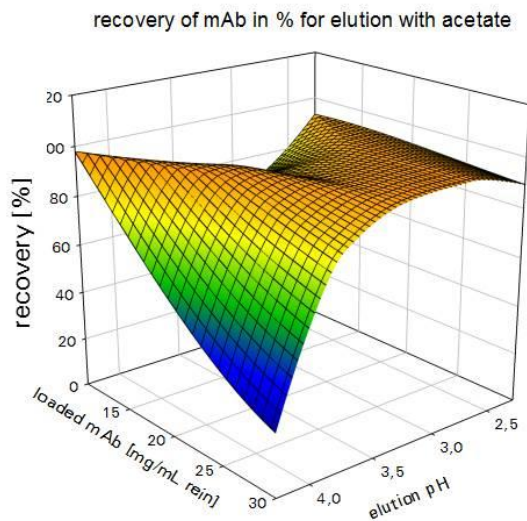
Conclusions:

- best recoveries for all resins in the range of pH 2.5 to 3.4
- Recovery window of the competitor resin is slightly shifted towards higher pHs (Δ pH 0.1), but smaller

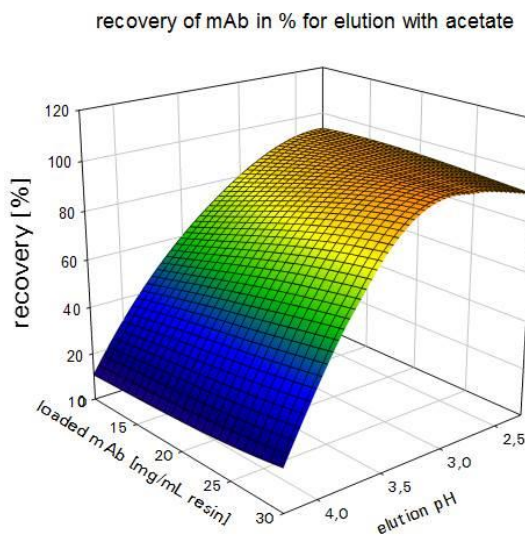


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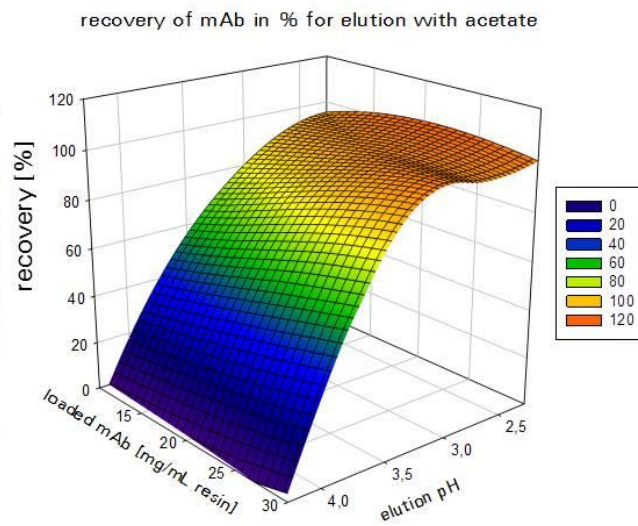
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Toyopearl AF-rProteinA HC-650F



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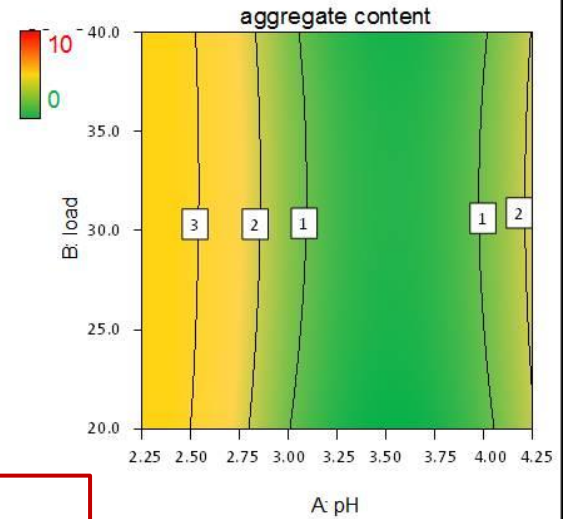
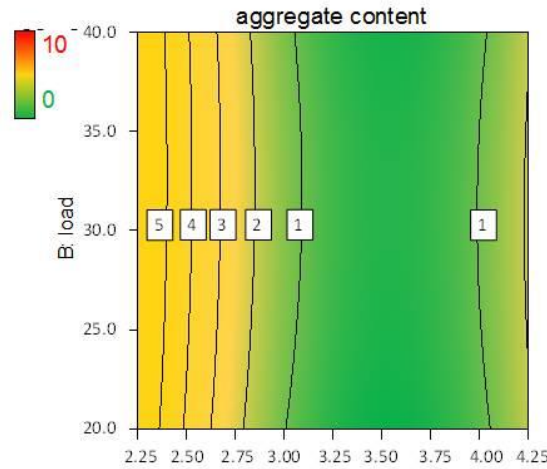
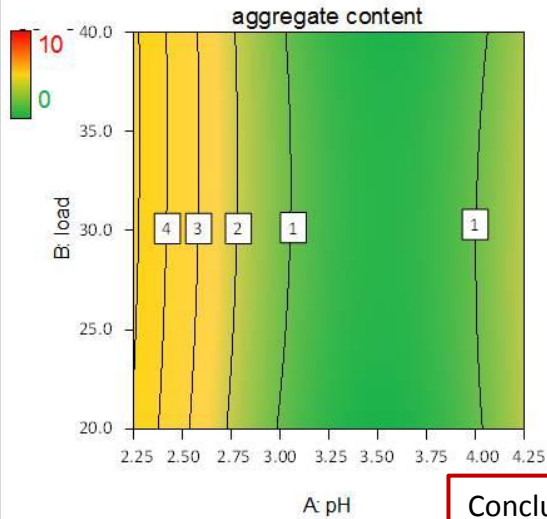
Aggregate content [%]

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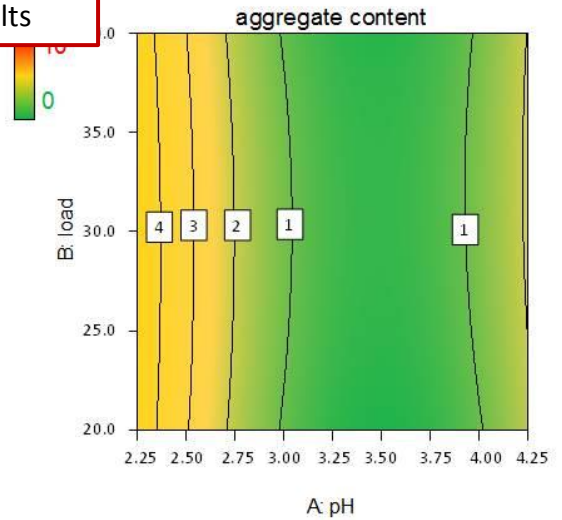
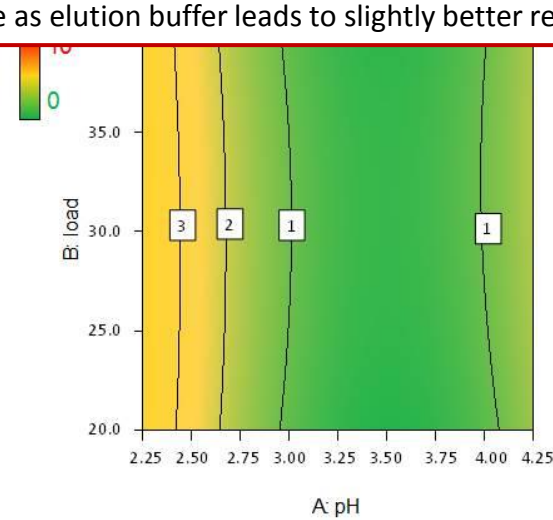
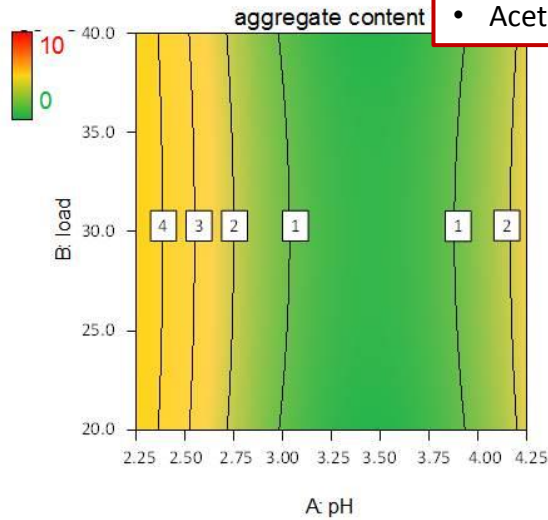
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Conclusions:

- All resins show acceptable aggregate contents under 4%
- The lower the pH value the more aggregation occurs
- Acetate as elution buffer leads to slightly better results

Acetate



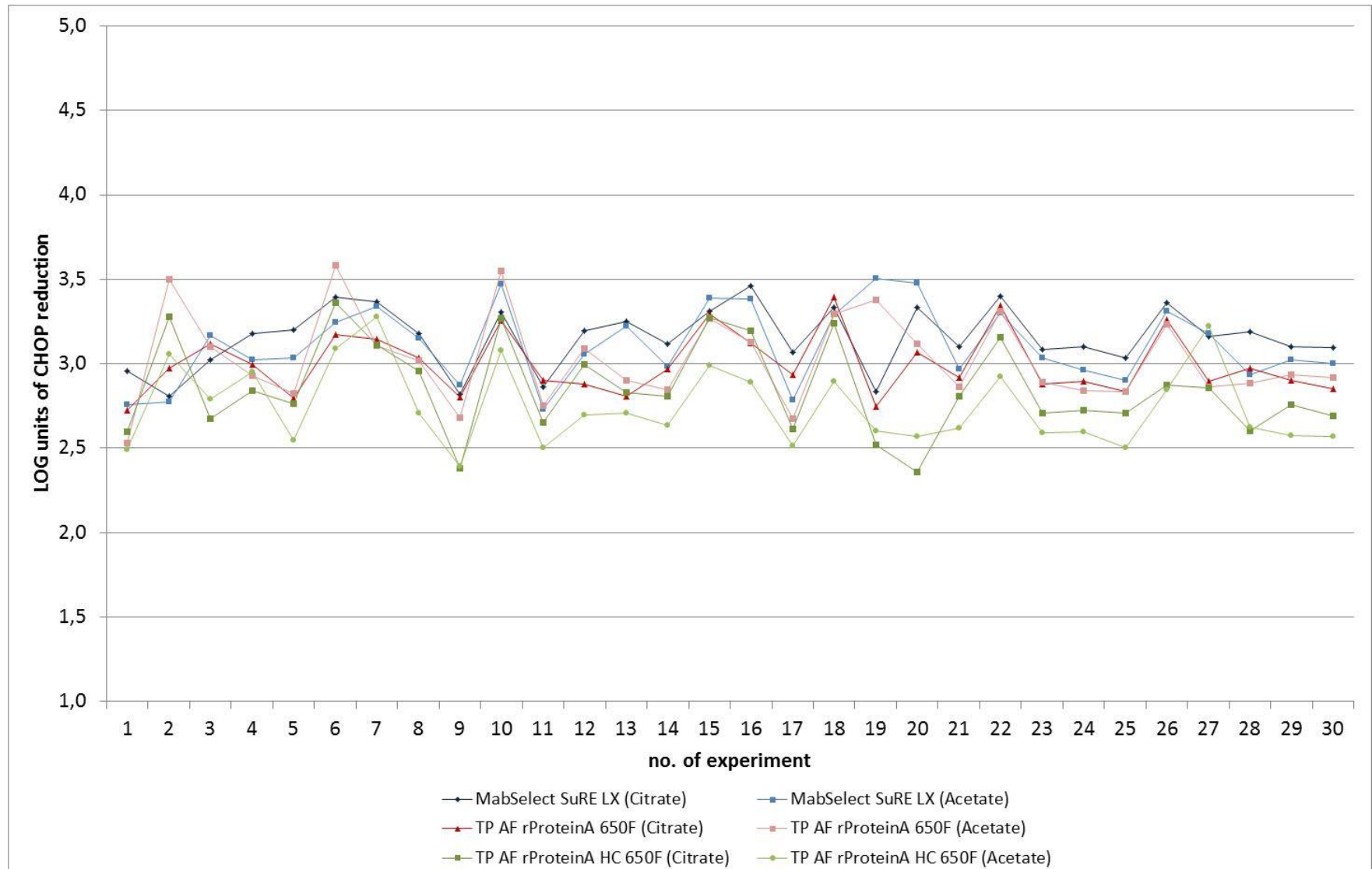


results

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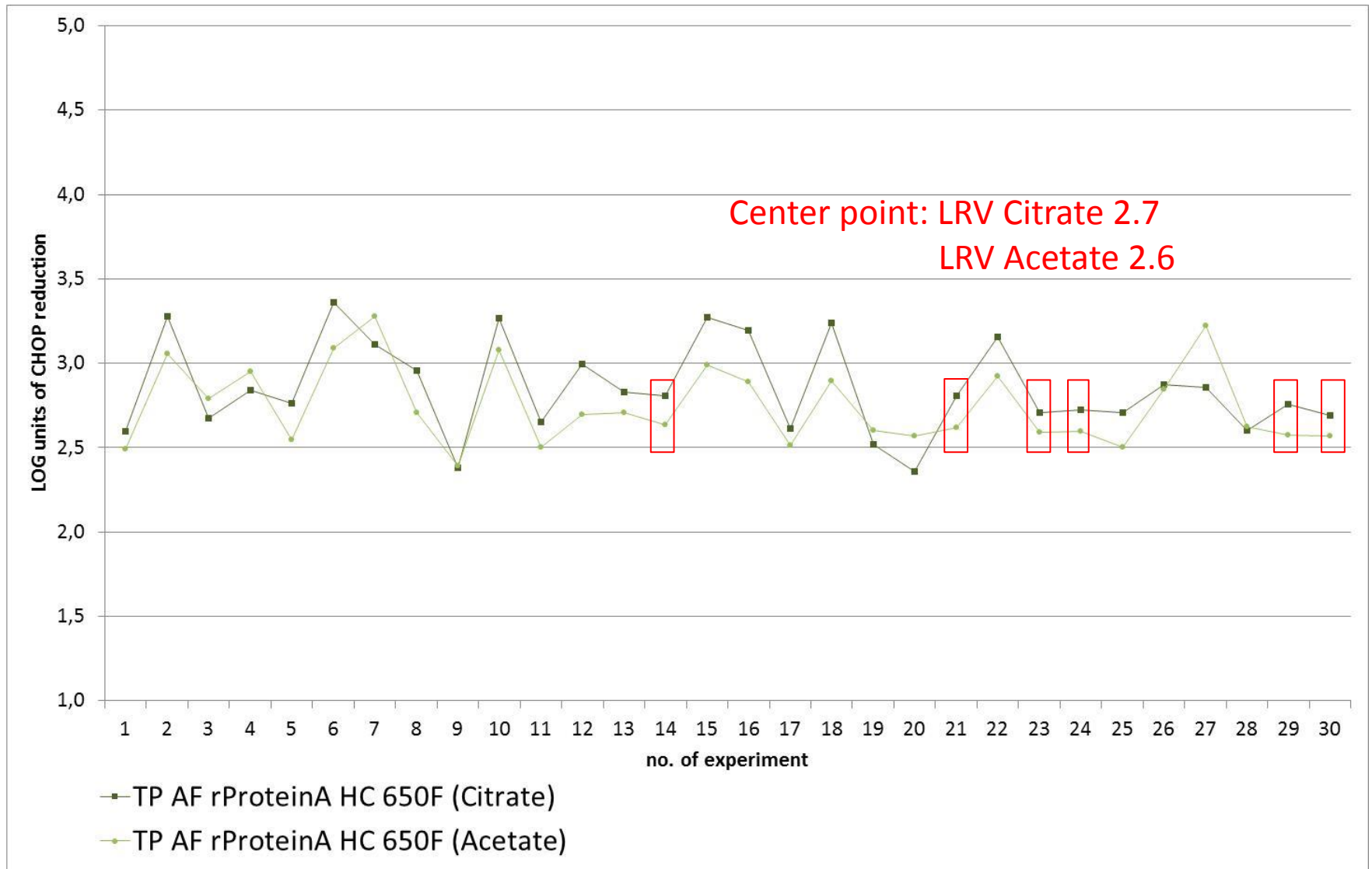


Reduction of host cell proteins



Reduction of host cell proteins

Toyopearl AF- rProteinA HC 650F

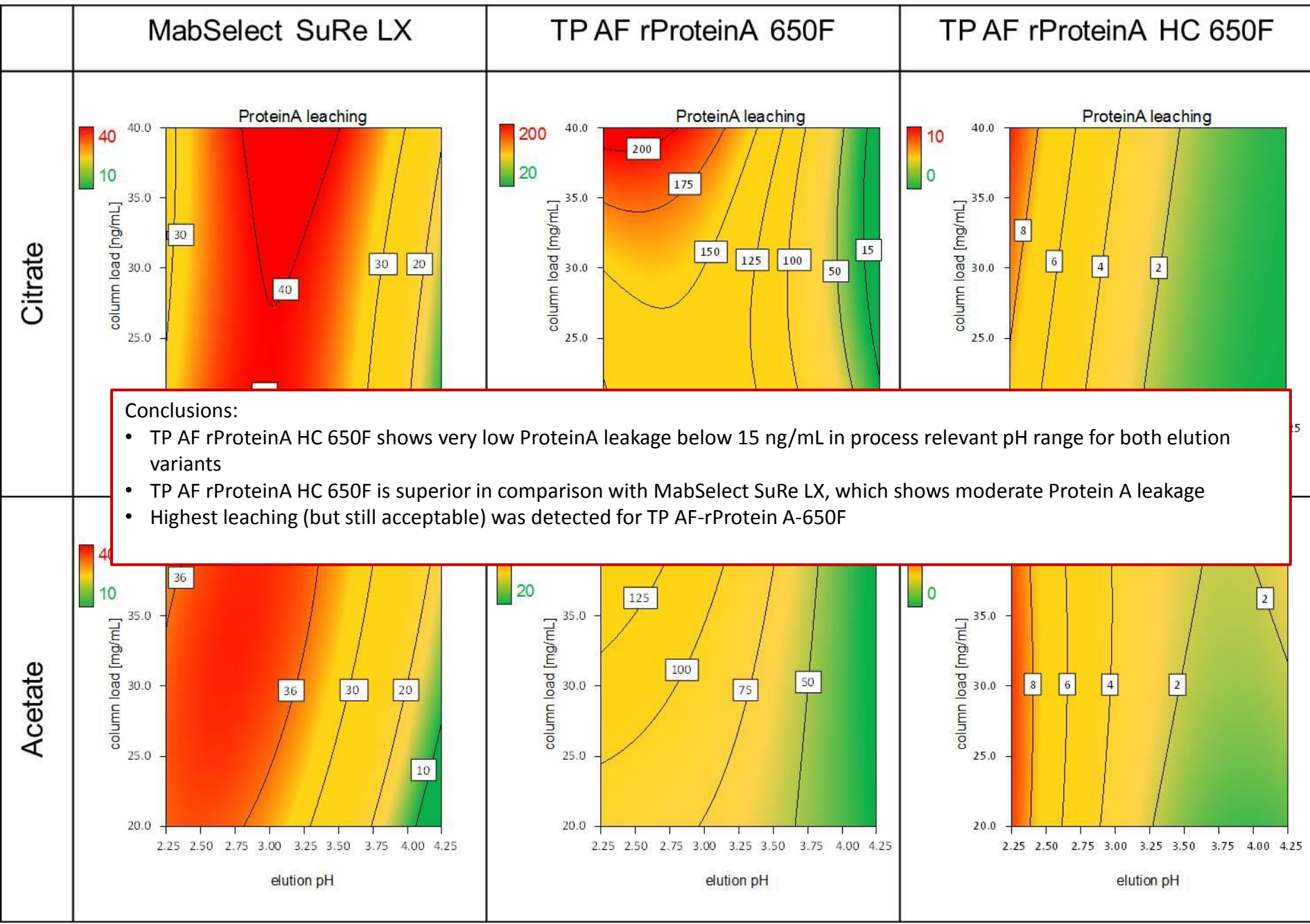




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Impurity: ProteinA leaching [ng/mL]

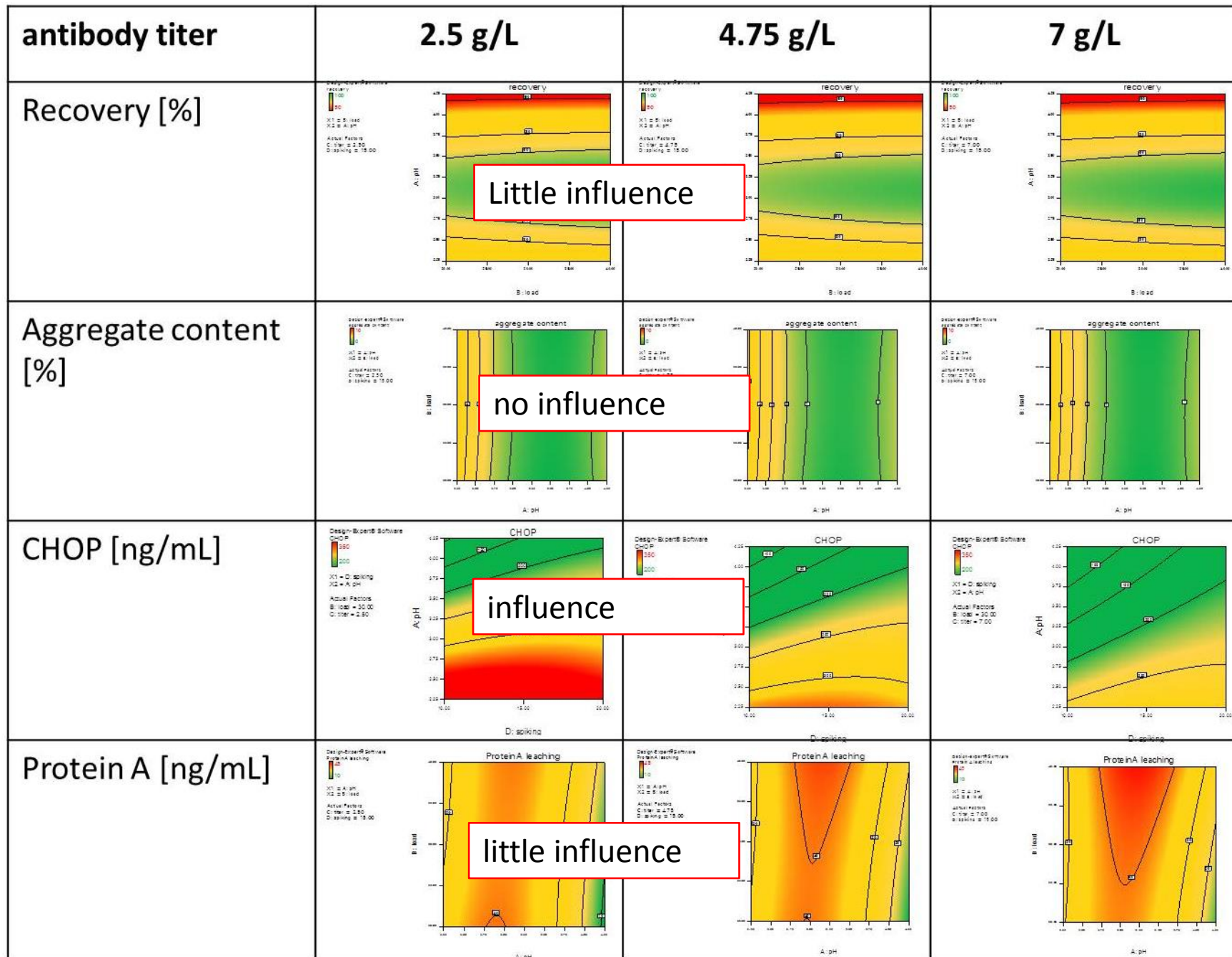




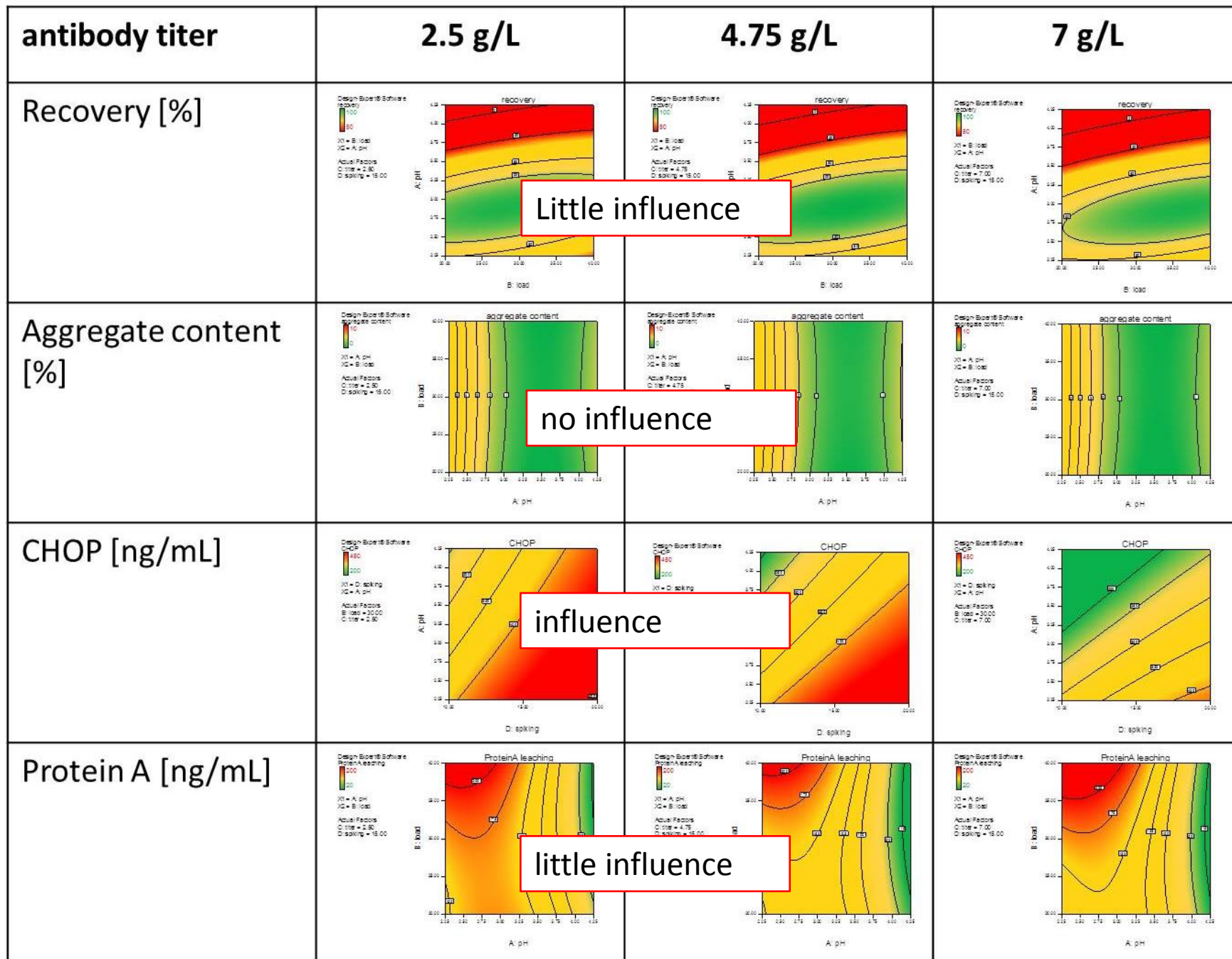
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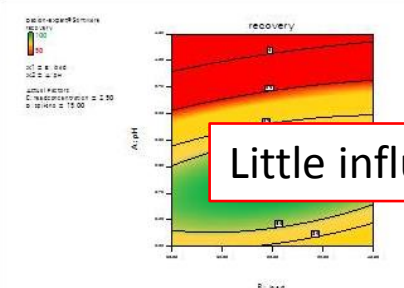
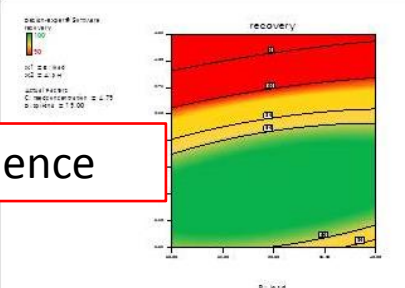
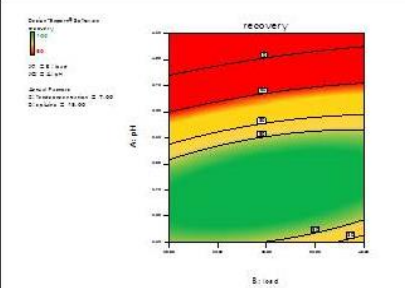
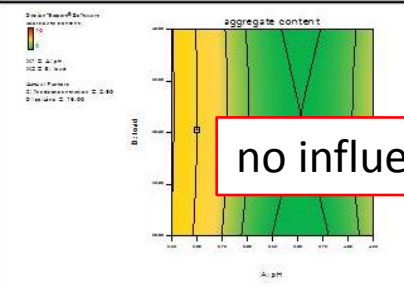
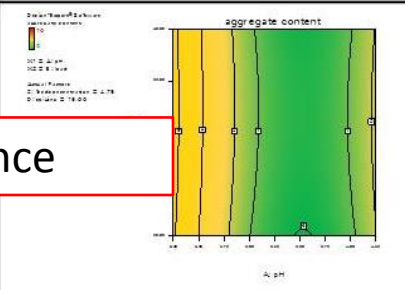
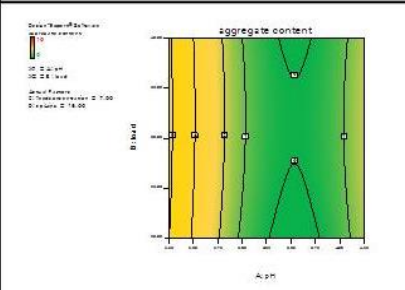
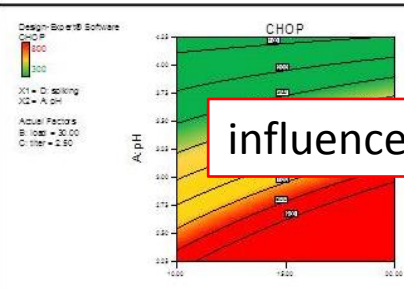
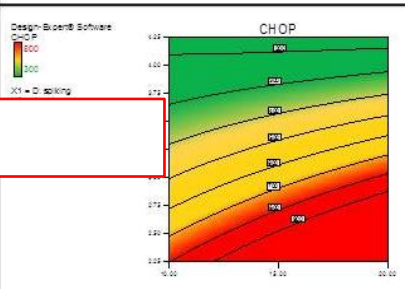
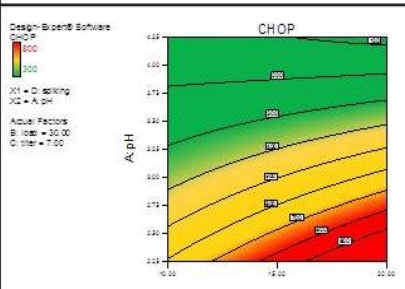
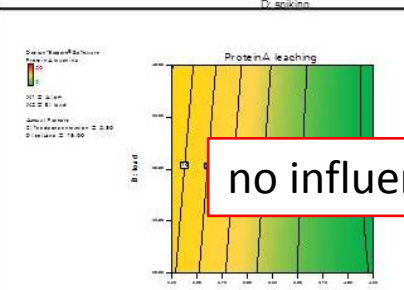
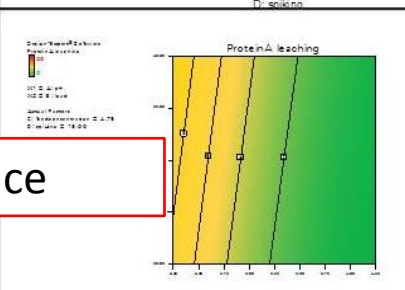
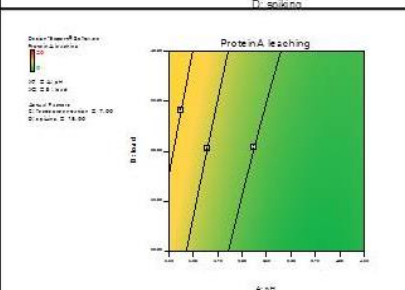
Dependency of feed concentration example: Mab Select SuRE LX, Citrate Elution



Dependency of feed concentration
example: TP AF-rProteinA-650F, Citrate Elution



Dependency of feed concentration
example: TP AF-rProteinA HC 650F, Citrate Elution

antibody titer	2.5 g/L	4.75 g/L	7 g/L
Recovery [%]			
Aggregate content [%]			
CHOP [ng/mL]			
Protein A [ng/mL]			



results

- Recovery
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Optimization of process parameters

specifications – model 1

Name	Goal	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Importance
Design factors				
A: pH	In range	2.75	3.75	3
B: load	In range	20	40	3
C: titer	In range	2.5	7	3
D: spiking	In range	10	20	3
Responses				
Recovery [%]	Maximize	90	100	3
Aggregate content [%]	Minimize	0	5	1
LOG (CHOP reduction)	Maximize	2.8	3.2	3
Protein A leaching [ng/mL]	Minimize	1	50	1

Table: Input values to calculate the optimized values

(A-D are given from the experimental schedule, responses were set according to applicable goals and borders, i.e. recovery >90%, aggregates <5%, CHOP reduction >log 2.8, protein A leaching <50ng/mL



Optimization of process parameters

results – model 1

	pH	Load [mg/mL resin]	Titer [g/L]	spiking [%]	Recovery [%]	aggregate content [%]	LOG(CHOP reduction)	ProteinA leaching [ng/mL]	Desirability
MabSelect SuRe LX (Citrate)	3.17	24.26	7.00	20.00	100.0	0.38	3.27	40.73	0,823
MabSelect SuRe LX (Acetate)	3.02	40.00	2.50	20.00	104.9	0.59	3.21	36.86	0,863
Toyopearl AF rProteinA 650F (Citrate)	2.89	28.66	7.00	20.00	99.9	1.41	3.07	165.70	0,754
Toyopearl AF rProteinA 650F (Acetate)	2.77	22.04	7.00	20.00	100.0	1.31	3.20	94.37	0,918
Toyopearl AF rProteinA HC 650F (Citrate)	2.89	20.76	7.00	18.95	97.4	1.22	2.90	1.98	0,678
Toyopearl AF rProteinA HC 650F (Acetate)	2.75	20.00	2.50	20.00	103.5	1.48	3.04	9.54	0,759



Optimization of process parameters

specifications model 2

Name	Goal	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Importance
Design factors				
A: pH	In range	2.75	3.75	3
B: load	In range	20	40	3
C: titer	In range	2.5	7	3
D: spiking	In range	10	20	3
Responses				
Recovery [%]	Maximize	90	100	5
CHOP concentration [ng/mL]	Minimize	0	2000	3
Protein A leaching [ng/mL]	Minimize	0	200	3

Table: Input values to calculate the optimized values ; model 2

(A-D are given from the experimental schedule, responses were set according to applicable goals and borders, i.e. recovery >90%, CHOP < 2000 ng/mL, protein A leaching <200ng/mL



Optimization of process parameters

results

	pH	Load [mg/mL resin]	Titer [g/L]	spiking [%]	Recovery [%]	ProteinA leaching [ng/mL]	CHOP concentration [ng/mL]	Desirability
MabSelect SuRe LX (Citrate)	3.27	30.36	2.50	10.00	100	36.42	247.46	0,897
MabSelect SuRe LX (Acetate)	3.18	29.23	7.00	10.00	100	32.36	207.71	0,911
Toyopearl AF rProteinA 650F (Citrate)	2.98	27.42	5.14	20.00	100	149.16	424.63	0,645
Toyopearl AF rProteinA 650F (Acetate)	2.89	22.73	5.50	18.77	100	79.31	377.77	0,823
Toyopearl AF rProteinA HC 650F (Citrate)	3.01	33.11	7.00	10.00	100	2.51	373.69	0,942
Toyopearl AF rProteinA HC 650F (Acetate)	3.12	31.17	2.50	10.00	100	6.05	651.10	0,891

results



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Longterm alkali-stability of TP AF rProteinA HC-650F

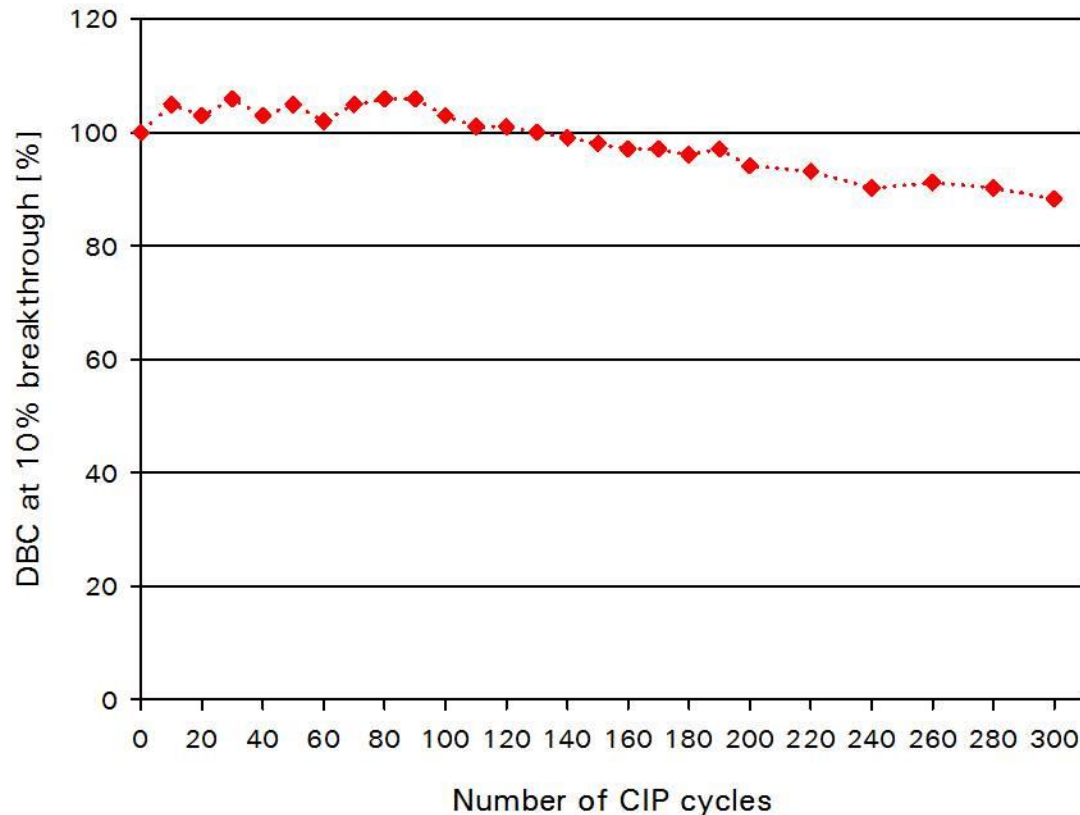


Figure: DBC at 10% breakthrough is stable over 300 CIP cycles using 0.2 M NaOH with 15 min contact time per cycle. The binding capacity begins to decline after 200 cycles.
DBC is measured with monoclonal IgG with a titer of 5 g/L and a residence time of 2 minutes and reaches values of 102 mg/mL (=100%)



Comparison of longterm alkali-stability of TP AF rProteinA HC-650F with MabSelect SuRE LX

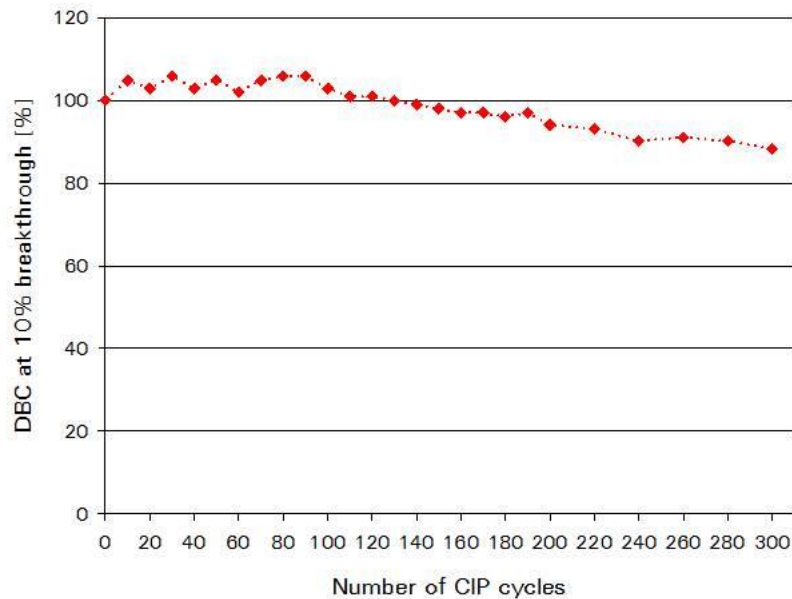


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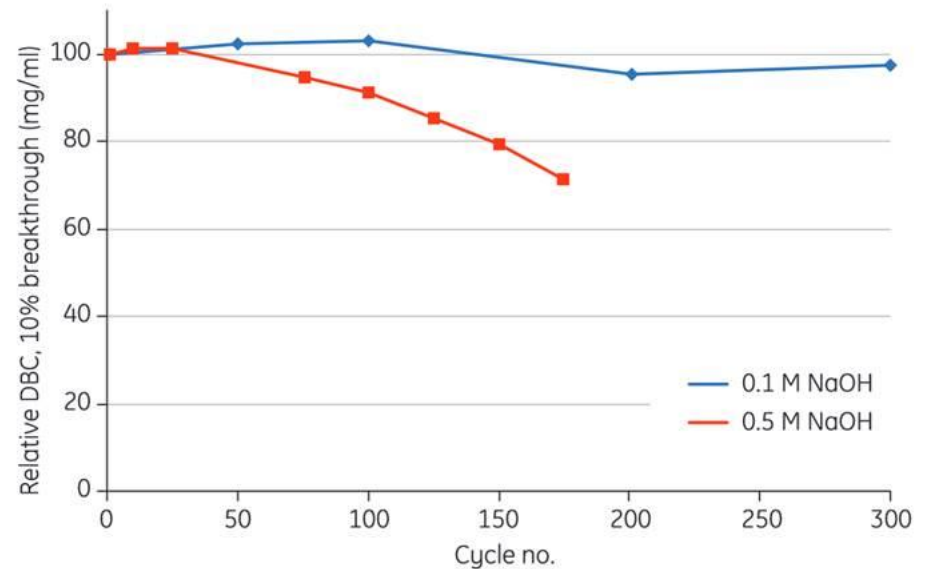


Figure: DBC of MabSelect SuRe LX is stable at 0.1 M NaOH for up to 300 purification cycles. At 0.5 M NaOH, DBC begins to decline earlier.

Longterm stability of TP AF rProteinA HC-650F

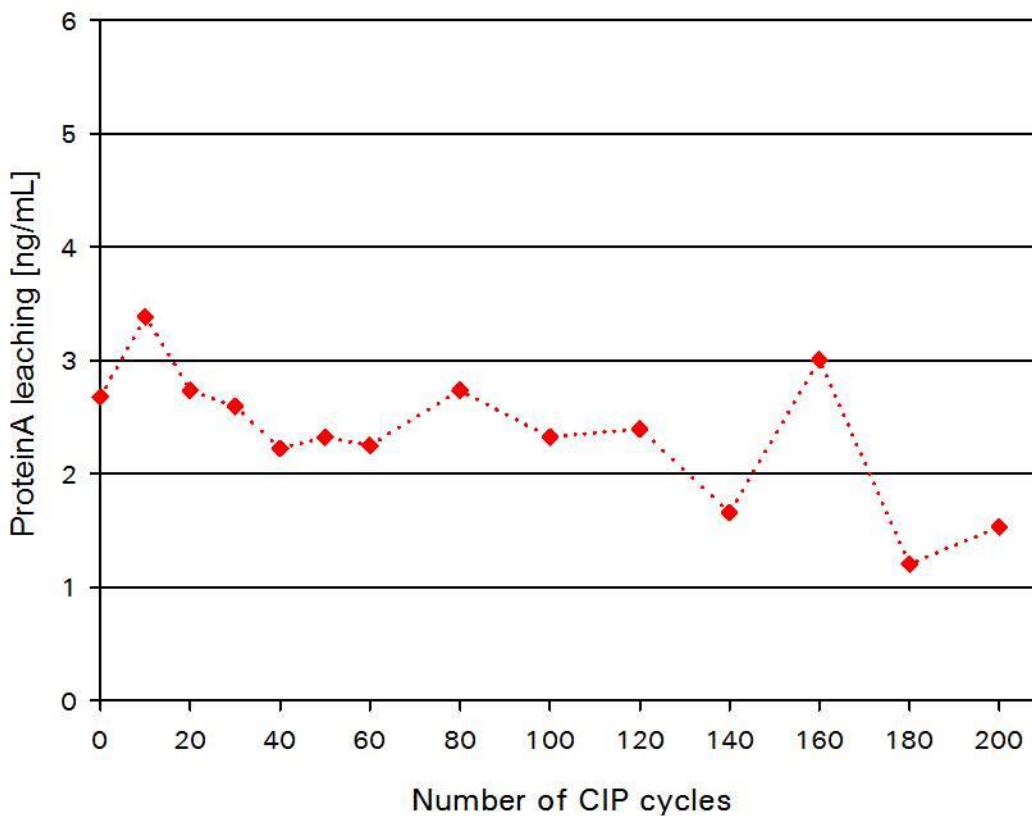


Figure: Ligand leakage is stable over 200 CIP cycles using 0.2 M NaOH with 15 min contact time per cycle.

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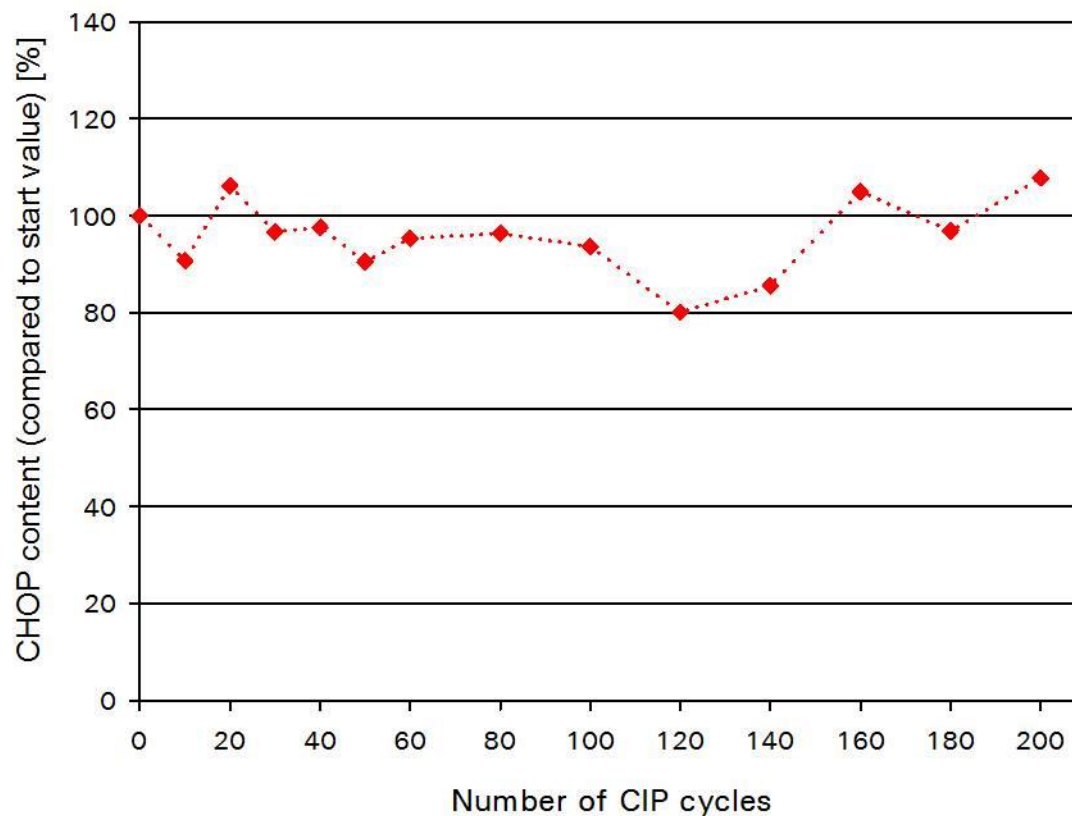


Figure: Purity is stable over 200 CIP cycles using 0.2 M NaOH with 15 min contact time per cycle.



Overall Conclusion

1. Recovery is higher and recovery window is larger for both Toyopearl Protein A resins compared to MAbSure LX (acetate slightly better then citrate), optimal elution pH is slightly higher for Mab Sure LX (about 0.1 pH units)
2. Aggregate content is below 4 % for all resins and increases with decreasing pH (acetate is better then citrate)
3. CHO log reduction is for all resin in the very acceptable range of 2.5 to 3.5 log stages (MAbSure LX is some centipoints better than our Toyopearl AF rProtein A HC-650F, in absolut values in mean is the final purity about 200 ng/ml for Mab Sure LX and 500-600 ng/ml for our resin)
4. Very low Protein A ligand leaching for our Toyopearl Protein A HC.
We found a relatively high leaching value for our „old“ Toyopearl AF - rProteinA
5. For all three Protein A resins we found an increase in purity with increasing Mab titer



Overall Conclusion

6. In the CIP by using 0.2 M NaOH for cleaning we found a slightly capacity decline after 200 cycles for our new Protein A. The data are very comparable to the data presented for Mab Sure LX (Unfortunately only 0.1 M and 0.5 M was used)
7. CHO Purity and ligand leaching remains stable for 200 cycles

Summary

Our „new“ Toyopearl AF rProtein A HC 650F is a very competitive products with some advantages but also some minor disadvantages compared to GE's best product Mab Sure LX