

## Gyrolab® Assays

# Remsima™ (infliximab) PK Assay

## INTRODUCTION

Remsima (infliximab) is an anti-inflammatory biopharmaceutical that belongs to the group of TNF- $\alpha$  (tumor necrosis factor-alpha) inhibitors. Remsima is a biosimilar to the original monoclonal antibody infliximab (Remicade®).

To support clinical PK studies we have developed a three-step sandwich Gyrolab PK Assay to determine Remsima in human serum samples. An MRD of 1:500 gives a broad analytical range with an approximate LLOQ of 200 ng/mL and ULOQ of 200  $\mu$ g/mL in neat serum/plasma. Use of this protocol on Gyrolab systems will reduce time to market and increase productivity while maintaining quality requirements.

## ASSAY DESIGN

The assay was set up as a three-step sandwich assay with biotinylated human TNF $\alpha$  as a capture molecule and a mouse anti-human IgG Fc fragment as a detection molecule. The same assay design can be used for Remicade since Remsima is a biosimilar to Remicade.



Mouse anti-human IgG Fc

Remsima

hTNF $\alpha$

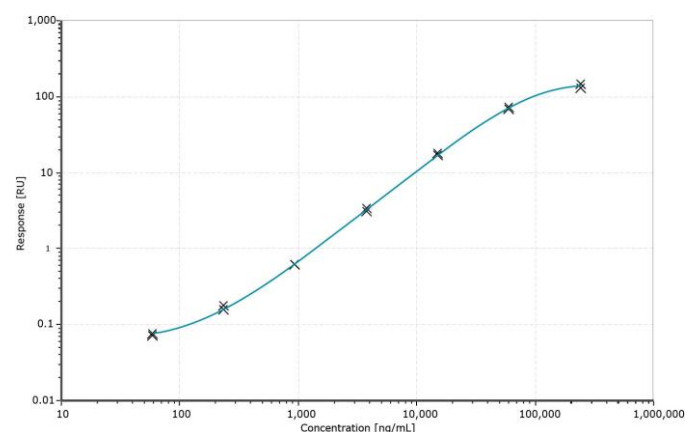
## ASSAY PERFORMANCE

### *Dynamic range, accuracy and precision*

A robust three-log standard curve (Figure 1) was generated over three runs, achieving an assay range from 200 ng/mL unit to 200  $\mu$ g/mL (Table 1). The inter-run precision (CV, Coefficient of Variation), established with QC samples over the assay range run in duplicate in three runs, was <20% (Table 2).

**Table 1** Estimated Assay Range in neat serum, based on three runs

| LLOQ (ng/mL) | ULOQ (ng/mL) |
|--------------|--------------|
| ~ 200        | ~ 200 000    |



**Figure 1** Standard curve in 0.5% serum. Concentrations in neat serum

**Table 2** Accuracy and precision data of QC samples in neat serum, n= number of runs

| QC   | Expected Conc (ng/mL) | Average Measured Conc (ng/mL) | Inter Run CV% (n=3) | Average Intra Run CV% (n=3) | Average Total Error% (n=3) |
|------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| LLOQ | 200                   | 229                           | 10                  | 6.8                         | 21                         |
| LQC  | 500                   | 445                           | 7.6                 | 7.8                         | 19                         |
| MQC  | 80000                 | 87917                         | 6.2                 | 2.5                         | 12                         |
| HQC  | 180000                | 185833                        | 6.0                 | 6.0                         | 9.2                        |
| ULOQ | 200000                | 219500                        | 2.7                 | 1.2                         | 11                         |

### Selectivity

Selectivity was established by spiking 200 ng/mL of the drug in human serum samples.

**Table 3** Selectivity spiked samples

| Sample | Expected Conc (ng/mL) | Average Measured Conc (ng/mL) | CV% | Average Bias% |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1      | 200                   | 189                           | 13  | -5.3          |
| 2      | 200                   | 211                           | 4.6 | 5.7           |
| 3      | 200                   | 191                           | 10  | -4.3          |
| 4      | 200                   | 218                           | 10  | 9.1           |
| 5      | 200                   | 190                           | 21  | -5.0          |
| 6      | 200                   | 223                           | 16  | 12            |
| 7      | 200                   | 249                           | 12  | 24            |
| 8      | 200                   | 198                           | 1.2 | -0.76         |
| 9      | 200                   | 245                           | 7.4 | 23            |

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The assay was developed on Gyrolab xP using Gyrolab Bioaffy 1000 CD. The assay was set up using a 3-step format with two wash solutions (1000-3W-006-A). The assay buffer was REXXIP H with an MRD of 1:500. hTNF $\alpha$  (CYT-223) from ProspeC was biotinylated according to the Gyrolab biotinylation protocol (Gyrolab User Guide) and used in a concentration of 210 nM and 490 nM biotinylated BSA (B-2007) from Vector Laboratories diluted in PBST.

The detection antibody, labeled with Alexa Fluor<sup>®</sup> 647 according to the Gyrolab standard protocol (Gyrolab User Guide), was the mouse anti-human IgG Fc JCD-10 from Southern Biotech, diluted to 6.25 nM in REXXIP F. The assay standard used was Remsima from Celltrion Healthcare. The standard was prepared in human serum diluted in REXXIP H.

### Recommendations

When developing this assay for a specific drug development purpose, it is important to screen matrices and assess backgrounds, in particular for the specific disease matrices. Parameters, such as LLOQ need to be validated in-house. Data given in this document should only be considered as a guidance.

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