

# **IgG Purity and Heterogeneity Assay Kit**

For the PA 800 Plus Pharmaceutical Analysis System

*Application Guide*



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# IgG Purity and Heterogeneity Assay Kit



**Prior to using the system, refer to the *PA 800 Plus Pharmaceutical Analysis System Overview Guide* for detailed information on the safe use and operation of the system.**

## Safety

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Refer to the Safety Data Sheets (SDS), available at [sciex.com/tech-regulatory](https://sciex.com/tech-regulatory), regarding the proper handling of materials and reagents. Always follow standard laboratory safety guidelines.

## Introduction

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The PA 800 Plus IgG Purity and Heterogeneity Assay Kit includes methods to resolve both reduced and non-reduced immunoglobulins by size, and to quantify the heterogeneity and impurities which may exist in an IgG preparation. The methodology involves heat denaturing of a specified concentration of protein in the presence of SDS. Once denatured, the sample is separated by size in a capillary containing a replaceable SDS polymer matrix, which provides the sieving selectivity for the separation.

Two types of analysis methods have been optimized:

- The high-resolution methods use the capillary cartridge in the left to right configuration (for example, with a sample introduction inlet to detection window distance of 20.0 cm).
- The high-speed methods use the capillary cartridge in the right to left configuration, with an inlet to detection window distance of 10 cm.

High-resolution (HR) methods provide high-resolution for protein separation (in about 30 minutes). The procedure that follows uses the high-resolution methods.

**NOTE** This application guide has been validated with the PA 800 Plus Pharmaceutical Analysis System.

**NOTE** The PA 800 series system must be equipped with a photodiode array (PDA) detector to perform this assay.

## Intended Use

The IgG Purity and Heterogeneity Assay Kit is for laboratory use only.

## Equipment and Materials Required

**Table 1** Kit Contents (PN A10663)

| Component   | Quantity       | Reorder Part Number |
|---|----------------|---------------------|
| Capillary, 50 $\mu$ m I.D. bare-fused silica                | 2              | N/A                 |
| SDS-MW Gel Buffer - proprietary formulation, pH 8, 0.2% SDS | 140 mL, 4-pack | A30341              |
| SDS-MW Sample Buffer - 100 mM Tris-HCl, pH 9.0, 1% SDS      | 50 mL          | N/A                 |
| IgG Control Standard, 1 mg/mL                               | 1 mL, 3-pack   | 391734              |
| Internal Standard, 10 kDa protein, 5 mg/mL                  | 0.4 mL         | A26487              |
| Acidic Wash Solution, 0.1 M HCl                             | 100 mL         | N/A                 |
| Basic Wash Solution, 0.1 M NaOH                             | 100 mL         | N/A                 |

**Table 2** Additional Supplies from SCIEX

| Component                                    | Quantity | Part Number |
|--|----------|-------------|
| Capillary, 50 $\mu$ m I.D. bare-fused silica | 1 box    | N/A         |
| Universal vials                              | 100      | A62251      |
| Universal vial caps - blue                   | 100      | A62250      |
| Micro vials, 200 $\mu$ L                     | 50       | 144709      |

**Table 3** Additional Required Supplies

| Component   | Vendor        | Part Number |
|---|---------------|-------------|
| 2-mercaptoethanol   | Sigma-Aldrich | M7154       |
| Iodoacetamide   | Sigma-Aldrich | I-1149      |
| Microcon-30 kDa centrifugal filter unit with Ultracel-30 membrane | Millipore     | MRCF0R030   |

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## Customer-Supplied Equipment and Supplies

- Pipettors and appropriate tips
- Vortex mixer
- Microcentrifuge
- Double-deionized (DDI) water (MS-grade water filtered through a 0.2 µm filter and with resistance greater than 18 MΩ)
- Water bath or heat block (37 °C to 100 °C)
- Analytical balance
- Centrifugal vacuum evaporator
- Powder-free gloves (neoprene or nitrile recommended)
- Safety glasses
- Laboratory coat
- Parafilm
- Spatula
- Nonidet NP-40 non ionic detergent

## Storage Conditions

- Upon receipt, store the 10 kDa internal standard at 2 °C to 8 °C.
- Upon receipt, prepare 95 µL aliquots of the IgG control standard and store promptly at –20 °C.
- Store the capillary, sample buffer, SDS-MW gel buffer, acidic wash solution (0.1 M HCl), and basic wash solution (0.1 M NaOH) at room temperature.

If precipitate is present in the SDS-MW gel Buffer or SDS-MW sample buffer, stir before use until the precipitate is fully dissolved. Before starting a CE separation, bring the SDS-MW gel buffer and the SDS-MW sample buffer to room temperature for a minimum of four hours.

## Prepare the PA 800 Plus System

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Before proceeding, you must understand the following procedures as described in the *PA 800 Plus System Maintenance Guide*:

- How to replace the capillary cartridge
- How to install the PDA detector
- How to calibrate the PDA detector

For instructions on loading and unloading trays, refer to the *PA 800 Plus System Overview Guide*.

## Install the PDA Detection Module

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- 1 Turn off the PA 800 Plus instrument and install the PDA detection module.
  - 2 Turn on the instrument and permit the UV lamp to warm up for at least 30 minutes.
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## Clean the Interface

Carefully clean the system electrodes, capillary ends, opening levers, and interface block as described in the *PA 800 Plus System Maintenance Guide*, either once a day or after the finish of the sequence. The SDS-MW gel buffer is very viscous and will accumulate on the capillary ends, electrodes, interface block, and opening levers if regular and thorough cleaning is not performed. Gel accumulation might cause broken capillaries, bent electrodes, vial jams, and missed injections.

## Insert the Cartridge and Calibrate the PDA Detector

Insert the cartridge into the system. Close the front panel and calibrate the PDA detector. This procedure should be employed daily or any time the cartridge is replaced.

## Prepare the Samples

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### Prepare the IgG Control Standard (Reduced)

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- 1 Thaw one of the 95  $\mu$ L aliquots of the IgG control standard at room temperature.
  - 2 Add 2  $\mu$ L of the 10 kDa internal standard to the IgG tube.
  - 3 Inside a fume hood, add 5  $\mu$ L of 2-mercaptoethanol to the IgG tube.
  - 4 Cap the tube and mix thoroughly.
  - 5 Centrifuge for 1 minute at 300  $g$ .
  - 6 Seal the vial cap with parafilm and heat at 70  $^{\circ}$ C for 10 minutes.
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- 7 Put the vial in a room-temperature water bath to cool for at least 3 minutes.
- 8 Transfer 100  $\mu$ L of the prepared sample to a micro vial, put the micro vial into a universal vial, and cap the universal vial.

## Prepare the IgG Control Standard (Non-Reducing)

Before preparing the IgG non-reduced control standard, prepare a 250 mM iodoacetamide (IAM) solution. The IAM solution acts as the alkylation reagent during preparation of the IgG non-reduced control standard. The IAM solution is stable for approximately 24 hours at room temperature.

### Prepare the Alkylation Reagent (250 mM IAM Solution)

- 1 Weigh 46 mg of iodoacetamide (IAM).
- 2 Transfer the IAM to a 1.5 mL centrifuge tube.
- 3 Add 1 mL of DDI water to the 1.5 mL centrifuge tube.
- 4 Cap the vial tightly, mix thoroughly until dissolved, and then store in the dark.

### Prepare the IgG Non-reduced Control Standard

- 1 Thaw one of the 95  $\mu$ L aliquots of the IgG control standard at room temperature.
- 2 Add 2  $\mu$ L of the 10 kDa internal standard to the IgG control standard tube.
- 3 Add 5  $\mu$ L of a 250 mM IAM solution.
- 4 Cap the tube and mix thoroughly.
- 5 Centrifuge for 1 minute at 300 *g*.

- 6 Seal the vial cap with parafilm and heat at 70 °C for 10 minutes.
  - 7 Put the vial in a room-temperature water bath to cool for at least 3 minutes.
  - 8 Transfer 100 µl of the prepared sample to a micro vial. Put the micro vial into a universal vial, and cap the universal vial.
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## Prepare the IgG Sample

**NOTE** If the sample concentration is less than 10 mg/mL and the buffer concentration is more than 50 mM, then the buffer of the IgG sample must be exchanged with SDS-MW sample buffer by using the Microcon-30 kDa centrifugal filter unit. Follow the instructions provided in [Perform a Buffer Exchange for the IgG Sample](#).

## Prepare the IgG Reduced Sample

- 1 Pipette 100 µg of IgG sample in a volume less than 45 µL to a 0.5 mL microcentrifuge tube.
  - 2 Add 50 µL to 95 µL of SDS-MW sample buffer to give a final volume of 95 µL.
  - 3 Add 2 µL of the 10 kDa internal standard to the IgG sample tube.
  - 4 Inside a fume hood, add 5 µL of 2-mercaptoethanol to the IgG sample tube.
  - 5 Cap the vial tightly and then mix thoroughly.
  - 6 Centrifuge for 1 minute at 300 g.
  - 7 Seal the tube with parafilm and heat at 70 °C for 10 minutes.
  - 8 Put the vial in a room-temperature water bath to cool for at least 3 minutes and then transfer it to the sample vial.
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- 9 Transfer 100  $\mu\text{L}$  of the prepared sample to a micro vial. Put the micro vial inside a universal vial and cap the universal vial.

### Perform a Buffer Exchange for the IgG Sample

The signal intensity and resolution of this assay is sensitive to the salt concentration in the IgG sample. If the salt concentration is too high, low signal and peak tailing is likely to occur. Exchange the sample buffer with a Microcon-30 kDa centrifugal filter unit using the following procedure:

- 1 Add 1 mL of IgG sample to a Microcon-30 kDa centrifugal filter unit.
- 2 Centrifuge for 15 minutes at 4000  $g$ .
- 3 Add 2 mL of SDS-MW sample buffer, then centrifuge for 25 minutes at 4000  $g$ .
- 4 Insert the Microcon-30 kDa centrifugal filter unit into a new vial and then centrifuge for 3 minutes at 1000  $g$ . The IgG solution will collect in the vial.
- 5 Transfer the collected protein to an appropriate sterile tube. Add SDS-MW sample buffer to give a final volume of 1 mL.

### Prepare the IgG Non-reduced Sample

Under non-reduced conditions, heating the sample solution at high temperature is required to accelerate SDS-binding. However, heating an IgG sample at high temperature may introduce fragmentation and aggregation, and introduce artifacts to the sample analysis.

To alleviate these temperature induced artifacts, first alkylate the IgG sample using the following procedure:

- 1 Pipette 100  $\mu\text{g}$  of IgG sample into a 0.5 mL microcentrifuge tube.
- 2 Add 50  $\mu\text{L}$  to 95  $\mu\text{L}$  of SDS-MW sample buffer to give a final volume of 95  $\mu\text{L}$ .
- 3 Add 2  $\mu\text{L}$  of internal standard to the tube.
- 4 Inside a fume hood, add 5  $\mu\text{L}$  of the 250 mM IAM solution to the sample tube.

- 5 Cap the vial tightly and mix thoroughly.
  - 6 Centrifuge for 1 minute at 300 *g*.
  - 7 Seal the tube with parafilm and heat the mixture in a water bath at 70 °C for 10 minutes.
  - 8 Put the tube in a room-temperature water bath to cool for at least 3 minutes.
  - 9 Transfer 100 µL of the prepared sample to a 200 µL micro vial and spin down the contents to remove any air bubbles. Put the micro vial inside a universal vial and cap the universal vial.
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## Set Up the System

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### Methods and Sequences

The methods, sequences, and data files are installed on the PA 800 Plus controller. They are not available for download.

The methods are in the PA 800 Plus controller at C:\32Karat\projects\IgG Purity\Method.

- **IgG HR Conditioning - PA 800 plus.met** — To condition the capillary at the start of each day.
- **IgG HR Separation - PA 800 plus.met** — To perform an IgG separation.
- **IgG HR Shutdown - PA 800 plus.met** — For shutting down at the end of a sequence: to rinse the capillary for storage and to turn off the UV lamp.
- **IgG HS Conditioning - PA 800 plus.met** — To condition the capillary at the start of each day.
- **IgG HS Separation - PA 800 plus.met** — To perform an IgG separation.
- **IgG HS Shutdown - PA 800 plus.met** — For shutting down at the end of a sequence: to rinse the capillary for storage and to turn off the UV lamp.

The sequences are in the PA 800 Plus controller at C:\32Karat\projects\IgG Purity\Sequence.

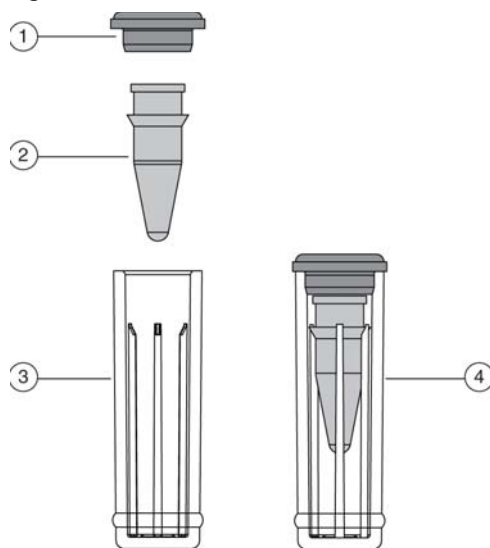
- **IgG HR - 24 samples - PA 800 plus.seq**
- **IgG HR - PA 800 plus.seq**
- **IgG HS - PA 800 plus.seq**

## Prepare the Sample Vials

Before putting the 200  $\mu\text{L}$  sample vials (or micro vials) into the universal vials, make sure that no bubbles are at the bottom of the vials. If bubbles exist, centrifuge the micro vials for 2 minutes at 1000  $g$  and repeat if necessary. Put a blue cap on the universal vial and make sure it is secure. Refer to [Figure 1](#).

Put the universal vials into the 48-position inlet sample tray from positions A1 through C8.

**Figure 1** Sample Vial Setup



1. Universal Cap
2. Micro Vial
3. Universal Vial
4. Micro Vial inside Universal Vial

## Prepare and Load the Buffer Vials

A sequence table with high-resolution (HR) methods is provided in the software: **IgG HR - PA 800 plus.seq**. This sequence can run up to 24 samples where sample number 1 is (always) the IgG control standard.



**DANGER! Toxic Chemical Hazard. Read the *Safety Data Sheets* for 0.1 M NaOH Solution, 0.1 M NaOH, and SDS-MW Gel Buffer before use.**

Refer to [APPENDIX A](#) for additional information.

## Prepare the Reagent Vials

Fill the appropriate number of reagent vials with the SDS-MW gel buffer, 0.1 M NaOH solution, 0.1 M HCl solution, and DDI water according to the buffer tray maps ([Figure 3](#) and [Figure 4](#)).

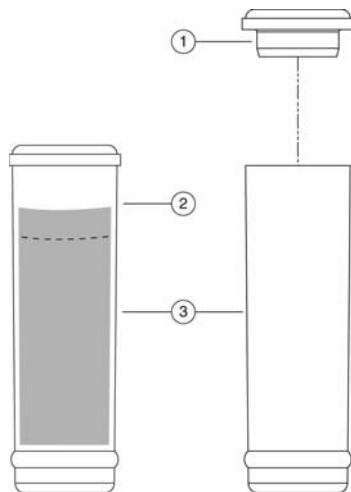
The number of reagent vials depends on the number of method cycles. The methods have been developed to automatically advance the reagent vials after eight cycles, providing a fresh set of buffers every eight cycles. The buffer tray maps are designed for use with the high-resolution methods, which introduce the sample from the left-side tray.

- 1 Fill the gel rinse (Gel-R) vials with 1.2 mL of SDS-MW gel buffer.
- 2 Fill the gel separation (Gel-S) vials with 1.1 mL of SDS-MW gel buffer.
- 3 Fill the water (H<sub>2</sub>O) vials with 1.5 mL of DDI water.
- 4 Fill the NaOH and HCl vials with 1.5 mL of NaOH and HCl, respectively.
- 5 Fill the waste vials with 1.0 mL of DDI water.

**WARNING**

**Do not fill the waste vial with more than 1.8 mL. If the vial has more than 1.8 mL, the pressure system might be damaged.**

**Figure 2** Universal Vials and Caps



1. Universal Vial Cap
2. Maximum Fill Level
3. Universal Vials

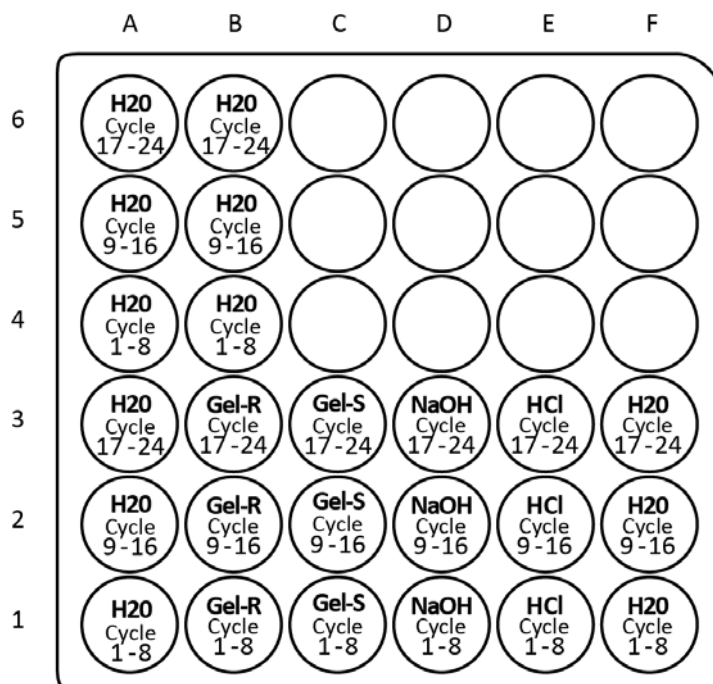
**NOTE** Carefully fill the buffer vials with SDS-MW gel buffer without producing bubbles and use the recommended volume. If the volume is too low ( $< \frac{1}{2}$  of vial volume), the capillary and electrode might not be able to dip into the SDS-MW gel buffer during the separation. If the volume is too high, the SDS-MW gel buffer may accumulate on the capillary ends and electrodes, causing various modes of system failure.

## 6 Cap the universal vials.

**IMPORTANT** In this application, all vials and caps are designed for a maximum of eight runs each. Do not reuse the caps. They can be contaminated with dried gel and other chemicals.

## 7 Load the reagent vials into the inlet and outlet 6x6 buffer trays as shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4.

**Figure 3** Inlet Buffer Tray Map



|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| 1. H2O - DDI Water               | 4. NaOH |
| 2. Gel-R - SDS-MW Gel Rinse      | 5. HCl  |
| 3. Gel-S - SDS-MW Gel Separation |         |

A1 to A6: DDI H<sub>2</sub>O, use for dip step to clean capillary tip, 1.5 mL

B4 to B6: DDI H<sub>2</sub>O, use for dip step to clean capillary tip, 1.5 mL

B1 to B3: SDS-MW gel buffer to rinse/fill capillary prior each cycle, 1.2 mL

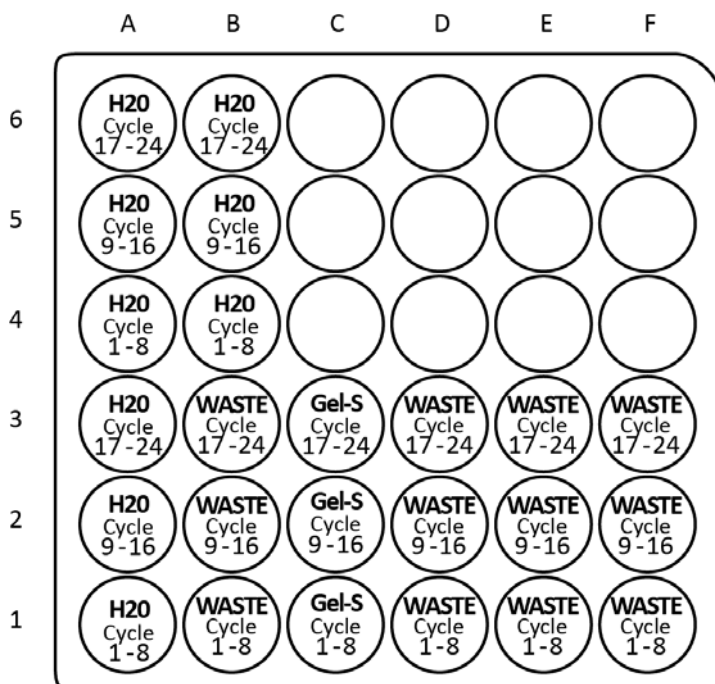
C1 to C3: SDS-MW gel buffer for separation, 1.1 mL

D1 to D3: 0.1 M NaOH, use to precondition capillary, 1.5 mL

E1 to E3: 0.1 M HCl, use to precondition capillary, 1.5 mL

F1 to F3: DDI H<sub>2</sub>O, use to precondition capillary, 1.5 mL

Figure 4 Outlet Buffer Tray Map



1. H2O - DDI Water

2. WASTE

3. Gel-S - Gel Separation

A1 to A6: DDI H<sub>2</sub>O, use in dip step to clean capillary tip, 1.5 mLB4 to B6: DDI H<sub>2</sub>O, use in dip step to clean capillary tip, 1.5 mL

B1 to B3: Waste vial for SDS-MW gel buffer rinse, 1.0 mL of DDI water

C1 to C3: SDS-MW gel buffer for separation, 1.1 mL

D1 to D3: Waste vial for 0.1 M NaOH rinse, 1.0 ml of DDI water

E1 to E3: Waste vial for 0.1 M HCl rinse, 1.0 ml of DDI water

F1 to F3: Waste vial for DDI H<sub>2</sub>O rinse, 1.0 ml of DDI water


**8** Load the trays into the PA 800 Plus system.

## Run the Assay

### Create the Sequence and Start the Run

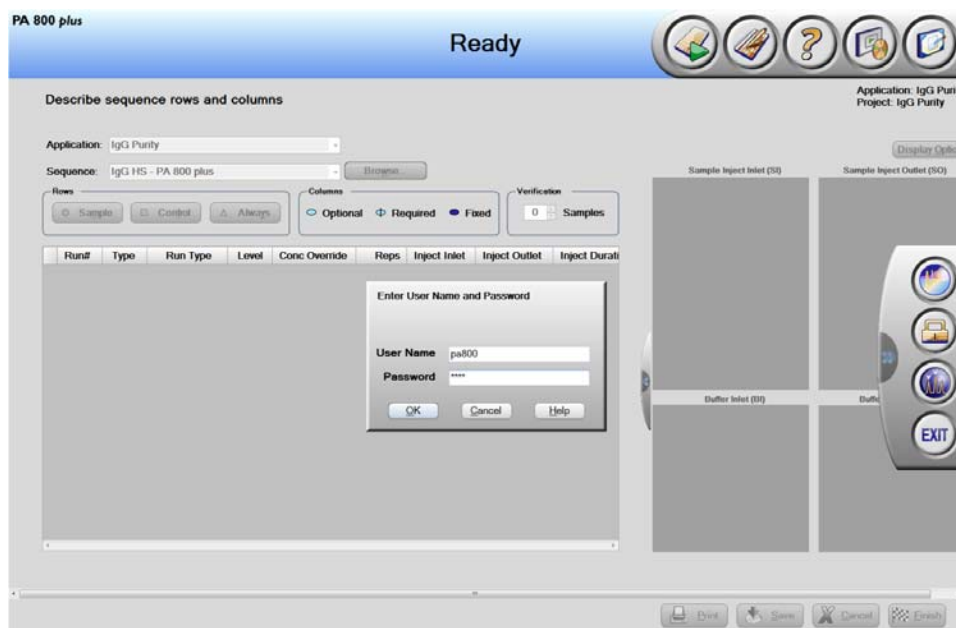
**1** Double-click the PA 800 Plus software icon on the desktop.



- 2 In the PA 800 Plus window, click  (Run) in the upper right corner of the window.
- 3 In the **Application** list, click **IgG Purity**. In the **Sequence** list, click **Browse** and select **IgG HiSpeed - PA 800 plus.seq**.

If system administration is enabled, type the user name and the password when prompted, and then click **OK** (Figure 5). The default user name is **pa800**, and the default password is **plus**.



**Figure 5** User Name and Password Entry



The Instrument Status and Direct Control window opens (Figure 6).

Figure 6 Instrument Status and Direct Control Window



- 4 In the **Instrument Status and Direct Control** window, click  (Next) in the bottom right corner of the window.
- 5 Select **IgG HiSpeed - PA 800 plus.seq** to open the sequence. This sequence will run a maximum of 24 samples where sample 1 is (always) the IgG control standard.
- 6 Click  (Describe) in the upper right corner of the window to edit the sequence.
 

**NOTE** The Describe function can be accessed from the PA 800 Plus window, the application window, or from the Samples/Vials window by clicking the Describe icon.

Use the Describe function to customize the sequence stable and edit the number of samples that can be run in the sequence. The Describe function can set the row types as controls for system suitability standards and blanks, samples for unknowns, and when preparing for capillary conditioning and shutdown runs.
- 7 In the **Application** list, click **IgG Purity**, click **Browse**, and select **IgG HiSpeed - PA 800 plus.seq**. If prompted, type a user name and password.
- 8 (Optional) Edit the **Sample ID** and **Data** fields as desired. Editable fields such as **Sample ID** and **Data File Name** can be set as Mandatory, Optional, or Fixed.

- 9 After the sequence is loaded, set rows as Sample, Control, or Always. Click the row to select it and then click the button in the Rows area.

In [Figure 7](#), Capillary Conditioning and Shutdown runs are set as Always. Run #2 is set as Control. Sample ID is set as Optional. Reps are set as Required.

**Figure 7** Describe sequence rows and columns Window – Conditioning Method Set to “Always”

The screenshot shows the 'Describe sequence rows and columns' window. The 'Application' is set to 'IgG Purity' and the 'Sequence' is 'IgG HiSpeed - PA 800 plus'. The 'Rows' section has 'Always' selected. The 'Columns' section has 'Optional', 'Required', and 'Fixed' options. The 'Verification' section shows '23 Samples'. The table below lists 21 runs with their respective types and configurations.

| Run# | Type    | Run     | Conc | Reps | Inject Inlet | Inject Outlet | Inject | Sample ID      |
|------|---------|---------|------|------|--------------|---------------|--------|----------------|
| 1    | Always  | Unknown | 0    | None | None         | None          | 0      | Capillary Cond |
| 2    | Control | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C1        | SO:A1         | 20     | IqG Control St |
| 3    | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C1        | SO:A2         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 4    | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C1        | SO:A3         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 5    | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C1        | SO:A4         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 6    | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C1        | SO:A5         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 7    | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C1        | SO:A6         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 8    | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C1        | SO:A7         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 9    | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C1        | SO:A8         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 10   | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C1        | SO:B1         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 11   | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C2        | SO:B2         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 12   | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C2        | SO:B3         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 13   | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C2        | SO:B4         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 14   | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C2        | SO:B5         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 15   | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C2        | SO:B6         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 16   | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C2        | SO:B7         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 17   | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C2        | SO:B8         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 18   | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C2        | SO:C1         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 19   | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C3        | SO:C2         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 20   | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C3        | SO:C3         | 20     | Mab sample     |
| 21   | Sample  | Unknown | 0    | None | BI:C3        | SO:C4         | 20     | Mab sample     |

- 10 In the lower right corner of the window, click (Save), and then click (Finish). The Run Sequence window opens ([Figure 8](#)).

Figure 8 Describe sequence rows and columns Window – Reload Sequence

PA 800 plus

Idle

User name: pa800  
Application: IgG Purity  
Sequence template: IgG HiSpeed - PA 800 plus

1. Application 2. Samples/Vials 3. Acquisition

Number of samples: 23

Output data path: C:\32KarathProjects\IgG Purity\Data

Output sequence path: C:\32KarathProjects\IgG Purity\Data\Sequence

| Run# | Run Type | Level | Conc Override | Reps | Inject Inlet | Inject Outlet | Inject Duration |
|------|----------|-------|---------------|------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1    | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | None         | None          | 0               |
| 2    | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C1       | SO: A1        | 20              |
| 3    | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C1       | SO: A2        | 20              |
| 4    | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C1       | SO: A3        | 20              |
| 5    | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C1       | SO: A4        | 20              |
| 6    | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C1       | SO: A5        | 20              |
| 7    | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C1       | SO: A6        | 20              |
| 8    | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C1       | SO: A7        | 20              |
| 9    | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C1       | SO: A8        | 20              |
| 10   | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C1       | SO: B1        | 20              |
| 11   | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C2       | SO: B2        | 20              |
| 12   | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C2       | SO: B3        | 20              |
| 13   | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C2       | SO: B4        | 20              |
| 14   | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C2       | SO: B5        | 20              |
| 15   | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C2       | SO: B6        | 20              |
| 16   | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C2       | SO: B7        | 20              |
| 17   | Unknown  | 0     | None          | 1    | BI: C2       | SO: B8        | 20              |

Back Load Show 32 Karat Print Cancel Next

**NOTE** In the upper left corner next to Run #1 of the table in Figure 8, a blinking red exclamation mark indicates that the sequence has changed and the software expects an action from the user. Move the cursor over the exclamation point to view a tooltip with the required action. In this example, the user is prompted to click  (Reload sequence) to update the sequence.

Another example of a required action is in the case of a data file name being a required field, and the data file does not contain any information. In this case, the user is required to enter the appropriate data file name.

The number of samples shown for this sequence is 23 instead of 24 because the first run is the control. If required, the user can reduce the number the samples to be run in the sequence in the **Run Sequence** window by editing the **Number of samples** list.

**11** Click **Load** to load the sample and reagent vials as shown in Figure 8 and then close the door.

**12** Click **Next** and then click **Yes - run now**.

Figure 9 PA 800 Plus Software: Run Window



## Capillary Cleaning and Storage

For **short-term storage** on the instrument (< 10 days), clean and store the capillary following separation:

Perform a shutdown method to clean the capillary. Leave the capillary ends dip in water vials.

For **long-term storage** (> 10 days), clean and store the capillary following separation:

- 1 Perform a shutdown method to clean the capillary.
- 2 Rinse the capillary with DDI water for 10 minutes at 100 psi.
- 3 Remove the cartridge from the instrument.
- 4 Store the cartridge in the cartridge box with the inlet and outlet ends in water vials.

- 5 Keep the cartridge upright in the box.

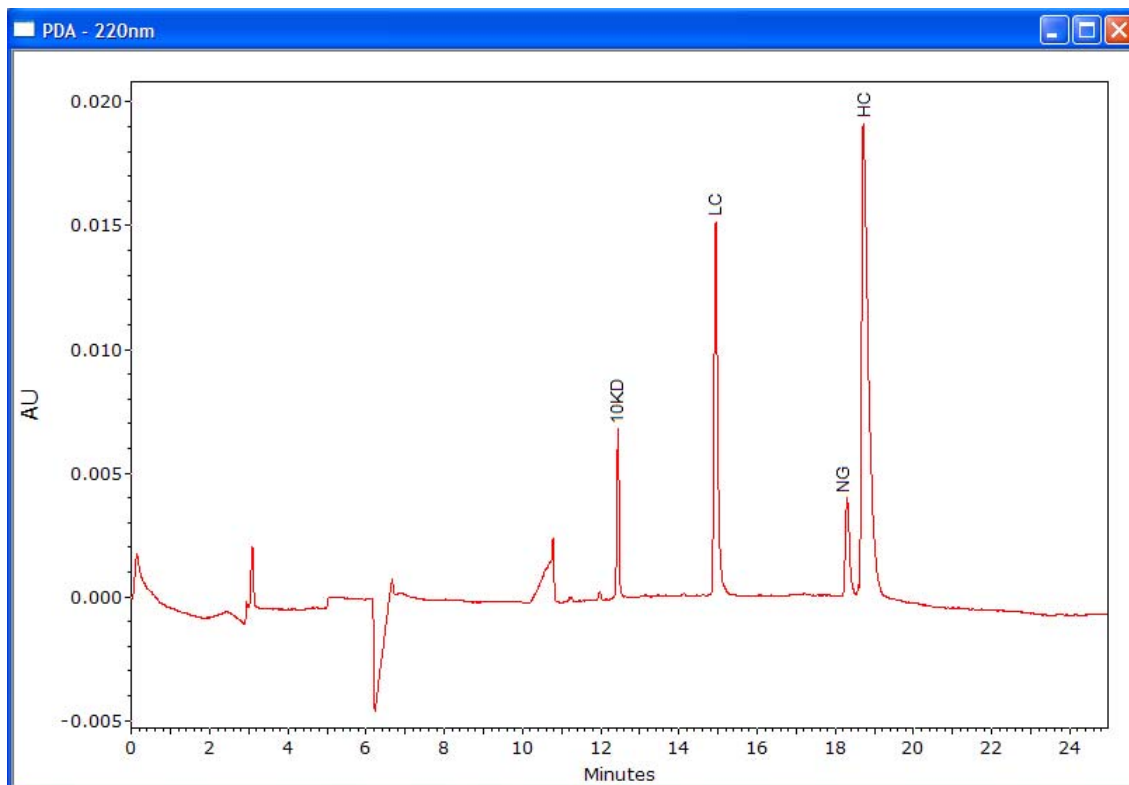
## Evaluate the Results

### Typical Results for Reduced IgG Control Standard

The IgG control standard used with this assay includes a controlled percentage of non-glycosylated heavy chain, which provides both a resolution and quantification benchmark. [Figure 10](#) illustrates a typical electropherogram of the reduced IgG control standard for the suitability test.

With this assay, the suitability standard is used to confirm the identification of the known IgG control elements of IgG light chain (LC), heavy chain (HC), non-glycosylated heavy chain (NG), and the 10 kDa internal standard (10 kD). The glycosylated heavy chain should be baseline resolved from the non-glycosylated heavy chain (resolution >1). The quantification benchmark is given as the percentage of the total heavy chain present in the IgG control. Refer to the Certificate of Analysis shipped with the internal standard for the percentage.

**Figure 10** Separation of IgG Control Standard Using Reduced Conditions



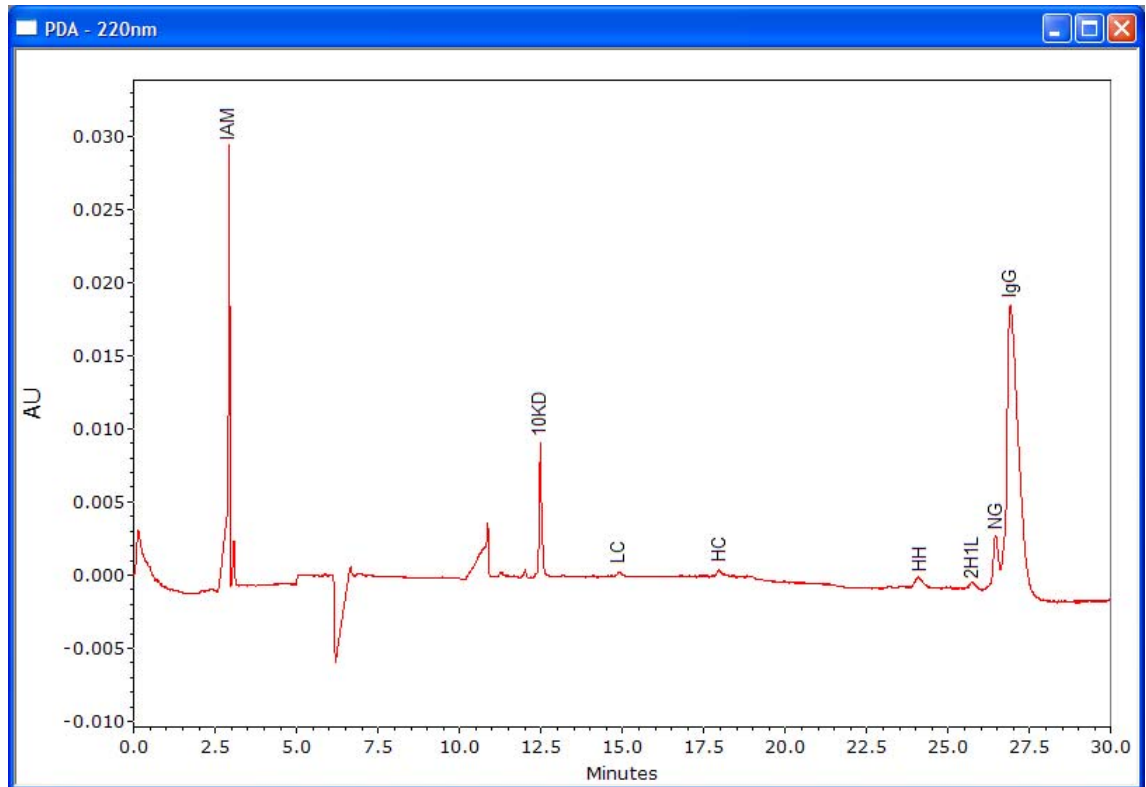


|    |                              |       |                   |
|----|------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| LC | Light Chain                  | HC    | Heavy Chain       |
| NG | Non-Glycosylated Heavy Chain | 10 kD | Internal Standard |

## Typical Results for Non-reduced IgG Control Standard

Under non-reducing conditions, all the impurities, such as light chain (LC), heavy chain (HC), heavy-heavy chain (HH) and 2 heavy 1 light chain (2H1L), resolve from the whole antibody. Refer to [Figure 11](#).

**Figure 11** Electropherogram of IgG Control Standard Using Non-Reducing Conditions



## Troubleshooting

Table 4 Troubleshooting

| Problem                        | Possible Cause  | Corrective Action  |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Failed system suitability test | Capillary length incorrect or reagents and samples not properly positioned. | Inspect the capillary length, buffer tray, and sample tray first. Make sure all the reagents and samples are in the right place as described in the buffer tray maps. Evaluate the integration and peak identification windows. Refer to the other symptoms below for additional troubleshooting tips. |
| Low or erratic current         | Capillary plugged   | 1) Rinse the capillary with DDI water at 100 psi for 10 minutes and then perform the capillary conditioning method.<br>2) If low or unsteady current continues, replace the capillary.   |
|                                | Air bubbles in the gel  | Degas SDS-MW gel buffer under 5 Hg to 15 Hg vacuum for 5 minutes.  |
|                                | Contaminated electrode  | Clean electrodes. Refer to the <i>System Maintenance Guide</i> for further instructions.   |
| High current                   | Contaminated gel buffer   | Replace the SDS-MW gel buffer as needed.   |
|                                | Contamination of the electrode  | Clean the electrodes. Refer to the <i>PA 800 Plus System Maintenance Guide</i> .   |
| Spikes in electropherogram     | Air bubbles in gel buffer   | Degas SDS-MW gel buffer under 5 Hg to 15 Hg vacuum for 5 minutes.  |
| Broad peaks, poor resolution   | Poor capillary end cut  | Inspect the capillary end under magnification. If the cut is jagged, then cut the end again, or replace the capillary.   |
|                                | Improper reduction of sample  | Reduce the sample using recommended procedure. Use fresh 2-mercaptoethanol for sample reduction. Refer to <a href="#">Prepare the IgG Reduced Sample</a> .   |
|                                | Deteriorated capillary  | 1) Rinse the capillary with DDI water for 10 minutes at 100 psi and then perform the capillary conditioning method.<br>2) Install a new capillary if the same problem is observed.   |
|                                | Dust or gel build up on capillary end                                       | Clean the capillary tip using DDI water. Refer to <a href="#">Clean the Interface</a> .  |



**Table 4** Troubleshooting

| Problem                | Possible Cause                                  | Corrective Action   |
|------------------------|---|---|
| No peaks or low signal | Capillary inlet longer than the inlet electrode | Push the capillary up into the cartridge or cut the capillary inlet to make sure it is the same length as the electrode.  |
|                        | Dirty or plugged capillary tip                  | 1) Clean the capillary tip using DDI water. Refer to <a href="#">Clean the Interface</a> .<br>2) Replace the capillary if the plug cannot be removed by water rinses. |
|                        | Not enough sample                               | Make sure there is a minimum of 20 $\mu$ L of sample in the sample vial.  |
|                        | Slow sample migration                           | Increase the separation time in the method and repeat the analysis.   |
|                        | High salt in IgG sample                         | Perform a buffer exchange to remove salt from the sample. Refer to <a href="#">Perform a Buffer Exchange for the IgG Sample</a> .                                     |



# Hazardous Substance Information

The following information must be noted and the relevant safety measures taken. Refer to the respective safety data sheets for more information. These are available upon request or can be downloaded from our website, [sciex.com](http://sciex.com).

Hazard classification according to HCS 2012.

## Hazardous Substances

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### Acidic Wash Solution (0.1 M HCl)



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**DANGER!** Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

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### Basic Wash Solution (0.1 M NaOH)



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**DANGER!** Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

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### IgG Control Standard

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**WARNING!** Causes mild skin irritation.

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## SDS-MW Gel Buffer - proprietary formulation, pH 8, 0.2% SDS

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**DANGER!** Causes mild skin irritation. May damage fertility or the unborn child.

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