## HIGH PRODUCTIVITY PROTEIN A MEMBRANE DEVICES COMPLEMENT DISPOSABLE UPSTREAM TECHNOLOGY FOR A FULLY SINGLE-USE PROCESS

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### Key Trends Impacting Bioprocessing Today

#### SINGLE-USE SYSTEMS

- Smaller footprint, less capital
- Sustainability: less water, chemicals and energy
- Scalable & flexible
- Less downtime & faster turnover
- Lower risk of contamination, bioburden, and operator error

#### INTENSIFIED PROCESSING

- Smaller footprint producing higher productivity
- Consistent scalability & facility fit to speed tech transfer

#### SUPPLY CHAIN

- Dual source options
- Short lead times

#### NEW, COMPLEX MODALITIES

Multispecifics, ADCs, Fc fusions, etc.



## The Downstream Bottleneck: Resin Chromatography

- Protein A resin columns are oversized/underutilized to gain flow and speed processing times to keep pace with upstream productivity
- Need to optimize chromatography media performance to enable high flow rate and high binding capacities
  - **Facility fit challenges** for multiple drugs, scales and potencies
- Source for packing, qualifying, storing, validating resin columns
  - ) **Bioburden** that can impact your bottom line and your project timeline

### Proprietary Membrane, Immobilized Protein A



### Focus for Scaling Proprietary Membrane





Pressure Drop

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**Pressure Drop** 



**Seconds Residence Time** 

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Elution Width on average ~ 2.5 MV



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### Focus on Productivity Optimization

Faster than 20srt



## Improved Productivity with Flexible Protocols

GORE<sup>®</sup> Protein Capture Devices with Protein A - 58 mL: 4g/L CHO cell harvest

Initial Study:	Reduce Transitions:	Alternative CIP1:	Alternative CIP2:
88 g L <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	143 g L <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	191 g L <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	207 g L <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>
<ul> <li>Loading: 30srt</li> <li>Operational: 10srt</li> <li>Conservative transitions</li> <li>3 minute CIP per cycle</li> <li>16.8 minutes/per cycle</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Loading: 30srt</li> <li>Operational: 10srt</li> <li>Reduced transitions</li> <li>3 minute CIP per cycle</li> <li>12.6 minutes/per cycle</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Loading: 15srt</li> <li>Operational: 7srt</li> <li>Reduced transitions</li> <li>2 minute CIP per cycle</li> <li>9.5 minutes/per cycle</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Loading: 15srt</li> <li>Operational: 7srt</li> <li>Reduced transitions</li> <li>"Pulse CIP" per cycle</li> <li>6.9 minutes/per cycle</li> </ul>



- CMO and pharma evaluations show no difference in product quality attributes relative to productivity
  - HCP clearance
  - Yield
  - Protein A leaching
- Similar CQAs to resin
- Validated through 100 cycles and demonstrated 200 cycles
- Flexible CIP and durability enable ability to clear 2000-L bioreactor in fully disposable process

# Results from Partner Research: Single-Use Upstream + Protein A Purification Devices





## **Protein A Resin Limitations in Standard mAb Platforms**



- High volumes in harvest
- Limited hold times
- Long residence times during loading
- Large columns required
- Expensive
- Difficult to clean
- Bioburden issues
- Re-use validation





### Gore Protein A Membrane | 1 L Manufacturing Scale Device



2 x 1 L Protein A Devices





#### **The Research Execution**

- Scale-up run using 2 x 1 L Gore Protein A devices
- Small footprint required (approx., 10 x 10 inch for each column).
- Standard single use chromatography skid used





### **Protein A Membrane | Short Residence Time and Rapid Mass Transfer**

Harvest titer : 1.717 g/L Membrane volume : 2 L Load volume: 23.5 L (40 g/cycle)

We performed two method to reduce sanitization volume between cycles

#### **Cycle 1-10**

Step	Volume (MV)	Residence Time (min)	Total Time (min)
Equilibration	3.0	0.2	0.6
Load	11.6	0.4	4.66
Wash 1(EQ wash)	1.43	0.4	0.57
Wash 2(Salt wash)	3	0.2	0.60
Pre-elution wash (EQ wash)	3	0.2	0.60
Elution	3.75	0.2	0.75
Sanitization (0.1N NaOH)	5	0.4	2.00
Re-Equilibration	3	0.2	0.60
Total	33.8	-	10.38

#### Cycle 11-19

Step	Volume (MV)	Residence Time (min)	Total Time (min)
Equilibration	3.0	0.2	0.6
Load	11.6	0.4	4.66
Wash 1(EQ wash)	1.43	0.4	0.57
Wash 2(Salt wash)	3	0.2	0.60
Pre-elution wash (EQ wash)	3	0.2	0.60
Elution	3.75	0.2	0.75
Sanitization (0.1N NaOH)	3	0.4	1.20
Re-Equilibration	3	0.2	0.60
Total	31.8	-	9.58

## Protein A Membrane | A280 Chromatograms & High Reproducibility



### **Protein A Membrane at 500L | Pressure Trends**



### Over 19 cycles:

- No clogging of the device occurred and there was no sudden increase in pressure
- There was no increase in pressure when Sani volumes were reduced (after Cycle 11)





### Lab Scale Results: Protein A Resin vs. Gore Device Demonstrate Good Performance and Quality

	5 mL Protein A Resin column	3.5 mL Gore Device with Protein A	2 L Gore Device with Protein A
Productivity (g/L/h)	13.8 <mark>960% in</mark>	crease 132.8	132.6
Average elution volume [100-100 mAU cutoff]	2.72	1.84	2.68
Elution HCP (LRV)	2.03	2.12 Similar per	formance 2.22
Elution Protein A (ppm)	4.28	5.25	2.49
Average SEC Product Quality (% main/%HMW)	89.9 / 10.1	93.3 / 6.7	93.9 / 6.1

#### Notes:

Cell culture harvest purified with laboratory-scale columns to provide benchmark performance targets & scaling reference for the Gore Protein A membrane device.

Productivity calculations indicate a consistent 10X increase in productivity for the Gore Protein A membrane devices compared to the resin column.

Chromatographic performance and process and product impurity data were comparable between the two Gore Protein A membrane devices and the Protein A resin control. Consistent scaling in membrane makes the process easy to transfer across sizes based on residence time





### **Demonstrating Similarity Membrane to Resin – Lab Scale**



- Eluent Average SEC Product Quality distributions for laboratory scale Protein A resin column and Gore Protein A membrane device
- LMW species, indicative of protein fragmentation, were typically < 0.04 area percent in all cases





### **Demonstrating Similarity Membrane to Resin – Lab Scale**

Eluent Charge Variant distributions for Laboratory scale Protein A resin column and Gore Protein A membrane device\*. Eluent n-glycan distributions for Laboratory scale Protein A resin column and Gore Protein A membrane device\*.



\*Error bars represent relative standard deviation on replicate preparations





### **Single-Use Downstream Performance Characterization Summary**

Step	Step Step Yield (%) Productivity	НСР		Residual	Host Cell DNA	SEC-HPLC (%)		
		Productivity	ppm	Step LRV	[ppm]	Step LRV	Main	HMW
Harvest (Filtration)	-	-	160,187	-	-	-	-	-
Protein A Affinity (Gore Protein A)	103.8	132.6 g L <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	830	2.29	2.49	3.37	93.9	6.11
Viral Inactivation (Single-use Mixer)	-	-	915	-	2.36	-	92.6	7.37
Anion Exchange (Sartobind Q)	88.9	189.2 g L <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	72	1.10	2.20	1.70	92.1	7.89
TFF: UF/DF (Pellicon Capsule)	104.4	72.0 g m <sup>-2</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	99	-	2.42	-	93.9	6.05

#### Table summary:

- 1. Step yields, step productivities, and pooled HCP, Protein A and SEC characterization data for the affinity capture, VI, AEX and TFF steps.
- 2. Comparison of step yield, productivity, and process/product quality data for the downstream unit operations. Purity data were analyzed from the final pool at each operation.





### Potential for 90% Cost Savings, More Productivity and Faster Preparation

#### Assumptions made in calculations:

• 2,000 L Bioreactor | 5 g/L | 1 batch example | Resin: \$18,000/L

	Resin Column	Gore Protein A Membrane Column	
Column size	32 L packed bed	2 x 1 L	More efficient facility fit
Cost for 1 batch	\$767,900*	\$76,400	
Residence/Step time	4 minute residence time	Rapid cycle (30 seconds load, 7 seconds operational, 30 seconds CIP)	
Cycles per batch	8 cycles/batch	157 cycles/batch	
Processing time	17.5 hours	19.6 hours	Similar unit op. time
Preparation time	<b>32 hours*</b> *Assumes full Resin packing of empty column (23 hours) + setup (6 hours)	2 hours	94% faster preparation
Storage cost	10% Resin cost	None	





\*Pricing includes packing & prep costs and 20% additional resin to account for bed compression.



### Scalability of GORE Protein Capture Device

Lab Scale to GMP (2000-L focus)

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<sup>2</sup>GORE Protein Capture Devices with Protein A are validated to 100 cycles and demonstrated to 200 cycles.

 $^3$ Range of total time per cycle is inherently higher for lower titers due to increased time needed for loading low titer harvest to 80% of DBC  $_{10\%}$ 

<sup>4</sup>The Gore Productivity Calculator (Gore document PB11711) can be used to model a wide range of additional scenarios

## Conclusions & Looking Forward

- Consistent device performance from 1mL to 1L
  - Elution widths
  - ✓ Cycling purity & yield
  - Elution widths
  - ✓ Low pressure drop





**Increase productivity** through High binding capacity, short residence time, and low pressure drop.

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