# **OpenSPR**

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### Improving human life by helping scientists succeed





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# Basics of SPR Surface plasmon resonance





**Basics of SPR** 

# Why SPR?

#### Data Obtained with SPR:

- Kinetics Data
  - Association rate constant (k<sub>a</sub>)
  - Dissociation rate constant (k<sub>d</sub>)
  - Equilibrium dissociation constant (K<sub>D</sub>)
- Quantitation
- Epitope mapping





# **Traditional SPR instruments**



Traditional SPR





### Basics of SPR OpenSPR: Localized SPR





### **Benefits of LSPR**



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### Compatible with:

- Proteins/peptides
- Antibodies
- Nucleic acids
- Lipids
- Small molecules\*

\*application dependent

- Adeno-associated viruses (AAV)
- Virus-like particles (VLPs)
- Hormones/cytokines
- Crude samples

#### **Supported assays**

Kinetics/affinity characterization Kinetics/affinity screening Yes/no binding Competition assays Concentration analysis Epitope mapping



### **Direct binding kinetics of SARS-CoV-2 mAb in serum**





- Direct detection of SARS-CoV-2 mAb in 50% diluted serum, with RBD of the spike protein and fast screening method.
- Ability to measure viral-antigen and antibody interaction in serological sample is key to developing sensitive diagnostic assay.

| Parameter              | SARS-CoV-2 mAb in buffer | SARS-CoV-2 mAb in Serum |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| k <sub>a</sub> [1/M*s] | 1.51e5 (±2.17e0)         | 1.30e5 (±3.94e0)        |
| k <sub>d</sub> [1/s]   | 1.20e-4 (±1.60e-5)       | 6.75e-5 (±2.00e-5)      |
| К <sub>р</sub> [М]     | 7.93e-10 (±1.06e-10)     | 5.18e-10 (±1.53e-10)    |

### **Discovering novel therapeutic peptides**



- HA-RHAMM interaction is pro-angiogenic and inflammatory.
- Full length RHAMM production and isolation is difficult, thus a mini-peptide (7 kDa RHAMM) was synthesized.
- SPR showed 7 kDa RHAMM has similar affinity for HA and tubulin-derived peptide as that of the full length RHAMM.
- 7 kDa RHAMM is an efficient and effective replacement of full length RHAMM, and can be used for screening and discovering novel ligands.

### **Characterizing SARS-CoV-2** antibodies

#### Capture antibody



#### **Detector antibody**



#### Affinity Ranking

| Antibody   | kon (1/M*s) | koff (1/s) | KD      |
|------------|-------------|------------|---------|
| CoV-2 Ab01 | 8.92e4      | 5.93e-4    | 6.65 nM |
| CoV-2 Ab02 | 1.07e5      | 5.69e-5    | 534 pM  |
| CoV-2 Ab03 | 1.26e6      | 7.74e-5    | 60.9 pM |
| CoV-2 Ab04 | 2.69e5      | 3.81e-5    | 141 pM  |

#### Epitope binning



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# Features



| Channels               | 2  |
|------------------------|--|
| Injection              | Semi-Automated                               |
| Sensor docking         | Automated                                    |
| Buffer selection       | Automated 3 buffer selection                 |
| Temperature<br>control | 4 - 40°C (lower limit 10°C<br>below ambient) |
| Flow rate              | 5 - 200 µl/min                               |
| Sample volume          | 150 μL<br>(100 μL sample loop + 50 μL)       |
| Affinity range         | mM - pM                                      |

# Sensors



#### Standard sensors



High sensitivity sensors



# **OpenSPR-XT**

- 2 channels
- Sample area cooled to 4°C
- 2 x 96-well plate capacity
- Automated injections
- 24 hours unattended operation

| Injection      | Automated |
|----------------|-----------|
| Sample cooling | 4 - 22°C  |
| Sample volume  | 200 µL    |



# Why consider SPR for your research?

- SPR data are now essential in presenting binding kinetics
- More and more researchers are using SPR data to compliment their publications
- SPR field has been growing rapidly in the last 10 years and has became a stable instrument in research environments



### **OpenSPR cited in 170+ publications**



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### Accelerate your research with OpenSPR





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## **Additional Applications Slides**



## Studying binding of protein and virus-like particles



#### **Full Application Note**

- Virus-like particles (VLPs) are complex molecules composed of multiple subunits that resemble a specific virus without its genetic material.
- Their applications include the development of therapies and vaccines against viral diseases, as well as the identification of viral protein components.
- OpenSPR-XT instrument was used to detect a VLP with an approximate molecular weight of 10 MDa to an immobilized antibody. Binding of the VLP could be detected at sub-nanomolar concentrations.

### **Receptor-based peptides for leukotoxin inhibition**



#### **Application: Protein – Peptide**

- Goal of study: inhibition of leukotoxin (LtxA) lymphocyte function-associated antigen-1 (LFA 1) binding.
- SPR data revealed the binding kinetics between each of the designed peptides and LtxA, with peptide W2S4 having a reduced affinity for the toxin.
- Target-based peptides were used to inhibit LtxA activity, and a similar approach could be used to hinder the activity of other RTX toxins.



### Applications Elucidating immune signaling pathways



#### **Application: Protein – Nanobody**

- HACS1 is a signaling adaptor protein involved in angiogenesis, while PIRB contributes to both innate and adaptive immune responses.
- Inactivation leads to hypersensitivity, enhanced Tcell response and cytokine signaling.
- SPR revealed HACS1 SH3 domain has varying affinities for both mouse (15.9 µM) and human PIRB (8.7 µM).
- These interactions may influence immune and neuronal cell fate.

## **Rapid detection of SARS-CoV-2 variants**



#### **Application: Protein – Antibody**

- Goal of study: identification of SARS-CoV-2 variants.
- SPR data showed strong interaction between the monoclonal antibody (2E8) and SARS-CoV-2 Spike protein (K<sub>D</sub> = 7.38 nM). In conjunction with another mAb, in a sandwich ELISA was able to distinguish between delta, alpha/gamma, and beta variants.
- Rapid detection of SARS-CoV-2-variants is critical to develop point-of-care-diagnostics and prevent spread of unique and deadly variants.