

Chromatography Solutions

# Avantor® ACE® Excel® Glycan

UHPLC/HPLC columns for reproducible  
glycan analysis



## GLYCAN ANALYSIS

- Analysis of the glycosylation pattern of biopharmaceutical compounds is essential for their complete characterisation
- Monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) are one of the largest growing areas of biotherapeutic interest and are heavily glycosylated molecules with each mAb containing at least two glycosylation sites as shown in Figure 1 below
- Changes to the glycosylation of a biopharmaceutical can affect the efficacy and safety of the drug, so it is extremely important that it is thoroughly monitored
- Due to the highly polar nature of released glycans, a hydrophilic stationary phase is ideal for their separation
- Labelling with a fluorophore such as 2-aminobenzamide (2-AB) allows the released glycans to be analysed using fluorescence detection

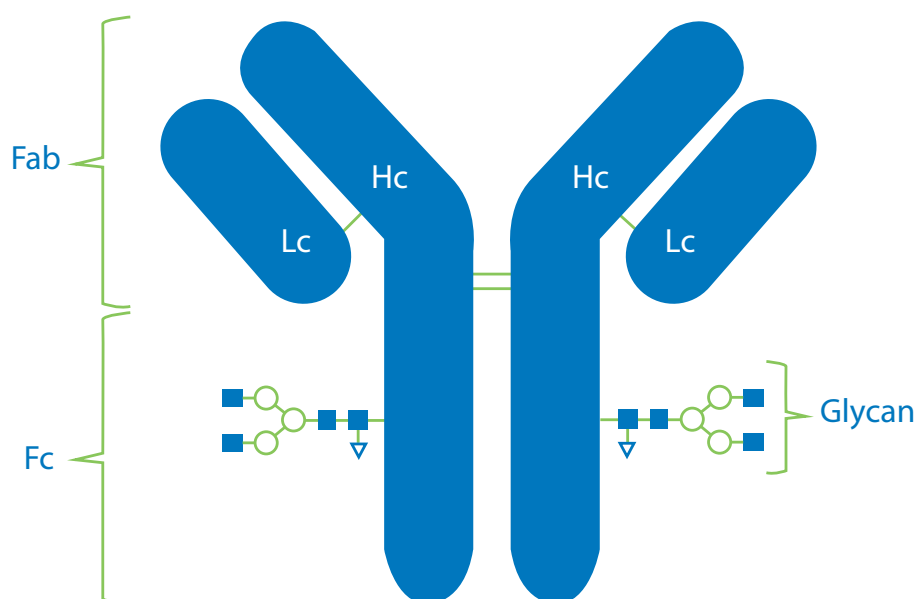


Figure 1: Schematic showing glycosylation regions of a monoclonal antibody.

Phase	Endcapped	Particle size (µm)	Pore size (Å)	Surface area (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	Carbon load (%)	Recommended pH range
ACE® Excel® Glycan	No	1.7, 3	100	300	7.0	2.0 - 7.0

To extend column lifetime ACE UHPLC guard cartridges (Cat. No. EXL-1P16-GD2U / Cat. No. EXL-1P16-GD4U) are recommended.

For the guard system, guard cartridge holder (H0011) is also required.

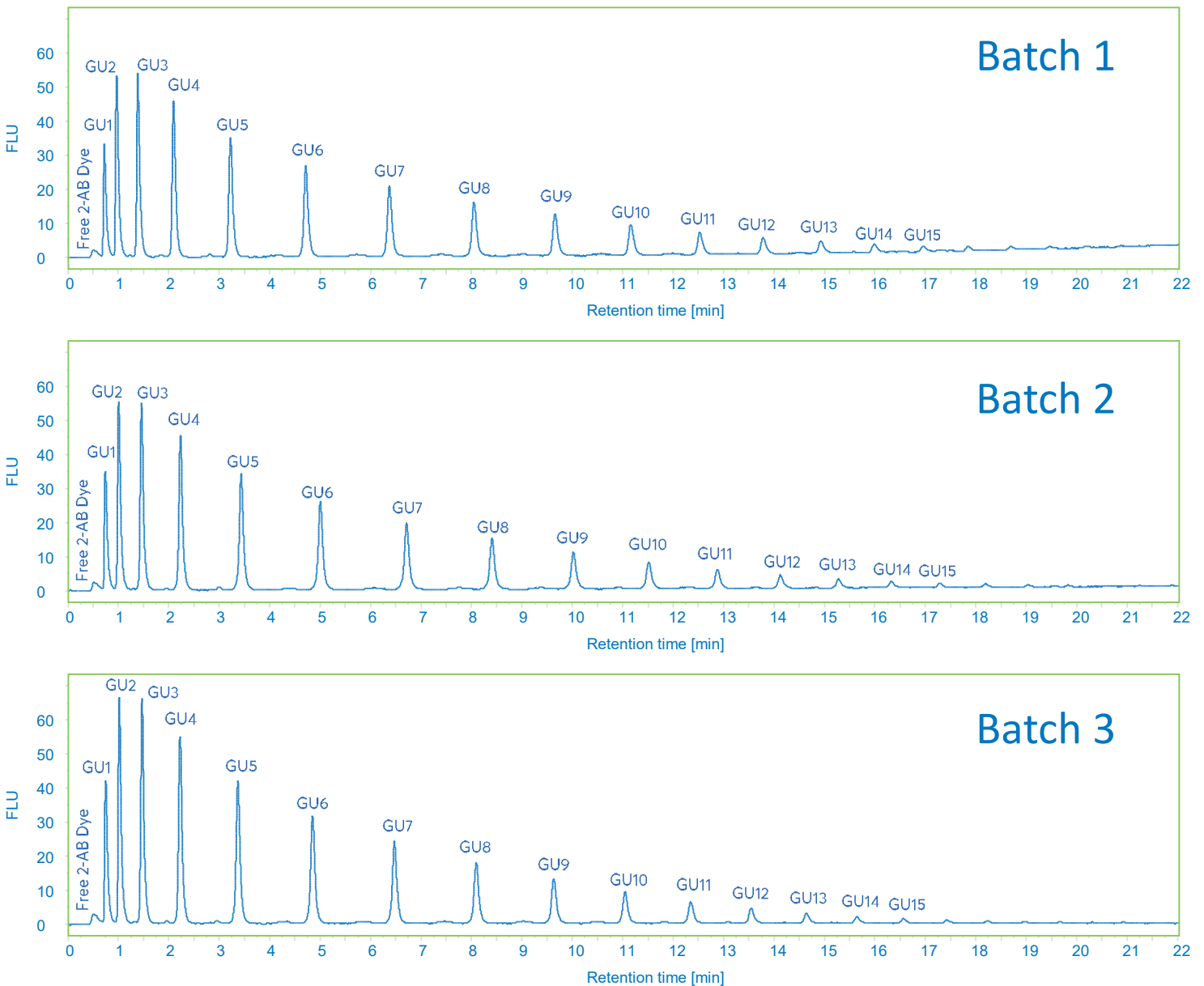
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## GUARANTEED REPRODUCIBILITY

- The ACE® Excel® Glycan column provides excellent batch-to-batch reproducibility as shown below
- The dextran ladder standard consists of a mixture of glucose homopolymers of between 1 to 15 monomer units, and is a useful tool in identifying more complex glycoforms based upon correlated retention times

## BATCH-TO-BATCH REPRODUCIBILITY

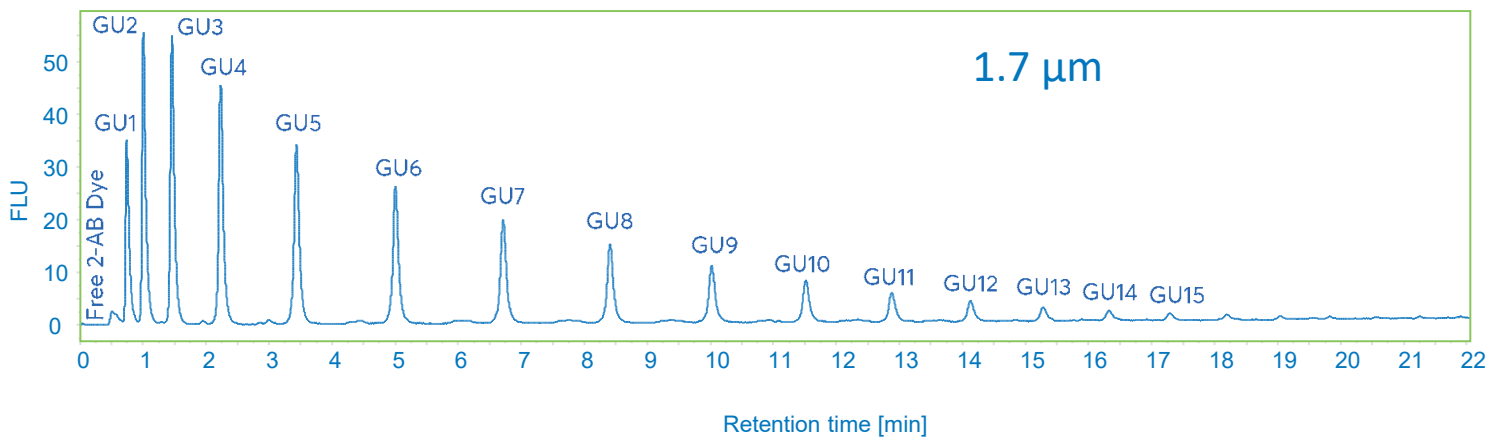
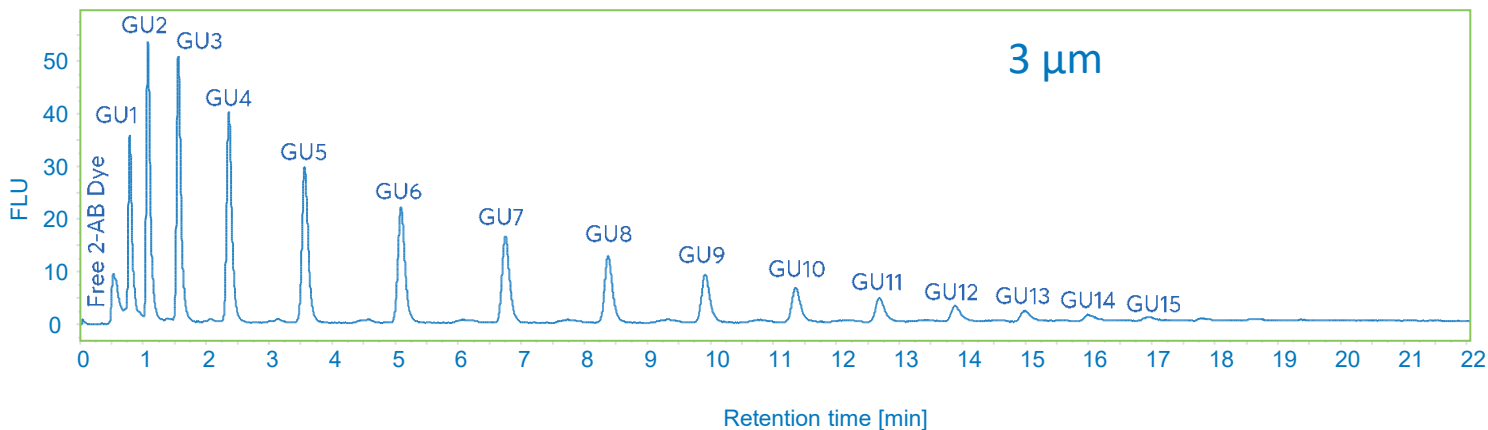


**Sample:** 2-AB labelled Dextran Ladder standard  
**Column:** ACE Excel 1.7 Glycan, 100x2.1 mm  
**Cat. No.:** EXL-1716-1002  
**Mobile phase:** A = 100 mM ammonium formate (pH 4.5) and B = MeCN  
**Gradient:** 75 – 52.5% B in 24 min  
**Flow rate:** 0.5 ml/min  
**Temperature:** 55 °C  
**Injection:** 1 µl  
**Detection:** FLD,  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 260 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  = 430 nm

## GUARANTEED SCALABILITY

The ACE® Excel® Glycan column provides exceptionally reproducible scalability between the 1.7 µm and 3 µm particle sizes, as demonstrated below

## PARTICLE SIZE COMPARISON

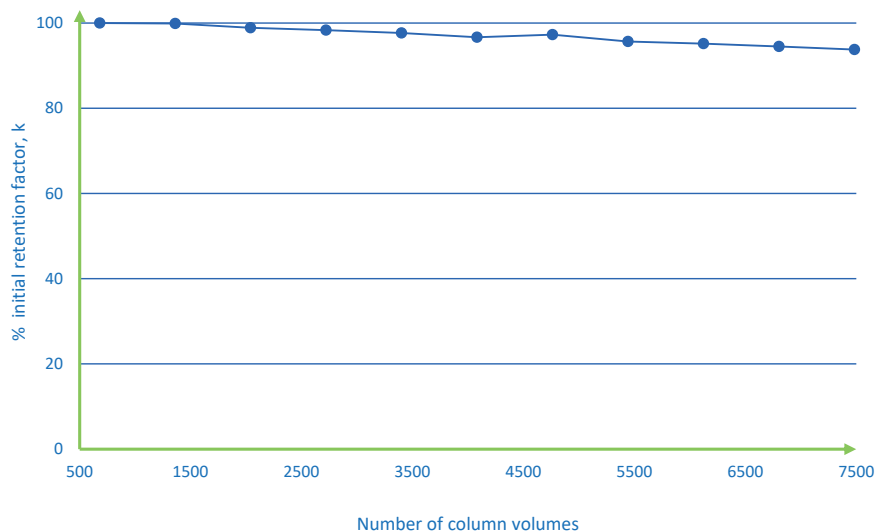


**Sample:** 2-AB labelled Dextran Ladder standard  
**Columns:** ACE Excel 1.7 Glycan, 100x2.1 mm; ACE Excel 3 Glycan, 100x2.1 mm  
**Cat. No.:** EXL-1716-1002 and EXL-1116-1002  
**Mobile phase:** A = 100 mM ammonium formate (pH 4.5) and B = MeCN  
**Gradient:** 75 - 52.5% B in 24 min  
**Flow rate:** 0.5 ml/min  
**Temperature:** 55 °C  
**Injection:** 1 µl  
**Detection:** FLD,  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 260 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  = 430 nm

## EXCELLENT COLUMN STABILITY

- The ACE® Excel® Glycan column shows good stability for glycan analysis over several thousand column volumes as seen in the graph below

## COLUMN STABILITY UNDER GLYCAN ANALYSIS CONDITIONS



**Sample:** 2-AB labelled Dextran Ladder standard  
**Column:** ACE Excel 1.7 Glycan, 50x2.1 mm  
**Cat. No.:** EXL-1716-0502  
**Mobile phase:** A = 100 mM ammonium formate (pH 4.5) and B = MeCN  
**Gradient:** 75 – 60% B in 8 min  
**Flow rate:** 0.5 ml/min  
**Temperature:** 55 °C  
**Injection:** 0.5 µl  
**Detection:** FLD, λ<sub>ex</sub> = 260 nm, λ<sub>em</sub> = 430 nm

## AVANTOR® ACE® EXCEL® GLYCAN UHPLC/HPLC ORDERING INFORMATION

### Avantor® ACE® Excel® Glycan columns

Column dimensions	1.7 µm	3 µm
50 x 2.1 mm	EXL-1716-0502	EXL-1116-0502
100 x 2.1 mm	EXL-1716-1002	EXL-1116-1002
150 x 2.1 mm	-	EXL-1116-1502
50 x 4.6 mm	-	EXL-1116-0546
100 x 4.6 mm	-	EXL-1116-1046
150 x 4.6 mm	-	EXL-1116-1546

### Avantor® ACE® Excel® Glycan guard cartridges

Description	Cat. No.
For analytical columns (2.1 mm ID)	EXL-1P16-GD2U
For analytical columns (4.6 mm ID)	EXL-1P16-GD4U

### Related products

Description	Cat. No.
UHPLC guard holder	H0011
ACE Excel UHPLC column connector	EXL-CC10

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