

Instructions for Use

# CIMmultus<sup>®</sup> r-Protein L 1 mL Monolithic Column (Recombinant Protein L) (1.3 $\mu\text{m}$ channels)

CIM Convective Interaction Media<sup>®</sup>  
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# 1. About These Instructions for Use

These instructions are part of the device. They apply to the device product number indicated on the cover page.

## 1.1. Accompanying Documents

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Column integrity test



## 2. Safety

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### **⚠ WARNING**

Denotes a hazard that may result in death or severe injury if it is not avoided.

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### **⚠ CAUTION**

Denotes a hazard that may result in moderate or minor injury if it is not avoided.

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### **NOTICE**

Denotes a hazard that may result in property damage if it is not avoided.

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## 2.1. Intended Use

CIMmultus<sup>®</sup> Monoliths are reusable chromatography devices for scalable high-resolution purification of complex biological samples. Inside the custom designed housing is a single-piece stationary phase with homogeneous channel size and surface chemistry. This stationary phase is designed to simplify method transfer from development into production. Without the need for column packing, CIMmultus<sup>®</sup> Monoliths are ready for use out of the box.

r-Protein L columns are used for fast and efficient purification of a wide range of antibodies and antibody fragments such as Fabs, single-chain variable fragments (scFv) and domain antibodies (Dabs). The following information is provided to ensure proper product care and optimal product performance.

## 2.2. Safety Note

Follow the guidelines in this Instructions for Use. Improper use may result in malfunction, personal injury, or damage of the product or material. Follow safety instructions, wear gloves, safety glasses, and a lab coat during operation.

### 3. Technical Data

<b>Column chemistry</b>	r-Protein L (affinity; recombinant protein L produced from E. Coli coupled to CDI-preactivated support)
<b>Channel radius</b>	675 nm (600 nm – 750 nm)
<b>Support matrix</b>	Poly(glycidyl methacrylate -co- ethylene dimethacrylate)
<b>Monolith dimensions</b>	Outer diameter: 18.6 mm; inner diameter: 6.7 mm; length: 4.2 mm; bed volume (CV): 1 mL
<b>Connector</b>	10-32 UNF coned port, 1/16" OD tubing connection
<b>Ligand density</b>	N.D.
<b>Dynamic binding capacity</b>	≥ 12 mg IgG/mL wet support, human IgG 1.0 mg/mL, 20 mM Tris-HCl buffer + 0.1 M NaCl, pH 7.4, flow rate 4 mL/min, Human IgG: octagam® 5% (Octapharma®)
<b>Operating flow rates</b>	Up to 16 CV/min   16 mL/min   625 cm/h. Do not go below 0.1 CV/min
<b>Maximum pressure</b>	1.8 MPa, 18 bar, 260 psi
<b>Operating temperature</b>	4 °C (39 °F) to 40 °C (104 °F)
<b>Chemical stability</b>	All commonly used aqueous buffers, 8 M urea, 6 M guanidine hydrochloride and 20 % ethanol solution.
<b>Recommended pH</b>	Working range 2–10, cleaning in place 2–12.5
<b>Storage conditions</b>	2 °C (36 °F) to 8 °C (46 °F); 20 % EtOH in 20 mM TRIS pH 7.4
<b>Shelf life</b>	2 years

The linear flow rate can be calculated with the following equation and supporting data, which is available in the Technical Data.

$$\text{Average linear velocity, } u_{av} = \frac{F}{\pi \times L} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{D_o}{D_i}\right)}{(D_o - D_i)}$$

F is the flow rate in mL/min, Do and Di are the outer and inner diameter of the column and L is the column length.

### 4. Device Overview | Description

The housing of this CIMmultus® column is made of epoxy thermoset material. Its surface is coated pinhole-free with biocompatible (USP Class VI) Parylene C.

#### NOTICE

Do not expose the column housing to pure acetone.

## 5. Installation

Remove the product from its shipping box or crate and place on a flat surface. Carefully inspect the product for any damage that may have occurred during shipping. Immediately report any such damage to your vendor and the courier. The product is shipped in the designated storage solution at ambient temperature and should be stored upon receiving as stated under Technical Data.

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### NOTICE

Larger columns are shipped in a wooden crate, and a suitable stand is provided in the packaging. The columns have either a stand (400 | 800 mL columns) or wheels (4 | 8 | 40 L columns). Place them in an upright position on a flat surface. The 40 L column should be lifted from its crate by attaching straps to the lifting eye bolts on the housing.

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### NOTICE

Do not store the product below 0 °C (32 °F).

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## 6. Getting Started

Set the pressure relief valve to the maximum pressure allowed on the CIM column as indicated in Technical Data. Before using the column, an integrity test must be performed. Guideline 'Column integrity test' ([biaseparations.com/en/library/guidelines](https://biaseparations.com/en/library/guidelines)) should be followed. It is advised to repeat this procedure regularly or when deviations in performance are observed.

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### NOTICE

The column should be equilibrated to working temperature for optimal results. Allow at least 12 h for the column to reach working temperature.

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### 6.1. General Recommendations

The following are general guidelines to consider when working with chromatography. The guidelines may not apply to specific column chemistry or sample properties.

- Treat loading material appropriately (e.g. pre-treat, filter, concentrate / dilute, etc.). For more details, please refer to the Guideline 'Pre-treatment of complex biological samples before column purification and regeneration procedures for columns with increased back pressure' ([biaseparations.com/en/library/guidelines](https://biaseparations.com/en/library/guidelines)).
- Always use freshly prepared mobile phases, filtered through 0.2 µm filter, compatible with mobile phases.
- Air bubbles will not disturb the stationary phase and can be washed out of the column. However, drying the monolith risks damaging the stationary phase.
- Surfactants can improve recoveries in virus purification. Non-ionic surfactants will not interact with ion exchange chromatography media. Non-UV-absorbing (at working wavelengths) surfactants will improve the baseline signal.
- Ensure all components of the system used are compatible with the working solutions (e.g. sodium hydroxide, organic solvents, high salt concentrations, etc).

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**NOTICE**

Always ensure mobile phases are compatible before mixing them or applying consecutively on the column. Examples of in-compatible buffers are: magnesium ion-containing buffers and sodium hydroxide (forms precipitate), acetonitrile and sodium hydroxide (forms ammonia and acetate), ammonium acetate and sodium hydroxide (potential formation of explosive atmosphere). Wash the column with water or another compatible solution when using two incompatible solutions consecutively.

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## 6.2. Buffer Selection

The most commonly used bind/wash buffers are sodium phosphate buffer and TRIS buffer (25–100 mM; 50 mM is recommended as starting concentration). Other buffers with pH between 6 and 9 can be used (pH 7.4 is recommended as a starting point). Device is compatible with neutral salts (e.g. sodium chloride or potassium chloride). Salt concentrations of 0.1–0.2 M can improve the peak shape and/or solute recovery.

Elution should be performed under low pH conditions using a suitable buffer. Elution in pH ranging from 2 to 3.5 results in high yield. The most commonly used buffers are citric acid and acetic acid in pH range 2.3–3.5 and in concentrations from 0.05–0.5 M.

# 7. Operating the Column

## 7.1. Connecting the Column

Connecting the column to the system is possible with an inlet placed either at the top or at the bottom. Connect the column to the system with flow turned off in the following order:

1. Carefully remove the blind fitting on the inlet side and connect the inlet tubing.
2. Carefully remove the blind fitting on the outlet side and connect the outlet tubing.

Disconnect by reversing the steps above.

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**NOTICE**

Do not open both inlet and outlet simultaneously to avoid leaking of mobile phase. Changing the order of the above procedure might cause leakage of the mobile phase from the column and affect its performance!

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**NOTICE**

Reversing the flow direction will damage the column. Make sure the column is connected according to the flow direction indicated by the arrow. The 40 L housing has an integrated non-return valve at the column outlet to prevent reversing the flow direction. Do not remove or disassemble the valve. **Note:** Software specific settings which regulate the flow direction should be checked. Ensure the correct flow mode is selected so that flow can go only in the direction indicated on the monolith.

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**NOTICE**

Spikes in pressure generated during sudden pump fluctuations (e.g. immediate application of maximum flow rate or sudden pump stop at high operating pressure) can generate a backpressure shock, which can damage the monolith.

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## 7.2. Equilibration

The column should be equilibrated before use. Equilibration mobile phase should be of same or similar composition to the sample.

1. If needed, wash the column with 10 CV of water to prevent mixing of incompatible buffers.
2. Wash the column with at least 10 CV of elution mobile phase.
3. Wash the column with at least 10 CV of binding mobile phase.

Use system detectors as indication of successful equilibration. Conductivity and pH at the outlet should match buffer specifications.

## 7.3. Strip | Regeneration

Regeneration of the column: removal of ionically bound compounds from the monolithic column, followed by column re-equilibration:

1. Flush the column with at least 20 CV of 0.1 M buffer containing 1.0 M NaCl, pH 7–8 at the operating flow rate.
2. Flush the column with 20 CV of concentrated elution buffer (e.g. 0.1 M glycine, pH 2.0, or 0.5 M acetic acid, pH 2.5).
3. Re-equilibrate the column with at least 20 CV of binding mobile phase.

Regeneration of the column: removal of hydrophobically bound compounds from the monolithic column, followed by column re-equilibration:

1. Flush the column with at least 20 CV of 0.1 M buffer, pH 7–8 at the operating flow rate.
2. Flush the column with 20 CV solution of ethanol and buffer (20 mM TRIS, pH 7.4) in the ratio 1:4 (v/v).
3. Re-equilibrate the column with at least 20 CV of binding mobile phase.

To maintain the optimal efficiency of the column, it is advisable to perform the regeneration after each sequence of injections of samples.

# 8. Cleaning | Maintenance

Cleaning and maintenance of the column may improve its lifetime and increase reproducibility. Sample properties should be taken into account for column cleaning.

## 8.1. Cleaning in Place (CIP)

In some cases, a simple regeneration of the monolithic column is insufficient. Sample molecules may not completely elute from the column or may even precipitate on the column. This build-up of contaminants on the column may cause loss of resolution and binding capacity, increased back pressure, or a complete blockage of the column. A specific CIP protocol should be designed for the type of contaminants present in the sample. In most cases, the

following procedure can be used.

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### **⚠ CAUTION**

In case of pressure increase during cleaning, adjust flow rate to remain below the maximum pressure allowed over the column.

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Perform the following procedure at up to half the maximum operating flow rate. This will ensure sufficient contact time between the monolith and cleaning solution.

1. Wash the column with at least 10 CV of a cleaning solution containing of 15 mM NaOH and 1 M NaCl. **Note:** Do not exceed 30 minutes of contact time with the cleaning solution in a single cleaning cycle.
2. Wash the column with at least 10 CV of deionised water.
3. Wash the column with at least 10 CV of a concentrated buffer (e.g. 0.1–0.5 M buffer) to restore the appropriate pH.

**Note:** Higher concentration of NaOH (for example 0.1 M) can be exceptionally used for CIP, but consecutive application of such CIP procedure results in deterioration of the column.

**Note:** The CIP solution in the procedure above can be replaced by 8 M urea in acidic buffer (e.g. 100 mM acetic acid, pH 2.5).

## 9. Troubleshooting

Problems arising during the analysis are usually related to the column, sample, mobile phase, or the instrumentation. It is advisable to use an elimination approach to exclude possible causes. Please refer to our troubleshooting guide ([biaseparations.com/en/library/guidelines](https://biaseparations.com/en/library/guidelines)).

## 10. Decommissioning | Transportation

If there is reason to return the product, complete a Return Form ([biaseparations.com/en/terms-conditions](https://biaseparations.com/en/terms-conditions)) and contact [help.bia@sartorius.com](mailto:help.bia@sartorius.com).

Contaminated samples used during the process that could cause biological or chemical hazards are potentially hazardous substances. If the product has come into contact with hazardous substances, steps must be taken to ensure proper decontamination and declaration.

### **Procedure**

Decontaminate the product. The operator of the product is responsible for adhering to local government regulations on the proper decontamination and declaration for transport and disposal.

# 11. Ordering Information

Transferring the workflow to a different scale or format (analytical, screening) is simple with CIM<sup>®</sup>. Contact your local support to find the appropriate products.

## Purification Scale Products non-cGMP Compliant

Catalog number	Product name
311.1021-1.3	CIMmultus® r-Protein L 1 mL Monolithic Column (Recombinant Protein L) (1.3 µm channels)
311.1021-1.3	CIMmultus® r-Protein L 1 mL Monolithic Column (Recombinant Protein L) (1.3 µm channels)
411.1021-1.3	CIMmultus® r-Protein L 8 mL Monolithic Column (Recombinant Protein L) (1.3 µm channels)
611.1021-1.3	CIMmultus® r-Protein L 80 mL Monolithic Column (Recombinant Protein L) (1.3 µm channels)
611.1021-1.3	CIMmultus® r-Protein L 80 mL Monolithic Column (Recombinant Protein L) (1.3 µm channels)

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