



# **Biacore** Insight Evaluation Software

User Manual



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# 1 Introduction

## About this chapter

This chapter introduces the Biacore™ Insight Evaluation software.

Biacore Insight Evaluation software is a software package for evaluation of Biacore results stored in a Biacore Insight database. The software is included with Biacore systems that store the results directly in a Biacore Insight database, and can import result files from some other Biacore systems.

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## 1.1 About this manual

### Purpose of this manual

The Biacore Insight Evaluation Software User Manual provides a full description of how to use the Biacore Insight Evaluation software for evaluation of results obtained from label-free interaction experiments using Biacore systems.

**Note:** *In general, screen illustrations in this User Manual show examples from runs using the Biacore 8K or Biacore 8K\* systems. The detailed appearance may vary for runs from other Biacore systems.*

### Software version

The information in this User Manual applies to version 3.0 of Biacore Insight Evaluation software and to extensions available with that version, except for the **GxP** extension which is described in the separate *Biacore Insight GxP Handbook*.

### Typographical conventions

Software items are identified in the text by **bold italic** text.

Hardware items are identified in the text by **bold** text.

In electronic format, references in *italics* are clickable hyperlinks.

### Notes and tips

**Note:** *A note is used to indicate information that is important for trouble-free and optimal use of the product.*

**Tip:** *A tip contains useful information that can improve or optimize your procedures.*

## 1.2 Important user information

### Prerequisites

Use of Biacore Insight Evaluation software requires a Microsoft<sup>®</sup> SQL Server<sup>®</sup> database installed according to the instructions in the separate *Biacore Insight Database Installation and Management Guide*. A valid Cytiva eLicense is also required. Handling of eLicenses is described in the separate *eLicensing Guide*.

A system administrator familiar with management of Microsoft SQL Server databases is required for database installation and management. Familiarity with SQL Server databases is not required for operation of Biacore Insight Evaluation software.

In order to use Biacore Insight Evaluation software, you should have a general understanding of the use of a personal computer running Microsoft Windows<sup>®</sup> in the version provided with your product.

## 1.3 Glossary

### Biacore terminology

Terms used in work with Biacore Insight Evaluation software are explained in the following table.

Term	Meaning
Absolute response	The magnitude of the SPR signal measured from the detector baseline.
Adjustment for controls	Adjustment of the sample response for changes in the surface activity during the course of an experiment, by normalizing with respect to control sample responses measured at intervals.
Analysis cycle	A sequence of injections of liquid over the sensor surface. A cycle can be repeated as many times as required during the course of an experiment.
Analyte	<p>The analyte is the interaction partner in solution, that is injected over and interacts with the ligand on the sensor surface.</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p><i>The analyte is not necessarily the object of the experimental investigation. For example, an antibody screening experiment may be set up where different antibodies are attached to the sensor surface as ligands, and challenged with antigen injected in solution as analyte. In this case, the object of the investigation is the ligand.</i></p>
Association phase	The phase of an analysis cycle where analyte is injected over the sensor surface and (potentially) binds to the ligand.
Baseline	The response level from which sample responses are measured. A baseline is automatically set before each injection in an analysis cycle: baselines may be set at other points in a sensorgram if required.
Blank subtraction	Subtraction of the response from a blank sample (usually buffer) from that from a test sample, to eliminate components of the response that are common to both samples.
Capture	Attachment of ligand to the sensor surface by high affinity binding to an immobilized capturing molecule. Attachment by capture is normally reversible.

Term	Meaning
Capturing molecule	A molecule that is permanently attached to the sensor surface with the purpose of capturing ligand by high affinity binding.
Channel	A single path for liquid flow over the sensor surface.
Data set	The results of one or more runs, opened for evaluation in one evaluation session.
Dissociation phase	The phase of an analysis cycle immediately following the association phase, when buffer flows over the sensor surface and any bound analyte may dissociate spontaneously.
EC <sub>50</sub>	Half-maximal effective concentration, a measure of the potency of a drug.
Enhancement molecule	A secondary analyte injected after the main analyte, intended to enhance the response and/or specificity of the first analyte binding.
Flow cell	The region of a channel where detection occurs. Different systems have different flow cell arrangements and options.
Immobilization	Permanent attachment of ligand or capturing molecule to the sensor surface, normally by covalent coupling.
Ligand	<p>The ligand is the interaction partner attached to the surface. Attachment may be through covalent coupling (<b>immobilization</b>) or high affinity binding to an immobilized capturing molecule (<b>capture</b>).</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Use of the term <b>ligand</b> in Biacore contexts does not imply that the molecule is a ligand for a cellular receptor.</p>
Parallel flow	A flow pattern where liquid flows through multiple channels in the same way and at the same time.
PLA	Parallel Line Analysis (also called Parallel Line Assay), a method for determining the potency of a drug relative to a reference standard.
Reference subtraction	Subtraction of the response from the reference surface from that from the active surface, to eliminate components of the response that are common to both surfaces.
Reference surface	The sensor surface in the flow cell used as a reference.
Regeneration	The act of removing all non-covalently attached material from the sensor surface (usually by injection of a regeneration solution) in preparation for the next analysis cycle.

Term	Meaning
Relative response	The magnitude of the SPR signal relative to a chosen reference point (usually the baseline before sample injection).
Resonance unit (RU)	The unit of measurement for the SPR response. As a rough approximation, 1 RU is equivalent to a change in protein concentration of 1 pg/mm <sup>2</sup> on the surface of Sensor Chip CM5. This equivalence varies with different analytes and different sensor chip types.
Report point	<p>A point measurement of the response at a specified time on the sensorgram. The response is calculated as the median response over a short window (typically 5 s), centered on the specified time point.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> <i>Median response values are used in Biacore Insight Evaluation software. Average values are used for report points in some other Biacore systems.</i></p>
Sensor chip	A gold-covered glass slide to which one of the interactants (the ligand) is attached.
Sensor surface	The surface of the sensor chip on which the interaction being studied takes place.
Sensorgram	A graph of response against time during one analysis cycle. Normally, <b>sensorgram</b> refers to a single graph from one channel, either a single flow cell (reference or active) or the difference between flow cells (reference-subtracted).
Serial flow	A flow pattern where the same liquid flows through two or more flow cells, one after another.
SPR	Surface plasmon resonance, the detection principle used in Biacore instruments.

## 1.4 Scope of Biacore Insight Evaluation software

### Intended use

Biacore Insight Evaluation software provides tools for evaluating results of label-free interaction analysis experiments, stored in a Biacore Insight database. Runs from systems that store the results in a Biacore Insight database may be evaluated directly. Results stored in .blr files must first be imported to the database.

Biacore Insight Evaluation software is the only option provided by Cytiva for evaluation of results from systems such as Biacore 8K and Biacore 8K\* that store the results directly in the Biacore Insight database. Other Biacore systems are supplied with a system-specific evaluation software, and Biacore Insight Evaluation software provides an alternative environment for evaluation of these results. The functionality offered by Biacore Insight Evaluation software and the system-specific evaluation software may not be fully equivalent, and Biacore Insight Evaluation software is most useful for users who want to evaluate results from different systems in a common environment.



#### NOTICE

Even when nominally equivalent functions are provided by Biacore Insight Evaluation software and evaluation software from other Biacore systems, the exact results of the evaluation may differ. This is due to differences in the way the data is handled, for example:

- Sensorgram display in Biacore Insight Evaluation software uses a smoothing algorithm that can eliminate spikes in the sensorgram.
- Report points included in result files (.blr) are ignored when the files are imported to the Biacore Insight database. Report points set in Biacore Insight Evaluation software may not be equivalent to those in the .blr file.
- Report points are calculated as the median value in the report point window in Biacore Insight Evaluation software, but as the average value in most systems that store results in .blr files.

Exercise caution in comparing results between Biacore Insight Evaluation software and system-specific evaluation software.

### Software extensions

Biacore Insight Evaluation software is provided as a basic package with optional extensions (**extensions**) for specialized functionality. The basic software and extensions are licensed separately. In order to access the functionality in a specific extension, the following requirements must be met:

- There must be an eLicense available for the extension.
- The extension must be activated in the software when the user logs in (see [Section 2.1 Starting the Biacore Insight Evaluation software, on page 21](#)).

Currently available extensions are summarized in the table below. The version number refers to the Biacore Insight Evaluation software version.

Extension	Functionality	Available from version
<b>Extended Screening &amp; Characterization</b>	Predefined methods for evaluation of fragment screening runs. Functionality optimized for screening of low molecular weight compounds. Additional interaction models for kinetic and affinity analysis.	1.0
<b>Concentration &amp; Potency</b>	Support for concentration measurements using calibration curves. Support for PLA (Parallel Line Analysis) and EC <sub>50</sub> (half-maximal effective concentration) determination.	2.0
<b>GxP<sup>1</sup></b>	Support for work in regulated environments. GxP functionality is described in the separate <i>Biacore Insight GxP Handbook</i> .	2.0
<b>Epitope Binning</b>	Support for set up and evaluation of epitope binning experiments.	3.0
<b>Data Integration</b>	Support for data export in JSON and XML format.	3.0

<sup>1</sup> The GxP extension is not available to users who do not have a GxP role assigned to them by the database administrator. See the *Biacore Insight Database Installation and Management Guide* for more information.

This *User Manual* describes all functionality except for GxP support (described in the separate *Biacore Insight GxP Handbook*). Functions that are restricted to an extension are stated as such.

## Support for different Biacore systems

The current version of Biacore Insight Evaluation software can be used to evaluate data from the following Biacore systems:

System	Version	Support <sup>1</sup>
Biacore 8K and Biacore 8K <sup>+</sup>	1.0 or later	Full functionality
Biacore T200	1.0 or later	Limited functionality (see below)

System	Version	Support <sup>1</sup>
Biacore S200	1.0 or later	Limited functionality (see below)

<sup>1</sup> Support refers to evaluation of result files from interaction analysis experiments. Results from ligand immobilization runs and from maintenance and service tools are handled in the Control Software for the respective systems.

Result files (**.blr**) from Biacore T200 and Biacore S200 systems must be imported into the Biacore Insight database in order to be evaluated. Evaluation files (**.ble**) cannot be imported.

The following limitations and adaptations apply to evaluation of result files from Biacore T200 and Biacore S200 systems in Biacore Insight software:

- Import may not be possible for certain files. A message describing the reason is shown in such cases.
- Some applications supported in the Evaluation Software for Biacore T200 and Biacore S200 systems are not supported in Biacore Insight software.
- Injections of type **InjectAndRecover** are not supported.
- Injections of type **Merged injection** are supported but are treated as simple **Analyte** injections.
- Injections of type **Sample** are treated as **Analyte** injections.
- Biacore Insight software treats all samples in assay steps with purpose **Control** as positive controls. The assay step purpose **Control** is changed to **Analysis** and the samples are set to positive controls. The control status for samples can be edited in the **Variables** table.
- Keywords in the imported file that are not available as predefined variables in Biacore Insight evaluation are imported as user-defined variables.
- Predefined evaluation methods can be applied to imported results and will be executed as far as possible. However, some evaluation items may be missing or incomplete due to differences in the flow cell layout between different systems.

**Note:** *Screenshots in this manual show evaluation of runs from a Biacore 8K or a Biacore 8K \*system unless otherwise stated. Detailed appearance may vary for data from other Biacore systems.*

## Functionality matrix

The table below lists the functionality of Biacore Insight Evaluation software in relation to functions that are available in the system specific Evaluation Software for one or more supported systems.

Function	Biacore Insight Evaluation software
Sensorgram display	✓

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Function	Biacore Insight Evaluation software
Solvent correction	✓
Plot tools, including ranking and cut-off selection	✓
Kinetics and affinity analysis	✓
Affinity in solution	✗
Fragment screening tools	✓ <sup>1</sup>
Thermodynamics analysis	✗
Concentration analysis (calibrated)	✓ <sup>2</sup>
Calibration free concentration analysis (CFCA)	✗
Immunogenicity tools	✗
Sensorgram comparison	✗
Epitope binning	✓ <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Requires the **Extended Screening & Characterization** extension.

<sup>2</sup> Requires the **Concentration & Potency** extension.

<sup>3</sup> Requires the **Epitope Binning** extension.

## 1.5 Data storage and management

### Introduction

All data handled by Biacore Insight Evaluation software is stored in a local or network Microsoft SQL Server database, referred to as Biacore Insight Evaluation Database. Instructions for installing and managing the database are given in the separate *Biacore Insight Evaluation Database Installation and Management Guide*.

Data stored on a network is accessible to all users of the Biacore Insight Evaluation software subject to restrictions imposed by the Biacore Insight GxP functionality. Data stored locally may be accessible from other computers depending on local IT policies.

Results from Biacore 8K systems are stored directly in the database. Results from other Biacore systems must be imported to the database before they can be evaluated with Biacore Insight Evaluation software.

**Note:** *If multiple users work on the same data at the same time, the user who first saves changes can save the item with the original name. Other users must save their changes as a new item, using **Save as**.*

### Data organization

Data is organized in folders in the database. All runs, evaluations, and user-defined evaluation methods (collectively referred to as *database objects*) are stored in user folders. Storing user-defined objects directly under the root folder is not recommended.

The folder structure is displayed in the left-hand panel in appropriate workspaces, with the contents of the selected folder in the main panel. Details of selected items are shown to the right.

The screenshot shows the Biacore Insight Evaluation Software interface. The top bar displays the software name and the user 'Francis Markby'. Below the top bar, there are two tabs: '1. Select runs' and '2. Select evaluation method'. The main interface is divided into three panels:

- Left Panel (Folder Structure):** A tree view showing folders under 'Root', including 'External projects', 'Methodology', 'Project A6437', 'Project B1489', 'Training assignments', 'Anna', 'Francis', 'Evaluations', 'Methods', 'Runs', 'Martin', and 'Olof'. The 'Runs' folder is selected.
- Main Panel (Table):** A table with columns 'Name', 'Status', and 'Date modified'. It lists several runs, with the one 'Antibody screen 31/01/2017 13:11:48' selected and highlighted in blue. The table data is as follows:

Name	Status	Date modified
Antibody screen 10/07/2017 13:24:15	Ready	10/07/2017 13:24:15
Immobilization 14/02/2017 16:56:28	Ready	14/02/2017 16:56:28
Antibody screen 31/01/2017 13:11:48	Aborted	31/01/2017 13:11:48
Antibody screen 2016-09-13 10:39:40	Ready	13/09/2016 21:00:00
Regeneration scouting 2016-09-12 15:03:22	Ready	13/09/2016 02:00:00
pH scouting 2016-09-12 14:41:51	Ready	13/09/2016 00:00:00
Buffer scouting protein screen with ABA 2016-09-01 14:08:15	Ready	01/09/2016 14:08:15
Kinetic screen 2016-06-03 16:10:10 AL	Ready	03/06/2016 21:00:00
- Right Panel (Details):** A panel titled 'Selected runs in order' showing details for the selected run: 'Antibody screen 31/01/2017 13:11:48'. It includes the 'Path' (Root\Training assignments\Francis\Runs\Antibody screen 31/01/2017 13:11:48) and a 'Description' field. Below this, there is a message 'No evaluation method selected' and a 'Select evaluation method' button.

Select **Show more** in the contents panel to show additional details including action buttons for exporting and removing objects from the database.



**Note:** *All folders and objects in the database are accessible to all users unless restrictions are implemented through IT policies or GxP restrictions.*


## Time stamps

Time stamps are created as local time on the computer where the stamped operation is performed, and displayed with an offset to local time in a different time zone (for example, a run performed at 15:00 EST will be shown as 12:00 PST).

## Managing database objects




Manage objects in the database according to the instructions in the following table.



Operation	Instruction
Move object	Drag the object from the list in the main panel of the workspace to a different folder in the left-hand panel.
Rename object	Click twice on the object name in the main panel of the workspace to highlight the name and enter a new name.  <b>Note:</b> <i>Click twice with a longer interval than double-clicking.</i>
Remove object	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Choose <b>Show more</b> in the main panel of the workspace.</li> <li>2. Scroll to the right if necessary.</li> <li>3. Choose  <b>Remove</b> in the <b>Action</b> column.</li> </ol> <p><b>Note:</b> <i>The <b>Remove</b> button may not be visible depending on the database security settings. See the <i>Biacore Insight Database Installation and Management Guide</i> for details.</i></p>
Export a single object	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Choose <b>Show more</b> in the main panel of the workspace.</li> <li>2. Scroll to the right if necessary.</li> <li>3. Select  <b>Export</b> in the <b>Action</b> column.</li> </ol> <p>The file is exported in a proprietary format intended for import to another Biacore Insight database.</p>

Operation	Instruction
Export multiple objects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Select a folder or perform a search to define the objects to be exported. All objects shown on the current page will be included in the export.</li> <li>2. Choose <b>Show more</b> in the right-hand panel of the workspace.</li> <li>3. Click <b>Export objects</b>, and select whether you want all objects in the same folder, or if you want the folder structure to be preserved.</li> </ol> <p>The files are exported in a proprietary format intended for import to another Biacore Insight database.</p> <p><b>Tip:</b> Use the search function to export objects of different types (runs, run methods, evaluations, evaluation methods) in a single operation.</p>
Import object (s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Navigate to the destination folder in the database.</li> <li>2. Select  <b>Import</b> from the icons at the bottom of the panel.</li> <li>3. Select file(s) to import. Result files from Biacore T200 and Biacore S200 and files exported from a Biacore Insight database can be imported.</li> </ol>


## Managing folders

To manage folders, right-click on the folder in the left-hand panel or use the icons at the bottom of the panel.

Operation	Icon	Comments
<b>Add folder</b>		Enter the name for the folder.
<b>Rename folder</b>		Enter the new name for the folder.
<b>Remove folder</b>		You cannot remove a folder that contains subfolders or other objects.

Operation	Icon	Comments
<b>Import</b>		Use this function to import result files from Biacore T200 and Biacore S200 and files exported from a Biacore Insight database to the current folder.
<b>Refresh</b>		Refreshes the display.

## Searching for database objects

To search for objects in the database, enter a search term in the **Search** field. Search terms are not case-sensitive. Enclose phrases containing spaces in single or double quotation marks to search for the entire phrase (for example, searching for **new evaluation** will find both **new** and **evaluation**, but searching for **"new evaluation"** will find only the complete phrase **new evaluation**). Choose the appropriate search criteria, then click  **Search**. The available criteria may vary according to the type of object selected. You can restrict the search according to multiple criteria:

Type	Parameter	Description
<b>Search for</b>	<b>Runs</b>	Finds runs with the search term in the name. If you are in the <b>Create new evaluation, 1. Select runs</b> workspace, you can select runs from the search result.
	<b>Run methods</b>	Finds immobilization and analysis methods with the search term in the name. <b>Note:</b> <i>Immobilization and analysis methods cannot be opened in Biacore Insight Evaluation software.</i>
	<b>Evaluations</b>	Finds evaluations with the search term in the name. If you are in the <b>Open existing evaluation</b> workspace, you can open an evaluation from the search result.
	<b>Evaluation methods</b>	Finds evaluation methods with the search term in the name. If you are in the <b>Create new evaluation, 2. Select evaluation method</b> workspace, you can select an evaluation method from the search result.

Type	Parameter	Description
<b>Search within name and</b>	<b>Description</b>	Finds objects where the object name or the description contains the search term.
	<b>Ligand</b>	Finds objects where the object name or the name of the immobilized molecule contains the search term.  <b>Note:</b> <i>For runs that use captured ligand, searching for <b>Ligand</b> will find the capturing molecule.</i>
	<b>Solution</b>	Finds objects where the object name or the name of the <b>Solution</b> parameter in any command (including <b>Capture</b> commands) contains the search term.
	<b>Regulated procedure</b>	Finds objects where the object name contains the search term, or the object is derived from a regulated procedure with a name that contains the search term.  This option is only available when the GxP extension is active.
<b>Filter on</b>	<b>Date</b>	Finds objects modified in the specified date range.
	<b>Users</b>	Finds objects modified by any of the specified user(s).
	<b>Instrument id</b>	Finds results and evaluations containing data from the selected instrument(s). Select the instrument id(s) from the list that appears when this option is checked. The list includes all instruments that have been used for runs in the current database.  <b>Note:</b> <i>Evaluations may contain data from more than one instrument.</i>
	<b>Selected folder and subfolders only</b>	Searches only the selected folder and subfolders. If this option is not selected, the search is performed on the whole database.

## 2 Overview of Biacore Insight Evaluation software

### About this chapter

This chapter provides a general description of the Biacore Insight Evaluation software. Details of specific evaluation tasks are given in following chapters.

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## 2.1 Starting the Biacore Insight Evaluation software

### Introduction

The Biacore Insight Evaluation software may be run on any computer that is connected to an appropriate database, provided that a valid license is obtained. The software does not require connection to a Biacore instrument.

One instance of the Biacore Insight Evaluation software can process one data set (derived from one or several runs). To evaluate multiple data sets at the same time, start multiple instances of the software.

### Procedure

Follow the steps below to start the Biacore Insight Evaluation software:


Step	Action
1	Start the Biacore Insight Evaluation software.

*Result:*

The login dialog is displayed.



2	Make sure that the correct license server, database, and software extensions are selected. <sup>1</sup>
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A warning symbol  next to the **Selected extensions** list indicates that the connection to the license server has not been specified or has been lost.

Click the pen icon  next to **Selected extensions** to specify the server details and select extensions.

## 2 Overview of Biacore Insight Evaluation software

### 2.1 Starting the Biacore Insight Evaluation software

Step	Action
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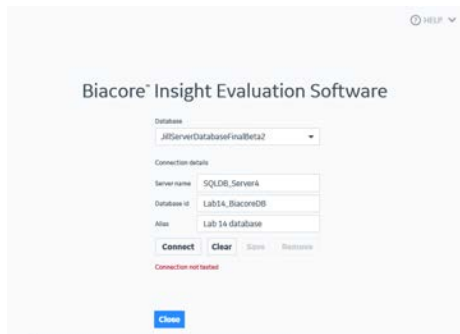
Enter the license server name and click **Connect**. Contact your system administrator if you need assistance.

Select the software extensions you wish to use.

Click **Close** when you have entered the details.

3

Click the pen icon  next to **Database** to change the selected database. Contact your system administrator if you need assistance.<sup>1</sup>



**Note:**

If you create a connection to a database that has not previously been accessed from this computer, click **Connect** then **Save** to establish and save the connection before closing this dialog.

4

Enter your Windows account credentials as **User id** and **Password**.

**Note:**

Biacore Insight Evaluation software does not support Windows Fast User Switching.

5

Click **Log in**.

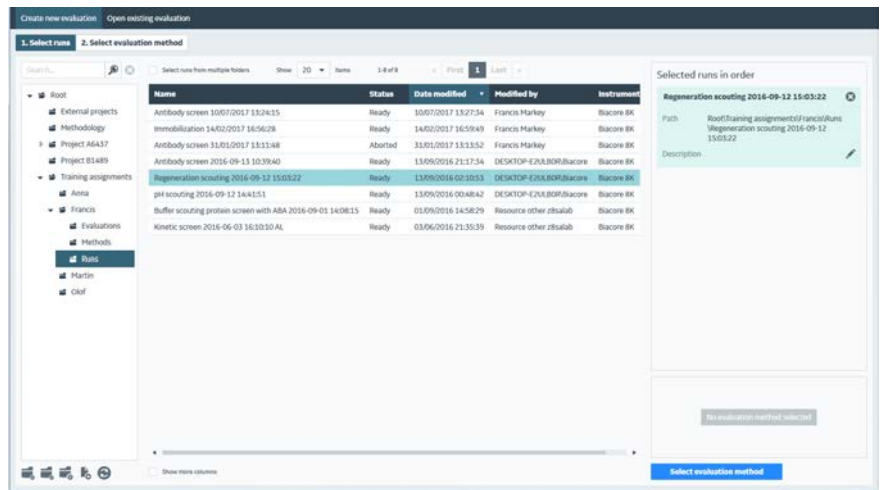
## 2.2 Opening runs for evaluation

### Introduction

This section describes how to open runs for evaluation.

Runs are opened for evaluation together with an evaluation method, which defines procedures that will be applied automatically as far as possible (see [Chapter 11 Evaluation methods, on page 230](#) for details). This allows evaluation to be standardized for runs of the same type by applying the same evaluation method.

Multiple runs from the same type of Biacore system can be evaluated together as a single data set. Runs from different system types cannot be evaluated together.



### Creating new evaluations

Follow the steps below to create a new evaluation.

**Note:** *Creating a new evaluation will close any current evaluation. Start additional instances of the software if you want to perform several evaluations at the same time.*

- | Step | Action   |
|------|--|
| 1    | Select <b>Create new evaluation</b> at the top of the workspace and go to <b>Select runs</b> .   |
| 2    | Navigate to the required folder and choose the run(s) to be evaluated. Use <b>Shift-click</b> or <b>Ctrl-click</b> to select adjacent or non-adjacent runs respectively. |
- Result:**

The runs are added to the **Selected runs in order** pane.

Step	Action
	<p><b>Note:</b></p> <p><i>If multiple runs are selected, the runs will be opened in the order listed in the <b>Selected runs in order</b> pane.</i></p>
3	<p>To open multiple runs from different folders in the same session, check <b>Select runs from multiple folders</b>. If this option is not checked, the <b>Selected runs in order</b> list will be cleared whenever you navigate away from the current folder.</p>
4	<p>Choose <b>Select evaluation method</b> (alternatively double-click on the run in the previous step).</p> <p><i>Result:</i></p> <p>The workspace lists evaluation methods.</p>
5	<p>Choose either <b>User defined</b> or <b>Predefined</b>.</p> <p>User defined methods are custom evaluation methods created by users, and may be stored in any folder in the database. Predefined methods are stored in a reserved location outside the database, and do not appear in any database folder.</p> <p>Select the method you want to use.</p>
6	<p>Click <b>Open</b> (alternatively double-click on the method in the previous step).</p> <p><i>Result:</i></p> <p>The data set is opened and the selected evaluation method is applied to the data.</p>

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For evaluation of multiple runs, the order in which files are opened has no effect on the evaluation results except for the run identification numbers. You can use the arrow icons in the **Selected runs in order** pane to adjust the order if desired, for example, to maintain consistent run numbering between different sessions.

**Note:** *You can only select a single evaluation method. The method will be applied to the whole data set opened in the session.*

*You cannot add runs to an already open evaluation session.*

## Opening existing evaluations

To open saved evaluations, choose **Open existing evaluation** at the top of the workspace and navigate to the required evaluation. Evaluation methods cannot be applied to existing evaluations.

## Evaluation items

Evaluation is carried out in *evaluation items*. There are five basic item types (see also [Section 3.1 Overview of the Home workspace, on page 33](#)):

Item name	Description
<b>Sensorgram</b>	Used for sensorgram display and presentation.
<b>Plot</b>	Used for plot-based evaluation such as screening and ranking, and for PLA and EC <sub>50</sub> determinations.
<b>Concentration</b>	Used for evaluation of concentration measurements.
<b>Epitope binning</b>	Used for evaluation of epitope binning experiments.
<b>Kinetics and affinity</b> 1	Used for evaluation of interaction kinetics and affinity.

<sup>1</sup> Items are provided for evaluation of kinetics and affinity separately as well as in combination.

An evaluation session may hold any number of items of each type.

## Initial display

The initial display when a new evaluation is created is determined by the content of the method according to the table below:

If the evaluation method contains...	Initial display
Solvent correction	The solvent correction workspace will be displayed first. Any remaining items in the method are created when solvent correction is applied or cancelled.
Evaluation items	The method definition defines which evaluation item should be displayed first (see <a href="#">Chapter 11 Evaluation methods, on page 230</a> ).
Neither solvent correction nor evaluation items	The <b>Home</b> workspace is displayed.

## 2.3 Evaluation workflow

### Introduction

Runs are always opened for evaluation together with an evaluation method. When the method is appropriate to the purpose of the experiment, most or all of the evaluation procedure will be accomplished automatically (see [Chapter 11 Evaluation methods, on page 230](#)).

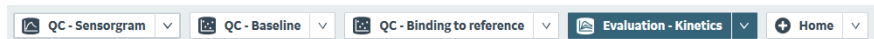
This section summarizes the general workflow for further evaluation.

### Workflow summary

Stage	Description
1	Open the data to be evaluated.
2	Prepare the data as necessary by setting channel or flow cell status, adding or editing variables, creating report points, and applying solvent correction.
3	Create evaluation items as required. Use the <b>Select sensorgrams</b> panel if you want to change which sensorgrams are included in the evaluation (see <a href="#">Workspace settings, on page 29</a> ).
4	Create an evaluation method if you want to apply the same evaluation to other data sets.
5	Save and export the results as required.

### Evaluation navigation bar

Created evaluation items are displayed in the evaluation navigation bar, above the evaluation workspace. Click on an item tab to navigate to that item, or click the **Home** tab to navigate to the home workspace.

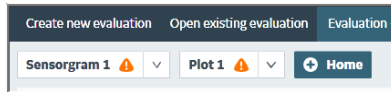


The drop-down menu on each item holds options to **Remove**, **Rename** or **Clone**. When the item is cloned, an exact copy of the item is created. The cloned item is independent and does not maintain synchronization with the original item. New items can be created via the drop-down menu on the **Home** tab.

Functions for settings and preparations, creation of evaluation method and result export are displayed as a tab to the far right in the navigation bar. The tab displays the latest active function.

## Updating items

Whenever changes are made to evaluation settings that may affect existing items (for example, changes to a report point definition or global exclusion of sensorgrams), existing items may be flagged with a warning symbol on the item tab if there is a risk that the item may be affected by the change. Some items may be updated directly.



Flagged items are recalculated when they are reselected. Examine the updated items in relation to the changed settings to determine what has been changed (for example, if a report point used in a plot is deleted, the plot will be updated to use a different report point).

**Note:** *Updates will be applied automatically when the evaluation is saved or exported. Examine all items that are flagged with the warning symbol for unexpected changes before saving or exporting the evaluation.*

## 2.4 Evaluation settings

### Introduction

Settings in the evaluation workspace are controlled in general at three levels:

- The **Settings** panel at the left of the workspace controls settings that apply to the whole evaluation item.
- The layout of the workspace is controlled by workspace layout functions.
- The panel toolbar at the right-hand side of each panel in an evaluation item controls settings that are applied to the panel or its contents.

**Note:** *Panels within an evaluation item provide different views of the same data. Some settings that are applied to selected contents of a panel will also affect the contents of other panels.*



Part	Function
1	Workspace settings
2	Workspace layout functions
3	Panel toolbar

## Workspace settings


The main features of workspace settings are described in the table below.

Setting	Description
<b>Settings</b>	Click the <b>Settings</b> header to expand or collapse the <b>Settings</b> panel.  Details of the settings are specific to different evaluation items, and are described in the respective evaluation item chapters.
<b>Select sensorgrams</b>	Click the <b>Select sensorgrams</b> header to expand or collapse the <b>Select sensorgrams</b> filter.  Use <b>Select sensorgrams</b> to choose which sensorgrams to include in the evaluation. Add or remove checkmarks for the filters as required.

## Workspace layout functions







The layout of the workspace can be customized, to increase focus on the elements that are most relevant for the current evaluation.

Layout function	Description
Panel buttons	Use the buttons at the bottom of the <b>Settings</b> panel to show or hide panels in the evaluation item.  <b>Note:</b> <i>When thumbnails are hidden, they are replaced by buttons which allow the data groups to be selected even when the thumbnail content is not visible.</i>
Divider lines	The size of visible panels can be adjusted. Drag the divider lines between panels to adjust the panels' width or height.
Layout manager	Click <b>Open layout manager</b> to access a tool for rearrangement of panels in the evaluation item. Drag and drop the panels in the grid to their desired positions. Empty positions in the grid are ignored.  The button <b>Default layout</b> resets the layout settings to those of a newly created item, in terms of panel visibility (show/hide), position and size.  Click <b>Apply and close</b> to apply changes.

Layout function	Description
Panel in new window	<p>Click the  symbol at the top of a panel toolbar to open a copy of the panel in a new window.</p> <p>The new window maintains synchronization with the rest of the evaluation item and can for example be moved to a second monitor, if available.</p>

## General panel toolbar settings

Settings that are common to several different panels are described in the table below. Settings that are specific to certain panels are described in the chapters dealing with the respective evaluation items.

Setting	Description
 <b>Settings</b>	Specific to different panel types and evaluation items. Described in the respective evaluation item chapters.
 <b>Zoom mode</b>	Enables display zooming in the panel. Drag with the mouse to enlarge a selected portion of the panel display. Double-click in the panel to restore the previous zoom level.
 <b>Select area mode</b>	Enables selection by dragging over an area with the mouse. All curves or points that are partially or wholly enclosed in the area will be selected.
 <b>Pan mode</b>	Enables panning.
 <b>Zoom out max</b>	Restores the display to the default zoom factor and panning position.
 <b>Deselect all</b>	Deselects all selected points or curves in the panel.

## Copying panel content

Content from most panels can be copied to the Windows clipboard using the **Copy** options from the right-click menu.

Panel type	Copy function
Graphical charts	The chart is copied at the current zoom setting to the clipboard as a graphical object. The <b>Copy graph</b> option copies the chart as displayed. Most charts can also be copied as <b>small, medium</b> and <b>large</b> images that use fixed proportions.
Tables	Selected rows are copied to the clipboard in tab-separated format. The table header row is included in the copied data.

In addition, graphical charts can be saved in Enhanced Metafile (.emf) or Portable Network Graphics (.png) format using **Save as** from the right-click menu. Curve coordinates from applicable charts (e.g., sensorgrams and affinity plots) can also be exported as numerical data in tab-separated text format, using **Export curves** from the right-click menu.

# 3 Evaluation Home workspace

## About this chapter

This chapter describes the **Settings and preparation** and **After evaluation** functions in the **Home** workspace of the Evaluation Software. **New evaluation items** are described in the following chapters.

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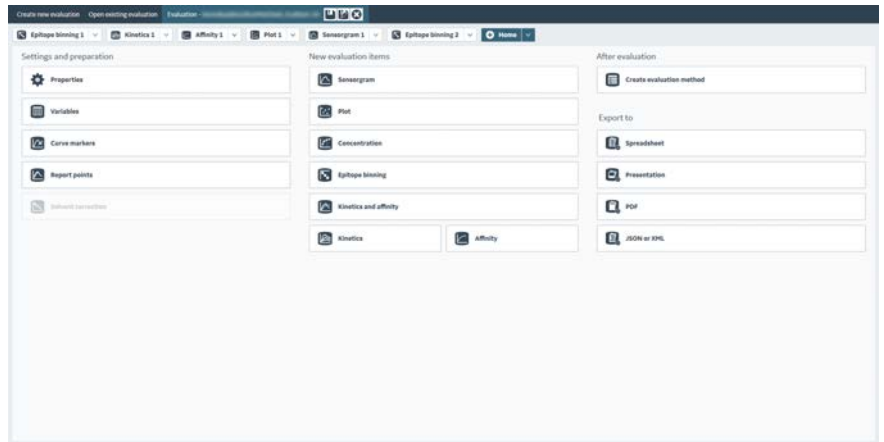
## 3.1 Overview of the Home workspace




### Introduction











This section gives an overview of the Home workspace. The various tools are described in the sections that follow.






### Overview of evaluation tools

Use the functions in the **Home** workspace for examining and modifying data properties, creating evaluation items, exporting evaluation results and saving evaluation methods. The table below gives a brief overview of the functions. More details are provided in the following sections.



Tool name	Description
<b>Settings and preparation</b>	
<b>Properties</b> 	Displays the properties of the current data set, and allows certain properties relating to the sensor surface to be edited for the evaluation session (see <a href="#">Section 3.2 Properties, on page 36</a> ).
<b>Variables</b> 	Displays a table of variable values. The values can be edited and user-defined variables can be added (see <a href="#">Section 3.3 Variables, on page 38</a> ).
<b>Curve markers</b> 	Manages curve markers, used for identifying sensorgrams and samples of interest. Curve markers are carried over between evaluation items so that samples of interest can be followed between items.

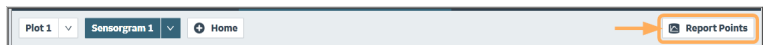
Tool name	Description
<b>Report points</b> 	Defines report points for measuring the response at set times on the sensorgram (see <a href="#">Section 3.5 Report points, on page 44</a> ).
<b>Solvent correction</b> 	Evaluates and applies solvent correction (see <a href="#">Chapter 4 Solvent correction principles and application, on page 51</a> ).
<b>New evaluation items</b>	
<b>Sensorgram</b> 	Creates a sensorgram item (see <a href="#">Chapter 5 Sensorgram items, on page 65</a> ).
<b>Plot</b> 	Creates a plot item (see <a href="#">Chapter 6 Plot items, on page 84</a> ).
<b>Concentration</b> 	Creates an item for evaluating concentration measurements (see <a href="#">Chapter 7 Concentration measurement, on page 129</a> ).  This option is available if the <b>Concentration &amp; Potency</b> extension is active.
<b>Epitope binning</b> 	Creates an item for evaluating epitope binning.  This option is available if the <b>Epitope Binning</b> extension is active.
<b>Kinetics and affinity</b> 	Creates an item for evaluating affinity and kinetics in the same item <sup>1</sup> (see <a href="#">Chapter 9 Kinetics and Affinity items, on page 179</a> ).
<b>Kinetics</b> 	Creates an item for evaluating kinetics only <sup>1</sup> (see <a href="#">Chapter 9 Kinetics and Affinity items, on page 179</a> ).
<b>Affinity</b> 	Creates an item for evaluating affinity only <sup>1</sup> (see <a href="#">Chapter 9 Kinetics and Affinity items, on page 179</a> ).
<b>After evaluation</b>	
<b>Create evaluation method</b> 	Saves the settings and items in the current evaluation session as an evaluation method (see <a href="#">Chapter 11 Evaluation methods, on page 230</a> ).  This option is not available for evaluation of regulated procedures, runs, and evaluations.

Tool name	Description
<b>Show audit trail</b> 	Displays the audit trail for the current evaluation.  This option is available when the <b>Insight GxP</b> extension package is active, and the evaluation applies to regulated procedures, runs, and evaluations
<b>Export to</b>	
<b>Export to spreadsheet</b> 	Exports the results of the current evaluation session in Microsoft Excel® format (see <a href="#">Section 10.1 Export to spreadsheet, on page 221</a> ).
<b>Export to presentation</b> 	Exports the results of the current evaluation session in Microsoft PowerPoint™ format (see <a href="#">Section 10.2 Export to presentation or PDF, on page 223</a> ).
<b>Export to PDF</b> 	Exports the results of the current evaluation session to a PDF file (see <a href="#">Section 10.2 Export to presentation or PDF, on page 223</a> ).
<b>Export to JSON or XML</b> 	Exports the results of the current evaluation session in JSON or XML export formats (see <a href="#">Section 10.3 Export to JSON or XML, on page 227</a> ).  This option is available when the <b>Data Integration</b> extension is active.

<sup>1</sup> The evaluation purpose can be changed between kinetics, affinity and both within the item.

**Note:** *Changes in some evaluation tools are applied directly, while others show **Apply and close** and **Cancel** buttons at the bottom of the workspace. Make sure changes are applied if there is an option.*

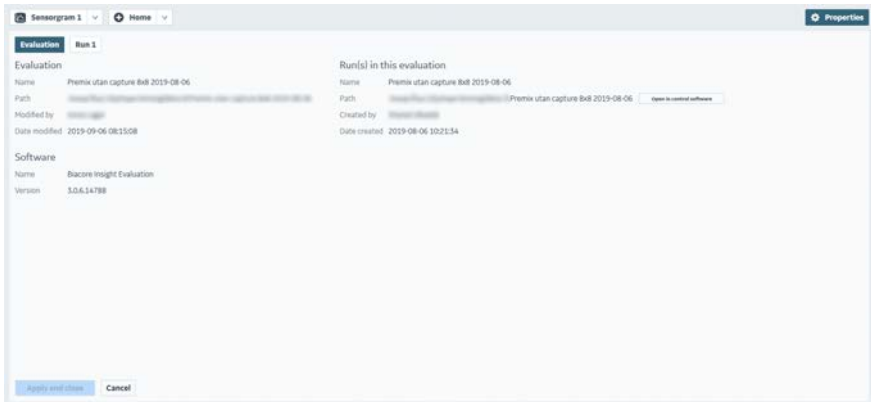
*Tool workspaces remain open until actively closed. Open workspaces are represented by buttons at the right of the header bar. Use these buttons to return to the tool if the tool workspace is hidden.*



## 3.2 Properties

### Introduction

The **Properties** workspace displays properties of the evaluation session and the runs included in the session.



### Evaluation properties

The **Evaluation** tab shows the following information:

Information	Description
<b>Evaluation</b>	Name and details of the evaluation session. For a new session that has not been saved, the session name is either the name of the run or <b>Multiple runs</b> . This will be used as the default name when the session is saved.
<b>Run(s) in this evaluation</b>	Details of the run(s) in the evaluation session. Click <b>Open in Control Software</b> to open the run in the Control Software. The appropriate Control Software must be installed on the same computer.  <b>Note:</b> <i>Runs imported from .blr result files cannot be opened in the Control Software.</i>
<b>Software</b>	Software version used to create the evaluation session. For existing evaluations, this may differ from the version currently being run (the current version is shown in the <b>Help → About</b> information).

## Run properties

One **Run** tab is created for each run represented in the data set.

Each **Run** tab shows the chip information and run information for the run together with channel usage details. The run and method can be opened in the Control Software. Click **Method summary** to open a summary of the method setup and settings, suitable for documentation purposes. The method summary is included in run properties in result exports."

The illustration below shows an example from evaluation of two Biacore 8K runs. The detailed appearance may vary for runs from other Biacore systems.

Select **More info** to show additional details of the run information.

Channel and flow cell details can be edited as follows (provided that solvent correction has not been applied, see [Chapter 4 Solvent correction principles and application, on page 51](#)). Changes apply to the current evaluation only.

- Remove the checkmark from channels to exclude the channel results from the evaluation. Channels can be excluded independently for flow cell 1 and flow cell 2.
- Change the role of **Fc1** between **Active** and **Reference** if required. **Fc2** is always **Active**. If **Fc1** is also set to **Active**, reference-subtracted data will not be available.
- Edit the ligand name and molecular weight if required.

Changes made in the **Run** tab will not affect the values in the original saved run.

Immobilization levels and chemistry cannot be changed.

**Note:** *The workspace will remain open until you click **Apply and close** or **Cancel**, although it may be hidden by other workspaces. Changes will not be applied until you click **Apply and close**.*

## 3.3 Variables

### Introduction

Variables are used in various aspects of evaluation, for sensorgram identification, analyte concentration, molecular weight adjustment, and so on. By default, the **Variables** workspace table does not show all available variables. See [Displaying table columns, on page 39](#) for instructions on how to show or hide variables in the table. Variable table settings are saved in evaluation methods.

All variables are available for use in the evaluation, regardless of whether they are shown in the table.

Cycle	Channel	Analysis step purpose	Analysis step name	Analysis Subunit	Analysis Concentration	Analysis Contact time	Analysis Elution time	Analysis Flow rate	Analysis Molecular weight
10	1	Analysis	Start-up	Running Buffer	30	12	30		
10	2	Analysis	Start-up	Running Buffer	30	12	30		
10	3	Analysis	Start-up	Running Buffer	30	12	30		
10	4	Analysis	Start-up	Running Buffer	30	12	30		
10	5	Analysis	Start-up	Running Buffer	30	12	30		
10	6	Analysis	Start-up	Running Buffer	30	12	30		
10	7	Analysis	Start-up	Running Buffer	30	12	30		
10	8	Analysis	Start-up	Running Buffer	30	12	30		
11	1	Solvent connection	SolventConnection 1						
11	2	Solvent connection	SolventConnection 1						
11	3	Solvent connection	SolventConnection 1						
11	4	Solvent connection	SolventConnection 1						
11	5	Solvent connection	SolventConnection 1						
11	6	Solvent connection	SolventConnection 1						
11	7	Solvent connection	SolventConnection 1						
11	8	Solvent connection	SolventConnection 1						
12	1	Analysis	Samples and Controls	OHSG	0	30	12	30	187
12	2	Analysis	Samples and Controls	OHSG	0	30	12	30	187
12	3	Analysis	Samples and Controls	OHSG	0	30	12	30	187
12	4	Analysis	Samples and Controls	OHSG	0	30	12	30	187
12	5	Analysis	Samples and Controls	OHSG	0	30	12	30	187

Variables may be derived from three sources:

- General variables from the run, such as cycle and channel numbers, step names and purposes, etc.
- Parameters that are defined as variables in the method used for the run.
- User-defined variables created in the evaluation session.

**Note:** *The workspace will remain open until you click **Apply and close** or **Cancel**, although it may be hidden by other workspaces. Changes will not be applied until you click **Apply and close**.*

### Editing variable values

To change variable values, simply type the new value in the appropriate place in the table. For variables with a fixed set of possible values, such as **Analysis step purpose**, choose the value from the drop-down list.

To change the units for concentration variables, change the **Concentration unit** setting. This changes the unit but not the numerical value. If the evaluation session includes data from several runs, the concentration unit can be changed independently for each run.

**Note:** The concentration unit affects only predefined concentration variables in the run method. User-defined variables defined in either the run method or the evaluation are not affected, even if they are used to hold concentration values.


Select the sample status indicator in the **Analyte solution** column for injected solutions to define control and blank samples. Changing the status of one instance of a sample will change all instances with the same solution name in the run. Other runs in the same evaluation session are not affected.

## Displaying table columns

Follow the steps below to add or remove columns from the table.

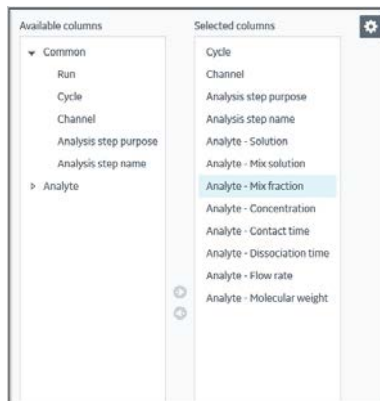
**Note:** Table columns are added and removed for display purposes only. All variables are available for evaluation purposes, regardless of whether they are shown in the table.

Step	Action
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1	Click  <b>Table settings</b> on the toolbar at the right of the workspace.
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**Result:**

Lists of available and selected columns are displayed.



2	Select a variable and use the arrow buttons to move it between the lists as required.
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Variables in the **Available columns** list are grouped according to source. To add all variables in a group to the table in one operation, select the group header in the left column.


**Note:**

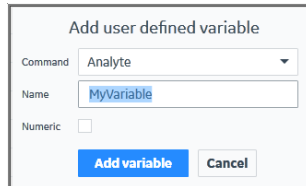
Variables remain in the **Available columns** list when they are added to **Selected columns**. You can however only add one instance of each variable to the **Selected columns** list.

Step	Action
3	Click <b>Apply and close</b> to save the changes.

## Adding user defined variables

Follow the steps below to add user defined variables to the evaluation.


Step	Action
1	Click  <b>Table settings</b> on the toolbar at the right of the workspace.
2	Select <b>Add</b> at the bottom of the pane. <i>Result:</i> The <b>Add user defined variable</b> dialog opens.



3	Select the <b>Command</b> (as set up in the analysis method) with which the variable will be associated.
4	Provide a name for the variable. <b>Note:</b> <i>The variable name must be unique within the command. Variables can however have the same name if they are associated with different commands.</i>
5	Check <b>Numeric</b> if the variable should only accept numerical values.
6	Select <b>Add variable</b> . <i>Result:</i> The variable is created and is automatically displayed in the table.

## Deleting user defined variables

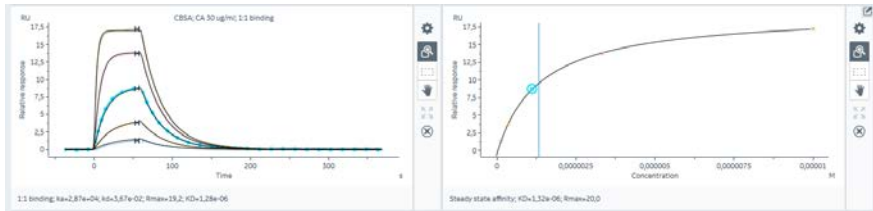
Follow the steps below to delete a user defined variable. You cannot delete a system defined variable, and you cannot delete a user defined variable that is not displayed in the table.

Step	Action
1	Click  <b>Table settings</b> on the toolbar at the right of the workspace.
2	Select the variable in the <b>Selected columns</b> list.
3	Click <b>Delete</b> at the bottom of the <b>Table settings</b> panel.

## 3.4 Curve markers

### Introduction

Curve markers are used to track interactions of particular interest through a complete evaluation. Curve markers can be set on sensorgrams, plot points or table rows in any evaluation item, and are shown in tool tips, tables and graphical presentations in all items.



- Sensorgrams with markers are shown with a series of points along the sensorgram.
  - Note:** *The points do not represent measurement points.*
- In plots, points derived from sensorgrams with markers are circled. If a marked point is also selected, the point is shown in blue, larger than selected unmarked points.

Curve marker definitions may be saved as marker sets for use in multiple evaluations. Marker definitions are also saved in evaluation methods.

### Defining curve markers

To define curve markers, choose either **Curve markers** in the **Home** workspace or **Edit markers** from any of the panel settings in an evaluation item. These alternatives are completely equivalent.

Curve markers

Name	Description	Remove
High interest		⊗
Identified binder		⊗
Ref. 4653ADS		⊗

Add marker

Clear table

Open set

Save set

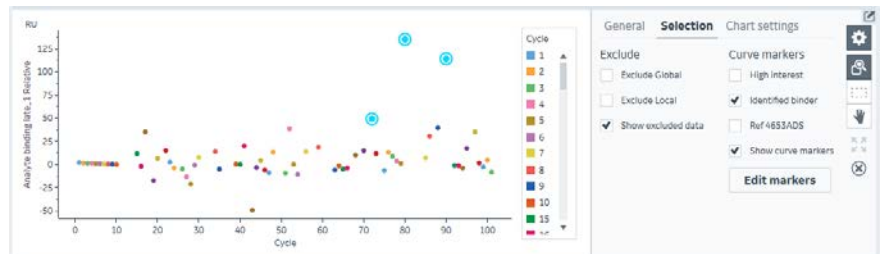
Choose **Add marker** and enter a marker name and description to define a new marker. The name must be unique within the evaluation session, and may not exceed 30 characters. Markers are identified by name in evaluation item displays: the description is only visible in the curve marker definition table.

**Note:** A predefined curve marker named **Outside solvent correction range** is used to identify sensorgrams that lie partially or wholly outside the solvent correction range (see [Section 4.4 Assessing solvent correction quality, on page 63](#)).

## Applying curve markers

To apply a curve marker in an evaluation item panel (plot, sensorgram, heat map, or table), select the target and choose **Curve markers** from the panel settings. Check the marker you want to apply. The marker will be applied to all selected targets in the panel, and will be shown in all evaluation item panels including thumbnails.

Derived sensorgrams and points inherit any curve markers from the source data (for example, blank subtracted sensorgrams inherit any curve markers from the unblank subtracted sensorgram and the blank sensorgram).



You can alternatively right-click in the panel and choose the marker from the right-click menu.

**Note:** It does not matter where you right-click in sensorgram or plot panels. However, in table panels, right-clicking on an unselected row automatically selects the row.

## Editing curve markers

Curve marker definitions cannot be edited. If you want to change the name or description for a marker, the marker must be deleted and a new marker created.

## Curve marker sets

Curve marker sets can be saved and opened in a different evaluation session, so that the same curve markers can be used in multiple evaluation sessions without the need to recreate the markers individually in each session. Curve marker sets can either replace or be appended to any current curve markers in the evaluation session. When curve marker sets are appended to existing definitions, any naming conflicts are resolved by adding asterisks (\*) to conflicting appended names.

**Note:** All saved sets are available to all users.

## 3.5 Report points

### Introduction

Report points provide a measure of the response at specific time points in a sensor-gram. The response is calculated as the median response within a short window (usually 5 s) centered on the specified report point time, and may be calculated relative to another report point defined as the baseline.

**Note:** *Report points in the system-specific software for Biacore T200 and Biacore S200 are calculated as the average response within the window. The precise response value for report points with the same position and window may consequently differ between evaluation in Biacore Insight Evaluation software and the system-specific software.*

The time for a report point is usually specified in relation to the beginning or end of an injection. For example, analyte binding is typically measured as report points such as **Binding early** set a few seconds after the start of the injection and **Stability late** a few seconds before the end of the dissociation. Times may also be set in relation to the beginning or end of the cycle.

The **Report points** workspace lists the report points in the data set. Report points are associated with injection types. Names are presented in a generic form in the workspace (for example, **Analyte binding early**). Individual report points in the data are given a serial number suffix to distinguish between multiple injections of the same type in the same cycle (for example, **Analyte binding early\_ 1**).

A set of default report points is automatically created in the Evaluation Software when run results are opened, determined by the commands used in the run(s). Settings for these report points can be edited and custom report points can also be created.

**Note:** *Report points may be set at run time for some Biacore instruments, and are saved in the result file (.blr). These report points are ignored when the result file is imported to Biacore Insight Evaluation software.*

All report point definitions are saved in evaluation methods.

**Note:** *The workspace will remain open until you click **Apply and close** or **Cancel**, although it may be hidden by other workspaces.*

## Predefined report points

Predefined report point names are constructed by combining the method command name with the report point, see the table below.

Command	Report point	Default position	Examples
Capture Enhancement	baseline	5 s before injection start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancement baseline</li> <li>Enhancement level</li> </ul>
	level	25 s after injection end	
Regeneration	baseline	5 s before injection start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regeneration level</li> </ul>
	level	10 s after injection end	
A-B-A <sup>1</sup> Analyte C-O General SCK	baseline	5 s before injection start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyte binding late</li> <li>A-B-A baseline</li> <li>General baseline</li> </ul>
	binding early	6 s after injection start	
	binding late	5 s before injection end	
	stability early	5 s after injection end	
	stability late	5 s before dissociation end	
Dual	baseline	5 s before injection start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dual B binding late</li> </ul>
	A binding early	6 s after injection start	
	A binding late	5 s before injection end	
	B binding early	6 s after injection start	
	B binding late	5 s before injection end	
	stability early	5 s after injection end	
	stability late	5 s before dissociation end	
Solvent	baseline	10 s before injection start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solvent level</li> </ul>
	level	10 s before injection end	

<sup>1</sup> Report points for A-B-A commands are placed relative to the sample injection, not the injection of flanking solution.

**Note:** Report point names are case-sensitive.

**Note:** Both *baseline* and *response report points* are assigned to each command in the run, so that relative response values within a command are calculated with reference to the baseline at the beginning of the command. Use calculated columns (see [Section 6.7 Calculated columns, on page 125](#)) if you want to calculate responses relative to other report points.

## Creating custom report points

Follow the steps below to create new report points:

Step	Action
1	Open the <b>Report points</b> workspace.
2	Select <b>Add definition</b> .
3	Enter values for the settings. See <a href="#">Report point settings, on page 47</a> for details.  <b>Note:</b> <i>If you set the <b>Baseline</b> property for the new report point, relative response values for existing report points later in the cycle may change.</i>
4	Select <b>Save</b> .


## Report point settings

Details of settings for custom report points are given below:

Setting	Description
<b>Name</b>	Name of the report point. The name must be unique within the evaluation session. Predefined report point names (see <a href="#">Predefined report points, on page 45</a> ) may not be used even if the predefined report point is not included in the evaluation session.
<b>Window size</b>	Report point window in seconds. This may be any value between 1 and 35. The default value is 5.  <b>Note:</b> <i>Report point values are calculated as the median response value in the report point window.</i>
<b>Positioned</b>	The time and event relative to which the report point is placed. Report points that are positioned before the start or after the end of the sensorgram cannot be used in the evaluation.  <b>Note:</b> <i>Do not position report points far away from events so that they lose their relevance to the event, or so close to an event so that the report point window overlaps the event itself.</i>
<b>of injection</b>	The injection with which the report point will be associated. (Not shown if the event is <b>cycle start</b> or <b>cycle end</b> .)
<b>Baseline</b>	Select to set the <b>Baseline</b> property for the report point. The relative response of a <b>Baseline</b> point is always zero. Relative responses for other report points are calculated relative to the nearest preceding <b>Baseline</b> point.

## Editing report point settings

Follow the steps below to edit report point settings:

Step	Action
1	Open the <b>Report points</b> workspace.
2	Click  <b>Edit report point definition</b> in the <b>Actions</b> column for the report point you want to edit.
3	Edit the settings as required. See <a href="#">Report point settings, on page 47</a> for details.  <b>Note:</b> <i>If you change the <b>Baseline</b> property for the report point, relative response values for existing report points later in the cycle will change.</i>
4	Select <b>Save</b> .

To remove report points, select  **Remove report point definition** in the **Actions** column.

## 3.6 Solvent correction

### About this tool

Solvent correction adjusts response values for small artefacts introduced by the use of organic solvents in samples. The adjustment is only relevant in work with low molecular weight analytes. The **Solvent correction** tool is described in a separate chapter ([Chapter 4 Solvent correction principles and application, on page 51](#)).

## 3.7 After evaluation

### Overview

This group of tools includes the following functions, typically used when the evaluation is complete:

- **Create evaluation method**, for creating a custom evaluation method based on the current evaluation session. See applying the same evaluation (as far as possible) to another run or set of runs. See [Creating custom evaluation methods, on page 230](#) for details.
- **Export to spreadsheet**, to a Microsoft Excel file, suitable for archiving or further processing in third party applications. See [Section 10.1 Export to spreadsheet, on page 221](#) for details.
- **Export to presentation**, to a Microsoft PowerPoint file, suitable for presentation purposes. See [Section 10.2 Export to presentation or PDF, on page 223](#) for details.
- **Export to PDF**, to a PDF file, suitable for documentation purposes. See [Section 10.2 Export to presentation or PDF, on page 223](#) for details.
- **Export to JSON or XML**, to a JSON file or an XML file. This tool is available when the **Data Integration** extension is active. See [Section 10.3 Export to JSON or XML, on page 227](#) for details.

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## About this chapter

Solvent correction adjusts reference-subtracted responses for small artefacts that can be introduced by variations in the bulk refractive index between samples. The correction is only relevant when variations in the bulk refractive index are of a similar order of magnitude to the sample responses. This situation arises in work with small organic molecules that give intrinsically low response values and often require organic solvents with a high bulk refractive index such as dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) to maintain solubility.

Solvent correction is only relevant in runs using low molecular weight analytes that require organic solvents to maintain solubility.

This chapter describes the principles and application of solvent correction in the Evaluation Software.

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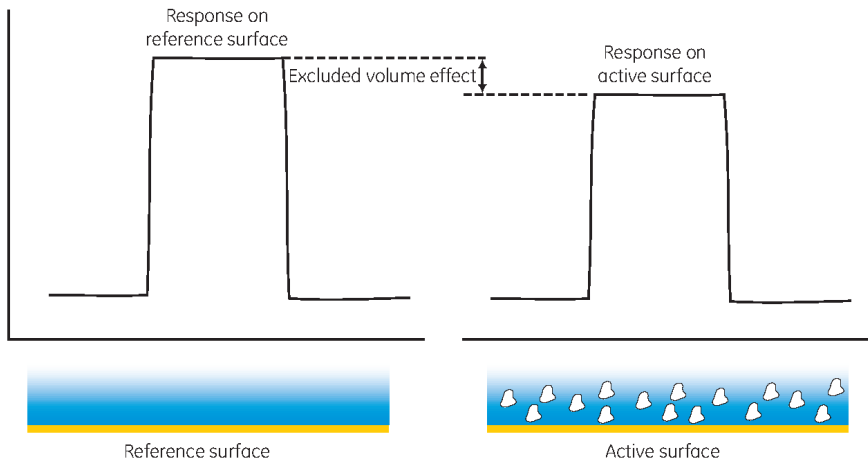
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### 4.1 What is solvent correction?

## 4.1 What is solvent correction?

### Background

The need for solvent correction arises when the amount of ligand on the active surface is high compared with the reference, and the bulk refractive index contribution of the solvent is high compared with the expected analyte response. Bulk solution is excluded from the volume occupied by ligand on the active surface, so that bulk contributions on the active and reference surface will be slightly different, introducing a small error in the reference-subtracted response. This is illustrated schematically below.



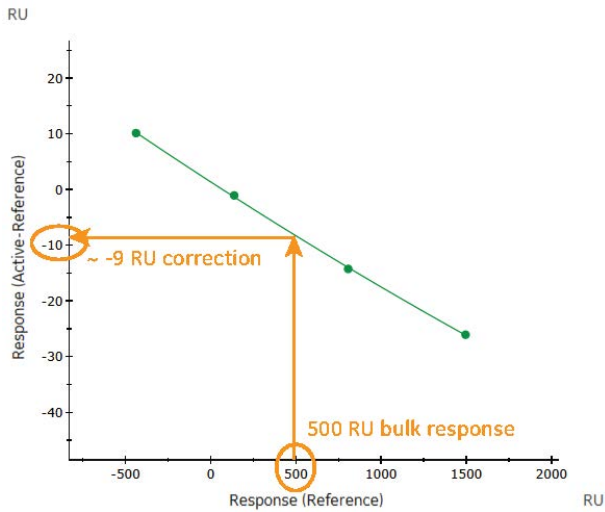
As long as the refractive index of the samples is constant, the error in the reference-subtracted response is also constant and may be ignored for practical purposes. However, if the refractive index of the samples varies, the magnitude of the error will also vary.

Addition of 1% DMSO to buffer gives a bulk response of about 1200 RU, so that small variations in the DMSO content lead to significant variations in the bulk response, in relation to the expected response from low molecular weight samples (which may be as little as 5 to 10 RU). Such variations are difficult to avoid in the preparation of samples such as fragments and drug candidates for screening applications.

### Principle of solvent correction

Solvent correction is determined by injecting a series of blank samples containing a range of solvent concentrations over the active and reference surfaces. A plot of the relative reference-subtracted response on the active surface against the absolute response on the reference surface calibrates the error in reference subtraction against the bulk contribution. This calibration is then used to correct the measured sample responses.

In the schematic illustration below, samples that gave a response of 500 RU on the reference surface would be corrected by about -9 RU on the reference-subtracted response.



In Biacore 8K, each solvent correction cycle generates a separate curve for each channel (for example, a run with 4 solvent correction cycles in all 8 channels will generate 32 curves). Solvent correction is only performed using correction data from the same channel as the sample.

It is recommended that solvent correction cycles are run at the beginning and end of a run and at regular intervals during the run. In this way, any given sample cycle will lie between two solvent correction cycles. The correction factor for a given sample cycle is determined by interpolation between the curves from preceding and following correction cycles, to compensate for any drift in the solvent correction factors during the course of the run.

**Note:** *Interpolation between solvent correction curves is not performed in system-specific evaluation software for Biacore T200 and Biacore S200. Solvent correction factors can consequently differ slightly for the same data evaluated in Biacore Insight Evaluation software and system-specific software.*

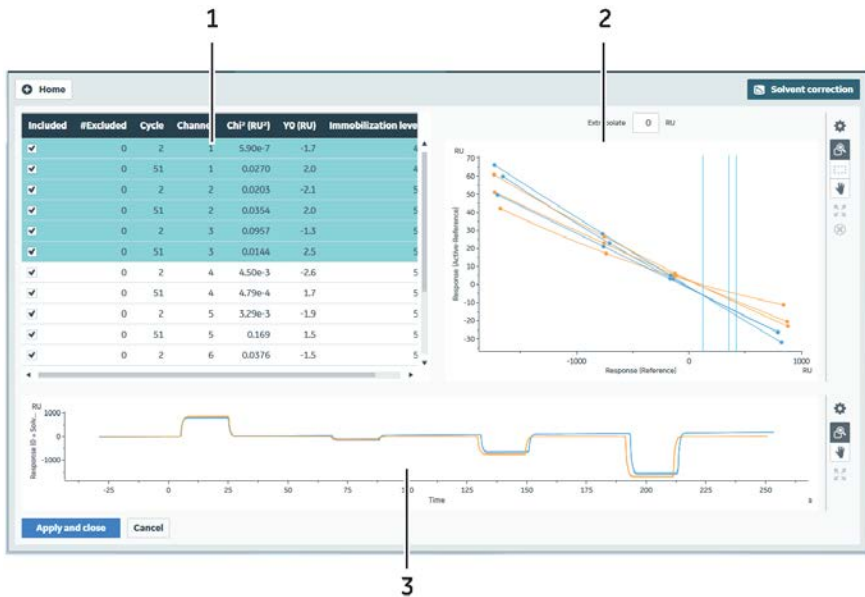
## 4.2 The Solvent correction workspace

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### Introduction

Solvent correction is managed from a workspace with three panels:



Panel	Content	Description
1	Table	Lists numerical values for each solvent correction cycle in the data set. See <a href="#">Section 4.2.1 Table panel, on page 56</a> for more details.

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Panel	Content	Description
2	Correction curves	Shows the solvent correction curves for each channel and solvent correction cycle. See <a href="#">Section 4.2.2 Curves panel, on page 57</a> for more details.
3	Sensorgrams	Shows sensorgrams for the currently displayed correction curves. See <a href="#">Section 4.2.3 Sensorgrams panel, on page 59</a> for more details.

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### 4.2 The Solvent correction workspace

#### 4.2.1 Table panel

## 4.2.1 Table panel

### Panel description

Each row in the table panel corresponds to one solvent correction curve.

Select or deselect rows in the table to show or hide the corresponding correction curves in the **Curves** panel.

Remove the checkmark from the **Included** column to exclude curves from being used when solvent correction is applied. Excluded solvent correction curves are shown in light gray in the **Curves** panel.

**Note:** *Hiding a curve by deselecting the table row does not affect the **Include** status.*

The parameters **Chi<sup>2</sup>** and **Y0** in the table represent respectively the closeness of curve fit and the curve intercept on the y-axis.

## 4.2.2 Curves panel

### Panel description

The **Curves** panel shows all solvent correction curves by default. Deselect curves in the **Table** panel to hide them. Curves are fitted to the experimental points using a second-degree polynomial function.

Click on a point to select it. Alternatively, use the **Area select** tool from the toolbar (see [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#)) to select multiple points.

Outlying points on the solvent correction curves are detected and excluded automatically by the software. To exclude points manually, select the points, then right-click in the panel and choose **Exclude selected**. Excluded points are shown as a gray ✖.


To re-include manually and automatically excluded points, select the points and then right-click and choose **Include selected**.

Vertical blue lines in the **Curves** panel indicate the range of report point values for samples affected by the displayed curves. Separate lines are shown for each channel in multi-channel data. Sample responses that lie outside the range of the solvent correction curves will not be corrected, and will not appear in evaluation items that use corrected responses. This can create gaps in sensorgram display.

Enter a value for **Extrapolate** to extend the curves by the specified amount in both directions on the x-axis. Extrapolation is applied to all curves, regardless of whether they are currently displayed.

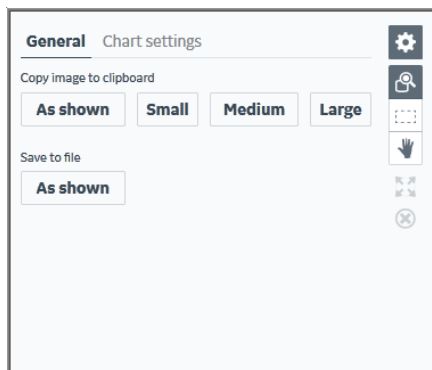
**Note:** *Extrapolation relies on the fitting parameters for the solvent correction curve, with no further justification from experimental data.*

### Panel toolbar

Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel.

The separate tabs in the chart settings are described below. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

### General tab



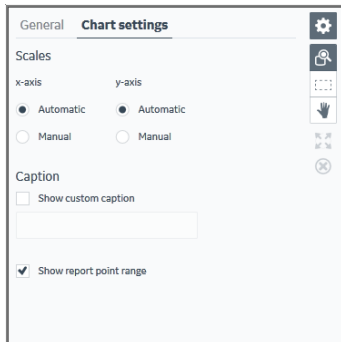
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#### 4.2.2 Curves panel

Setting	Description
<b>Copy image to clipboard</b>	Copies the plot panel to the Windows clipboard. Choose one of three sizes or <b>As shown</b> .
<b>Save to file</b>	Saves the sensorgram panel as an illustration in selectable format.

## Chart settings tab



Setting	Description
<b>Scales</b>	Choose <b>Automatic</b> or <b>Manual</b> scales for the axes.
<b>Caption</b>	Includes a caption in the panel. Enter the caption text.
<b>Show report point range</b>	Check this option to show the range of sample report point responses in the <b>Curves</b> panel.

## 4.2.3 Sensorgrams panel


### Panel description

The **Sensorgrams** panel shows the solvent correction cycles for the currently displayed correction curves. Report points are indicated for correction points that are selected in the **Curves** panel.

The position and window of solvent correction report points can be adjusted (see [Edit report point tab, on page 59](#)). Adjustments apply to all injections in solvent correction cycles.

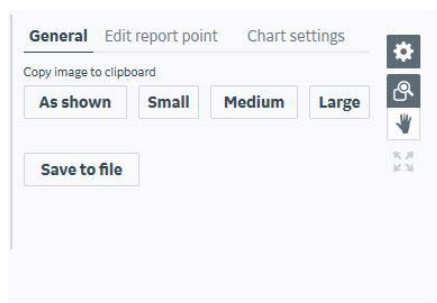
**Note:** *Sensorgrams cannot be selected in the **Sensorgrams** panel.*

### Panel toolbar

Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel.

The separate tabs in the chart settings are described below. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

### General tab



Setting	Description
<b>Copy image to clipboard</b>	Copies the plot panel to the Windows clipboard. Choose one of three sizes or <b>As shown</b> .
<b>Save to file</b>	Saves the sensorgram panel as an illustration in selectable format.

### Edit report point tab

Settings on this tab allow the placing of report points to be adjusted on the solvent correction sensorgrams. Adjustments apply to all injections in all solvent correction cycles. Select solvent correction points in the **Curves** panel to show the location in the **Sensorgram** panel. Solvent correction curves are recalculated whenever a report point setting is changed.

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### 4.2 The Solvent correction workspace

#### 4.2.3 Sensorgrams panel

General **Edit report point** Chart settings

Settings apply immediately

Solvent baseline  Time (s) before start

Solvent level  Window (s) before end

### Chart settings tab

General Edit report point **Chart settings**

Scales

x-axis y-axis

Automatic  Automatic

Manual  Manual

Caption

Show custom caption

Sensorgram type Reference

Align first baseline

Setting	Description
<b>Scales</b>	Choose <b>Automatic</b> or <b>Manual</b> scales for the axes.
<b>Caption</b>	Includes a caption in the panel. Enter the caption text.
<b>Sensorgram type</b>	Choose whether to display the active, reference, or reference-subtracted sensorgrams.
<b>Align first baseline</b>	Check this option to align the baseline point for the first injection to zero time and response.

## 4.3 Applying solvent correction

### Prerequisites

Applying solvent correction requires that solvent correction cycles have been included in the run (see the respective system manual for details). Once the correction has been applied, corrected or uncorrected data can be used in evaluation items, depending on the quality of the solvent correction data (see [Section 4.4 Assessing solvent correction quality, on page 63](#)).

### Procedure

Follow the steps below to apply solvent correction.

**Note:** Each solvent correction curve must have at least 3 included points.

**Tip:** In data sets with many solvent correction curves, sort the table by cycle or channel can simplify selection and examination of curves.

Step	Action
1	<p>Select <b>Solvent correction</b> in the <b>Tools</b> workspace if the <b>Solvent correction</b> workspace is not opened by the evaluation method.</p> <p><i>Result:</i></p> <p>The <b>Solvent correction</b> workspace opens. All solvent correction sensorgrams and curves for all channels are displayed initially.</p>
2	<p>To display selected solvent correction sensorgrams and curves, select the corresponding rows in the table. Use <b>Shift-click</b> and <b>Ctrl-click</b> to select multiple rows.</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p>Selecting rows for display does not affect the <b>Include</b> status for the curves.</p>
3	<p>Check the solvent correction curves and sensorgrams for quality (see <a href="#">Section 4.4 Assessing solvent correction quality, on page 63</a>).</p> <p>Exclude bad curves by removing the checkmark in the <b>Included</b> column of the table. Excluded curves are shown in gray.</p> <p>Exclude individual outliers that are not automatically removed as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select the outlier(s), either by clicking on the points or using the <b>Select area mode</b> (see <a href="#">General panel toolbar settings, on page 30</a>).</li> <li>Right-click in the curve plot area and choose <b>Exclude selected</b>. Excluded points are shown with the symbol '✖'.</li> </ol>
4	<p>Select <b>Apply and close</b> to apply the corrections, or <b>Cancel</b> to close the workspace without applying corrections.</p>

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### 4.3 Applying solvent correction

**Note:** *Changes will not be applied until you click **Apply and close**. The workspace will remain open until you apply or cancel the corrections, although it may be hidden by other workspaces.*

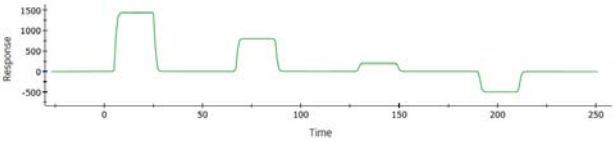
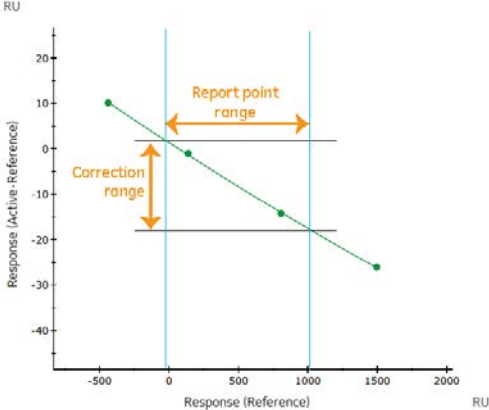
Solvent corrected data is used by default in all new items if it is available. Existing items are not affected.

Once solvent correction has been applied, you can open the workspace to view the curves and details, but you cannot make any changes to the solvent correction settings. Create a new evaluation if you want to change the solvent correction settings.

## 4.4 Assessing solvent correction quality

### Quality criteria

Judge whether to use solvent corrected or uncorrected data in evaluation items according to the guidelines below.

Property	Recommendation
Solvent correction sensorgram quality	<p>Check the appearance of the solvent correction sensorgrams on the active and reference surfaces. Each injection of solvent correction solution should give a "square-wave" response, positive or negative, with rapid transition to and from the baseline and essentially constant response during the injection (as illustrated below). If there are any disturbed injections, exclude the corresponding points from the solvent correction curves.</p> 
Solvent correction curve range	<p>The solvent correction curve should normally cover a response range of approximately -500 to +1500 RU on the x-axis (reference flow cell).</p>
Correction range	<p>The y-axis range of the curves between the report point range lines gives an indication of the range of solvent correction for report points, as indicated schematically below. Compare this with the range of measured response values to judge the effect of solvent correction on the data.</p> 

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### 4.4 Assessing solvent correction quality

Property	Recommendation
Curve quality	<p>The solvent correction curves should be a reasonably close fit to the experimental points. As a rule of thumb, chi-square values should be below 2 RU. Exclude any isolated outlying points from the curves.</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p><i>Solvent correction curves with only 3 data points will fit the experimental data exactly and will have a chi-square value of 0.</i></p> <p>Beware of using solvent corrected data if the correction curve does not fit the experimental points closely. Scatter in the correction points can distort the corrected responses.</p>
Data point range	<p>Sensorgrams with points that lie outside the solvent correction range will be assigned a curve marker <b>Outside solvent correction range</b> when correction is applied. For such sensorgrams, data points within the correction range will be corrected while those outside the range will be omitted from the sensorgram display and evaluation.</p>

# 5 Sensorgram items

## About this chapter

Sensorgram items display the data as sensorgrams for presentation and visual inspection purposes.

This chapter describes how to use **Sensorgram** items.

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## 5.1 The Sensorgram workspace

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### Introduction

The **Sensorgram** item workspace holds up to 3 panels in addition to the **Settings** panel at the left of the workspace.



Panel	Content	Description
1	<b>Thumbnails</b>	Displays the data groups in the evaluation.
2	<b>Sensorgrams</b>	Displays the sensorgrams in selected groups.

Panel	Content	Description
3	<b>Table</b>	Displays the details for the cycles in the selected groups.

Drag the panel borders to resize the panels.

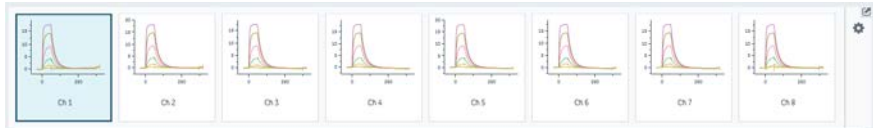
Use the buttons at the bottom of the **Settings** panel to show or hide selected panels.

The panels are described in more detail in the following subsections.

## 5.1.1 Thumbnails panel

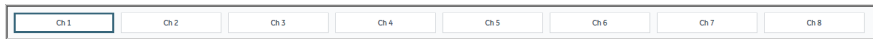
### Panel description

The **Thumbnails** panel displays thumbnails of the sensorgram data grouped according to the **Data grouping** setting. You may need to scroll the panel display to see all thumbnails.




Select one or more thumbnails to display the contents in the **Sensorgram** and **Table** panels. Use **Shift-click** and **Ctrl-click** to select multiple thumbnails. Selected thumbnails are marked by a heavier border.

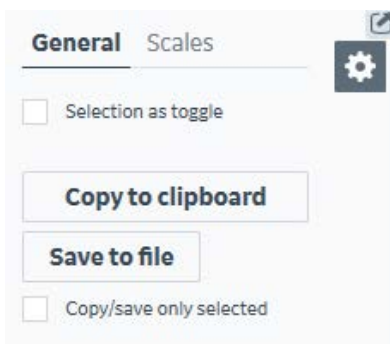
Deselect **Thumbnails** in the **Settings** panel at the left to collapse the thumbnails to buttons. Data groups can be selected with these buttons even when the thumbnail content is not displayed.



### Panel toolbar

Click  **Thumbnail settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the thumbnails. Settings are applied to all thumbnails.

### General tab



Setting	Description
<b>Selection as toggle</b>	<p>If this option is checked, clicking on a thumbnail will toggle between selected and deselected. When the option is not selected, clicking will only select the thumbnail.</p> <p><b>Note:</b>  <i>When the option is checked, using <b>Shift-click</b> will toggle the status of all thumbnails in the range covered.</i></p>
<b>Copy to clipboard</b>	<p>Copies thumbnails to the Windows clipboard as a collection of graphical objects. The thumbnails can be pasted into programs that support pasting for collections of graphical objects.</p> <p>Check <b>Copy/save only selected</b> to copy only selected thumbnails. If this option is not checked, all thumbnails will be copied.</p>
<b>Save to file</b>	<p>Saves thumbnails as illustrations in <b>.png</b> (Portable Network Graphics) format. Each thumbnail is saved to a separate file. File names are constructed from the thumbnail label with an added serial number to prevent duplicate names.</p> <p>Check <b>Copy/save only selected</b> to save only selected thumbnails. If this option is not checked, all thumbnails will be saved.</p>

## Scales tab



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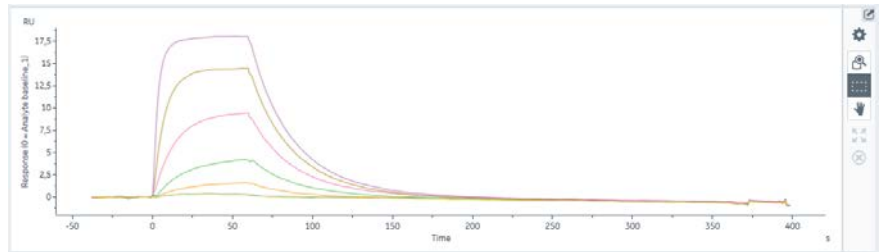
#### 5.1.1 Thumbnails panel


Setting	Description
<b>x-axis</b> <b>y-axis</b>	<p>Determines how the axes will be scaled in the thumbnails.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Individual</b> scales each thumbnail separately. The scale is determined by the range of values in the thumbnail.</li><li>• <b>Same</b> scales all thumbnails to the same scale, determined by the range of values in all thumbnails together.</li><li>• <b>Manual</b> scales all thumbnails according to the specified minimum and maximum values.</li></ul>

## 5.1.2 Sensorgrams panel


### Panel description

The **Sensorgrams** panel displays the sensorgrams in the currently selected thumbnail(s).



Individual sensorgrams can be selected in this panel. Click on a sensorgram to select/deselect it, or use the **Area select** mode to select multiple sensorgrams by dragging (see [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#)). Clicking on successive sensorgrams adds the sensorgrams to the selection. Selected sensorgrams are highlighted with a thicker blue line. Use  **Deselect all** to deselect all selected points.

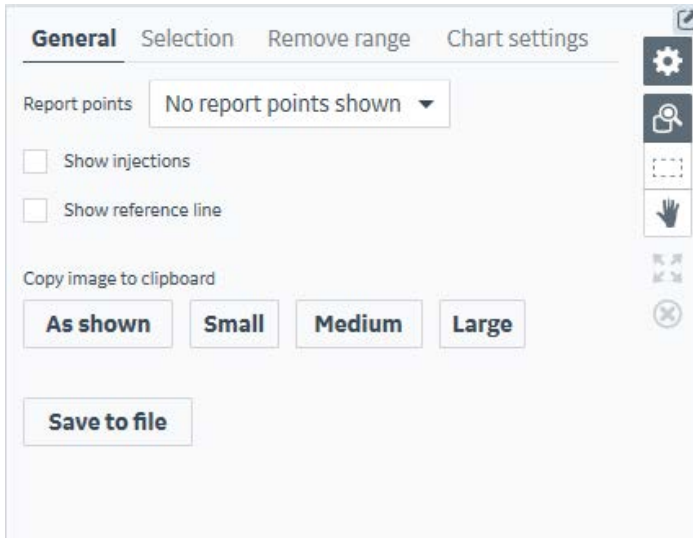
### Panel toolbar

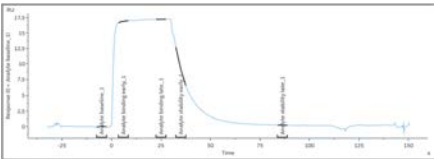
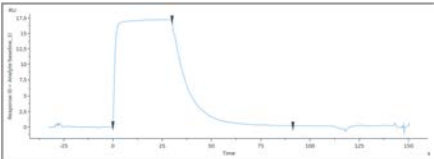
Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel.

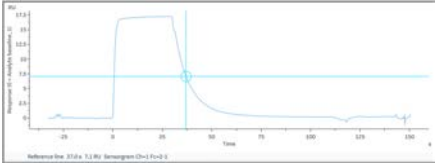
The separate tabs in the chart settings are described below. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

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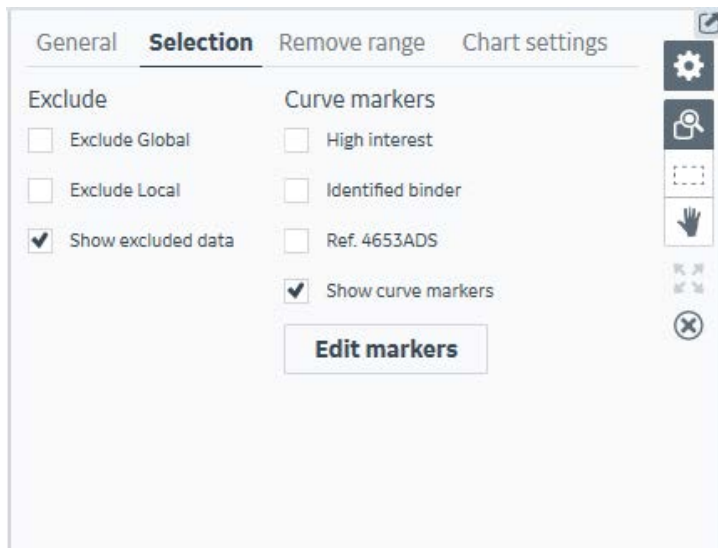
## General tab



Setting	Description
<b>Report points</b>	<p>Choose whether to show report points, with or without markers and labels.</p> 
<b>Show injections</b>	<p>Check this option to show markers for the start and end of injections, including (where appropriate) the end of dissociation time.</p> 

Setting	Description
<b>Show reference line</b>	Check this option to show crosshairs on the sensorgram together with coordinate values for the crosshair position. Drag the vertical crosshair line to move the crosshairs.  
<b>Copy image to clipboard</b>	Copies the sensorgram panel to the Windows clipboard. Choose one of three sizes or <b>As shown</b> .
<b>Save to file</b>	Saves the sensorgram panel as an illustration in selectable format.

## Selection tab



**Note:** The curve markers shown here are examples, for illustration purposes only. Options on this tab apply to selected sensorgrams. See [Section 5.3 Selecting data in Sensorgram items, on page 83](#) for details on how to select sensorgrams.

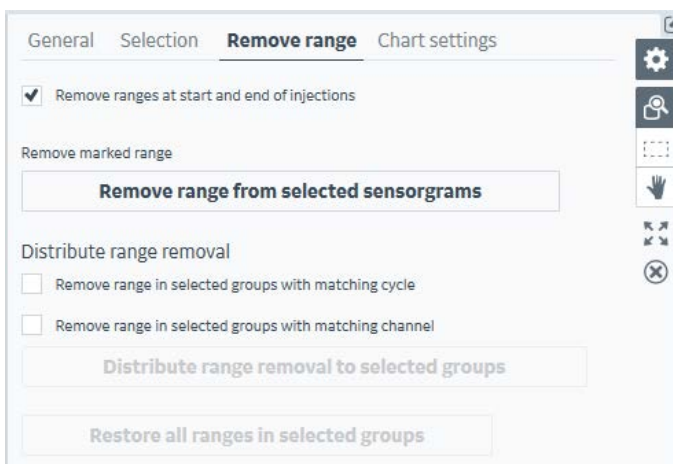
## 5 Sensorgram items

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Setting	Description
<b>Exclude global</b>	<p>Check this option to exclude the selected sensorgrams from all evaluation items, including those already created.</p> <p>If excluded sensorgrams are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the sensorgrams again.</p> <p>Excluding sensorgrams removes any sensorgram adjustments and/or table calculations that may have been applied.</p>
<b>Exclude local</b>	<p>Check this option to exclude the selected sensorgrams from the current evaluation item only.</p> <p>If excluded sensorgrams are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the sensorgrams again.</p>
<b>Curve markers</b>	<p>Check the required markers to apply the markers to the selected sensorgrams. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for more details.</p>
<b>Show curve markers</b>	<p>Check this option to show curve markers in the sensorgram and thumbnail panels.</p>
<b>Edit curve markers</b>	<p>Choose this option to manage curve markers. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for details.</p>

## Remove range tab



This action removes specified data ranges from selected sensorgrams. Drag the vertical markers to set the range that will be removed. Select one or more sensorgrams to activate the buttons.

**Note:** *Ranges are removed in the current evaluation item only.*

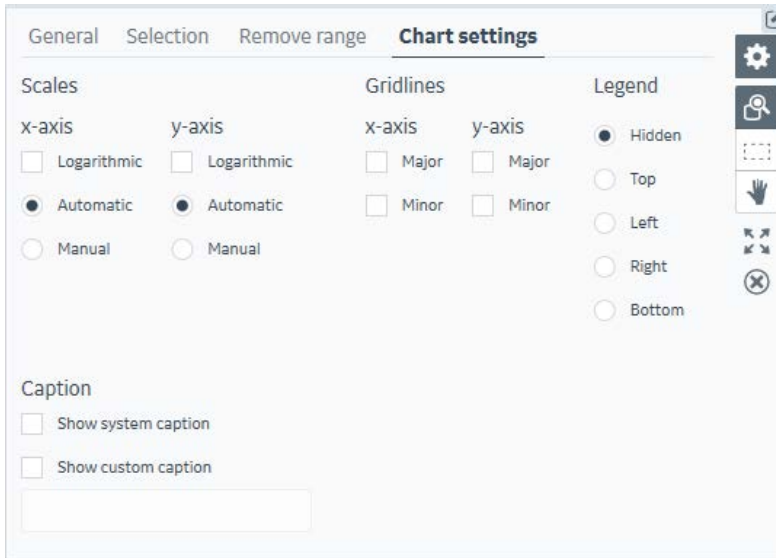
Setting	Description
<b>Remove range at start &amp; end of injections</b>	<p>When this option is checked, a fixed range (about 1 s) on either side of the sample injection start and stop events is removed, to avoid interference from disturbances that can occur at the injection event.</p> <p><b>Note:</b>  <i>This option affects all sensorgrams in all data series, regardless of selection.</i></p>
<b>Remove range from selected sensorgrams</b>	<p>Click to remove the marked range from the selected sensorgrams. Only the selected sensorgrams in the current series will be affected.</p>
<b>Remove range in selected series with matching cycle</b>	<p>Check this option to extend the selection to include sensorgrams with the same cycle number from all selected series.</p> <p>Use this option primarily in parallel mode where different concentrations of the same sample are run in different channels in the same cycle.</p>
<b>Remove range in selected series with matching channel</b>	<p>Check this option to extend the selection to include sensorgrams in the same channel from all selected series.</p> <p>Use this option primarily in serial mode where different concentrations of the same sample are run in different cycles in the same channel.</p>
<b>Distribute range removal to selected series</b>	<p>Click to remove the marked range in accordance with the <b>Distribute range removal</b> setting.</p>
<b>Restore ranges for selected series</b>	<p>Click to restore removed ranges in the selected series. Removed data will be restored in all selected series, even if data was removed in several separate operations.</p> <p><b>Note:</b>  <i>You cannot restore ranges for individually selected sensorgrams.</i></p>

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## Chart settings tab



Setting	Description
<b>Scales</b>	Choose <b>Automatic</b> or <b>Manual</b> scales for the axes. For <b>Manual</b> scaling, enter minimum and maximum values. Choose <b>Logarithmic</b> to use a logarithmic axis scale. <b>Note:</b> <i>Zero or negative values cannot be displayed on a logarithmic scale.</i>
<b>Gridlines</b>	Choose whether to show major and/or minor gridlines. Gridline spacing is determined according to the scale range.
<b>Legend</b>	Displays a legend identifying sensorgrams by color. Choose the position of the legend in the panel.
<b>Caption</b>	Displays a caption in the panel. Choose whether to include the system caption and/or a custom caption with text as entered.

### 5.1.3 Table panel


#### Panel description

The table panel lists parameter values for all sensorgrams included in the sensorgram item. The currently selected sensorgram(s) are highlighted in blue.


Cycle	Channel	Sensorgram type	Analysis step purpose	Analysis step name	Excluded	Curve markers	Analyte 1 Solution	Analyte 1 Control type	Analyte 1 Concentration (µM)
14	1	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Positive control			Fillbuvir	Positive control	0,25
27	1	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Positive control			Fillbuvir	Positive control	0,25
40	1	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Positive control			Fillbuvir	Positive control	0,25
54	1	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Positive control			Fillbuvir	Positive control	0,25
14	2	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Positive control			Fillbuvir	Positive control	0,25
27	2	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Positive control			Fillbuvir	Positive control	0,25
40	2	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Positive control			Fillbuvir	Positive control	0,25
54	2	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Positive control			Fillbuvir	Positive control	0,25
14	3	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Positive control			Fillbuvir	Positive control	0,25

Click on a column header to sort the table by the content of that column.

#### Panel toolbar

Click  **Table settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel. The separate tabs in the table settings are described below.

#### Selection tab

**Selection** Columns 

**Exclude**

Exclude Global

Exclude Local

Show excluded data

**Curve markers**

High interest

Identified binder

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Edit markers

**Note:** The curve markers shown here are examples, for illustration purposes only. Options on this tab apply to selected table rows. See [Section 5.3 Selecting data in Sensorgram items, on page 83](#) for details of how to select sensorgrams.

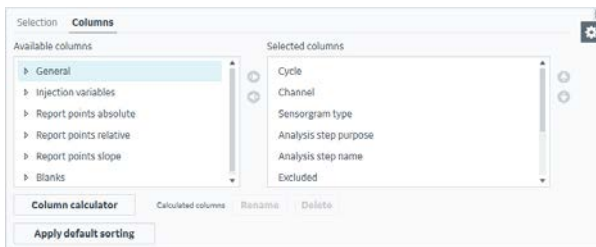
## 5 Sensorgram items

### 5.1 The Sensorgram workspace

#### 5.1.3 Table panel

Setting	Description
<b>Exclude global</b>	Check this option to exclude the selected sensorgrams from all evaluation items, including those already created.  If excluded sensorgrams are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the sensorgrams again.
<b>Exclude local</b>	Check this option to exclude the selected sensorgrams from the current evaluation item only.  If excluded sensorgrams are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the sensorgrams again.
<b>Show excluded data</b>	Check this option to show excluded sensorgrams as gray lines in the sensorgram panel and thumbnails, and to include excluded data in the table. Excluded sensorgrams are identified in the table in the <b>Excluded</b> column.  If this option is not checked, sensorgrams and corresponding table rows are hidden.
<b>Curve markers</b>	Check the required markers to apply the markers to the selected sensorgrams. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for more details.
<b>Edit markers</b>	Choose this option to manage curve markers. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for details.

## Columns tab



Move columns between **Available columns** and **Selected columns** to control the information displayed in the table. Select a column in the **Selected columns list** and use the up and down arrows to change the column display order.

Click **Column calculator** to define table columns that hold results calculated from other column values, see [Section 6.7 Calculated columns, on page 125](#).

Click **Apply default sorting** to restore the default sort order for table rows if you have changed the sort order.

**Note:** *Applying default sorting does not affect the order of selected columns.*

## 5.2 Sensorgram item settings

### Introduction

This section describes the available settings in the **Settings** panel at the left of the sensorgram workspace. The **Select sensorgrams** panel is described in [Workspace settings, on page 29](#).

### Data grouping

The **Data grouping** setting determines how the data is divided into groups. The number of groups is shown in parentheses in the **Data grouping** setting header.

The following **Data grouping** settings are available in a **Sensorgram** item:

Setting	Description
<b>Channel</b>	Groups the sensorgrams by channel.  <b>Note:</b> <i>This setting is only relevant for results from multichannel instruments.</i>
<b>Cycle</b>	Groups the sensorgrams by cycle number.
<b>No grouping</b>	Places the sensorgrams from each cycle and channel in a separate group.
<b>Custom</b>	Allows free selection of grouping parameters from the list. Parameters may be combined.

### Injection assignment

The **Injection assignment** setting determines which injections should be used for variable parameter values and response values respectively.

For example, a run may take the sample name from the variable analyte injection but the response for evaluation from an enhancement injection.

Setting	Description
<b>Use variable information from</b>	Variable parameters from the specified injection command will be used as sample parameters in the evaluation.
<b>Use response values from</b>	Response levels from the specified injection command will be used as sample responses in the evaluation.

## Alignment

The **Alignment** settings determine how the sensorgrams are aligned to zero response and time. The settings are applied to all sensorgrams in the evaluation, and affect only the graphical display in the sensorgram and thumbnail panels.

Choose whether to align to an injection event or a report point. Choose **No alignment** to display actual response values. The setting is independent for x- and y-axes.

Sensorgrams are aligned by default to the injection used for response values in **Injection assignment**, with zero on the x-axis at the beginning of the injection, and zero on the y-axis at the baseline report point.

Select **Use normalization** and choose the event or report point to set to a value of 100 to normalize the sensorgrams. Zero is determined by the **y-axis alignment** setting. Normalization cannot be used if alignment for the y-axis is turned off.

**Note:** **Use normalization** is only available when the **Extended Screening & Characterization** extension is active.

## Sensorgram subtraction

The **Sensorgram subtraction** setting supports both blank subtraction and subtraction of a specified cycle. Subtraction is performed within but not between channels.

**Subtract blank** subtracts the response in blank sensorgrams from all sensorgrams in the same channel.

Blank sensorgrams may be sample cycles with solutions defined as **Blank**, or with zero concentration, or negative control cycles.

Choose the subtraction setting:

Setting	Description
<b>Preceding</b>	Nearest preceding blank. If there is no preceding blank, the nearest blank is used.
<b>Following</b>	Nearest following blank. If there is no following blank, the nearest blank is used.
<b>Nearest</b>	Nearest blank in the cycle sequence.
<b>Average of nearest</b>	Average of the nearest preceding and nearest following blanks.

**Subtract cycle** subtracts the sensorgrams for a specified cycle from all other others in the same channel. Subtraction is not performed if the sensorgrams do not share a common alignment point (for example, solvent correction cycles will not be subtracted from analyte injection cycles).

## Color by

The **Color by** setting colors sensorgrams according to a selected property. Available options are determined by variable parameters in the run method and by any sensorgram filters that are applied in the evaluation.

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### 5.2 Sensorgram item settings

**Note:** *Sensorgram and point colors are hidden by the selection highlight when sensorgrams and points are selected.*

## 5.3 Selecting data in Sensorgram items

### Introduction

This section describes how to select and manage data in **Sensorgram** items. Individual sensorgrams can be selected in the sensorgram panel and the table panel. Select sensorgrams to apply curve markers and exclude or include sensorgrams in the evaluation session.

The thumbnail panel supports selection of groups but not individual sensorgrams. Sensorgrams from selected groups are shown in the sensorgram panel.

### Selection in the *Thumbnails* panel


Group selection in the thumbnail panel behaves differently according to whether **Selection as toggle** is checked in the thumbnail settings (see [Panel toolbar, on page 68](#)):

<b>Selection as toggle</b>	<b>Description</b>
Unchecked	Click a thumbnail to select the thumbnail. Any previously selected thumbnails will be deselected. Use <b>Shift-click</b> and <b>Ctrl-click</b> to select multiple thumbnails.
Checked	Click a thumbnail to toggle between selected and deselected. The status of other thumbnails is not affected.


Selected thumbnails are marked with a heavier border.

### Selection in the *Sensorgrams* panel

Click on a sensorgram to select or deselect it.

Use  **Select area mode** (see [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#)) to select multiple sensorgrams in one operation.

Selected sensorgrams are identified with a thicker blue line. The corresponding rows in the table panel are also highlighted.

Click  to deselect all selected sensorgrams.

### Selection in the *Table* panel

Click on a row to select it. Use **Shift-click** and **Ctrl-click** to select multiple rows.

Selecting a row deselects any previously selected rows unless **Shift-click** or **Ctrl-click** is used.

Selected rows are highlighted in blue. The corresponding sensorgrams are also highlighted.

# 6 Plot items

## About this chapter

Plot items display the data as plots, normally of a response at a selected report point against cycle. Both x- and y-axes can however be customized for other plot requirements.

This chapter describes how to use **Plot** items.

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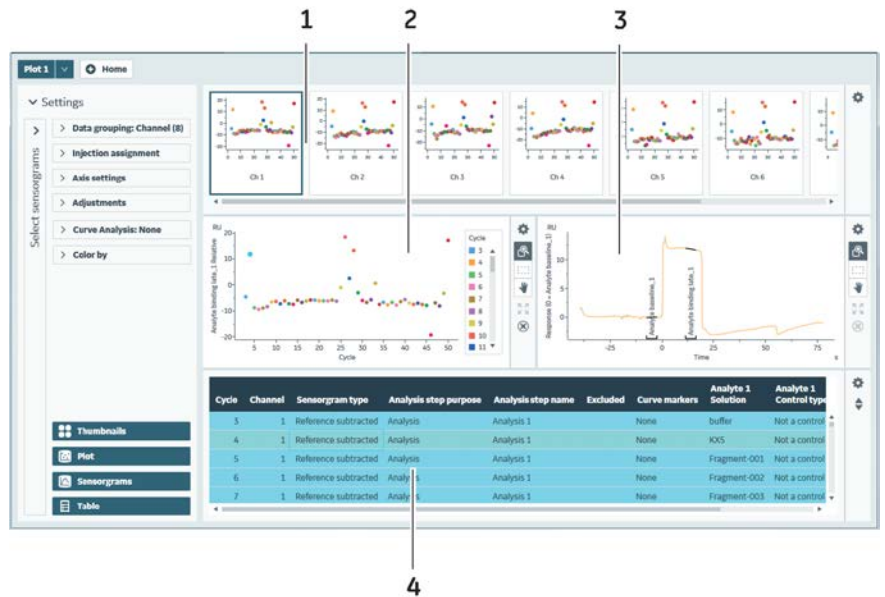
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### Introduction

The **Plot** item workspace holds up to 4 panels in addition to the **Settings** panel at the left of the workspace.



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Panel	Content	Content
1	<b>Thumbnails</b>	Displays the data groups in the evaluation.
2	<b>Plot</b>	Displays the data in the selected groups.
3	<b>Sensorgrams</b>	Displays the sensorgrams for points that are selected in the <b>Plot</b> panel.
4	<b>Table</b>	Displays the details for all cycles in the evaluation. Cycles in the selected groups are highlighted.

Drag the panel borders to resize the panels.

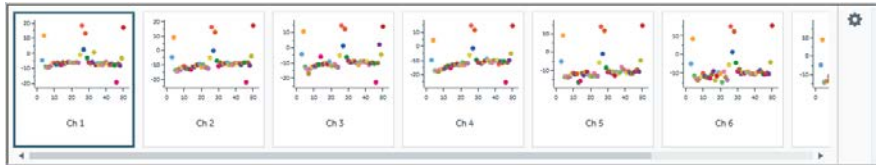
Use the buttons at the bottom of the **Settings** panel to show or hide selected panels.

The panels are described in more detail in the following subsections.

## 6.1.1 Thumbnails panel

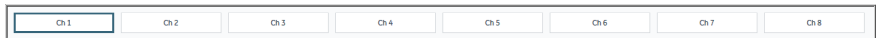
### Panel description

The **Thumbnails** panel displays thumbnails of the plot data grouped according to the **Data grouping** setting. You may need to scroll the panel display to see all thumbnails.




Select one or more thumbnails to display the contents in the **Plot** panels. Use **Shift-click** and **Ctrl-click** to select multiple thumbnails. Selected thumbnails are marked by a heavier border.

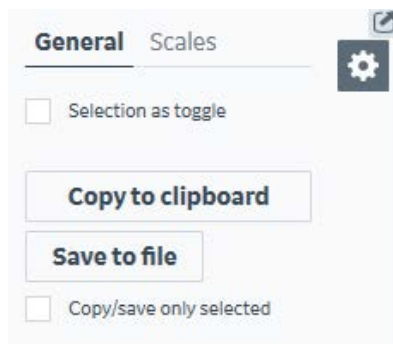
Deselect **Thumbnails** in the **Settings** panel at the left to collapse the thumbnails to buttons. Data groups can be selected with these buttons even when the thumbnail content is not displayed.



### Panel toolbar

Click  **Thumbnail settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel.

### General tab



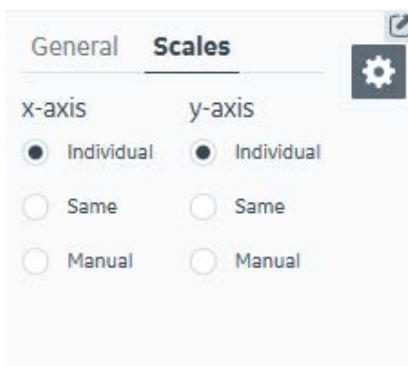
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### 6.1 The Plot workspace

#### 6.1.1 Thumbnails panel

Setting	Description
<b>Selection as toggle</b>	<p>If this option is checked, clicking on a thumbnail will toggle between selected and deselected. When the option is not selected, clicking will only select the thumbnail.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> <i>When the option is checked, using <b>Shift-click</b> will toggle the status of all thumbnails in the range covered.</i></p>
<b>Copy to clipboard</b>	<p>Copies thumbnails to the Windows clipboard as a collection of graphical objects. The thumbnails can be pasted into programs that support pasting for collections of graphical objects.</p> <p>Check <b>Copy/save only selected</b> to copy only selected thumbnails. If this option is not checked, all thumbnails will be copied.</p>
<b>Save to file</b>	<p>Saves thumbnails as illustrations in <b>.png</b> (Portable Network Graphics) format. Each thumbnail is saved to a separate file. File names are constructed from the thumbnail label with an added serial number to prevent duplicate names.</p> <p>Check <b>Copy/save only selected</b> to save only selected thumbnails. If this option is not checked, all thumbnails will be saved.</p>

## Scales tab



Setting	Description
<b>x-axis</b> <b>y-axis</b>	Determines how the axes will be scaled in the thumbnails. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Individual</b> scales each thumbnail separately. The scale is determined by the range of values in the thumbnail.</li><li>• <b>Same</b> scales all thumbnails to the same scale, determined by the range of values in all thumbnails together.</li><li>• <b>Manual</b> scales all thumbnails according to the specified minimum and maximum values.</li></ul>

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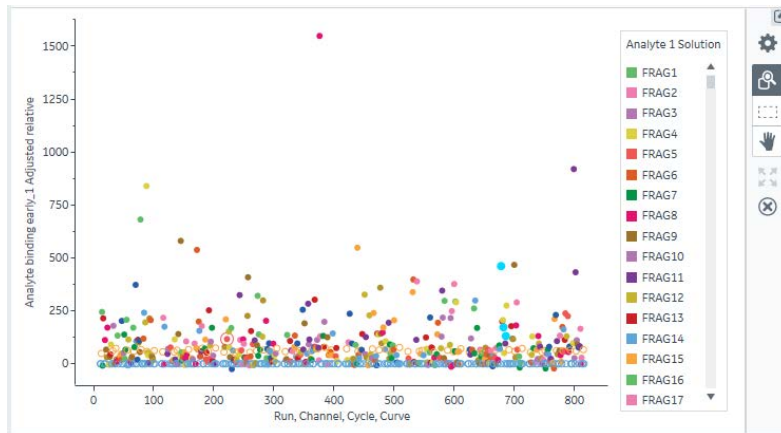
#### 6.1.2 Plot panel

## 6.1.2 Plot panel

### Panel description


This section describes the plot panel in general plot items. When **Curve analysis** is applied, the content of the plot panel is adapted to the analysis (see [Section 6.5.1 Curve analysis plot panel, on page 115](#)).

The plot panel displays the plot points in the currently selected thumbnail(s).



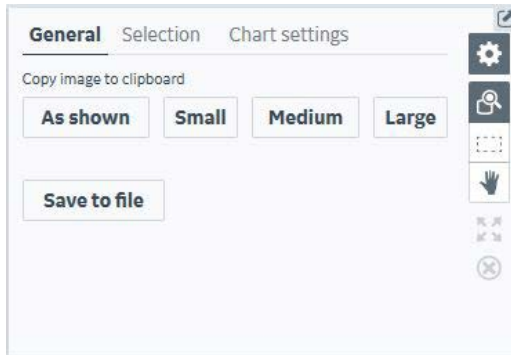
Individual points can be selected in this panel. Click on a point to select/deselect it, or use the **Area select** mode to select multiple points by dragging around them (see [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#)). Clicking on successive points adds the points to the selection. Selected points are shown as enlarged blue points, and the sensorgrams from selected points are shown in the sensorgram panel. Use **Deselect all** to deselect all selected points.

### Panel toolbar

Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel.

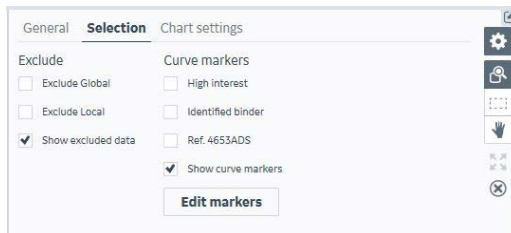
The separate tabs in the chart settings are described below. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

## General tab



Setting	Description
<b>Copy image to clipboard</b>	Copies the plot panel to the Windows clipboard. Choose one of three sizes or <b>As shown</b> .
<b>Save to file</b>	Saves the plot panel as an illustration in selectable format.

## Selection tab



**Note:** The curve markers shown here are examples, for illustration purposes only. Options on this tab apply to selected plot points. See [Section 6.6 Selecting data in Plot items, on page 123](#) for details of how to select points.

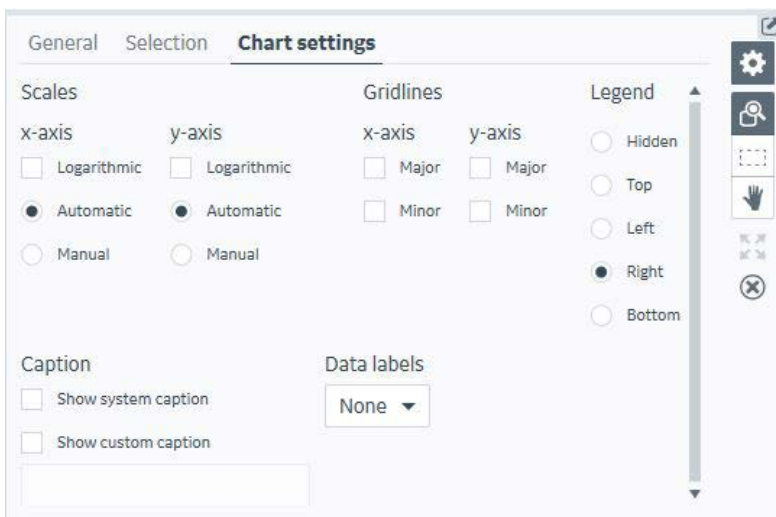
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Setting	Description
<b>Exclude global</b>	<p>Check this option to exclude the selected points and the sensorgrams from which they are derived from all evaluation items, including those already created.</p> <p>If excluded points are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the points again.</p> <p>Excluding points removes any adjustments and/or table calculations that may have been applied.</p>
<b>Exclude local</b>	<p>Check this option to exclude the selected points and the sensorgrams from which they are derived from the current evaluation item only.</p> <p>If excluded points are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the points again.</p>
<b>Curve markers</b>	<p>Check the required markers to apply the markers to the selected points. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for more details.</p>
<b>Show curve markers</b>	<p>Check this option to show curve markers in the plot and thumbnail panels.</p>
<b>Edit markers</b>	<p>Choose this option to manage curve markers. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for details.</p>

## Chart settings tab

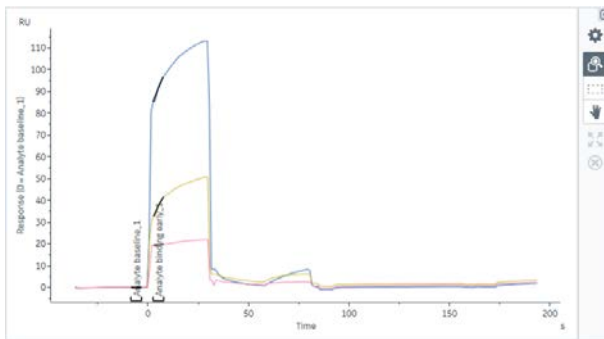


Setting	Description
<b>Scales</b>	<p>Choose <b>Logarithmic</b> or <b>Automatic</b> scales for the axes. Automatic scale is always linear for sensorgram data.</p> <p><b>Note:</b>  <i>Zero or negative values cannot be displayed on a logarithmic scale.</i></p> <p>Choose <b>Manual</b> and enter minimum and maximum values to set the scales manually.</p>
<b>Gridlines</b>	<p>Choose whether to show major and/or minor gridlines. Gridline spacing is determined according to the scale range.</p>
<b>Legend</b>	<p>Displays a legend identifying points by color. Choose the position of the legend in the panel.</p>
<b>Caption</b>	<p>Displays a caption in the panel. Choose whether to include the system caption and/or a custom caption with text as entered.</p>
<b>Data labels</b>	<p>Displays a label for each point in the plot. Choose the property to use as label text.</p>


## 6.1.3 Sensorgrams panel

### Panel description

The **Sensorgrams** panel shows the sensorgrams for points that are selected in the **Plot** panel. The panel is empty when no points are selected.

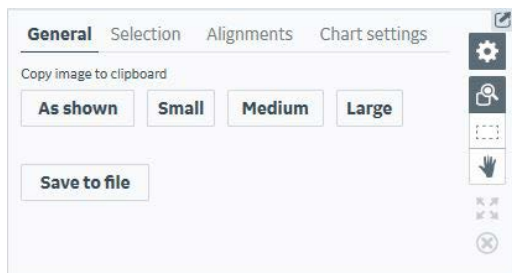


### Panel toolbar

Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel.

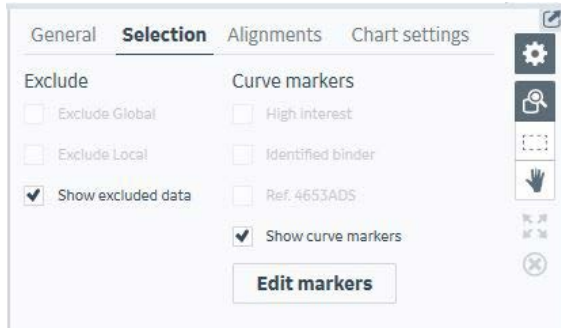
The separate tabs in the chart settings are described below. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

### General tab



Setting	Description
<b>Copy image to clipboard</b>	Copies the sensorgram panel to the Windows clipboard. Choose one of three sizes or <b>As shown</b> .
<b>Save to file</b>	Saves the sensorgram panel as an illustration in selectable format.

## Selection tab



**Note:** The curve markers shown here are examples, for illustration purposes only.

Options on this tab apply to selected sensorgrams. See [Section 5.3 Selecting data in Sensorgram items, on page 83](#) for details on how to select sensorgrams.

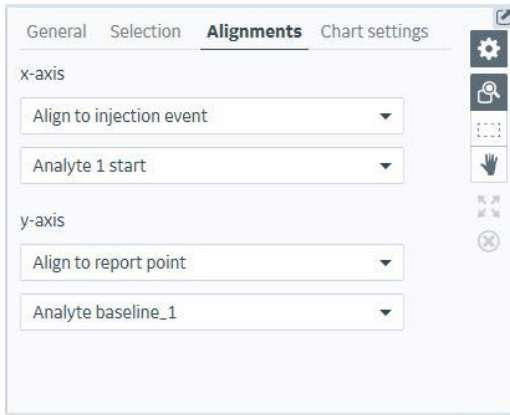
Setting	Description
<b>Exclude global</b>	<p>Check this option to exclude the selected sensorgrams from all evaluation items, including those already created.</p> <p>If excluded sensorgrams are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the sensorgrams again.</p> <p>Excluding sensorgrams removes any sensorgram adjustments and/or table calculations that may have been applied.</p>
<b>Exclude local</b>	<p>Check this option to exclude the selected sensorgrams from the current evaluation item only.</p> <p>If excluded sensorgrams are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the sensorgrams again.</p>
<b>Curve markers</b>	<p>Check the required markers to apply the markers to the selected sensorgrams. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for more details.</p>
<b>Show curve markers</b>	<p>Check this option to show curve markers in the sensorgram and thumbnail panels.</p>
<b>Edit markers</b>	<p>Choose this option to manage curve markers. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for details.</p>

## 6 Plot items

### 6.1 The Plot workspace

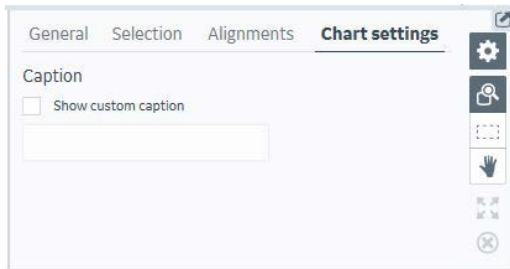
#### 6.1.3 Sensorgrams panel

## Alignments tab



Setting	Description
<b>x-axis</b>	Choose how sensorgrams should be aligned in the display. The x- and y-axes can be aligned independently to an injection event or a report point. The alignment point will be set to zero in the display.
<b>y-axis</b>	

## Chart settings tab



Setting	Description
<b>Caption</b>	Includes a custom caption in the panel. Enter the caption text.

## 6.1.4 Table panel

### Panel description

This section describes the basic functions of the table panel in plot items. When **Curve analysis** is applied, the table panel provides additional content (see [Section 6.5.2 Curve analysis table panel, on page 117](#)).

The table panel lists parameter values for all points included the plot item. Rows for points in the currently selected group are highlighted in light green, and rows for selected points are highlighted in a darker shade.

Cycle	Channel	Sensorgram type	Analysis step purpose	Analysis step name	Excluded	Curve markers	Capture 1 Solution	Capture 1 Control type	Capture 1 Concentration (ng/ml)
4	1	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Analysis			Sample 1	Not a control	
5	1	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Analysis			Sample 9	Not a control	
6	1	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Analysis			Sample 17	Not a control	
4	2	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Analysis			Sample 2	Not a control	
5	2	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Analysis			Sample 10	Not a control	
6	2	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Analysis			Sample 18	Not a control	
4	3	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Analysis			Sample 3	Not a control	
5	3	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Analysis			Sample 11	Not a control	

Click on a column header to sort the table by the content of that column.

### Panel toolbar

Setting	Description
<b>Table settings</b>	Opens the display settings for the panel. Tabs in the display settings are described below.
<b>Sort on selection</b>	Groups selected rows at the top or bottom of the table. Click repeatedly to switch between top and bottom of the table.

### Selection tab

**Selection** Columns

**Exclude**

Exclude Global

Exclude Local

Show excluded data

**Curve markers**

High interest

Identified binder

Ref. 4653ADS

**Edit markers**

## 6 Plot items

### 6.1 The Plot workspace

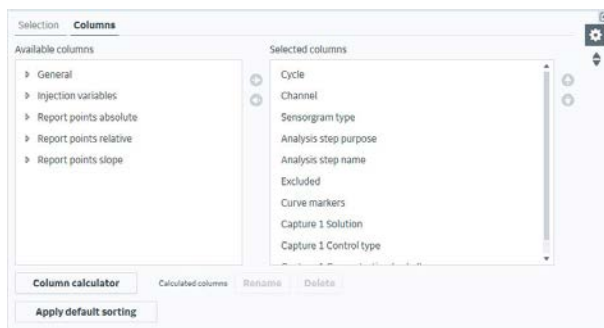
#### 6.1.4 Table panel

**Note:** The curve markers shown here are examples, for illustration purposes only.

Options on this tab apply to selected table rows. See [Section 6.6 Selecting data in Plot items, on page 123](#) for details of how to select points.

Setting	Description
<b>Exclude global</b>	Check this option to exclude the selected points and the sensorgrams from which they are derived from all evaluation items, including those already created.  If excluded sensorgrams are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the sensorgrams again.
<b>Exclude local</b>	Check this option to exclude the selected points and the sensorgrams from which they are derived from the current evaluation item only.  If excluded sensorgrams are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the sensorgrams again.
<b>Show excluded data</b>	Check this option to show excluded points and sensorgrams in gray, and to list excluded data in the table. Excluded sensorgrams are identified in the table in the <b>Excluded</b> column.  If this option is not checked, sensorgrams and corresponding table rows are hidden.
<b>Curve markers</b>	Check the required markers to apply the markers to the selected points and sensorgrams. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for more details.
<b>Edit markers</b>	Choose this option to manage curve markers. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for details.

## Columns tab



Move columns between **Available columns** and **Selected columns** using the left and right arrow buttons to control the information displayed in the table. Select a column in the **Selected columns** list and use the up and down arrow buttons to change the column display order.

**Note:** *Columns that are not selected cannot be used for axis variables in the plot (see [Axis settings, on page 101](#)). If you remove columns from the table that are used as axis settings, the thumbnails and plot will be adjusted.*

Use **Column calculator** to add table columns that hold results calculated from other column values. See [Section 6.7 Calculated columns, on page 125](#) for details.

Click **Apply default sorting** to restore the default sort order for table rows if you have changed the sort order.

**Note:** *Applying default sorting does not affect the order of selected columns.*

## 6.2 Plot item settings

### Introduction

This section describes the available settings in the **Settings** panel at the left of the plot workspace. The **Select sensorgrams** panel is described in [Workspace settings, on page 29](#).

### Data grouping

The **Data grouping** setting determines how the data is divided into groups. The number of groups is shown in parentheses in the **Data grouping** setting header.

The following **Data grouping** settings are available in a **Plot** item:

Setting	Description
<b>Channel</b>	Groups the data by channel.  <b>Note:</b> <i>This setting is only relevant for results from multichannel instruments.</i>
<b>All together</b>	Plots all the data in a single group.
<b>Channel vs channel</b>	Plots the response in one channel against the same report point in another. Each unique channel pair is treated as a separate group.  <b>Note:</b> <i>The report points for this kind of plot are selected under <b>Axis settings</b>. This setting can only be used with results from multichannel instruments.</i>
<b>Custom</b>	Allows free selection of grouping parameters from the list. Parameters may be combined.

### Injection assignment

The **Injection assignment** setting determines which injections should be used for variable parameter values.

Setting	Description
<b>Use variable information from</b>	Variable parameters from the specified injection command will be used as sample parameters in the evaluation.

**Note:** Plot items do not use the **Use response values from** setting for **Injection assignments** that is included in other items. Selection of report points for **Axis settings** provides the corresponding function for plots.

## Axis settings

The **Axis settings** determine the parameters used for the x- and y-axes in the plot.

The screenshot shows the 'Axis settings' dialog box. It is divided into two main sections: 'x-axis' and 'y-axis'.  
Under 'x-axis', there are three radio button options: 'Report point', 'Variable', and 'Distributed'. The 'Variable' option is selected, and a dropdown menu next to it shows 'Cycle'.  
Under 'y-axis', there are three radio button options: 'Report point', 'Variable', and 'Right y-axis'. The 'Report point' option is selected, and a dropdown menu next to it shows 'Analyte binding late\_1'. Below this, there is a 'Response type' dropdown menu showing 'Relative'.  
At the bottom of the dialog, there is a checkbox labeled 'Right y-axis' which is currently unchecked.

Choose the appropriate axis settings for your plot. For plots that are grouped **Channel vs channel**, only the report point setting is available.

The **Distributed** setting expands the x-axis to avoid plotting multiple points at the same x-axis position.

**Note:** **Variable** options for axis settings correspond to the columns included in the **Table** panel. Columns that are not shown in the table panel (see [Columns tab, on page 98](#)) cannot be used as axis variables.

Select **Right y-axis** to add a second y-axis to the plot. The settings for the left and right y-axes are independent of each other.

## Adjustments

Report point adjustments compensate the response values for blank subtraction, analyte molecular weight, variations in levels of captured ligand and drift in surface binding capacity.

See [Section 6.3 Plot adjustments, on page 103](#) for details.

## Boundaries

Boundaries divide the plot into two or more regions for cut-off or ranking purposes. See [Section 6.4 Cut-off and ranking boundaries, on page 107](#) for details.

## Curve analysis

**Curve analysis** provides functions for PLA (Parallel Line Analysis) and EC<sub>50</sub> (half-maximal effective concentration) determinations. See [Section 6.5 Curve analysis \(PLA and EC50\)](#), on page 113 for details.

## Color by

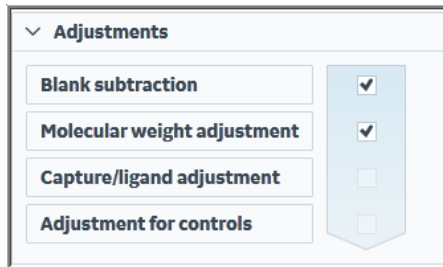
The **Color by** setting colors the plot points according to a selected property. Available options are determined by variable parameters in the run method and by any curve filters that are applied in the evaluation.

**Note:** *Sensorgram and point colors are hidden by the selection highlight when sensorgrams and points are selected.*

## 6.3 Plot adjustments

### General features

Adjustments compensate the plot points for background response (blank subtraction), analyte molecular weight, variations in levels of captured ligand and drift in surface binding capacity.



The screenshot shows a panel titled "Adjustments" with a dropdown arrow on the left. It contains four rows, each with a text label on the left and a checkbox on the right. The first two rows, "Blank subtraction" and "Molecular weight adjustment", have their checkboxes checked. The last two rows, "Capture/ligand adjustment" and "Adjustment for controls", have their checkboxes unchecked.

Adjustment	Checked
Blank subtraction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Molecular weight adjustment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capture/ligand adjustment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adjustment for controls	<input type="checkbox"/>

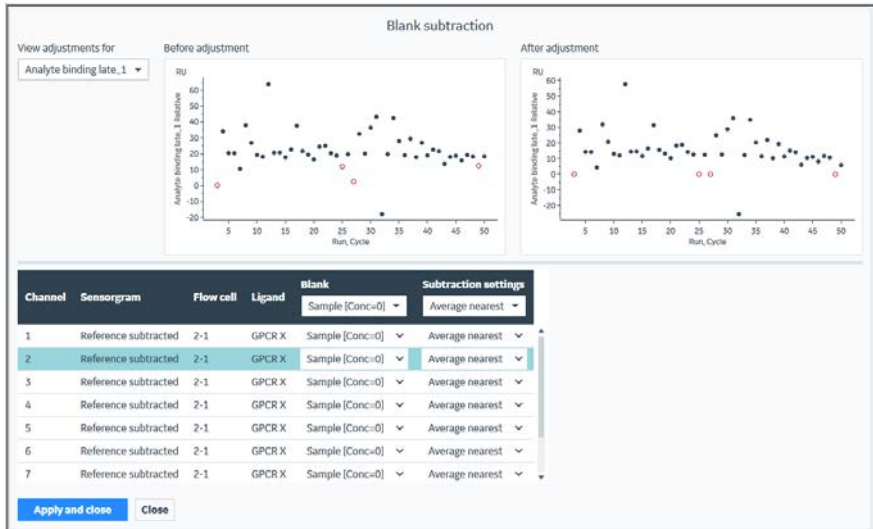
To apply an adjustment using the most recent settings (or default settings if none have previously been used), tick the checkbox. Click the appropriate button to view or change the settings. Adjustments that have been applied are indicated by a checkmark. Remove the checkmark to remove an adjustment.

Adjustments should be applied in the order listed from top to bottom, since adjustments later in the sequence can be affected by earlier ones. Applying an adjustment will cancel any adjustments later in the sequence that have already been applied.

Adjustments are local to the plot item, and do not affect any other items.

## Adjustment preview

The workspace for **Blank subtraction** and **Adjustment for controls** allows selection of appropriate parameters and provides a preview of the adjustment effect. The workspace for **Blank subtraction** is illustrated below.



- Select the report point to show in the before-after preview under **View adjustments for**. You can preview the adjustment effect on any report point, regardless of which is selected in the plot item.
- The table lists one row for each channel. Select a row to preview the adjustment effect for the selected channel.
- In evaluation of data from multi-channel instruments, adjustment settings are independent for each channel. Use the setting in the table header to apply the same setting to all channels: change settings for individual channels in the table row.
- Select **Apply and close** to apply the adjustment.

**Note:** Points may be excluded (locally or globally) in the preview plots. The exclusion will apply even if the adjustment is not applied.

## Blank subtraction

**Blank subtraction** subtracts the response in a blank sensorgram from all sensorgrams (within the same channel in data from multi-channel instruments). For evaluation sessions that include multiple runs, blank subtraction is performed separately within each run.

Blanks may be sample cycles defined as **Blank** or sample cycles with zero concentration.

Choose the subtraction setting:

Setting	Description
<b>Nearest</b>	Nearest blank in the cycle sequence.
<b>Average nearest</b>	Average of the nearest preceding and nearest following blanks.
<b>Preceding</b>	Nearest preceding blank. If there is no preceding blank, the nearest following blank is used.
<b>Following</b>	Nearest following blank. If there is no following blank, the nearest preceding blank is used.

## Molecular weight adjustment

**Molecular weight adjustment** adjusts the response by dividing it by the analyte molecular weight, so that responses are visualized on a molar basis instead of weight basis. The response is expressed as **RU/100 Da** (response per 100 daltons).

Any samples for which no molecular weight is available or for which the molecular weight is set to zero will be excluded from the adjusted plot.

## Capture/ligand adjustment

**Capture/ligand adjustment** compensates for cycle-to-cycle variations in levels of captured ligand by dividing the analyte response by the level of captured ligand. Adjusted responses are expressed as sample response divided by capture level.

## Adjustment for controls

**Adjustment for controls** compensates for drift in the analyte binding capacity by normalizing response levels relative to negative and positive control responses from control samples repeated at intervals throughout the run. A positive control is required. The negative control level is set to zero if no negative control is specified. The normalized responses are plotted on a scale of 0% to 100%.

For evaluation sessions that include multiple result sets, adjustment for controls is applied separately to each result set. The adjustment also has the effect of normalizing the response levels between result sets provided that the same control compound is used in all result sets.

The adjustment is performed as follows:

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### 6.3 Plot adjustments

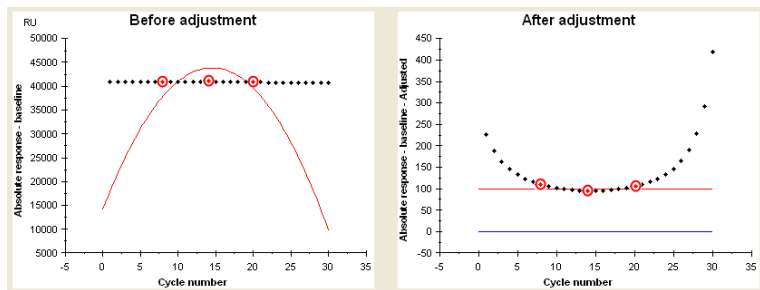
1. Curves are fitted to the control sample responses for positive and (if used) negative controls, using either **Linear** or **Polynomial** fitting equations.

Fitting	Equation
<b>Linear</b>	$y = ax + b$ (where <b>a</b> and <b>b</b> are constants)
<b>Polynomial</b>	$y = ax^2 + bx + c$ (where <b>a</b> , <b>b</b> and <b>c</b> are constants)

2. The fitted line(s) are transformed to straight horizontal lines with values 100 for the positive control and 0 for the negative control.
3. The corresponding transformation is applied to all points in the plot (including the actual control sample responses), to normalize the points relative to the fitted control responses.

Adjustment for controls cannot be applied in regions where the positive control curve lies below the negative control level. Any points that lie in such regions will be excluded from the adjusted plot.

**Note:** *Beware of using a polynomial fitting function with less than 4 control samples. The parabolic curve created by the function can deviate greatly from the points, leading to adjustment that does not reflect the drift in the control responses. An extreme example is illustrated below.*



## 6.4 Cut-off and ranking boundaries

### Introduction

Boundaries divide the plot into two or more regions for cut-off or ranking purposes. Different boundary types can be applied, according to the needs of the evaluation. The boundary type is applied to all groups in the evaluation, although settings may differ between groups. Once boundaries have been set, their position can be adjusted either by editing the settings for the boundary or by dragging the boundary line in the plot panel.

Boundary type	Description
<b>Control based cut-off</b>	Creates a single boundary based on the response from a selected control sample.
<b>Binding level screen cut-off</b>	Creates a single boundary based on the fraction of points that lie above the threshold, with consideration for deviant binding behavior. This option is primarily intended for fragment screening applications, and is only available when the <b>Extended Screening &amp; Characterization</b> extension is active.
<b>Manual cut-off</b>	Creates a single boundary at a specified response level.
<b>Ranking</b>	Creates multiple boundaries that divide the data into groups (e.g., no binding, weak binding and strong binding).

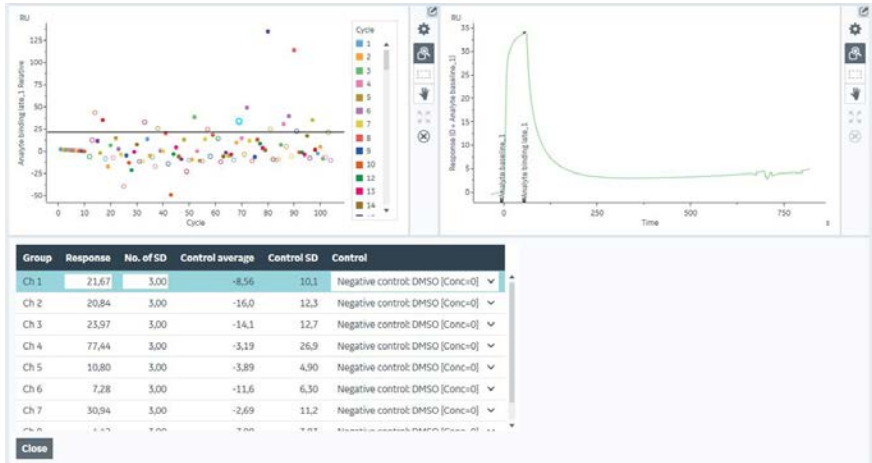
Cut-off and ranking plots are opened in edit mode when first created, allowing the boundary properties to be defined. Click **Close** in the edit panel to restore the table display. Click **Edit** in the **Settings** panel on the left to re-open edit mode.

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### 6.4 Cut-off and ranking boundaries

#### Control based cut-off

**Control based cut-off** creates a single cut-off boundary with default settings at a response calculated as the average response for a selected control sample plus 3 standard deviations (SD).



The following parameters can be set for **Control based cut-off**.

Parameter	Description
<b>Response</b>	The actual response level of the cut-off. If you change this value, the <b>No. of SD</b> value is recalculated accordingly.
<b>No. of SD</b>	The number of standard deviations added to the average control response. If you change this value, the actual response level for the cut-off is recalculated accordingly.
<b>Control</b>	Select the sample to use as a control.

A **Cut-off** column is added to the table, with rows marked as either **Above** or **Below**.

## Binding level screen cut-off

**Binding level screen cut-off** is primarily intended for evaluation of fragment binding assays, where the focus of the experiment is often to reduce the number of fragments taken for continued study, rather than to identify unequivocal binders. The function creates a single cut-off boundary based on the number of samples (excluding control samples) above the cut-off (considered as "hits").

Points in a **Binding level screen cut-off** plot are colored by default by binding behavior marker.

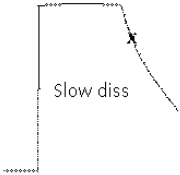
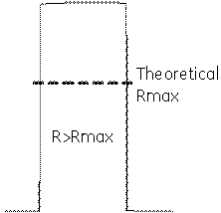


The function also analyses the sensorgrams to identify atypical binding behavior that is relatively common in fragment screening work. The plot points are colored by binding behavior indicators when **Binding level screen cut-off** is applied. The following atypical binding may be identified:

Name	Description	Sensorgram appearance
<b>Slope</b>	Indicates a significantly increasing response during sample injection instead of the normally expected rapid binding to a steady-state level. <b>Slope</b> is determined from the average slope of the sensorgram between the report points <b>binding early</b> (shortly after injection start) and <b>binding late</b> (shortly before injection end).	

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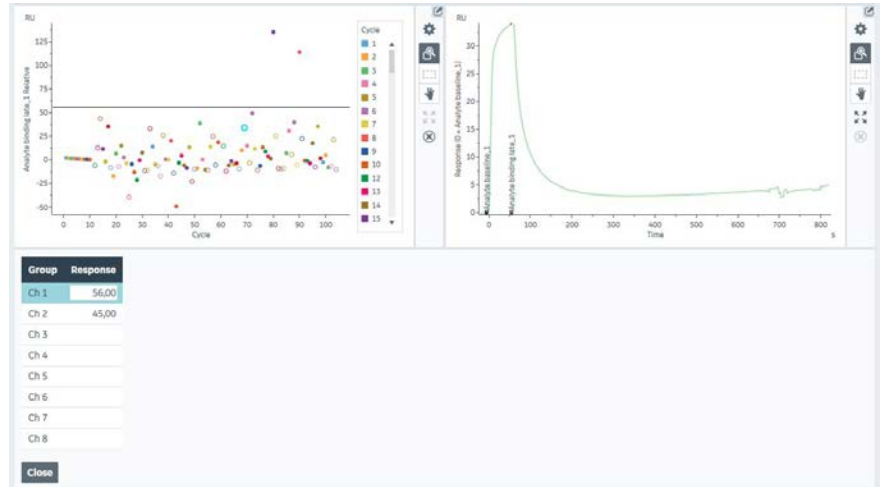
Name	Description	Sensorgram appearance
<b>Slow diss</b>	Indicates that the compound does not dissociate immediately after the end of the sample injection. <b>Slow diss</b> is determined from the relative response above baseline for the report point <b>stability early</b> (shortly after the end of the injection).	
<b>R&gt;Rmax</b>	Indicates that the maximum response reached during sample injection is higher than expected for the ligand immobilization level. <b>R&gt;Rmax</b> is determined from the highest response during sample injection and the theoretical maximum binding capacity based on 1:1 binding. Calculation of the theoretical maximum binding capacity requires the molecular weight of the ligand, provided either during immobilization or edited in the <b>Chip Information</b> .  This parameter is not supported for assays that use captured ligands.	

The following parameters can be set for **Binding level screen cut-off**:

Parameter	Description
<b>Response</b>	The actual response level of the cut-off.
<b>% above</b>	Percentage of the total number of samples (excluding control samples and samples that have been excluded from the plot) that lie above the cut-off.
<b>% total without binding behavior</b>	Percentage of the total number of samples (excluding control samples and samples that have been excluded from the plot) that lie above the cut-off and have no binding behavior indicator.
<b>Binding behavior sensitivity</b>	Move the sliders to adjust the sensitivity of binding behavior detection. Move to the left to reduce the sensitivity (detect fewer points) and to the right to increase sensitivity (detect more points).

## Manual cut-off

Manual cut-off creates a single boundary at a specified response level. Enter the level in the boundary settings table. Different levels may be specified for different groups.



## Ranking

Ranking boundaries divide the plot into a user-defined number of regions. Ranking boundaries are set automatically on the basis of average responses for control samples and may be edited freely. Custom boundaries can also be added.

Ranking boundaries are identified by name and a numerical value. The numerical value is intended to aid data processing in third-party software.

**Note:** *The ranking value does not affect the response level of the boundary.*

Points are ranked in the plot table as **Above ...** the name of the nearest lower boundary. Points below the lowest boundary are ranked as **Below** that boundary name. Boundaries are also assigned a numerical value that can be useful in data processing in third-party software. Points below the lowest boundary are assigned a ranking value of zero.

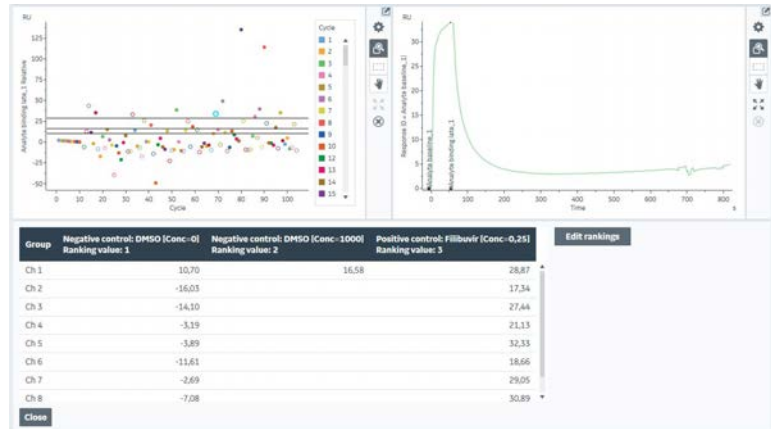
Follow the steps below to manage ranking boundaries.

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### 6.4 Cut-off and ranking boundaries

Step	Action
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|---|---|
| 1 | Choose <b>Ranking</b> from the <b>Boundaries</b> options. |
|---|---|



- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 2 | To add a new boundary, click <b>Edit rankings</b> , then choose <b>Add boundary</b> in the dialog box. Enter the name and ranking value for the new boundary. |
|---|---|

**Note:**

*Ranking values are required but do not have to be unique.*

Click **Apply and close** when you have added all the boundaries you need.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 3 | Enter boundary levels for the new boundaries.   |
| 4 | To edit a boundary level, enter a new level in the table or drag the boundary line in the plot.                 |
| 5 | To edit a boundary name or ranking value, click <b>Edit rankings</b> and change the settings.                   |
| 6 | To delete a boundary, click <b>Edit rankings</b> , then select the boundary and choose <b>Remove boundary</b> . |

## 6.5 Curve analysis (PLA and EC<sub>50</sub>)

### In this section

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### Introduction

The **Curve analysis** plot setting provides functions for evaluation of relative potency in comparison with a reference substance using either PLA or EC<sub>50</sub>. Both functions are based on a plot of response against the logarithm of concentration. Equations for the fitting models are given in [Appendix A.3 Other fitting models, on page 244](#).

- PLA estimates relative potency by fitting the linear region of the sample and reference plots to a model with common slope and individual intercepts. The relative potency is determined from the difference in intercept values.
- EC<sub>50</sub> determines the effective concentration for half-maximal response from the plot. Relative potency is determined by comparing the EC<sub>50</sub> values for test and reference substances.

Relative potency is determined separately for each test substance relative to each reference substance within the same data group.

Applying **Curve analysis** changes the information presented in the **Plot** panel and the **Table** panel.

Curve analysis is only available if the **Concentration & Potency** extension is active.

**Note:** *Applying **Curve analysis** will remove any boundaries that have been set in the plot and vice versa.*

### Requirements

Requirements for PLA and EC<sub>50</sub> determination are summarized in the table below.

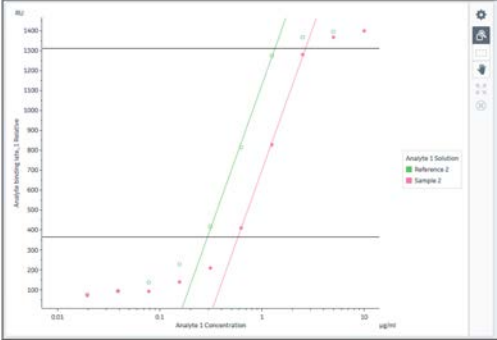
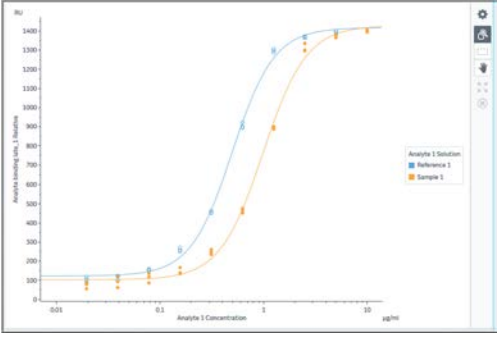
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### 6.5 Curve analysis (PLA and EC<sub>50</sub>)

Measurement	Requirements
PLA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A concentration series of one or more reference substances, covering the linear region of a plot of response against the logarithm of the concentration.</li><li>• A concentration series of one or more test substances, covering the linear region of a plot of response against the logarithm of the concentration.</li></ul> <p>The concentrations of reference and test substances do not have to be the same.</p>
EC <sub>50</sub>	<p>A concentration series of each test substances, sufficiently wide to cover the approach to asymptotes at the lowest and highest concentrations.</p> <p>A concentration series of one or more reference substances is required for calculation of relative potency.</p>

## 6.5.1 Curve analysis plot panel

### Panel description


Curve analysis	Plot panel
<p><b>PLA</b></p>	<p>The plot panel for PLA shows a plot of binding response against analyte concentration, with a logarithmic concentration axis. Points that lie between adjustable horizontal boundaries are fitted to a straight line with common slope and individual intercepts for each pair of test and control substances within the group.</p> <p>Drag the boundary lines to adjust the region used for fitting. Fitting modes and parameters can be changed from the table panel.</p> 
<p><b>EC50</b></p>	<p>The plot panel for EC<sub>50</sub> shows a plot of binding response against analyte concentration, with a logarithmic concentration axis. Points for each analyte concentration series are fitted to a 4-parameter equation. Fitting modes can be set from the table panel.</p> 

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### 6.5 Curve analysis (PLA and EC<sub>50</sub>)

#### 6.5.1 Curve analysis plot panel

## Panel toolbar

Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel.

The separate tabs in the chart settings are described below. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

## Chart settings

For PLA, the settings tab **Curve analysis** is added to the chart settings (see [Section 6.1.2 Plot panel, on page 90](#) for a description of other tabs in chart settings).



Data is automatically fitted using both **Common fit** and **Individual fit**. The setting here affects the way the data is displayed in the PLA plot panel as follows:

Setting	Description
<b>Common fit</b>	Displays the fit to both reference and sample with a common slope value.
<b>Individual fit</b>	Displays the fit to each concentration series separately.

If both options are selected, an overlay plot of the two modes will be displayed.

## 6.5.2 Curve analysis table panel

### General panel description

When **Curve analysis** is applied, the table panel presents three tabs. The illustration below shows the panel for PLA:

Group	Control	Sample	Relative potency	Common slope	Common R <sup>2</sup>	Control slope	Sample slope	Control R <sup>2</sup>	Sample R <sup>2</sup>	Slope ratio S/C	Fit measure
Ch 1	Reference 1	Sample 1									Referen
Ch 2	Reference 2	Sample 2	9,73	-8510	0,512	4840	-2,19e4	0,469	0,555		-4,52
Ch 3	Reference 3	Sample 3	49,5	2750	0,700	2940	1520	0,400	1,00	0,516	
Ch 4	Reference 4	Sample 4					-1330		1,00		Referen
Ch 5	Reference 5	Sample 5	1680	-1020	0,540	-850	-2260	0,0806	1,00	2,66	
Ch 6	Reference 6	Sample 6					3970		1,00		Referen


Tab	Description
<b>Plot table</b>	Provides the same functionality as the table panel in general plot items (see <a href="#">Section 6.1.4 Table panel, on page 97</a> ), with the addition of the <b>Curve analysis</b> option in <b>Table settings</b> (see <a href="#">Chart settings, on page 116</a> ).
<b>Results</b>	Displays the numerical results of the evaluation.
<b>Settings/Settings and parameters</b>	Provides <b>Fit mode</b> options and displays settings and parameters for the numerical values (see <a href="#">PLA settings, on page 119</a> and <a href="#">EC50 settings and parameters, on page 121</a> ).

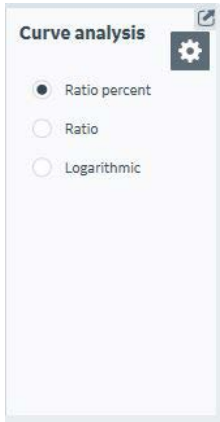
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### 6.5 Curve analysis (PLA and EC<sub>50</sub>)

#### 6.5.2 Curve analysis table panel

## Panel toolbar

Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access curve analysis settings.



Setting	Description
<b>Ratio percent</b>	Relative potency is expressed as the sample potency as a percentage of the reference potency.
<b>Ratio</b>	Relative potency is expressed as the ratio of the sample potency to the reference potency.
<b>Logarithmic</b>	Relative potency is expressed as the logarithm (base 10) of the ratio of the sample potency to the reference potency.

## PLA results

The **PLA results** tab in the table panel shows the numerical results of the PLA determination.

Group	Control	Sample	Relative potency	Common slope	Common R <sup>2</sup>	Control slope	Sample slope	Control R <sup>2</sup>	Sample R <sup>2</sup>	Slope ratio S/C	Fit mes
Ch 1	Reference 1	Sample 1									Referen
Ch 2	Reference 2	Sample 2	9,73	-8510	0,512	4840	-2,1944	0,469	0,555	-4,52	
Ch 3	Reference 3	Sample 3	49,5	2750	0,700	2940	1520	0,400	1,00	0,516	
Ch 4	Reference 4	Sample 4					-1330		1,00		Referen
Ch 5	Reference 5	Sample 5	1680	-1020	0,540	-850	-2260	0,0806	1,00	2,66	
Ch 6	Reference 6	Sample 6					3970		1,00		Referen

Parameter	Description
<b>Group, Control, Sample</b>	Identification of the sample-control pair.
<b>Relative potency</b>	Relative potency of the sample compared to the control.
<b>95% confidence</b>	Lower and upper limits of the confidence interval for the relative potency calculation.
<b>Slope</b>	Slope of the fitted straight line. This parameter is reported for the following cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common (obtained when sample and control lines are constrained to the same slope)</li> <li>• Sample</li> <li>• Control</li> </ul>
<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	Regression coefficient for the straight line fitting. This parameter is reported for the following cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common (obtained when sample and control lines are constrained to the same slope)</li> <li>• Sample</li> <li>• Control</li> </ul>
<b>Slope ratio S/C</b>	Ratio of the sample slope and the control slope.

## PLA settings

The **PLA settings** tab in the table panel provides **Fit mode** options and lists the settings for the fitting boundaries.

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### 6.5 Curve analysis (PLA and EC<sub>50</sub>)

#### 6.5.2 Curve analysis table panel

The screenshot shows a software interface with a table titled 'PLA settings' and a 'Fit mode' control. The table has columns for Group, Low, High, Low (%), High (%), and Fit message. The data is as follows:

Group	Low	High	Low (%)	High (%)	Fit message
Ch 1	-2697.1	-1263.5	20.0	80.0	Reference 1 not enough data; Sample 1 not enough data
Ch 2	27718.3	40039.0	20.0	80.0	
Ch 3	-9806.5	10667.6	20.0	80.0	
Ch 4	-8469.8	-4710.3	20.0	80.0	Reference 4 not enough data
Ch 5	-7612.7	-2801.7	20.0	80.0	
Ch 6	48306.9	192623.3	20.0	80.0	Reference 6 not enough data

The boundaries (**Low** and **High**) are listed as both response values and as a percentage of the range between the asymptotes. Boundaries can be adjusted either by dragging in the plot panel or by entering new values in the settings tab.

**Fit mode** provides the following options:

Mode	Description
Original data	Fits to the original response values.
Normalized data	Fits to data normalized separately for each curve to the lower and higher asymptote values.

## EC50 results

The **EC50 results** tab in the table panel shows the numerical results of the EC50 determination.

The screenshot shows a software interface with a table titled 'EC50 results' and 'EC50 settings and parameters'. The table has columns for Group, Control, Sample, Relative potency %, 95% confidence low, 95% confidence high, and Fit message. The data is as follows:

Group	Control	Sample	Relative potency %	95% confidence low	95% confidence high	Fit message
Ch 1	Reference 1	Sample 1	14.2	0.107	1890	
Ch 2	Reference 2	Sample 2	71.6	0.0871	5.88e4	Reference 2 EC50 value outside data range; Sample
Ch 3	Reference 3	Sample 3	2.26	3.35e-12	1.53e12	Sample 3 EC50 value outside data range
Ch 4	Reference 4	Sample 4	181	6.34e-4	5.16e7	
Ch 5	Reference 5	Sample 5	346	0.00		
Ch 6	Reference 6	Sample 6	11.0	4.30e-0	3.70e10	Reference 6 EC50 value outside data range; Sample

Reported values in addition to sample identification are listed below.

Parameter	Description
<b>Relative potency</b>	Relative potency of the sample compared to the control.
<b>95% confidence</b>	Lower and upper limits of the confidence interval for relative potency calculation.

## EC50 settings and parameters

The **EC50 settings and parameters** tab in the table panel provides **Fit mode** options and lists the parameters for the 4-parameter fitting.

Group	Curve	EC50	Lower asymptote	Upper asymptote	Hill coeff	Chi <sup>2</sup>	Function	Fit message
Ch 1	Reference 1	1,30	-1920	-4070	17,8	2,33e7	4 param	
Ch 1	Sample 1	9,10	-2280	352	14,1	1,14e7	4 param	
Ch 2	Reference 2	0,189	-9,75e4	-3180	4,59	9,63e6	4 param	Reference 2 EC
Ch 2	Sample 2	0,264	1,28e5	-3070	4,91	2,50e7	4 param	Sample 2 EC50
Ch 3	Reference 3	2,75	-1,31e4	-8370	1,64	9,34e7	4 param	
Ch 3	Sample 3	1,73	3,01e4	4,74e4	1,62	8,89e7	4 param	Sample 3 EC50

Reported parameters are listed below. See [4-parameter and EC<sub>50</sub>, on page 244](#) for details of the 4-parameter fitting function.

Parameter	Description
<b>Group, Curve</b>	Sample identification
<b>EC<sub>50</sub></b>	EC <sub>50</sub> value (concentration for half maximal response).
<b>Lower asymptote</b>	Lower asymptote value for the fitted curve.
<b>Upper asymptote</b>	Upper asymptote value for the fitted curve.
<b>Hill coeff</b>	Slope of the fitted curve at the EC <sub>50</sub> value.
<b>Chi<sup>2</sup></b>	Chi-square statistical fitting parameter.
<b>Function</b>	Fitting function. Only 4-parameter fitting is currently supported.

**Fit mode** provides the following options:

Mode	Description
<b>Original data</b>	Fits to the original response values.
<b>Normalized data</b>	Fits to data normalized separately for each curve to the lower and higher asymptote values.

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### 6.5 Curve analysis (PLA and EC<sub>50</sub>)

#### 6.5.2 Curve analysis table panel

Mode	Description
<b>Restricted fit</b>	<p>Fitting is constrained so that each sample-control pair have the same upper and lower asymptotes and Hill coefficient. This aids evaluation of data where the range of sample concentrations is not sufficient for reliable fitting on its own.</p> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <p><i>If the concentration range of both sample and control series is insufficient for reliable fitting, the reported results should be discarded.</i></p>

## 6.6 Selecting data in Plot items

### Introduction

This section describes how to select and manage data in **Plot** items. Individual points can be selected in the plot panel and the table panel. Select points to apply curve markers and exclude or include points in the evaluation session, and to display the sensorgrams from which the points are derived.

The thumbnail panel supports selection of groups but not individual points.

### Selection in the *Thumbnails* panel

Group selection in the **Thumbnails** panel behaves differently according to whether **Selection as toggle** is checked in the thumbnail settings (see [Panel toolbar, on page 87](#)):

<b>Selection as toggle</b>	<b>Description</b>
Unchecked	Click a thumbnail to select the thumbnail. Any previously selected thumbnails will be deselected. Use <b>Shift-click</b> and <b>Ctrl-click</b> to select multiple thumbnails.
Checked	Click a thumbnail to toggle between selected and deselected. The status of other thumbnails is not affected.


Selected thumbnails are marked with a heavier border.

### Selection in the *Plot* panel

Click on a point to select or deselect it.

Use  **Select area mode** in the panel toolbar to select multiple points in one operation (see [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#)).

Selected points are shown as enlarged blue points. The corresponding rows in the table panel are selected.

Click  in the panel toolbar to deselect all selected points.

### Selection in the *Sensorgrams* panel

Sensorgrams for points that are selected in the plot or table panels are displayed in the sensorgram panel (see [Section 6.1.3 Sensorgrams panel, on page 94](#)). Selected sensorgrams can be excluded from the evaluation or assigned curve markers, allowing management of subsets of data within the selected set of points. This feature is useful if you want to manage data points on the basis of sensorgram appearance rather than response levels.

## Selection in the **Table** panel

Click on a row to select it. Use **Shift-click** and **Ctrl-click** to select multiple rows.

Selecting a row deselects any previously selected rows unless **Shift-click** or **Ctrl-click** is used.

Selected rows are highlighted in the table. The corresponding points in the plot panel are selected, and the corresponding sensorgrams are shown in the sensorgram panel.

**Note:** *Rows representing the currently selected group are highlighted in light green. This selection cannot be changed in the **Table** panel.*

**Note:** *You can use selection in the table to select points that are outside the currently selected group(s). The sensorgrams for the selected points will then be displayed in the sensorgram panel, but there will be no corresponding points selected in the plot panel.*


## 6.7 Calculated columns

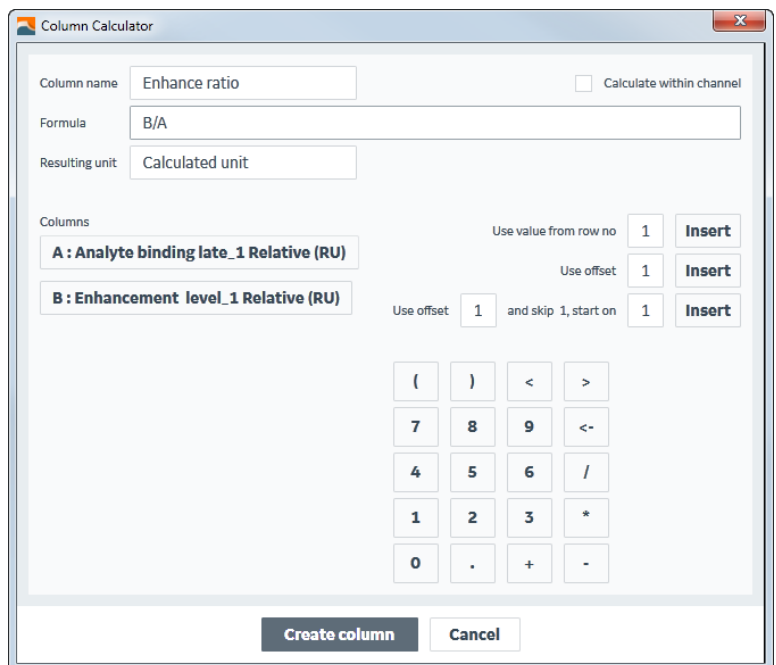
### Introduction

Calculated columns can be added to tables, to hold the results of calculations based on numeric columns in the table. Calculated columns are available in the **Table** panel in **Sensorgram**, **Plot**, **Concentration** and **Epitope binning** items and in the **Result table** panel in **Kinetics** and **Affinity** items. The calculated values can be used as axis parameters of type **Variable** for the plot item.

### Adding calculated columns

Follow the steps below to add calculated columns to the table.

- | Step | Action  |
|------|---|
| 1    | Click  <b>Table settings</b> on the toolbar at the right of the workspace and select the <b>Columns</b> tab. |
| 2    | Click <b>Column calculator</b> .<br><i>Result:</i><br>The column calculator dialog is displayed.  |



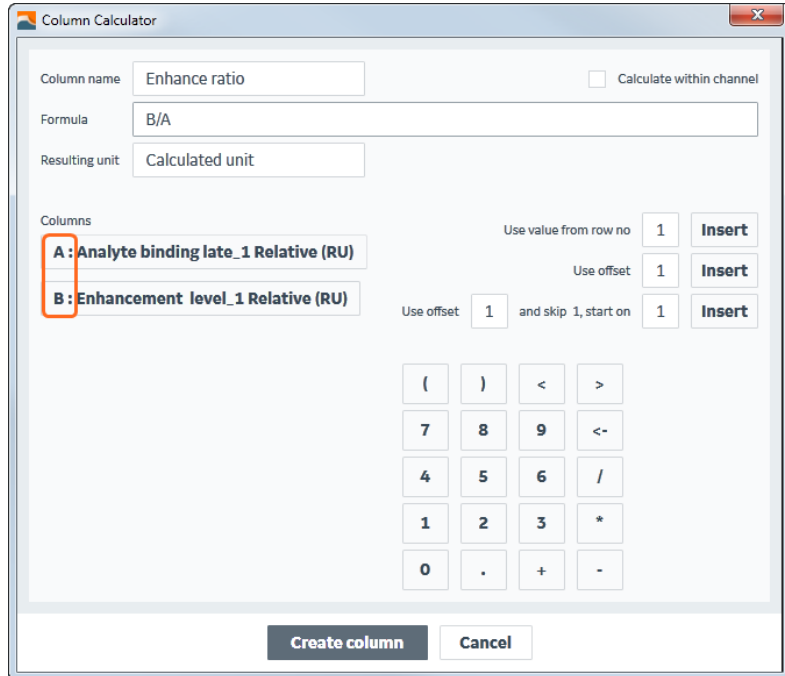
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### 6.7 Calculated columns

<b>Step</b>	<b>Action</b>
3	Provide a name for the calculated column. By default, the column will be named as the calculation formula.
4	Check <b>Calculate within channel</b> if the calculation is to be performed using only values from the same channel. For data from single-channel systems, the option is <b>Calculate within flow cell</b> .
5	Enter a formula using one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>a.</b> Column identifiers (A, B, C, etc.) as listed in the dialog (see <a href="#">Column identifiers, on page 127</a>).</li><li><b>b.</b> Inserted functions (see <a href="#">Referencing functions, on page 127</a>).</li><li><b>c.</b> Arithmetical operators and numerical values entered with the keypad.</li></ul> The formula can also be typed directly in the <b>Formula</b> field.
6	Enter a unit for the calculated column in <b>Resulting unit</b> . The unit will be shown in the axis label when the column is used as a plot axis.
7	Click <b>Create column</b> . <i>Result:</i> The calculated column will be added to the table.

## Column identifiers

Columns that can be used in the calculation are listed with an alphabetical identifier in the **Column calculator** dialog. Columns are referenced in the calculation formula by this identifier.



Click a column button or type the identifier letter to add the identifier to the formula. Identifiers are case-sensitive.

**Note:** Removing columns from the table after defining calculated columns is not recommended. If columns are added to or removed from the table, column identifiers will be reassigned but existing calculated column expressions will still use the original identifiers. Calculated values are however not recalculated.

## Referencing functions

Calculations using only column identifiers and arithmetical operators are performed for each row in the table. Referencing functions allow calculations to use column values from different rows.

Function	Syntax <sup>1</sup>	Description
<b>Use value from row no &lt;x&gt;</b>	<b>A(&lt;x&gt;)</b>	Uses the fixed value from row <x> in column A in all calculated rows. <i>Example: A(1)-A</i> subtracts the current row value from the value in row 1.

Function	Syntax <sup>1</sup>	Description
<b>Use offset &lt;x&gt;</b>	<b>A(O,&lt;x&gt;)<sup>2</sup></b>	Uses the value from row number (current + offset). <i>Example: A(O,1)-A</i> subtracts the current row value from the value in the next row.
<b>Use offset &lt;x&gt; and skip &lt;x&gt;, start on &lt;y&gt;</b>	<b>A(OS,&lt;x&gt;,&lt;y&gt;)</b>	Uses the value from row number (current + offset). The calculation starts on the specified row and skips the offset number of rows. Rows that are skipped are empty in the calculated column. The skipping number is always the same as the offset number. <i>Example: A(OS,1,2)-A</i> subtracts the current row value from the value in the next row, starting on row 2 and skipping one row between calculated values.

<sup>1</sup> A represents any column identifier. <x> and <y> indicate entered parameters.

<sup>2</sup> Uppercase letter O, not the numeral zero.

## Automatic column recalculation

Calculated columns are recalculated automatically under certain circumstances when the table content is changed, according to the following table.

Change in table content	Recalculation
Change in cell values	Yes
Addition or removal of rows	Yes
Re-sorting table rows <sup>1</sup>	No
Removal of referenced columns	No

<sup>1</sup> The sort order that applies for a calculated column is shown in the tooltip for the column.

Calculated columns that are not automatically recalculated retain their original correct numerical values.

Calculated columns cannot be updated after a change in table content that does not cause recalculation. New calculated columns must be defined to reflect the changed table content.

## Calculated columns in evaluation methods

Table columns and sort order that applied when calculated columns were defined are recorded in evaluation methods and applied when the method is used. In this way, column calculations in an evaluation method will be correctly applied, provided that the referenced columns are available in the table.

# 7 Concentration measurement

## About this chapter

This chapter describes how to use **Concentration** items. Evaluation with **Concentration** items requires that the **Concentration & Potency** extension is active.

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## 7.1 Overview

### Introduction

Concentration items are used for evaluating analyte concentration in unknown samples by comparing the response or sensorgram slope with that of calibration solutions analyzed in the same way. Calibration curves may be repeated at intervals during the run if desired, to adjust the results for any drift in the assay. Repeated calibration curves can be used to create *calibration trends*, to compensate for drift in the assay performance by interpolating calibration data between measured cycles. Control samples repeated at intervals check that the assay performance is sufficiently consistent throughout the assay.

**Note:** *Calibration-free concentration analysis (CFCA), available in some other Biacore systems, is not currently supported in Biacore Insight Evaluation software. CFCA runs in files imported from Biacore T200 and Biacore S200 cannot be evaluated in Biacore Insight Evaluation software.*

### Experimental formats

Concentration assays may be run using serial or parallel mode, referring to the layout of calibrants and samples in the microplate. The illustrations show the disposition of 5 calibration solutions (blue) and several samples (green) in the two modes.

Mode	Description	Illustration
Serial	Concentration series for calibration solutions are distributed along columns in the microplate and run in multiple cycles within one channel. Samples are evaluated using the calibration curve from the same channel as the sample.	
Parallel	Concentration series for calibration solutions are distributed across rows in the microplate, and run in one cycle for each curve. Samples are evaluated using the calibration curve from the same set of channels as the sample.  <b>A <i>Channel normalization</i></b> assay step is included in the run method, to compensate for variations in response from different channels (see <a href="#">Channel normalization, on page 131</a> ). (This cycle is not shown in the accompanying illustration.)	

## Channel normalization

Small variations in the analyte response between channels can affect the precision of concentration measurements performed in parallel mode. To compensate for this, parallel concentration runs should include a **Channel normalization** cycle that injects identical analyte samples over all channels. Responses from other cycles (calibration, sample and control) are adjusted using a normalization factor for each channel, according to:

$$\text{Adjusted response} = \text{Response} \times \frac{\text{Channel normalization average}}{\text{Channel normalization response}}$$

This adjustment is applied automatically when **Data grouping** is set to **Parallel** in the **Concentration** item, provided that the analysis step **Channel normalization** is included in the evaluation. To turn channel normalization off, exclude the channel normalization analysis step or cycles in the **Select sensorgrams** panel (see [Workspace settings, on page 29](#)).

Channel normalization is only supported for parallel concentration assays.

## 7.2 The Concentration workspace

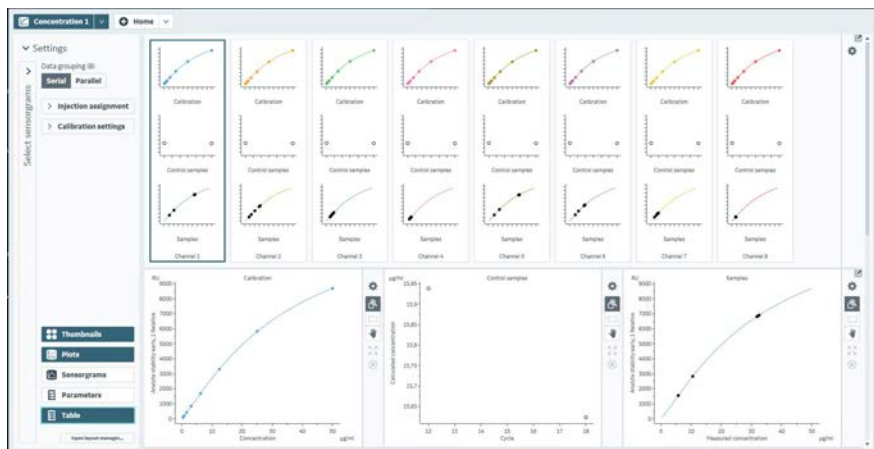
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### Introduction

The **Concentration** item workspace holds up to 5 panels in addition to the **Settings** panel at the left of the workspace.

**Note:** Some panels may lie outside the screen area in the default view. Scroll the workspace or hide unwanted panels as required.



Panel	Content
<b>Thumbnails</b>	Displays the data in the evaluation grouped according to the <b>Data grouping</b> setting. Thumbnails showing calibration curves, control samples, and samples overlaid on calibration curves, are shown for each group.

<b>Panel</b>	<b>Content</b>
<b>Plots</b>	Displays three sub-panels with calibration, control and samples plots for the currently selected group(s).
<b>Sensorgrams</b>	Displays sensorgrams for points selected in the <b>Plots</b> panel. Points may be selected from any of the sub-panels.
<b>Parameters</b>	Displays the fitting parameters for all calibration curves in the evaluation.
<b>Table</b>	Displays the details for all cycles in the evaluation. Cycles in the selected groups are highlighted.

Use the buttons at the bottom of the **Settings** panel to show or hide selected panels.

The panels are described in more detail in the following subsections.

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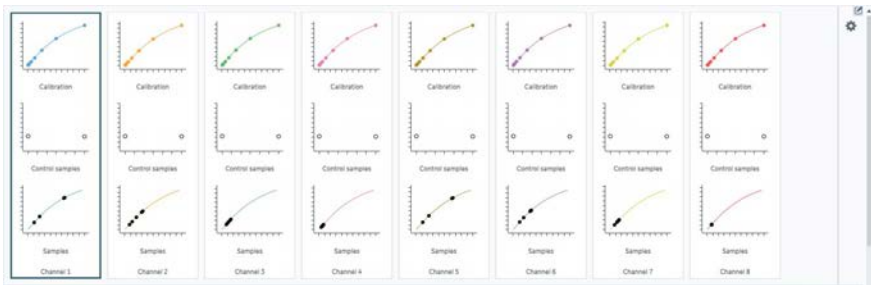
### 7.2 The Concentration workspace

#### 7.2.1 Thumbnails panel

## 7.2.1 Thumbnails panel

### Panel description

The **Thumbnails** panel displays thumbnails of the data grouped according to the **Data grouping** setting. For each group, separate thumbnail plots are shown for calibration, control and sample data. You may need to scroll the panel display to see all thumbnails.




Select one or more thumbnails to display the contents in the **Plots** panels. Use **Shift-click** and **Ctrl-click** to select multiple thumbnails. Selected thumbnails are marked by a heavier border.

**Note:** Calibration curves are plotted as response (or slope) against expected concentration. Samples are plotted as response (or slope) against measured concentration. Control samples are plotted as calculated concentration against cycle.

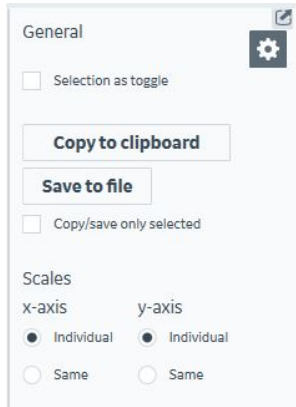
Deselect **Thumbnails** in the **Settings** panel at the left to collapse the thumbnails to buttons. Data groups can be selected with these buttons even when the thumbnail content is not displayed.



### Panel toolbar

Click  **Thumbnail settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the thumbnails. Settings are applied to all thumbnails. The settings are divided into two sections, **General** and **Scale**.

## General section



Setting	Description
<b>Selection as toggle</b>	<p>If this option is checked, clicking on a thumbnail will toggle between selected and deselected. When the option is not selected, clicking will only select the thumbnail.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> <i>When the option is checked, using <b>Shift-click</b> will toggle the status of all thumbnails in the range covered.</i></p>
<b>Copy to clipboard</b>	<p>Copies thumbnails to the Windows clipboard as a collection of graphical objects. The thumbnails can be pasted into programs that support pasting for collections of graphical objects.</p> <p>Check <b>Copy/save only selected</b> to copy only selected thumbnails. If this option is not checked, all thumbnails will be copied.</p>
<b>Save to file</b>	<p>Saves thumbnails as illustrations in <b>.png</b> (Portable Network Graphics) format. Each thumbnail is saved to a separate file. File names are constructed from the thumbnail label with an added serial number to prevent duplicate names.</p> <p>Check <b>Copy/save only selected</b> to save only selected thumbnails. If this option is not checked, all thumbnails will be saved.</p>

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#### 7.2.1 Thumbnails panel

### Scales section

Scales

x-axis                  y-axis

Individual     Individual

Same             Same

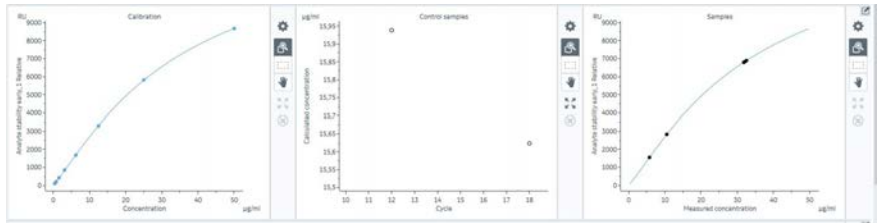
Setting	Description
<b>x-axis</b> <b>y-axis</b>	Determines how the axes are scaled in the thumbnails. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Individual</b> scales the thumbnails for each data group separately according to the range of values in the corresponding plot.</li><li>• <b>Same</b> scales all thumbnails of the same type to the same scale, determined by the range of values in all data groups combined.</li></ul>

Calibration thumbnails are scaled according to the range of calibration data. Sample thumbnails are scaled according to the range covered by the corresponding calibration curve, taking any excluded calibration points into account.

## 7.2.2 Plots panel


### Panel description

The **Plots** panel displays separate plots for the calibration curve, control samples, and sample points overlaid on the calibration curve.



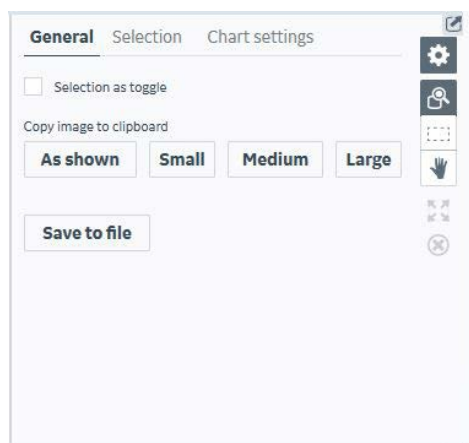
Click on a point in any of the three plots to select it. Selection mode is determined by the **Selection as toggle** setting on the **General** tab under **Plot settings** (see [Selection in the Plots panel, on page 153](#)). Selected points are shown as enlarged blue points, and the sensorgrams from selected points are shown in the sensorgram panel.

### Panel toolbar

Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel. Each of the three plot panels has a separate panel toolbar.

The separate tabs in the chart settings are described below. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

### General tab



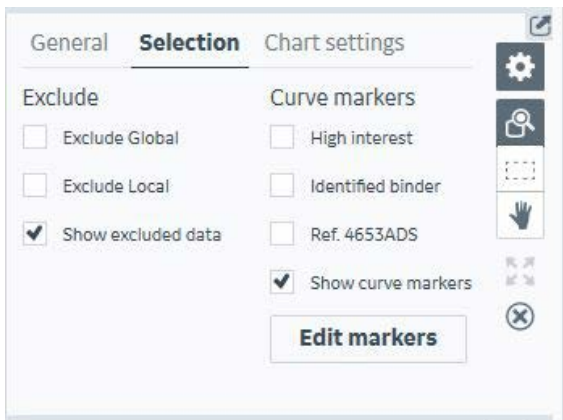
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#### 7.2.2 Plots panel

Setting	Description
<b>Selection as toggle</b>	Determines the point selection mode (see <a href="#">Selection in the Plots panel, on page 153</a> ).
<b>Copy image to clipboard</b>	Copies the plot panel to the Windows clipboard. Choose one of three sizes or <b>As shown</b> .
<b>Save to file</b>	Saves the plot panel as an illustration in selectable format.

### Selection tab

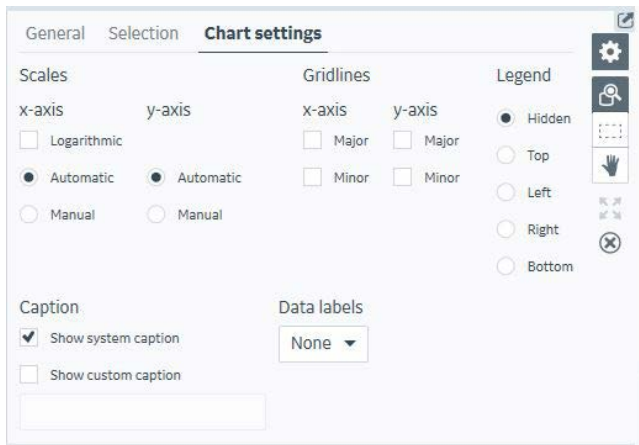


**Note:** The curve markers shown here are examples, for illustration purposes only. Options on this tab apply to selected plot points. See [Section 6.6 Selecting data in Plot items, on page 123](#) for details of how to select points.

Setting	Description
<b>Exclude global</b>	Check this option to exclude the selected points and the sensorgrams from which they are derived from all evaluation items, including those already created.  If excluded points are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the points again.
<b>Exclude local</b>	Check this option to exclude the selected points and the sensorgrams from which they are derived from the current evaluation item only.  If excluded points are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the points again.

Setting	Description
<b>Curve markers</b>	Check the required markers to apply the markers to the selected points. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for more details.
<b>Show curve markers</b>	Check this option to show curve markers in the plot, thumbnail, and sensorgram panels.
<b>Edit markers</b>	Choose this option to manage curve markers. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for details.

## Chart settings tab



Setting	Description
<b>Scales</b>	Choose <b>Automatic</b> or <b>Manual</b> scales for the axes. For <b>Manual</b> scaling, enter minimum and maximum values. Choose <b>Logarithmic</b> to use a logarithmic axis scale.  <b>Note:</b> <i>Zero or negative values cannot be displayed on a logarithmic scale.</i> <i>Logarithmic scales can only be used for the x-axis in the <b>Calibration</b> and <b>Samples</b> plots.</i>
<b>Gridlines</b>	Choose whether to show major and/or minor gridlines. Gridline spacing is determined according to the scale range.

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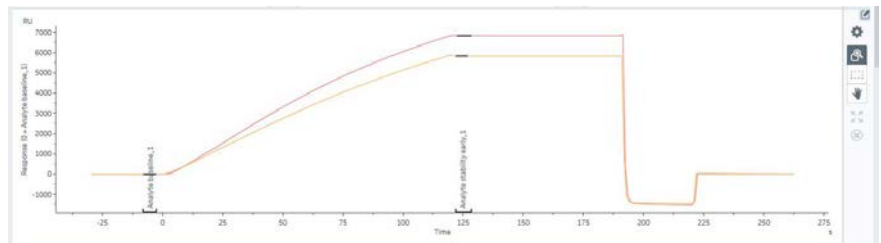
#### 7.2.2 Plots panel

<b>Setting</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b><i>Legend</i></b>	Displays a legend identifying calibration curves by color. Choose the position of the legend in the panel.
<b><i>Caption</i></b>	Displays a caption in the panel. Choose whether to include the system caption and/or a custom caption with text as entered.
<b><i>Data labels</i></b>	Displays a label for each point in the plot. Choose the property to use as label text.


## 7.2.3 Sensorgrams panel

### Panel description

The **Sensorgrams** panel shows the sensorgrams for points that are selected in the **Plots** panel. The panel is empty when no points are selected.



### Panel toolbar

Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel. The separate tabs in the chart settings are described below. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

### General tab



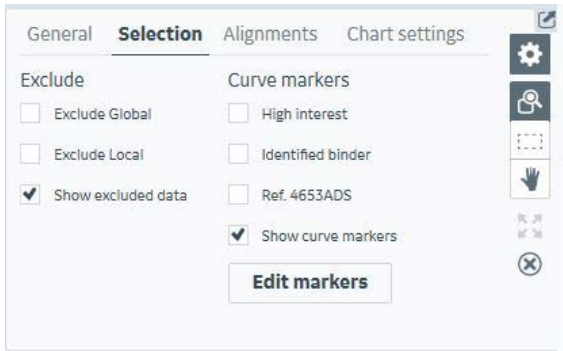
Setting	Description
<b>Copy image to clipboard</b>	Copies the sensorgram panel to the Windows clipboard. Choose one of three sizes or <b>As shown</b> .
<b>Save to file</b>	Saves the sensorgram panel as an illustration in selectable format.

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### 7.2 The Concentration workspace

#### 7.2.3 Sensorgrams panel

## Selection tab

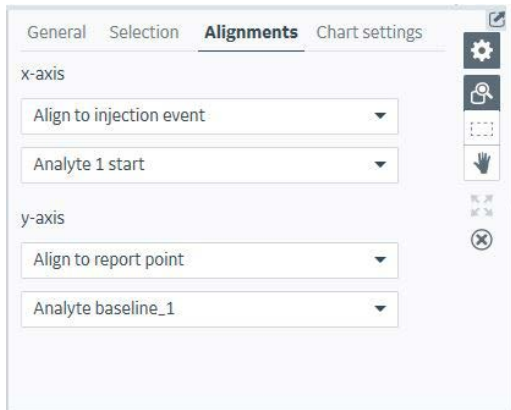


**Note:** The curve markers shown here are examples, for illustration purposes only.

Options on this tab apply to selected sensorgrams. See [Section 5.3 Selecting data in Sensorgram items, on page 83](#) for details on how to select sensorgrams.

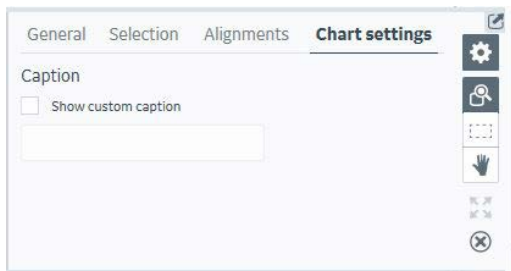
Setting	Description
<b>Exclude global</b>	<p>Check this option to exclude the selected sensorgrams from all evaluation items, including those already created.</p> <p>If excluded sensorgrams are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the sensorgrams again.</p> <p>Excluding sensorgrams removes any sensorgram adjustments and/or table calculations that may have been applied.</p>
<b>Exclude local</b>	<p>Check this option to exclude the selected sensorgrams from the current evaluation item only.</p> <p>If excluded sensorgrams are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the sensorgrams again.</p>
<b>Curve markers</b>	<p>Check the required markers to apply the markers to the selected sensorgrams. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for more details.</p>
<b>Show curve markers</b>	<p>Check this option to show curve markers in the sensorgram and thumbnail panels.</p>
<b>Edit markers</b>	<p>Choose this option to manage curve markers. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for details.</p>

## Alignments tab



Setting	Description
<b>x-axis</b>	Choose how sensorgrams should be aligned in the display. The x- and y-axes can be aligned independently to an injection event or a report point. The alignment point will be set to zero in the display.
<b>y-axis</b>	

## Chart settings tab



Setting	Description
<b>Caption</b>	Includes a custom caption in the panel. Enter the caption text.

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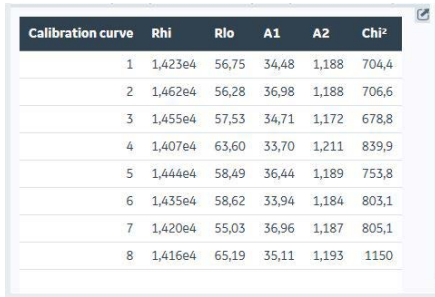
### 7.2 The Concentration workspace

#### 7.2.4 Parameters panel

## 7.2.4 Parameters panel

### Panel description

The **Parameters** panel shows the fitting parameters for all calibration curves in the evaluation item. See [Appendix A.3 Other fitting models, on page 244](#) for fitting parameters and [Chi-square, on page 215](#) for chi-square definition.



Calibration curve	Rhi	Rlo	A1	A2	Chi²
1	1,423e4	56,75	34,48	1,188	704,4
2	1,462e4	56,28	36,98	1,188	706,6
3	1,455e4	57,53	34,71	1,172	678,8
4	1,407e4	63,60	33,70	1,211	839,9
5	1,444e4	58,49	36,44	1,189	753,8
6	1,435e4	58,62	33,94	1,184	803,1
7	1,420e4	55,03	36,96	1,187	805,1
8	1,416e4	65,19	35,11	1,193	1150

There are no settings in the **Parameters** panel.

## 7.2.5 Table panel

### Panel description

The table panel lists parameter values for all points included in the concentration item. Rows for points in the currently selected group are highlighted in light green, and rows for selected points are highlighted in a darker shade.

Cycle	Channel	Sensorgram type	Analysis step purpose	Analysis step name	Excluded	Curve markers	Calib. curve	Analyte 1 Solution	Response (RU)	Analyte 1 Concentration (ppm)	Calculated conc. (ppm)	Avg. calc. conc. (ppm)	CV (%)	Calc. conc. vs expected (%)
4	1	Active	Calibration	Calibration			1	Calib 1	102.1	0.59	0.275	0.275		70.5
5	1	Active	Calibration	Calibration			1	Calib 1	208.7	0.78	0.765	0.765		98.1
6	1	Active	Calibration	Calibration			1	Calib 1	425.5	1.56	1.64	1.64		105
7	1	Active	Calibration	Calibration			1	Calib 1	857.2	3.12	3.23	3.23		103
8	1	Active	Calibration	Calibration			1	Calib 1	1687	6.25	6.19	6.19		99.1
9	1	Active	Calibration	Calibration			1	Calib 1	3304	12.5	12.4	12.4		99.4
10	1	Active	Calibration	Calibration			1	Calib 1	5826	25	25.1	25.1		100
11	1	Active	Calibration	Calibration			1	Calib 1	8680	50	45.9	45.9		95.9
12	1	Active	Analysis	Control sample			1	Control 1	4105		15.9	15.8	1.41	
13	1	Active	Analysis	Samples			1	Sample 1	6899		32.5	22.5	58.9	
14	1	Active	Analysis	Samples			1	Sample 1	6803		31.8	22.5	58.9	
15	1	Active	Analysis	Samples			1	Sample 1	2835		10.5	22.5	58.9	

Click on a column header to sort the table by the content of that column.

### Concentration results

The table columns listed below contain results from the concentration evaluation. Depending on the **Columns** setting (see [Columns tab, on page 148](#)), some columns may be hidden.

Concentration values are not reported for samples that lie outside the range of the calibration curve.

Column	Description
<b>Calib. curve</b>	Calibration curve number used for the calibrant or sample in the current row. Shown for samples as <b>Trends</b> if calibration trends are used.
<b>&lt;Command name&gt; concentration</b>	Analyte concentration as entered in the method. Analyte concentration is required for calibrants and may also be entered for samples (representing an expected concentration).
<b>&lt;Command name&gt; dilution</b>	Analyte dilution factor as entered in the method (only relevant for samples and controls). The dilution factor is taken as 1 if no dilution is entered in the method.
<b>Response/Normalized response</b>	The response at the report point used for concentration measurement. Shown as <b>Normalized response</b> if channel normalization has been applied.
<b>Measured conc.</b>	Analyte concentration as measured from the calibration curve.



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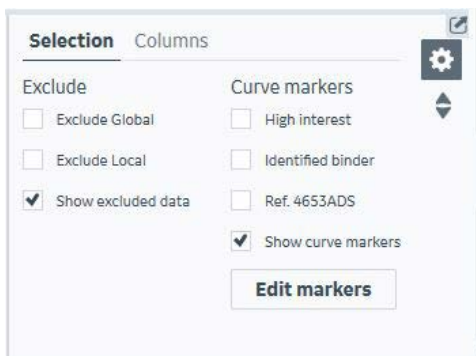
#### 7.2.5 Table panel

Column	Description
<b>Calculated conc.</b>	Measured analyte concentration multiplied by the dilution factor, to give the concentration in the original undiluted sample.
<b>Avg. calc. conc.</b>	Average calculated concentration for samples that are analysed in replicate.
<b>CV(%)</b>	Coefficient of variation (%) for replicate samples.
<b>Calc. conc. vs expected (%)</b>	Calculated concentration as a percent of the concentration entered in the method.
<b>Avg. vs expected (%)</b>	Average concentration as a percent of the concentration entered in the method.

## Panel toolbar

Setting	Description
 <b>Table settings</b>	Opens the display settings for the panel. Tabs in the display settings are described below.
 <b>Sort on selection</b>	Groups selected rows at the top or bottom of the table. Click repeatedly to switch between top and bottom of the table.

## Selection tab



**Note:** The curve markers shown here are examples, for illustration purposes only. Options on this tab apply to selected table rows. See [Section 7.5 Selecting data in concentration items, on page 153](#) for details of how to select points.

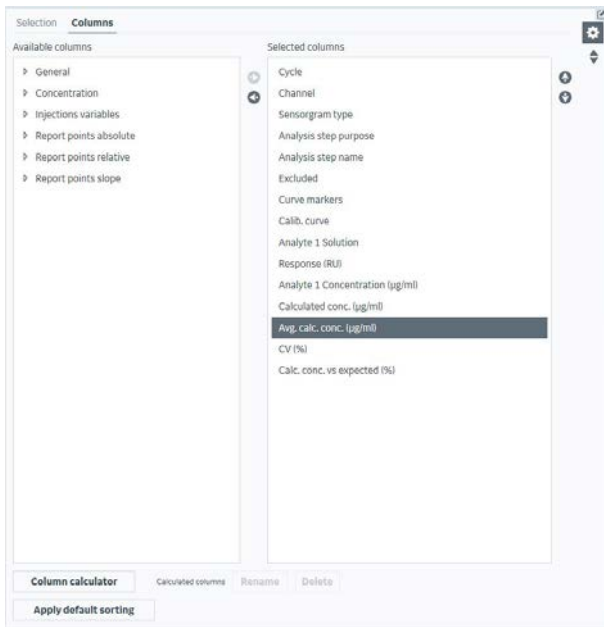
Setting	Description
<b>Exclude global</b>	<p>Check this option to exclude the selected points and the sensorgrams from which they are derived from all evaluation items, including those already created.</p> <p>If excluded sensorgrams are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the sensorgrams again.</p>
<b>Exclude local</b>	<p>Check this option to exclude the selected points and the sensorgrams from which they are derived from the current evaluation item only.</p> <p>If excluded sensorgrams are selected, the option will be checked. Remove the checkmark to include the sensorgrams again.</p>
<b>Show excluded data</b>	<p>Check this option to show excluded points and sensorgrams in gray, and to list excluded data in the table. Excluded sensorgrams are identified in the table in the <b>Excluded</b> column.</p> <p>If this option is not checked, sensorgrams and corresponding table rows are hidden.</p>
<b>Curve markers</b>	<p>Check the required markers to apply the markers to the selected points and sensorgrams. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for more details.</p>
<b>Edit markers</b>	<p>Choose this option to manage curve markers. See <a href="#">Section 3.4 Curve markers, on page 42</a> for details.</p>

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### 7.2 The Concentration workspace

#### 7.2.5 Table panel

## Columns tab



Move columns between **Available columns** and **Selected columns** using the left and right arrow buttons to control the information displayed in the table. Select a column in the **Selected columns** list and use the up and down arrow buttons to change the column display order.

**Note:** Columns that are not selected cannot be used for axis variables in the plot (see [Axis settings, on page 101](#)). If you remove columns from the table that are used as axis settings, the thumbnails and plot will be adjusted.

Click **Apply default sorting** to restore the default sort order for table rows if you have changed the sort order.

**Note:** Applying default sorting does not affect the order of selected columns.

## 7.3 Concentration item settings

### Introduction

This section describes the available settings in the **Settings** panel at the left of the concentration workspace. The **Select sensorgrams** panel is described in [Workspace settings, on page 29](#).

### Data grouping

The **Data grouping** setting determines how the data is divided into groups. The number of groups is shown in parentheses in the **Data grouping** setting header.

The following **Data grouping** settings are available in a **Concentration** item. Use the setting that corresponds to how the experiment was set up (see [Experimental formats, on page 130](#)):

Setting	Description
<b>Serial</b>	Calibration curves are constructed from unbroken series of cycles with assay step <b>Calibration</b> in the same channel.  Samples are analyzed using the calibration curve in the same channel
<b>Parallel</b>	Calibration curves are constructed from calibrants with the same calibrant name in different channels in cycles with assay step <b>Calibration</b> .

### Injection assignment

The **Injection assignment** setting determines which injections should be used for variable information and response values respectively.

Setting	Description
<b>Use variable information from</b>	Variable parameters from the specified injection command will be used as sample parameters in the evaluation.

### Calibration settings

**Calibration settings** determine how the calibration curve is constructed. Only cycles with **Analysis step purpose** set to **Calibration** are used to construct the calibration curve.

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### 7.3 Concentration item settings

Setting	Description
<b>Report point</b>	Select the report point to use for concentration analysis. The same report point will be used in all cycles.
<b>Response type</b>	Select the response type (relative response or sensorgram slope).
<b>Calibration curve</b>	Select which calibration curve to apply to a given sample in runs where calibration curves are repeated. See <a href="#">Section 7.4 Calibration curve options, on page 151</a> for description of the options.
<b>Fitting function</b>	Select the fitting function used to construct the calibration curve. See <a href="#">Appendix A.3 Other fitting models, on page 244</a> for details of the available models.

## 7.4 Calibration curve options

### Settings

The following settings are available:

Setting	Description
<b><i>Preceding</i></b>	The closest preceding calibration curve will be used for each sample. If there is no preceding calibration curve, the nearest following curve is used.
<b><i>Average</i></b>	An average of all calibration curves will be used for all samples. Applies within channels in serial mode.
<b><i>Calibration trends</i></b>	Each sample will be calculated from an individual calibration curve obtained by interpolation according to calibration trends. See below for details.  Calibration trends are not available in parallel mode.

### Calibration trends

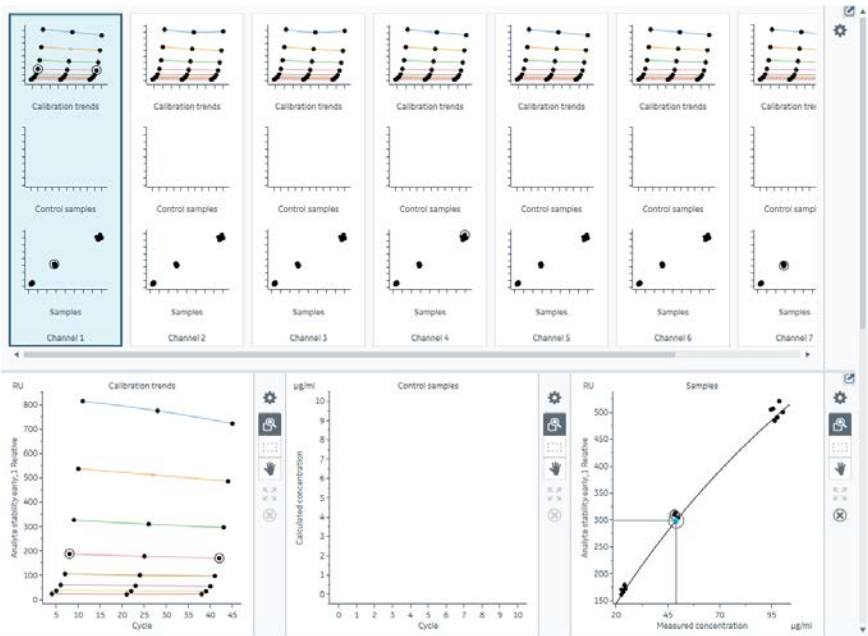
Calibration trends can compensate for systematic drift in the calibration curve by constructing an individual calibration curve for each cycle in the run. Calibration points are plotted against cycle number, and trend lines are fitted through each set of points with the same calibrant concentration. Individual calibration curves for each cycle are constructed by interpolation using the trend line values.

Trend lines are fitted to the measured calibration points using a linear function for trends with two points and a polynomial function (see [Appendix A.3 Other fitting models, on page 244](#)) for trends with three or more points. If calibration points at the ends of the trend lines are excluded, the trend lines will not be extrapolated.

When ***Calibration trends*** are selected, the calibration curve thumbnails and plots are replaced by calibration trends.

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### 7.4 Calibration curve options



Individual calibration curves for selected points are displayed in the **Samples** plot.

## 7.5 Selecting data in concentration items

### Introduction

This section describes how to select and manage data in **Concentration** items. Individual points can be selected in the plots panel and the table panel. Select points in the **Plots** panel to apply curve markers and exclude or include points in the evaluation session, and to display the sensorgrams from which the points are derived.

### Selection in the *Thumbnails* panel

Group selection in the **Thumbnails** panel behaves differently according to whether **Selection as toggle** is checked in the thumbnail settings (see [Panel toolbar, on page 134](#)):

<b>Selection as toggle</b>	<b>Description</b>
Unchecked	Click a thumbnail to select the thumbnail. Any previously selected thumbnails will be deselected. Use <b>Shift-click</b> and <b>Ctrl-click</b> to select multiple thumbnails.
Checked	Click a thumbnail to toggle between selected and deselected. The status of other thumbnails is not affected.

Selected thumbnails are marked with a heavier border.

### Selection in the *Plots* panel

Point selection in the **Plots** panel behaves differently according to whether **Selection as toggle** is checked in the plot settings (see [Panel toolbar, on page 87](#)):


<b>Selection as toggle</b>	<b>Description</b>
Unchecked	Within a given subpanel, only one point can be selected by clicking on the point. Clicking on a second point will deselect the previously selected point. Use the <b>Area select</b> mode to select multiple points in one plot by dragging around them (see <a href="#">General panel toolbar settings, on page 30</a> ). Clicking on an already selected point has no effect.
Checked	Clicking on successive points will add the points to the selection. Clicking on an already selected point will deselect that point.

Points can be selected for sensorgram display from different subpanels in the same or different data groups. However, excluding or including points or setting curve markers will only apply to points in the subpanel where the operation is performed.


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### 7.5 Selecting data in concentration items

**Note:** The **Selection as toggle** setting applies separately to each of the three plot panels.

The  **Select area mode** in the panel toolbar can be used to select multiple points in one operation (see [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#)). This feature is independent of the **Selection as toggle** setting.

Selected points are shown as enlarged blue points. The corresponding rows in the table panel are selected.

Click  in the panel toolbar to deselect all selected points.

### Selection in the **Sensorgrams** panel

Sensorgrams for points that are selected in the plot or table panels are displayed in the sensorgram panel (see [Section 6.1.3 Sensorgrams panel, on page 94](#)). Selected sensorgrams can be excluded from the evaluation or assigned curve markers, allowing management of subsets of data within the selected set of points. This feature is useful if you want to manage data points on the basis of sensorgram appearance rather than response levels.

### Selection in the **Table** panel

Click on a row to select it. Use **Shift-click** and **Ctrl-click** to select multiple rows.

Selecting a row deselects any previously selected rows unless **Shift-click** or **Ctrl-click** is used.

Selected rows are highlighted in the table. The corresponding points in the plot panel are selected, and the corresponding sensorgrams are shown in the sensorgram panel.

**Note:** Rows representing the currently selected group are highlighted in light green. This selection cannot be changed in the **Table** panel.

# 8 Epitope binning items

## About this chapter

This chapter describes how to use **Epitope binning** items. Evaluation with **Epitope binning** items requires that the **Epitope binning** extension is active.

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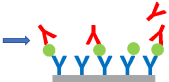
## 8.1 Overview

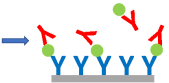
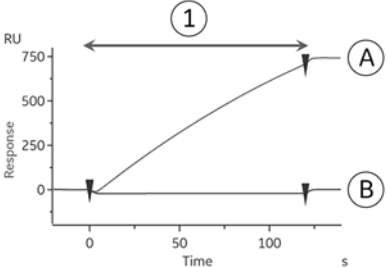
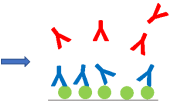
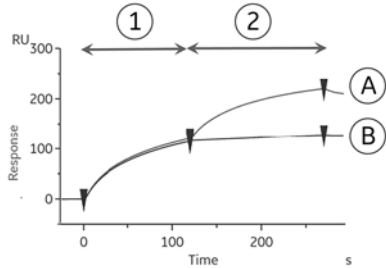
### Introduction

Epitope binning is used to characterize binding of monoclonal antibodies to an antigen. Antibodies specific to the same antigen are tested in a pairwise combinatorial manner to assess whether or not they block one another's binding to the antigen. Antibodies that share a common blocking profile can be assumed to bind to the same epitope, or overlapping epitopes, and are binned together.

### Experimental formats

Which assay format to choose will depend on the nature of the reagents and the available amount of interactants. The most commonly used assay formats for epitope binning are sandwich, premix and tandem, described below.

Assay format	Description	Example sensorgram
Sandwich	<p>The first antibody is attached to the surface. Antigen is then injected over the first antibody, followed by injection of the second antibody.</p> 	<p><b>1</b> Antigen injection  <b>2</b> 2nd antibody injection  <b>A</b> Non-blocking  <b>B</b> Blocking</p>

Assay format	Description	Example sensorgram
Premix	<p>The first antibody is attached to the surface. The premixed solution with antigen and second antibody is then injected over the first antibody.</p> 	 <p><b>1</b> Antigen injection and 2nd antibody injection injected together</p> <p><b>A</b> Non-blocking</p> <p><b>B</b> Blocking</p>
Tandem	<p>The antigen is attached to the surface. The first antibody is then injected over the antigen, followed by the second antibody.</p> 	 <p><b>1</b> 1st antigen injection</p> <p><b>2</b> 2nd antigen injection</p> <p><b>A</b> Non-blocking</p> <p><b>B</b> Blocking</p>

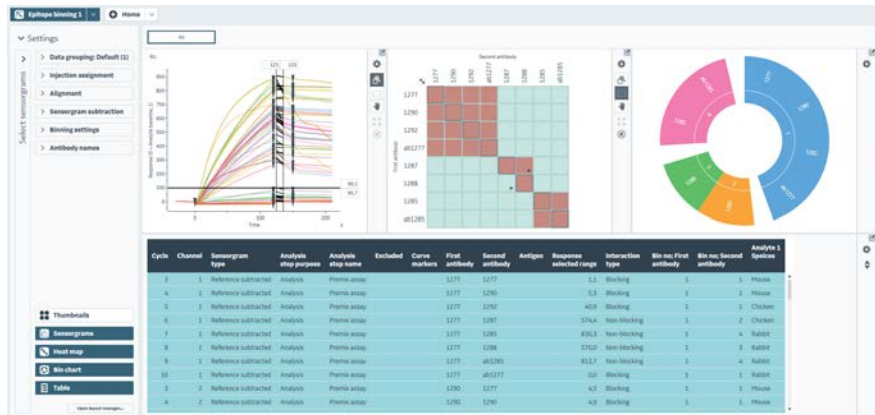
## Capture

The assay formats can be run with capture of the first antibody, which allows for larger matrices to be tested. However, capture requires thorough blocking of remaining free binding sites on the capture molecule after capture of the first antibody, to prevent the second antibody from binding to the surface.

## 8.2 The Epitope binning workspace

### Introduction

The **Epitope binning** item workspace holds up to 5 panels in addition to the **Settings** panel at the left of the workspace. One interaction between a certain first antibody and a certain second antibody is represented by one sensorgram, one cell in the heat map and one row in the table.



Panel	Content
<b>Thumbnails</b>	Displays sensorgram data grouped according to the <b>Data grouping</b> setting.
<b>Sensorgrams</b>	Displays sensorgrams for the interactions selected in the <b>Heat map</b> or <b>Table</b> panels. Boundary lines for the response read-off area (vertical lines) and blocking/non-blocking interactions (horizontal lines) are shown.
<b>Heat map</b>	Displays the interaction type for each pair of antibodies in a color coded matrix. Selected cells are highlighted and corresponding interactions are shown in the <b>Sensorgrams</b> panel and are highlighted in the <b>Table</b> panel.
<b>Bin chart</b>	Displays how all the antibodies included in the <b>Epitope binning</b> item are grouped in different bins and bin clusters.
<b>Table</b>	Displays data for all sensorgrams in the evaluation. Selected rows are highlighted and corresponding interactions are shown in the <b>Sensorgrams</b> panel and are highlighted in the and <b>Heat map</b> panel.

Use the buttons at the bottom of the **Settings** panel to show or hide selected panels. The panels are described in more detail in the following subsections.

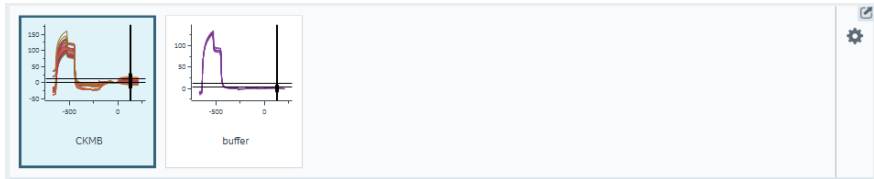
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## 8.2.1 Thumbnails panel


### Panel description

The **Thumbnails** panel displays thumbnails of the data grouped according to the **Data grouping** setting. The thumbnails panel is hidden by default, as the default data grouping setting for epitope binning often results in only one group.

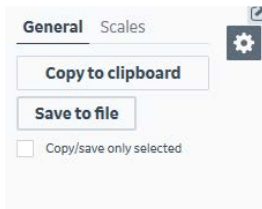


Select a thumbnail to select data group for evaluation. Selected thumbnails are marked by a heavy dark blue border. Each group is evaluated individually.

### Panel toolbar

Click  **Thumbnail settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel. Settings are applied to all thumbnails. The settings are divided into two sections, **General** and **Scale**.

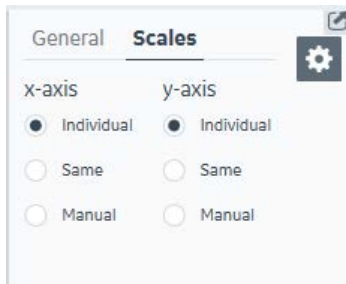
### General tab



Setting	Description
<b>Copy to clipboard</b>	Copies thumbnails to the Windows clipboard as a collection of graphical objects. The thumbnails can be pasted into programs that support pasting for collections of graphical objects.  Check <b>Copy/save only selected</b> to copy only selected thumbnails. If this option is not checked, all thumbnails will be copied.

Setting	Description
<b>Save to file</b>	<p>Saves thumbnails as illustrations in <b>.png</b> (Portable Network Graphics) format. Each thumbnail is saved to a separate file.</p> <p>Check <b>Copy/save only selected</b> to save only selected thumbnails. If this option is not checked, all thumbnails will be saved.</p>

## Scales tab

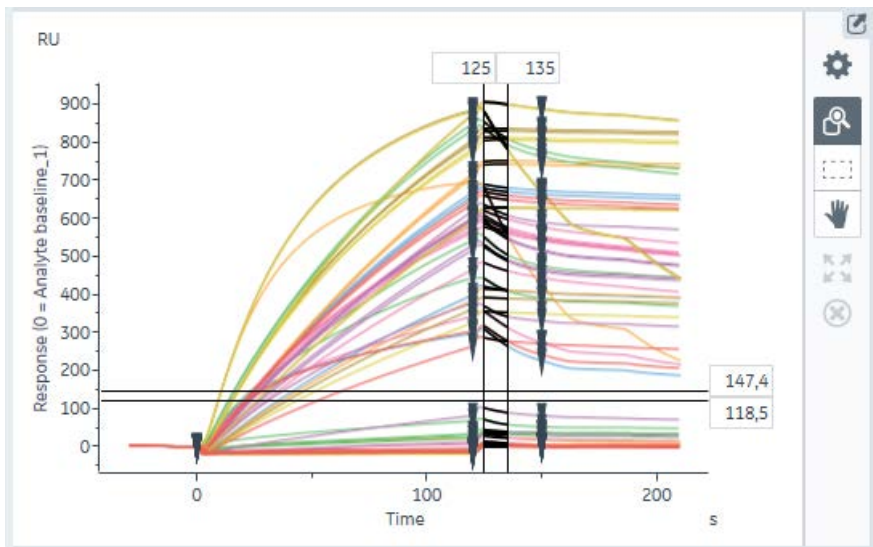


Setting	Description
<b>x-axis</b> <b>y-axis</b>	<p>Determines how the axes will be scaled in the thumbnails.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual scales each thumbnail separately. The scale is determined by the range of values in the thumbnail.</li> <li>Same scales all thumbnails to the same scale, determined by the range of values in all thumbnails together.</li> <li>Manual scales all thumbnails according to the minimum and maximum values specified.</li> </ul>


## 8.2.2 Sensorgrams panel

### Panel description

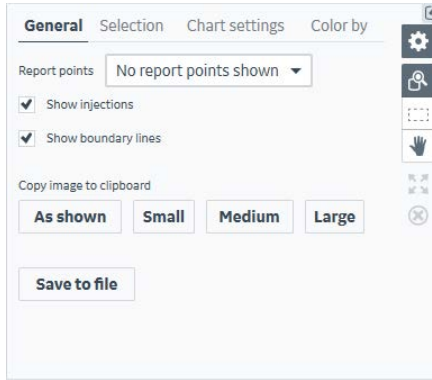
The **Sensorgrams** panel displays sensorgrams for the interactions selected in the heat map or table panel. Click on a sensorgram to select/deselect it, or use the **Area select** mode to select multiple sensorgrams. Selected sensorgrams are highlighted with a heavy blue line. Boundary lines for the response read-off (vertical lines) and blocking/non-blocking cut-offs (horizontal lines) are shown. Sensorgrams having their read-off below the lower cut-off line will be classified as blocking. Those above the upper cut-off will be classified as non-blocking and those in between the cut-off lines will be classified as uncertain. The position of a boundary line can be changed either by dragging the line itself or by changing the value in the box. If the position of a boundary line is changed, the other panels in the **Epitope binning** item will update accordingly.



### Panel toolbar

Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel. The separate tabs in the chart settings are described below. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

## General tab



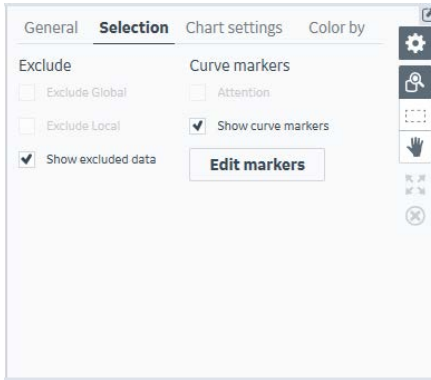
Setting	Description
<b>Report points</b>	Choose whether to hide report points or show markers or markers and labels.
<b>Show injections</b>	Check this option to show markers for the start and end of injections, including (where appropriate) the end of dissociation time.
<b>Show boundary lines</b>	Check this option to show boundaries for the response read-off range (vertical lines) and boundaries for blocking and non-blocking cut-offs.
<b>Copy image to clipboard</b>	Copies the panel as currently displayed to the Windows clipboard. Choose one of three sizes or <b>As shown</b> .  <b>Note:</b> <b>Small, Medium and Large</b> copies use default image proportions. <b>As shown</b> retains the proportions as displayed on the screen.
<b>Save to file</b>	Saves the panel as an illustration in selectable format.

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### 8.2 The Epitope binning workspace

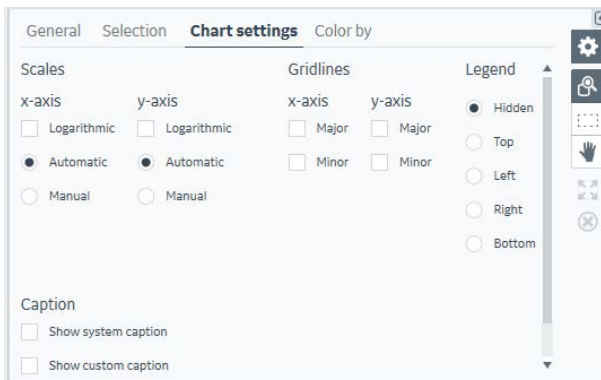
#### 8.2.2 Sensorgrams panel

## Selection tab



Setting	Description
<b><i>Exclude global</i></b>	Check this option to exclude the selected data from all evaluation items, including those already created. Excluding data removes any sensorgram adjustments and/or table calculations that may have been applied.
<b><i>Exclude local</i></b>	Check this option to exclude the selected data from the current evaluation item only.
<b><i>Show excluded data</i></b>	Check this option to show excluded data. Excluded points and sensorgrams are shown in gray.
<b><i>Curve markers</i></b>	Check the required markers to apply curve markers to selected data.
<b><i>Show curve markers</i></b>	Check this option to display curve markers in the sensorgram, heat map and bin chart panels.
<b><i>Edit markers</i></b>	Choose this option to manage curve markers.

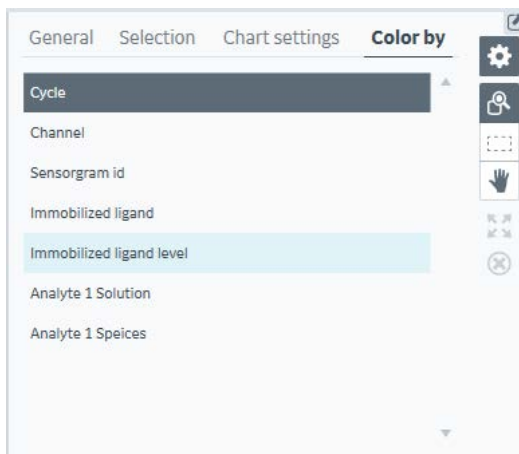
## Chart settings tab



Setting	Description
<b>Scales</b>	Choose <b>Automatic</b> or <b>Manual</b> scales for the axes. For <b>Manual</b> scaling, enter minimum and maximum values. Choose <b>Logarithmic</b> to use a logarithmic axis scale.  <b>Note:</b> <i>Zero or negative values cannot be displayed on a logarithmic scale.</i>
<b>Gridlines</b>	Choose whether to show major and/or minor gridlines. Gridline spacing is determined according to the scale range.
<b>Legend</b>	Displays a legend identifying sensorgrams and plot points by color. Choose the position of the legend in the panel.
<b>Caption</b>	Displays a caption in the panel. Choose whether to use the system caption and/or a custom caption with text as entered.

## Color by tab

The **Color by** setting colors sensorgrams and points according to a selected property. Available options are determined by variable parameters in the run method and by any curve filters that are applied in the evaluation.

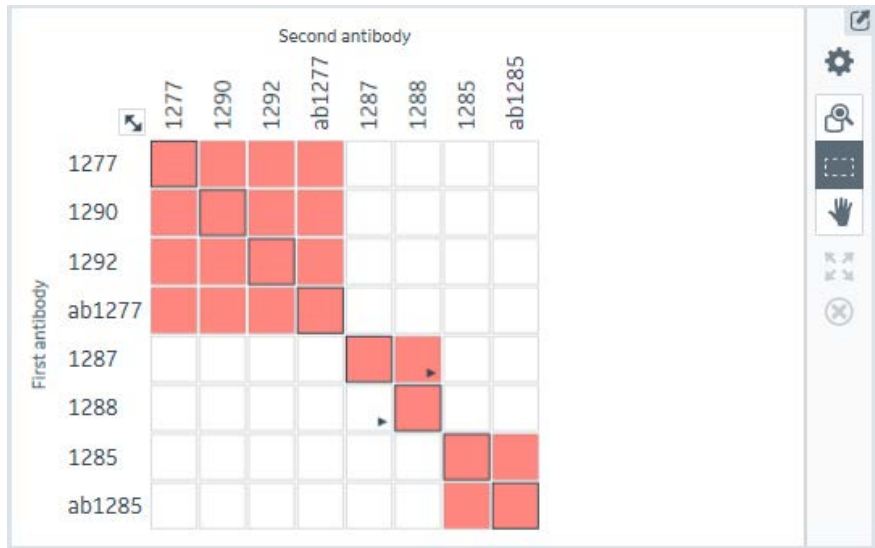


**Note:** *Sensorgram and point colors are hidden by the selection highlight when sensorgrams and points are selected.*

## 8.2.3 Heat map panel

### Panel description


The **Heat map** panel displays the interaction type for each antibody pair in a color coded matrix. Each cell in the heat map represents the interaction between a certain first antibody (shown on the y-axis) and a certain second antibody (shown on the x-axis). By default, the heat map is automatically sorted by bin, with antibodies belonging to the same bin placed next to each other. Self-self interactions, i.e., interactions with the same antibody as both first and second antibody, are marked by a black frame.



Red cells represent blocking interactions, where the first antibody blocks the second antibody from binding to the antigen. Corresponding sensorgrams have their response read-off below the lower cut-off in the **Sensorgrams** panel. White cells represent non-blocking interactions, where both first and second antibodies bind simultaneously to the antigen. Corresponding sensorgrams have their response read-off above the upper cut-off in the **Sensorgrams** panel. Yellow cells represent uncertain interactions. These interactions might need to be inspected further, in context with other data, to assess whether they are blocking or not. Corresponding sensorgrams have their response read-off between the two cut-offs in the **Sensorgrams** panel. If an antibody blocks another antibody, without being blocked back by the blocked antibody, their interaction is said to be uni-directional. Uni-directional blocking is illustrated with arrows in the affected cells in the heat map.

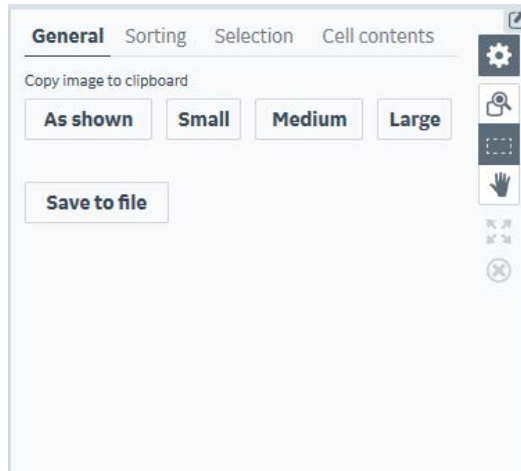
Example of a uni-directional interaction. With antibody A as the first antibody, antibody B is blocked from binding to the antigen (left). However, with antibody B as the first antibody, antigen A is able to bind to the antigen (right).

## Panel toolbar

Click  **Heat map settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel.

The separate tabs in the heat map settings are described below. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

## General tab



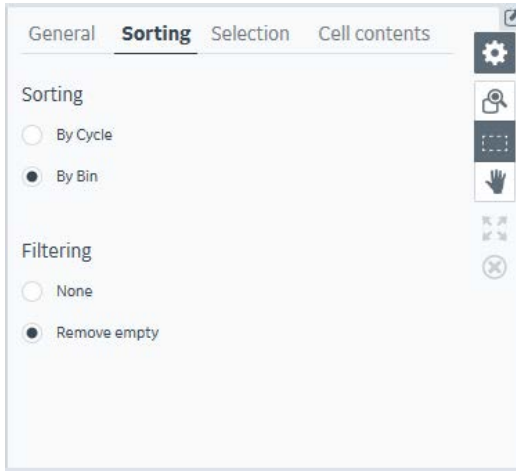
Setting	Description
<b>Copy image to clipboard</b>	Copies the panel as currently displayed to the Windows clipboard. Choose one of three sizes or <b>As shown</b> .  <b>Note:</b> <b>Small, Medium and Large</b> copies use default image proportions. <b>As shown</b> retains the proportions as displayed on the screen
<b>Save to file</b>	Saves the panel as a graphics file.

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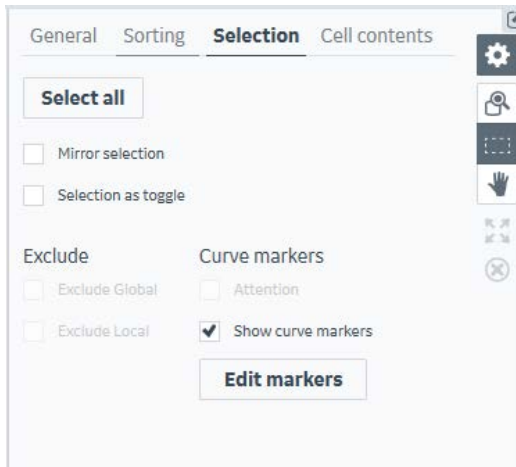
#### 8.2.3 Heat map panel

## Sorting tab



Setting	Description
<b>Sorting</b>	Choose whether to sort the results by cycle or by bin.
<b>Filtering</b>	Choose whether or not to remove cells in the heat map that lack experimental data.

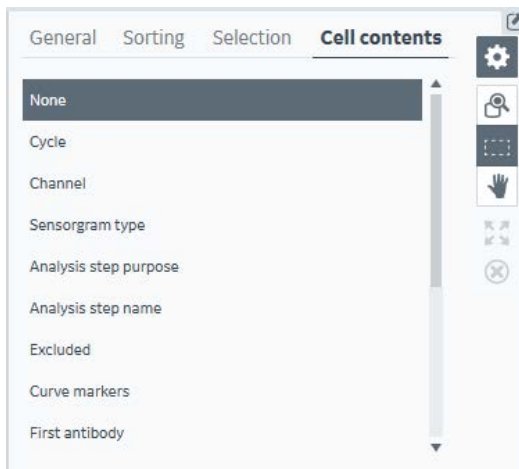
## Selection tab



Setting	Description
<b>Select all</b>	Selects all cells in the heat map.

Setting	Description
<b>Mirror selection</b>	If this option is checked, clicking on a cell will select the cell <b>and</b> its mirrored counterpart, where the antibodies were injected in opposite order.
<b>Selection as toggle</b>	If this option is checked, click on a cell to toggle between selected and deselected status. When the option is not selected, clicking will only select the cell.
<b>Exclude Global</b>	Check this option to exclude the selected data from all evaluation items, including those already created. Excluding data removes any sensorgram adjustments and/or table calculations that may have been applied.
<b>Exclude Local</b>	Check this option to exclude the selected data from the current evaluation item only.
<b>Curve markers</b>	Check the required markers to apply curve markers to the data.
<b>Show curve markers</b>	Check this option to display curve markers in the sensorgram, heat map and bin chart panels.
<b>Edit markers</b>	Click <b>Edit markers</b> to open the <b>Curve markers</b> tool, to add, edit, or remove curve markers.

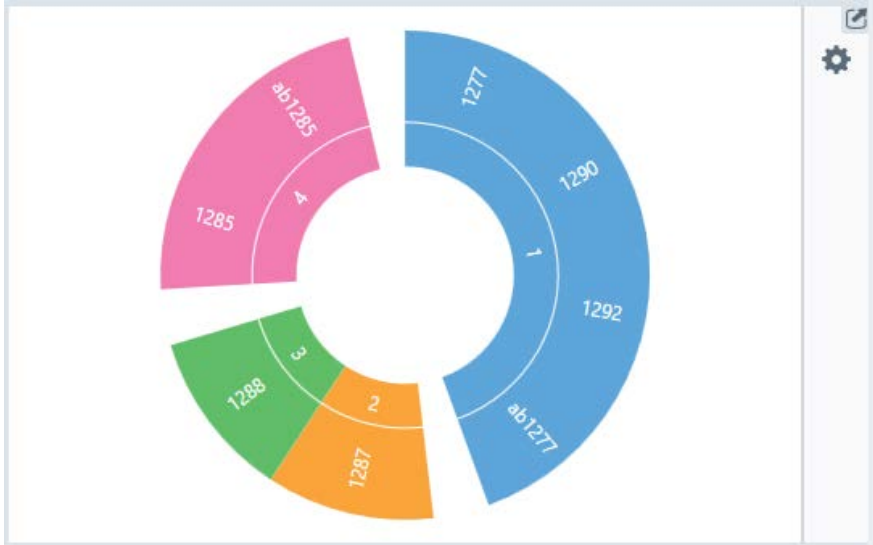
## Cell contents tab



Select a column from the table to display its contents in the cells of the heat map.


## 8.2.4 Bin chart panel

### Panel description



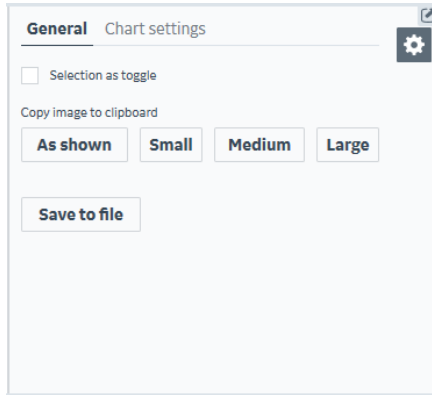
The **Bin chart** panel shows how all the antibodies included in the **Epitope binning** item are grouped in different bins. A bin is shown as a sector with common color and bin number. All antibodies within a bin share the same blocking pattern, as defined by the binning settings. Individual bins are separated by white gaps. If several bins have partially overlapping blocking patterns, they form a bin cluster and are shown directly next to each other, without any intermediate gaps. Only antibodies from separated bins can be assumed to bind to independent epitopes on the antigen.

### Panel toolbar

Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel.

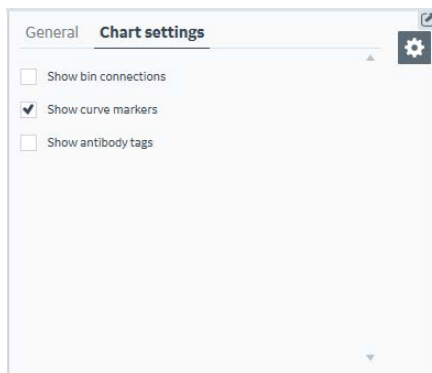
The separate tabs in the chart settings are described below. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

## General tab



Setting	Description
<b>Selection as toggle</b>	If this option is checked, clicking on a bin connection will toggle between selected and deselected. When the option is not selected, clicking will only select the connection.
<b>Copy image to clipboard</b>	Copies the panel as currently displayed to the Windows clipboard. Choose one of three sizes or <b>As shown</b> .  <b>Note:</b> <b>Small, Medium and Large</b> copies use default image proportions. <b>As shown</b> retains the proportions as displayed on the screen.
<b>Save to file</b>	Saves the panel as an illustration in selectable format.

## Chart settings



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#### 8.2.4 Bin chart panel

Setting	Description
<b>Show bin connections</b>	Check this option to display connections between bins in a cluster, that have a partially overlapping blocking pattern. Uni-directional blocking is indicated with an arrow in the blocking direction. Uncertain blocking is indicated by a dashed line.
<b>Show curve markers</b>	Check this option to display curve markers in the sensor-gram, heat map and bin chart panels.
<b>Show antibody tags</b>	Check this option to display tags that hold extra information about the antibodies.  Any <b>Table</b> column can be used as the source of information. Select which table column to use under <b>Tag by</b> . Select whether the information in the column applies to the first or second antibody under <b>Apply tag to</b> . Select position of the legend under <b>Legend</b> .


## 8.2.5 Table panel

### Panel description

The table panel lists parameter values for all sensorgrams included in the epitope binning item.

Cycle	Channel	Sensorgram type	Analysis step purpose	Analysis step name	Excluded	Curve markers	First antibody	Second antibody	Antigen	Response selected range	Interaction type	Bin no. antibody
3	1	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Premix assay			1277	1277		1,1	Blocking	
4	1	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Premix assay			1277	1290		5,3	Blocking	
5	1	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Premix assay			1277	1292		40,9	Blocking	
6	1	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Premix assay			1277	1287		574,4	Non-blocking	
7	1	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Premix assay			1277	1285		836,3	Non-blocking	
8	1	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Premix assay			1277	1288		570,0	Non-blocking	
9	1	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Premix assay			1277	ab1285		812,7	Non-blocking	

### Panel toolbar

Click  **Table settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel. The separate tabs in the table settings are described below. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

### Selection tab

**Selection** Columns ⚙️

**Exclude**

Exclude Global

Exclude Local

Show excluded data

**Curve markers**

Attention

**Edit markers**

Setting	Description
<b><i>Exclude global</i></b>	Check this option to exclude the selected data from all evaluation items, including those already created. Excluding data removes any sensorgram adjustments and/or table calculations that may have been applied.

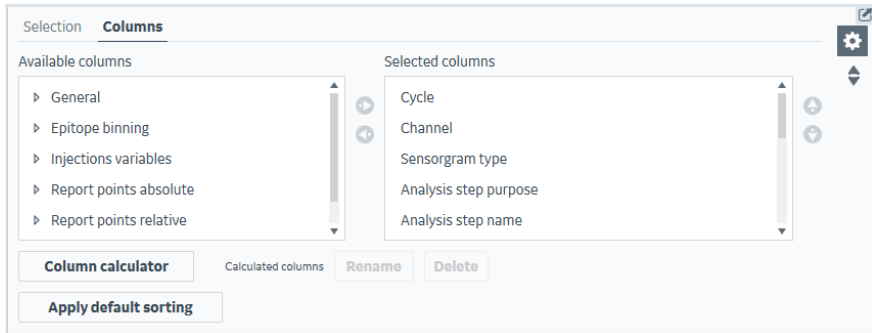
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#### 8.2.5 Table panel

Setting	Description
<b>Exclude local</b>	Check this option to exclude the selected data from the current evaluation item only.
<b>Show excluded data</b>	Check this option to show excluded data in the sensorgram panel. Excluded sensorgrams are shown as a gray line.
<b>Curve markers</b>	Check the required markers to apply curve markers to the selected data.
<b>Edit markers</b>	Choose this option to manage curve markers.

## Columns tab



Move columns between **Available columns** and **Selected columns** to change the information displayed in the table. Select a column in the **Selected columns** list and use the up and down arrows to change the column display order.

Select **Column calculator** to define table columns that hold results calculated from other column values. See [Section 6.7 Calculated columns, on page 125](#) for details.

Click **Apply default sorting** to restore the default sort order for table rows if you have changed the sort order.

**Note:** *Applying default sorting does not affect the column order.*

## 8.3 Epitope binning item settings

### Introduction

This section describes the available settings in the **Settings** panel at the left of the plot workspace. The **Select sensorgrams** panel is described in [Workspace settings, on page 29](#).

### Data grouping

The **Data grouping** setting determines how the data is divided into groups. The number of groups is shown in parentheses in the **Data grouping** setting header.

The following **Data grouping** settings are available:

Setting	Description
<b>Default</b>	Default setting by the software. All cycles with the same antigen solution and command settings will be grouped together.
<b>All together</b>	Plots all the data in a single group.

### Injection assignment

The **Injection assignment** setting determines which injection command that was used for the first antibody, the antigen, and the second antibody, respectively. The first antibody and the antigen can also be assigned to **Immobilized ligand**. Information from the specified injections will be used by the heat map, bin chart, table and the binning algorithm.

**Note:** *In situations where antigen and second antibody have been mixed outside the instrument and injected using the same injection command, select the appropriate injection for the second antibody and set the antigen injection to **None**.*

### Alignment

The **Alignment** settings determine how the sensorgrams are aligned to zero response and time. The settings are applied to all sensorgrams in the evaluation, and affect the graphical display in the sensorgram and thumbnail panels.

Choose whether to align to an injection event or a report point. Choose **No alignment** to display actual response values. The setting is independent for x- and y-axes.

Sensorgrams are aligned by default to the baseline report point just before the second antibody injection, with zero on the x-axis at the beginning of the injection and zero on the y-axis at the baseline report point.

Dual injections are aligned by default with zero on the x-axis at the beginning of the Dual B part of the injection and zero on the y-axis at the Dual A binding late report point.

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Select **Use normalization** and choose whether to normalize to a report point or an injection event. Select which report point or injection event that sets the low value of the normalization interval. Select which report point or injection event that sets the high value of the normalization interval. In the graph, the low value is not necessarily zero, and the high value not necessarily 100, as that is determined by the alignment settings. However, the sensorgrams are mathematically normalized according to zero for the low point and 100 for the high point.

## Sensorgram subtraction

The **Sensorgram subtraction** setting allows sensorgrams from one cycle to be subtracted from all others. Subtraction is performed within channels.

**Subtract blank** subtracts the response in blank sensorgrams from all sensorgrams in the same channel, according to the sample blank pairing set by the sequence selection of **Preceding** blank, **Following** blank, **Nearest** blank or **Median of nearest** blanks. Select which injection command that holds the blank. Blank sensorgrams may be sample cycles with solutions defined as **Blank** or with zero concentration, or negative control cycles.

**Subtract cycle** subtracts the sensorgrams for a specified cycle from all other others in the same channel. Subtraction is not performed if the sensorgrams do not share a common alignment point (for example, solvent correction cycles will not be subtracted from analyte injection cycles).

## Binning settings

The **Bin definition** allows uni-directional blocking (antibody pairs that only block in one order of first and second antibody) to be included in the bins.

Uncertain responses, that fall in between the blocking and non-blocking cut-offs, can be treated as follows:

Setting	Description
<b>Separately</b>	Uncertain responses are grouped in separate bins.
<b>As blocking</b>	Uncertain responses are grouped in bins as if they were blocking.
<b>As non-blocking</b>	Uncertain responses are grouped in bins as if they were non-blocking.

## Antibody names


The **Antibody names** setting allows numbers to be shown instead of antibody names. This setting is recommended if the antibody names are long.

## 8.4 Workflow for epitope binning evaluation

### Procedure

A recommended workflow for evaluating epitope binning experiments is given below.

Step	Action
1	Create an <b>Epitope binning</b> item.
2	Verify that the <b>Data grouping</b> setting correlates with how the run was set up, adjust if needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When <b>Default</b> is active, cycles with the same antigen solution and command settings are grouped together.</li> <li>When <b>All together</b> is active, all the data is in a single group.</li> </ul>
3	Verify that the auto populated <b>Injection assignment</b> settings reflect the injection sequence in the runs, adjust if needed.
4	Verify that the auto populated <b>Alignment</b> settings suits the evaluation purposes, both <b>x-axis</b> and <b>y-axis</b> settings, normalization is selected later. Sensorgrams are aligned per default to the baseline report point directly before the second antibody injection.
5	Exclude any disturbed cycles from the evaluation.
6	If blank injections were included in the run, examine the sensorgrams to assess whether there are drift or systematic disturbances that can be removed by blank subtraction. If so, open the <b>Sensorgram subtraction</b> settings and perform blank subtraction. Then, remove the blank cycles from the evaluation by unchecking them in the <b>Select sensorgrams</b> settings.
7	If there are antibodies that have consistently low antigen binding response levels compared to the general level of the run, consider to remove the antibodies from the evaluation by unchecking them in the <b>Select sensorgrams</b> settings.
8	If the antibody capture or antigen binding response levels vary considerably between different first antibodies, select <b>Use normalization</b> in the <b>Alignment</b> settings.  If the variation is large, the normalization reduces the effect of irrelevant variations on the response levels for the second antibodies.
9	If needed, in the <b>Sensorgrams</b> panel, adjust the response read-off range by dragging the vertical lines or by entering numbers in the boxes.

Step	Action
10	<p>In the <b>Heat map</b> panel, select all cells with the same antibody as both first and second antibody, to use their sensorgrams as controls of blocking interactions. Examine them in the <b>Sensorgrams</b> panel and adjust the lower cut-off by dragging the horizontal line, or by entering numbers in the box.</p> <p><b>Tip:</b></p> <p>Clicking  in the upper left corner select all cells with the same antibody as both first and second antibody.</p>
11	<p>In the <b>Heat map</b> panel, select all yellow cells (indicating uncertain interaction, i.e., between the two cut-offs), alternatively, in the <b>Table</b> panel, select all rows that have <b>Interaction type &gt; Uncertain</b>. Examine them in the <b>Sensorgrams</b> panel and adjust the upper cut-off, and the lower cut-off again if appropriate. Select some white and red cells as reference.</p>
12	<p>Examine the results in the <b>Bin chart</b>. If there are uni-directional or uncertain interactions in the evaluation, click on <b>Binning settings</b> to select how those interactions are treated by the binning algorithm.</p>
13	<p>If there are clustered bins in the <b>Bin chart</b>, select <b>Chart settings &gt; Show bin connections</b> to display how the bins are connected.</p> <p>Separate bins are shown with gaps to adjacent bins, while clustered bins that share a partially overlapping blocking pattern are kept together.</p>

# 9 Kinetics and Affinity items

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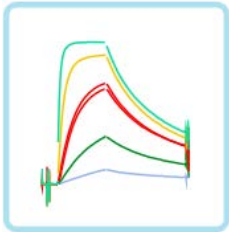
This chapter describes how to use **Kinetics** and **Affinity** items.

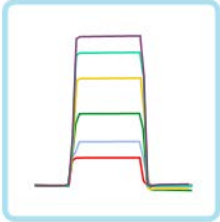
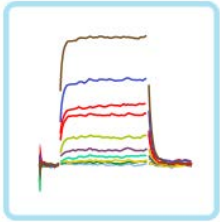
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## Introduction

Kinetics and affinity items are used for obtaining kinetic constants (association rate constants  $k_a$  and dissociation rate constants  $k_d$ ) and/or affinity constants ( $K_D$ ) by fitting mathematical interaction models to the experimental data. The appearance of the sensorgrams determines whether kinetic or affinity information (or both) can be obtained from an experiment, as detailed in the table below. In some cases, it may be possible to obtain kinetic information for dissociation but not for association.

Information	Sensorgram appearance	Example
Kinetics only	Sensorgrams show curvature during association and dissociation, but do not reach steady state during association.	

Information	Sensorgram appearance	Example
Affinity only	Sensorgrams reach steady state during association, but association and dissociation are too rapid to show sufficient curvature for kinetic evaluation.	
Kinetics and affinity	Sensorgrams reach steady state during association <b>and</b> show sufficient curvature for kinetic evaluation.	

More background and details for kinetic and affinity evaluation principles are found in [Appendix A Curve fitting procedures, on page 234](#).

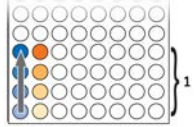
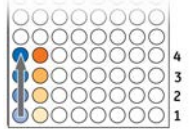

## 9.1 Experimental formats

### Analysis modes and microplate layout

Biacore Insight Evaluation software supports evaluation of several approaches to determination of kinetics and affinity:

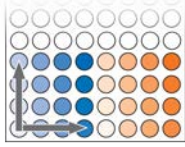
- In **single-cycle** mode, analyte concentrations are injected in series in a single cycle, with no regeneration between injections. Regeneration may be performed after the last analyte injection to prepare the surface for a new analyte. The ligand, analyte or both can be varied between channels.
- In **multi-cycle** mode, each analyte concentration is injected in a separate cycle, and the surface is regenerated between cycles. The ligand, analyte or both can be varied between channels.
- In **parallel** mode, each analyte concentration is injected in the same cycle but in a different channel. The same ligand is immobilized in the different channels.
- **2D** mode is a combination of single-cycle and parallel modes, allowing a wide analyte concentration range to be tested in a single experiment.

Parallel and 2D modes are only supported by multichannel instruments such as Biacore 8K and Biacore 8K\*. The table below illustrates the microplate layout for the different analysis modes for 2 analyte determinations without blank cycles. Remember that blank cycles must be run in the same channels as the analyte. The numbers on the right of the illustrations indicate numbers of cycles.

Mode	Description	Illustration
Single-cycle	The concentration series for one analyte is distributed along a column in the microplate, and all concentrations are injected in series in the same cycle. Four analyte concentrations occupy four rows.	
Multi-cycle (serial mode)	The concentration series for one analyte is distributed along a column in the microplate, and each concentration is injected in a separate cycle. Four analyte concentrations occupy four rows.	
Parallel	The concentration series for one analyte is distributed across a row in the microplate. Since 8 positions on a row are always used in parallel, one cycle can inject a series of 4 concentrations for 2 analytes.	

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Mode	Description	Illustration
2D	<p>The concentration series for one analyte is distributed along a column in the microplate as in the single-cycle arrangement.</p> <p>Different concentration series of the same analyte are analyzed in each channel to cover a wider range of concentrations.</p>	 The illustration shows a 5x8 grid of wells in a microplate. The top row consists of 8 white wells. The second row contains a concentration series: the first well is light blue, the second is medium blue, the third is dark blue, the fourth is light orange, the fifth is medium orange, and the sixth is dark orange. The seventh and eighth wells in the second row are white. The third, fourth, and fifth rows each contain a single dark blue well in the first column, with the remaining wells in each row being white. A pipette tip is shown in the first well of the second row, with a vertical arrow pointing down and a horizontal arrow pointing right, indicating the direction of pipetting.

## 9.2 Requirements for kinetics and affinity analysis

### Minimum requirements

The minimum requirements for evaluation of kinetics or affinity are one cycle with an **Analyte** injection in an assay step with purpose **Analysis**, and with the sample concentration in the **Concentration** variable. If the concentration is not given in molar-based units, the **Molecular weight** variable must also be included with a value for the molecular weight. If necessary, the variables can be edited after the run is completed to meet the conditions (see [Section 3.3 Variables, on page 38](#)). Note however that the injection type cannot be edited in the keyword table.

Evaluation of steady state affinity requires at least 3 non-zero analyte concentrations.

### Recommendations

The recommended minimum conditions for detailed kinetic and affinity analysis are:

- a concentration series of analyte with at least three non-zero concentrations
- at least one blank cycle consisting of zero concentration sample (for single-cycle kinetics the blank cycle must replicate the sequence of injections in the analysis cycle)
- for multi-cycle kinetics, duplicate determinations for at least one non-zero concentration

Kinetic screening (to estimate approximate values for kinetic constants) can be performed at a single analyte concentration. Affinity screening, like detailed affinity analysis, requires at least 3 (recommended 4) analyte concentrations to provide sufficient data for evaluation. Blank cycles are recommended, although the same cycle may be used as a blank for several different analytes.

## 9.3 Workflow for kinetics and affinity evaluation

### Procedure

A recommended workflow for evaluating kinetics and affinity experiments is given below.

Step	Action
1	Based on previous knowledge or expectations of the interaction properties, create an evaluation item for <b>Kinetics</b> , <b>Affinity</b> , or <b>Kinetics and affinity</b> . If you are unsure which to create, use <b>Kinetics and affinity</b> . The mode can be changed if necessary for selected data series in the item.
2	Choose the <b>Data grouping</b> setting according to how the run was set up (see <a href="#">Data grouping, on page 209</a> ).
3	Verify that the <b>Injection assignment</b> is appropriate, change if needed (see <a href="#">Injection assignment, on page 209</a> ).
4	Examine the thumbnails for evaluation potential. Switch between <b>Sensorgrams</b> and <b>Plots</b> in <b>Thumbnail settings</b> for different views of the data. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reject any series that are not appropriate for evaluation (for example, where the data is disturbed).</li> <li>Select series that show kinetic data but do not reach steady state, and set the <b>Kinetics/Affinity mode</b> to <b>Kinetics</b>.</li> <li>Select series that reach steady state but do not show kinetic data, and set the <b>Kinetics/Affinity mode</b> to <b>Affinity</b>.</li> <li>Select series that reach steady state and also show kinetic data, and set the <b>Kinetics/Affinity mode</b> to <b>Both</b>.</li> </ol>
5	Set the required blank subtraction mode (see <a href="#">Blank settings, on page 210</a> ). The default mode should be suitable for most purposes if you have included blank (zero-concentration) cycles for all concentration series in the run. Examine the blank cycles for each series and exclude any disturbed cycles.
6	Choose appropriate fitting models for all series to be evaluated (see <a href="#">Fit models, on page 211</a> ).
7	Click <b>Perform fit</b> . The number in parentheses on this button indicates the number of data series for which fitting will be performed.
8	Review the results. Set the thumbnail <b>Selection</b> status to <b>Accepted</b> for approved results. This will prevent refitting the series with new settings or model choices.

<b>Step</b>	<b>Action</b>
9	Change settings and refit selected series as required. Changing settings for a series will delete any previous fitting data for that series.

## 9.4 The Kinetics and Affinity workspaces

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### Introduction

The **Kinetics** and **Affinity** item workspaces hold up to 6 panels in addition to the **Settings** panel at the left of the workspace:



Panel	Content	Content
1	<b>Thumbnails</b>	Displays the data in the evaluation grouped in sample concentration series.
2	<b>Result table</b>	Displays a table with the results of completed evaluations for the last selected concentration series.

Panel	Content	Content
-	<b>On-off rate chart</b> (not shown)	Displays a plot of association rate constants (on rate, $k_a$ ) against dissociation rate constants (off rate, $k_d$ ) for all completed kinetic evaluations.
-	<b>KD chart</b> (not shown)	Displays affinity constants (equilibrium dissociation constants, $K_D$ ) against the data series (numbered from left to right in the thumbnail order) for all completed affinity evaluations.
5	<b>Sensorgrams</b>	In <b>Kinetic</b> mode, the <b>Sensorgrams</b> panel displays the sensorgrams for the most recently selected thumbnail.  In <b>Affinity</b> and <b>Both</b> modes, the <b>Sensorgrams</b> panel is divided into two sub-panels, showing the sensorgrams on the left and the steady state response plotted against concentration ( $R_{eq}$ versus C) on the right.
6	<b>Fit details</b>	Displays the details for the currently selected series.

Drag the panel borders to resize the panels.

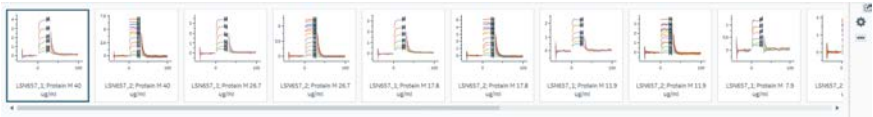
Use the buttons at the bottom of the **Settings** panel to show or hide selected panels.

The panels are described in more detail in the following subsections.

## 9.4.1 Thumbnails panel

### Panel description

The **Thumbnails** panel displays thumbnails of the data series according to the **Data grouping** setting. You may need to scroll the panel display to see all thumbnails.





Select one or more thumbnails to select data series for evaluation. Use **Shift-click** and **Ctrl-click** to select multiple thumbnails. Selected thumbnails are marked by a heavy light or dark blue border. Only the series with a heavy dark border (the most recently clicked thumbnail) is shown in the detail panels. All selected thumbnails will be evaluated.

**Tip:** To browse through the selected thumbnails without changing the selection, choose **Selection as toggle** in the **General** tab under **Thumbnail settings** and then click twice on a thumbnail with a light blue border. The first click will deselect the thumbnail, the second will select it with a heavier black border. Using **Ctrl-click** has the same effect regardless of the **Selection as toggle** status.

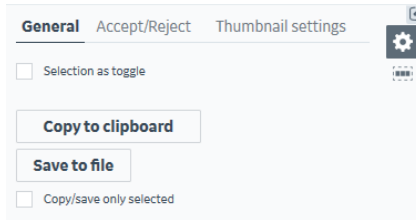
Deselect **Thumbnails** in the **Settings** panel at the left to collapse the thumbnails to buttons. Data groups can be selected with these buttons even when the thumbnail content is not displayed.



### Panel toolbar

Setting	Description
 <b>Thumbnail settings</b>	Opens the display settings for the thumbnails panel. Tabs in the display settings are described below.
 <b>Select all thumbnails</b>	Selects all thumbnails in the thumbnails panel, and all rows in the result table panel.

## General tab



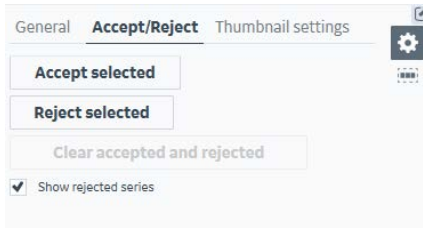
Setting	Description
<b>Selection as toggle</b>	<p>If this option is checked, clicking on a thumbnail will toggle between selected and deselected. When the option is not selected, clicking will only select the thumbnail.</p> <p><b>Note:</b>  <i>When the option is checked, using <b>Shift-click</b> will toggle the status of all thumbnails in the range covered.</i></p>
<b>Copy to clipboard</b>	<p>Copies thumbnails to the Windows clipboard as a collection of graphical objects. The thumbnails can be pasted into programs that support pasting for collections of graphical objects.</p> <p>Check <b>Copy/save only selected</b> to copy only selected thumbnails. If this option is not checked, all thumbnails will be copied.</p>
<b>Save to file</b>	<p>Saves thumbnails as illustrations in <b>.png</b> (Portable Network Graphics) format. Thumbnails are saved with the detail displayed on the screen (see <a href="#">Thumbnail settings tab, on page 190</a>). Each thumbnail is saved to a separate file. File names are constructed from the thumbnail label with an added serial number to prevent duplicate names.</p> <p>Check <b>Copy/save only selected</b> to save only selected thumbnails. If this option is not checked, all thumbnails will be saved.</p>

## 9 Kinetics and Affinity items

### 9.4 The Kinetics and Affinity workspaces

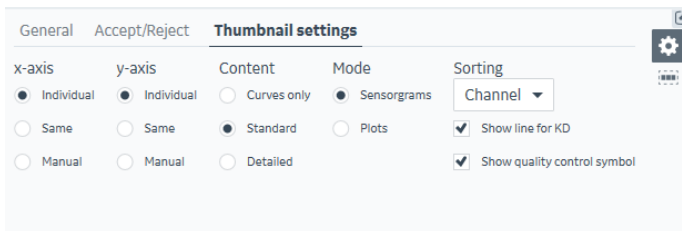
#### 9.4.1 Thumbnails panel

## Accept/Reject tab



Setting	Description
<b>Accept selected</b>	Marks selected thumbnails as <b>Accepted</b> . Thumbnails can only be marked as <b>Accepted</b> after fitting has been performed. Accepted series are marked with <b>A</b> in the bottom right corner of the thumbnail. Thumbnails that are marked as <b>Accepted</b> cannot be re-evaluated.
<b>Reject selected</b>	Marks selected thumbnails as <b>Rejected</b> . Thumbnails can be marked as <b>Rejected</b> before or after fitting has been performed. Rejected series are marked with <b>R</b> in the bottom right corner of the thumbnail. Thumbnails that are marked as <b>Rejected</b> cannot be evaluated.
<b>Clear accepted and rejected</b>	Clears the <b>Accepted/Rejected</b> status for the selected series.
<b>Show rejected series</b>	Check this option to show rejected thumbnails in the panel.

## Thumbnail settings tab



Setting	Description
<b>x-axis</b>  <b>y-axis</b>	Determines how the axes will be scaled in the thumbnails. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Individual</b> scales each thumbnail separately. The scale is determined by the range of values in the thumbnail.</li> <li>• <b>Same</b> scales all thumbnails to the same scale, determined by the range of values in all thumbnails together.</li> <li>• <b>Manual</b> scales all thumbnails according to the minimum and maximum values specified.</li> </ul>
<b>Size</b>	Choose <b>Curves only</b> , <b>Standard</b> or <b>Detailed</b> . The options show different amounts of information in the thumbnail.
<b>Mode</b>	Choose <b>Sensorgrams</b> or <b>Plots</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sensorgrams</b> displays sensorgram data.</li> <li>• <b>Plots</b> displays steady state response against sample concentration.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b>  <b>Detailed</b> thumbnails (see <b>Size</b> above) for fitted concentration series show kinetic results in <b>Sensorgrams</b> mode and affinity results in <b>Plots</b> mode.</p>
<b>Sorting</b>	Choose the parameter for sorting thumbnails in the panel.
<b>Show line for KD</b>	For series evaluated for affinity, displays the calculated $K_D$ value as a vertical line in the thumbnail. The line is red if the value is outside the range for confident measurement.



## 9.4.2 Result table panel

### Panel description

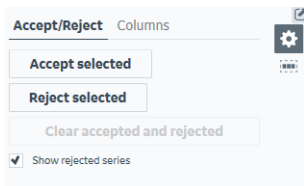
The **Result table** panel lists details of all data series in the evaluation, including fitting results for data series where fitting has been performed. Rows for the currently selected series are highlighted. The columns displayed in the table can be customized.

General Kinetics model	Affinity model	Curve markers	Channel	Immobilized ligand	Quality Kinetics Chi <sup>2</sup> (RU <sup>2</sup> )	Affinity Chi <sup>2</sup> (RU <sup>2</sup> )	1:1 binding ka	kd	Rmax	tc	U-value	Steady state affinity KD	Rmax
1:1 binding	Steady state affinity		1	CA 25 µg/ml	1.32e-02	3.53e-02	1.03e+06	2.07e-01	5.1	1.17e+12	7	1.04e-07	5.9
1:1 binding	Steady state affinity		1	CA 25 µg/ml	2.21e-02	9.76e-02	5.98e+05	2.58e-01	5.9	2.11e+14	5	3.95e-07	5.9
1:1 binding	Steady state affinity		2	CA 25 µg/ml	4.42e-03	1.59e-03	1.03e+06	2.43e-01	4.6	2.17e+14	5	2.68e-07	4.8
1:1 binding	Steady state affinity		2	CA 25 µg/ml	1.23e-02	4.07e-02	6.04e+05	2.70e-01	5.3	2.73e+13	5	4.74e-07	5.3
1:1 binding	Steady state affinity		3	CA 25 µg/ml	7.62e-03	2.61e-03	1.24e+06	2.25e-01	3.9	2.62e+13	7	2.80e-07	4.2
1:1 binding	Steady state affinity		3	CA 25 µg/ml	1.69e-02	6.71e-02	7.16e+05	2.82e-01	4.2	2.09e+14	7	4.01e-07	4.2
1:1 binding	Steady state affinity		4	CA 25 µg/ml	4.95e-03	1.68e-03	2.38e+06	3.31e-01	2.7	9.33e+12	9	2.59e-07	2.8

### Panel toolbar

Setting	Description
 <b>Table settings</b>	Opens the display settings for the panel. Tabs in the display settings are described below.
 <b>Select all rows</b>	Selects all rows in the result table and thumbnails in the thumbnails panel.

### Selection tab

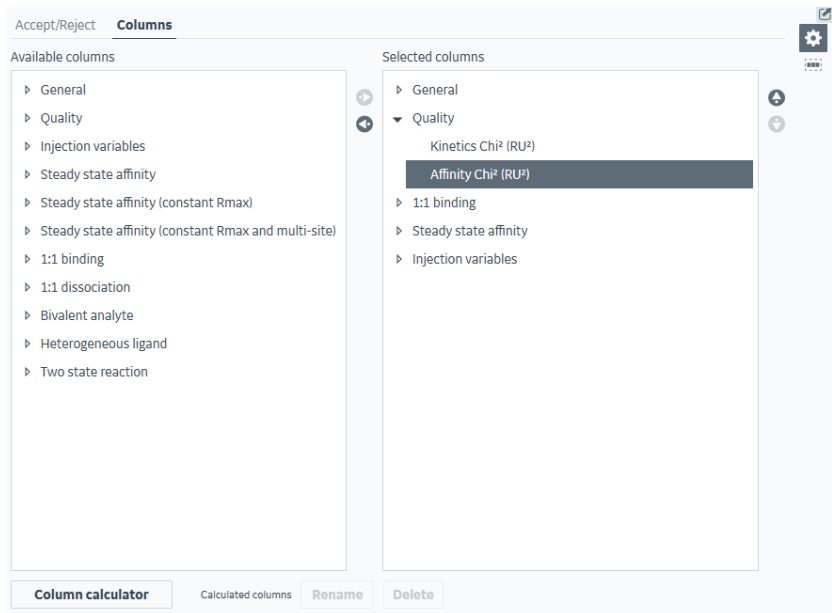


Setting	Description
<b>Accept selected</b>	<p>Marks selected thumbnails as <b>Accepted</b>. Thumbnails can only be marked as <b>Accepted</b> after fitting has been performed.</p> <p>Accepted series are marked with <b>A</b> in the bottom right corner of the thumbnail.</p> <p>Thumbnails that are marked as <b>Accepted</b> cannot be re-evaluated.</p>

Setting	Description
<b>Reject selected</b>	Marks selected thumbnails as <b>Rejected</b> . Thumbnails can be marked as <b>Rejected</b> before or after fitting has been performed.  Rejected series are marked with <b>R</b> in the bottom right corner of the thumbnail.  Thumbnails that are marked as <b>Rejected</b> cannot be evaluated.
<b>Clear accepted and rejected</b>	Clears the <b>Accepted/Rejected</b> status for the selected series.
<b>Show rejected series</b>	Check this option to show rejected thumbnails in the panel.

**Note:** When multiple thumbnails are selected, fitting settings and actions cannot be applied to any selected thumbnails if the last selected thumbnail is marked as **Accepted** or **Rejected**.

## Columns tab



Move columns between **Available columns** and **Selected columns** using the left and right arrow buttons to change the information displayed in the table. Select a column in the **Selected columns** list and use the up and down arrow buttons to change the column display order.

## 9 Kinetics and Affinity items

### 9.4 The Kinetics and Affinity workspaces

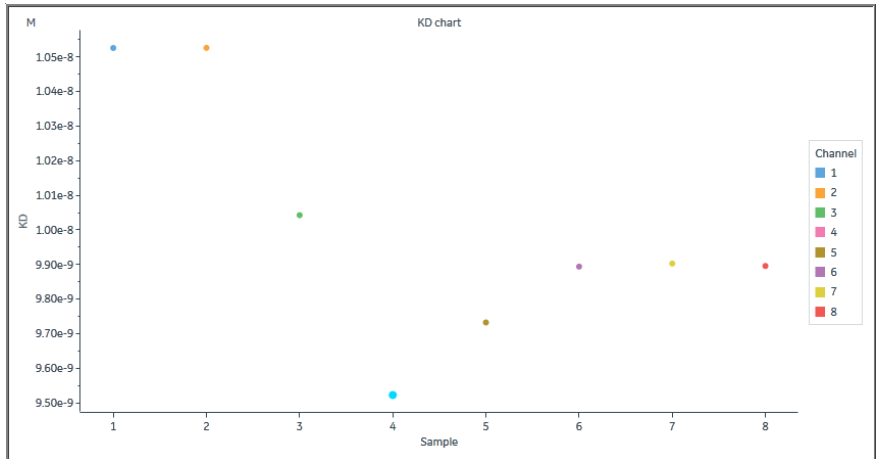
#### 9.4.2 Result table panel

Click **Column calculator** to define table columns that hold results calculated from other column values, see [Section 6.7 Calculated columns, on page 125](#).


### 9.4.3 KD chart panel

#### Panel description

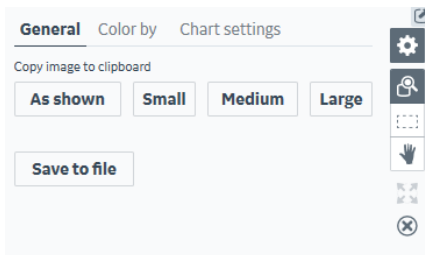
The KD chart panel displays the steady state affinity constants (equilibrium dissociation constants,  $K_D$ ) plotted against the data series (numbered from left to right in the thumbnail order) for all completed affinity evaluations.



#### Panel toolbar

Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel. The separate tabs in the chart settings are described below. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

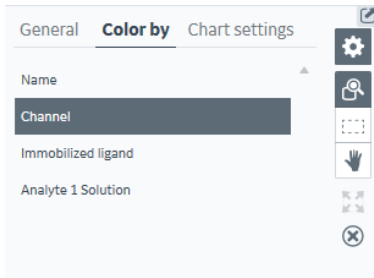
#### General tab



Setting	Description
<b>Copy image to clipboard</b>	Copies the panel as currently displayed to the Windows clipboard. Choose one of three sizes or <b>As shown</b> .

Setting	Description
<b>Save to file</b>	Saves the panel as an illustration in selectable format.

## Color by tab

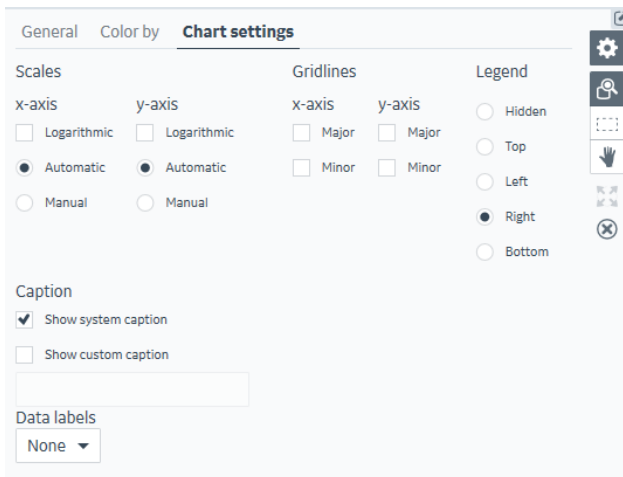


Choose the parameter by which the points will be colored. The same setting will be applied to the **On-off rate chart** panel.

**Note:** **Color by Channel** is only available for data series grouped as **Serial**.

**Note:** Point colors are hidden by the selection highlight when points are selected.

## Chart settings tab



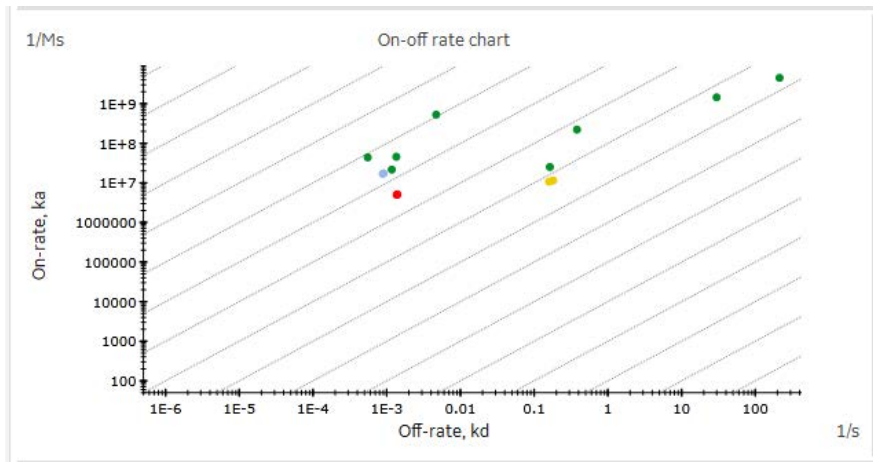
Setting	Description
<b>Scales</b>	Choose <b>Logarithmic</b> or <b>Automatic</b> scales for the axes. Automatic scale is always linear for sensorgram data.  <b>Note:</b> <i>Zero or negative values cannot be displayed on a logarithmic scale.</i>  Choose <b>Manual</b> and enter minimum and maximum values to set the scales manually.
<b>Gridlines</b>	Choose whether to show major and/or minor gridlines. Gridline spacing is determined according to the scale range.
<b>Legend</b>	Displays a legend identifying sensorgrams and plot points by color. Choose the position of the legend in the panel.
<b>Caption</b>	Displays a caption in the panel. Choose whether to include the system caption and/or a custom caption with text as entered.
<b>Data labels</b>	Displays a label for each point in the plot. Choose the property to use as label text.

## 9.4.4 On-off rate chart panel


### Panel description

The **On-off rate chart panel** displays the results of kinetic evaluation as the on-rate (association rate constant  $k_a$ ) plotted against the off-rate (dissociation rate constant  $k_d$ ), each on a logarithmic scale by default. Points that lie on the same diagonal in a log-log plot share the same affinity constant  $K_D$  but may differ in interaction kinetics.

Points are only plotted for results of fitting to the **1 → 1 binding** model.

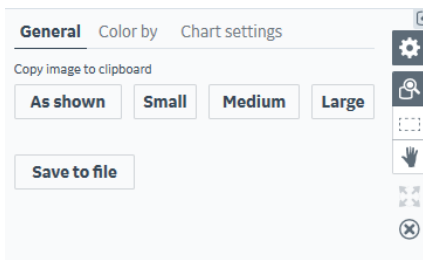


### Panel toolbar

Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel.

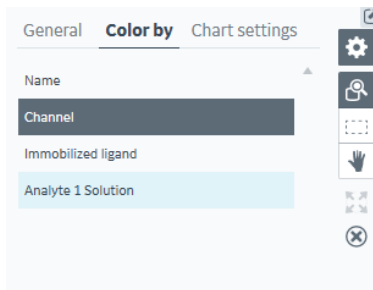
The separate tabs in the chart settings are described below. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

### General tab



Setting	Description
<b>Copy image to clipboard</b>	Copies the panel as currently displayed to the Windows clipboard. Choose one of three sizes or <b>As shown</b> .
<b>Save to file</b>	Saves the panel as an illustration in selectable format.

## Color by tab

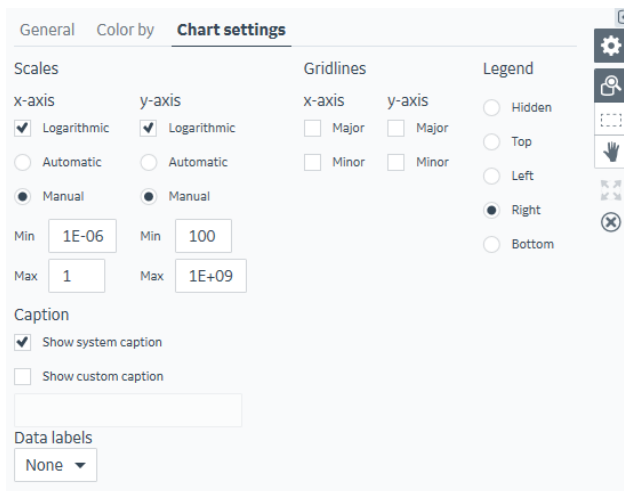


Choose the parameter by which the points will be colored. The same setting will be applied to the **KD chart panel**.

**Note:** **Color by Channel** is only available for data series grouped as **Serial**.

**Note:** Point colors are hidden by the selection highlight when points are selected.

## Chart settings tab



## 9 Kinetics and Affinity items

### 9.4 The Kinetics and Affinity workspaces

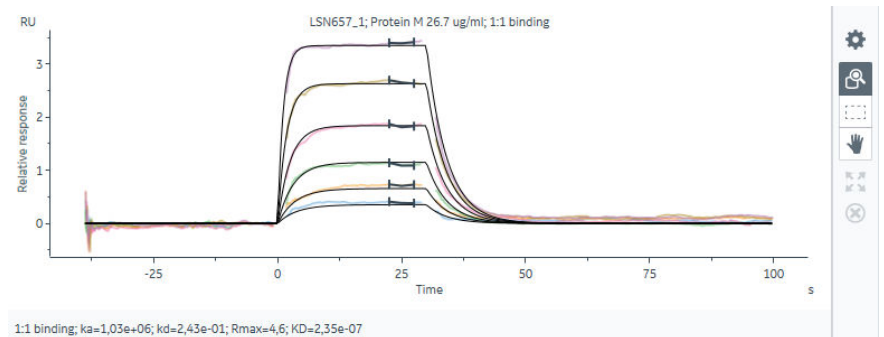
#### 9.4.4 On-off rate chart panel

Setting	Description
<b>Scales</b>	<p>Choose <b>Logarithmic</b> or <b>Automatic</b> scales for the axes. Automatic scale is always linear for sensorgram data.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> <i>Zero or negative values cannot be displayed on a logarithmic scale.</i></p> <p>Choose <b>Manual</b> and enter minimum and maximum values to set the scales manually.</p>
<b>Gridlines</b>	<p>Choose whether to show major and/or minor gridlines. Gridline spacing is determined according to the scale range.</p>
<b>Legend</b>	<p>Displays a legend identifying sensorgrams and plot points by color. Choose the position of the legend in the panel.</p>
<b>Caption</b>	<p>Displays a caption in the panel. Choose whether to include the system caption and/or a custom caption with text as entered.</p>
<b>Data labels</b>	<p>Displays a label for each point in the plot. Choose the property to use as label text.</p>

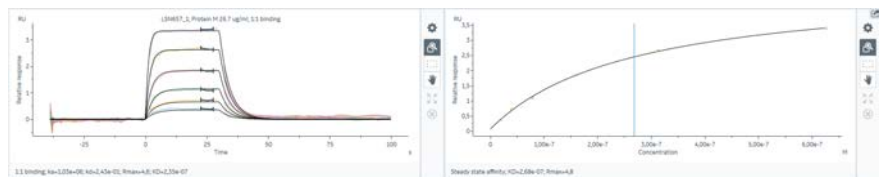
## 9.4.5 Sensorgrams panel

### Panel description

In **Kinetic** mode, the **Sensorgrams** panel displays the sensorgrams for the most recently selected thumbnail.




In **Affinity** and **Both** modes, the **Sensorgrams** panel is divided into two sub-panels, showing the sensorgrams on the left and the steady state response plotted against concentration ( $R_{eq}$  versus  $C$ ) on the right. The data range used to determine steady state response is marked on the sensorgrams if the option is selected in the **Fit models** section of the **Settings** panel at the left of the workspace.



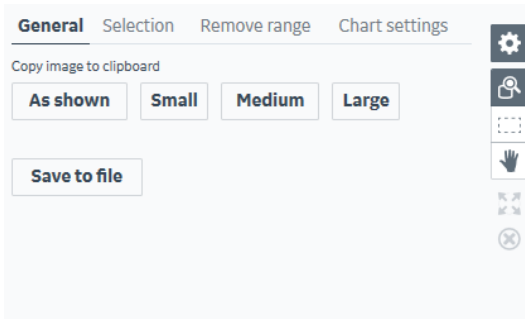
The panel displays data from only one series at a time. If multiple thumbnails are selected, the panel displays the series from the most recently selected thumbnail (marked with a heavy dark border).

### Panel toolbar

Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access display settings for the panel. The display settings are independent for the two sub-panels.

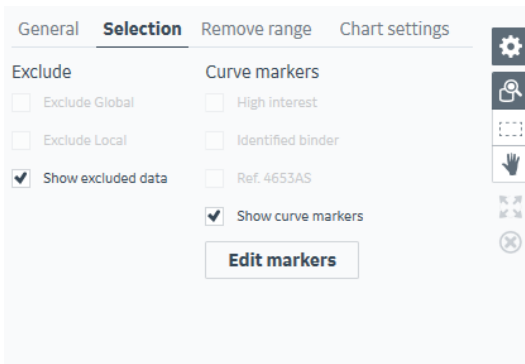
The separate tabs in the chart settings are described below. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

## General tab



Setting	Description
<b>Copy image to clipboard</b>	Copies the panel as currently displayed to the Windows clipboard. Choose one of three sizes or <b>As shown</b> .
<b>Save to file</b>	Saves the panel as an illustration in selectable format.

## Selection tab

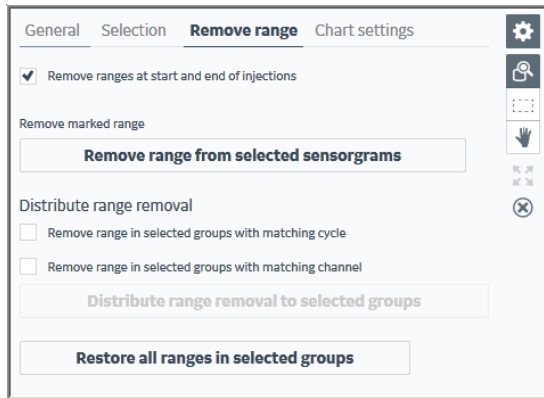


**Note:** The curve markers shown here are examples, for illustration purposes only.

Setting	Description
<b>Exclude global</b>	Check this option to exclude the selected data from all evaluation items, including those already created. Excluding data removes any sensorgram adjustments and/or table calculations that may have been applied.
<b>Exclude local</b>	Check this option to exclude the selected data from the current evaluation item only.

Setting	Description
<b>Curve markers</b>	Check the required markers to apply curve markers to the selected data.
<b>Show curve markers</b>	Check this option to show curve markers in the sensorgram and thumbnail panels.
<b>Edit markers</b>	Choose this option to manage curve markers.

## Remove range tab (sensorgram sub-panel only)



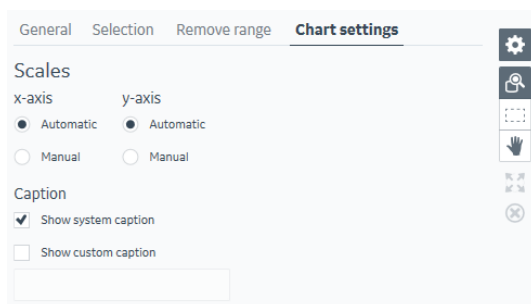
This action removes specified data ranges from selected sensorgrams. Drag the vertical markers to set the range that will be removed. Select one or more sensorgrams to activate the buttons.

**Note:** *Ranges are removed in the current evaluation item only.*

Setting	Description
<b>Remove range at start &amp; end of injections</b>	When this option is checked, a fixed range (about 1 s) on either side of the sample injection start and stop events is removed, to avoid interference from disturbances that can occur at the injection event.  <b>Note:</b> <i>This option affects all sensorgrams in all data series, regardless of selection.</i>
<b>Remove range from selected sensorgrams</b>	Select one or more sensorgrams, then click to remove the marked range from the selected sensorgrams. Only the selected sensorgrams in the current series will be affected.

Setting	Description
<b>Remove range in selected groups with matching cycle</b>	<p>Check this option to extend the selection to include sensorgrams with the same cycle number from all selected series.</p> <p>Use this option primarily in parallel mode where different concentrations of the same sample are run in different channels in the same cycle.</p>
<b>Remove range in selected groups with matching channel</b>	<p>Check this option to extend the selection to include sensorgrams in the same channel from all selected series.</p> <p>Use this option primarily in serial mode where different concentrations of the same sample are run in different cycles in the same channel.</p>
<b>Distribute range removal to selected groups</b>	<p>Click to remove the marked range in accordance with the <b>Distribute range removal</b> setting.</p>
<b>Restore all ranges in selected groups</b>	<p>Click to restore removed ranges in the selected series. Removed data will be restored in all selected series, even if data was removed in several separate operations.</p> <p><b>Note:</b>  <i>You cannot restore ranges for individually selected sensorgrams.</i></p>

## Chart settings tab



Setting	Description
<b>Scales</b>	Choose whether to use a logarithmic scale for the x-axis (applies to $R_{eq}$ versus C plots only). Choose <b>Automatic</b> or <b>Manual</b> scales for the axes.
<b>Caption</b>	Displays a caption in the panel. Choose whether to include the system caption and/or a custom caption with text as entered.
<b>Show line for <math>K_D</math></b>	For series evaluated for affinity, displays the calculated $K_D$ value as a vertical line in the thumbnail (applies to $R_{eq}$ versus C plots only). The line is red if the value is outside the range for confident measurement.

## 9.4.6 Fit details panel


### Panel description

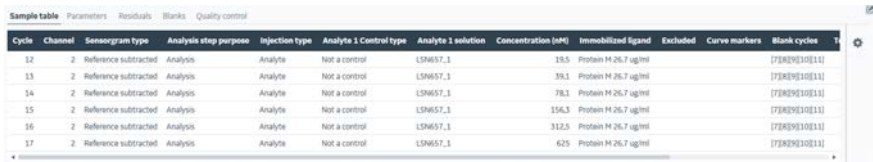
The **Fit details** panel holds tabs for **Sample table**, **Parameters**, **Residuals**, **Blanks** and **Quality control**. Quality control results are available only when the 1:1 binding model has been applied. The panel shows information for the last selected data series only.

The separate tabs are described below.

### Sample table tab

The **Sample table** tab lists details of the cycles in the last selected data series.

Click  **Table settings** on the panel toolbar to access settings for excluding selected cycles and assigning curve markers.



Cycle	Channel	Sensorgram type	Analysis step purpose	Injection type	Analyte 1 Control type	Analyte 1 solution	Concentration (nM)	Immobilized ligand	Excluded	Curve markers	Blank cycles
12	2	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Analyte	Not a control	LSM657_1	19.5	Protein M 26.7 ug/ml		[PERENE10E11]	
13	2	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Analyte	Not a control	LSM657_1	39.1	Protein M 26.7 ug/ml		[PERENE10E11]	
14	2	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Analyte	Not a control	LSM657_1	78.1	Protein M 26.7 ug/ml		[PERENE10E11]	
15	2	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Analyte	Not a control	LSM657_1	156.3	Protein M 26.7 ug/ml		[PERENE10E11]	
16	2	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Analyte	Not a control	LSM657_1	312.5	Protein M 26.7 ug/ml		[PERENE10E11]	
17	2	Reference subtracted	Analysis	Analyte	Not a control	LSM657_1	625	Protein M 26.7 ug/ml		[PERENE10E11]	


### Parameters tab

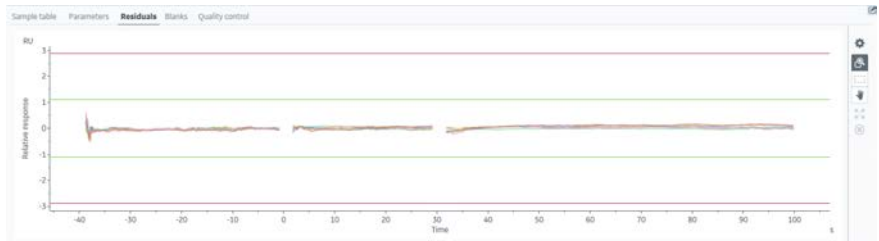
The **Parameters** tab lists the fitting results and statistical parameters for the last selected data series. Parameters set to **Global** or **Constant** in the fitting model are listed as **Series parameters**. Those set to **Local** are listed as **Sensorgram parameters**. See [Appendix A Curve fitting procedures, on page 234](#) for more details.

Steady state affinity Series parameters			1:1 binding Series parameters		1:1 binding Sensorgram parameters		
<b>KD (M)</b>	<b>2,68e-07</b>		<b>ka (1/Ms)</b>	<b>1,03e+06</b>	<b>Curve</b>	<b>Conc (M)</b>	<b>f (µl/min)</b>
Rmax (RU)	4,8		<b>kd (1/s)</b>	<b>2,43e-01</b>	#12: Sensorgram Ch=2 Fc=2-1	1,95E-08	30
offset (RU)	0,1		Rmax (RU)	4,6	#13: Sensorgram Ch=2 Fc=2-1	3,91E-08	30
Chi² (RU²)	1,59e-03		tc	2,17e+14	#14: Sensorgram Ch=2 Fc=2-1	7,81E-08	30
T(KD)	1,13e+01		RI (RU)	0,0	#15: Sensorgram Ch=2 Fc=2-1	1,563E-07	30
T(Rmax)	3,81e+01		Drift (RU/s)	0,00e+00	#16: Sensorgram Ch=2 Fc=2-1	3,125E-07	30
T(offset)	1,55e+00		Chi² (RU²)	4,42e-03	#17: Sensorgram Ch=2 Fc=2-1	6,25E-07	30
			T(ka)	1,75e+02			
			T(kd)	2,50e+02			
			T(Rmax)	4,37e+02			
			T(tc)	2,00e+00			
			T(RI)	Not a number			
			T(Drift)	Not a number			
			U-value	5			

## Residuals tab


The **Residuals** tab shows the residuals plot for kinetics fitting for the last selected data series. Residuals do not apply to steady state affinity fits. See [Appendix A Curve fitting procedures, on page 234](#) for more details.

Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access settings for the tab. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

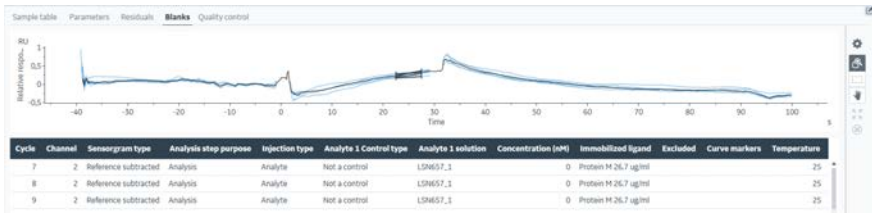


## Blanks tab

The **Blanks** tab shows the blank cycles subtracted from the sensorgrams in the last selected data series.

Click  **Chart settings** on the panel toolbar to access settings for the tab. Other panel toolbar options are described in [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#).

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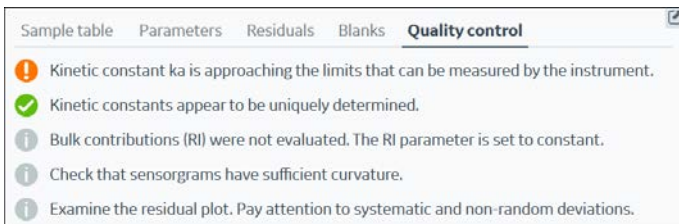
Follow the instructions below to change the way blank cycles are selected.

Action	Instruction
Change the general settings for blank cycles	Use the <b>Blank settings</b> in the <b>Settings</b> panel on the left of the workspace (see <a href="#">Blank settings, on page 210</a> ).
Exclude or include individual blank cycles	Select one or more sensorgrams or table rows in the <b>Blanks</b> tab, then use the <b>Selection</b> tab in <b>Chart settings</b> or the right-click menu options.

### Quality control tab

The **Quality control** tab gives a brief overview of the reliability of the results. Quality control results are available only when the 1:1 binding model has been applied.

See [Quality control, on page 217](#) for more details.



Symbol	Description
(Green)	Pass: Quality assessment acceptable
(Orange)	Warning: Quality assessment close to the limits of acceptability
(Red)	Fail: Quality assessment unacceptable
(Gray)	User assessment recommended

## 9.5 Kinetics and affinity item settings

### Introduction

This section describes the available settings in the **Settings** panel at the left of the kinetics and affinity item workspace. The **Select sensorgrams** panel is described in [Workspace settings, on page 29](#).

### Data grouping

Data is grouped into data series for evaluation. All sensorgrams within a data series have the same interaction characteristics (analyte, ligand and injection conditions). In addition, the **Data grouping** setting determines how data from different cycles and channels is combined in data series:

Setting	Description
<b>Serial</b>	Use when concentration series are run in different cycles within the same channel.
<b>Parallel/2D</b>	Use <b>Parallel/2D</b> grouping when concentration series are run in multiple channels, in either one ( <b>Parallel</b> ) or more ( <b>2D</b> ) cycles.  <b>Note:</b> <i>This setting can only be used with results from multichannel instruments.</i>

**Note:** *The grouping mode should be chosen in the first place by the way the run is set up (see the User Manual for the appropriate Biacore system). Runs that are set up in serial or parallel mode must be evaluated with the corresponding grouping. However, a run that is set up in 2D mode may be evaluated with either **Serial** or **Parallel/2D** grouping.*

*Some grouping options may not be relevant, according to how the data is obtained.*

### Injection assignment

The **Injection assignment** setting determines which injections should be used for variable information and response values respectively.

For example, a run may take the sample name from the variable capture injection but the response for evaluation from an analyte injection

Setting	Description
<b>Use variable information from</b>	Variable parameters from the specified injection command will be used as sample parameters in the evaluation.

Setting	Description
<b>Use response values from</b>	Response levels from the specified injection command in the run method will be used as sample responses in the evaluation.

## Kinetics/Affinity mode

The mode setting determines which kind of evaluation will be performed for the selected series. The initial setting is determined by whether the item was created as **Kinetics**, **Affinity** or **Kinetics and Affinity**.

Changing the mode will delete any completed evaluations that are not within the scope of the new mode.

**Note:** *If you select multiple thumbnails where different thumbnails are assigned to different modes, the mode for the last selected thumbnail (with a heavy dark border) will be applied to all thumbnails in the selection.*

Mode	Description
<b>Kinetics</b>	Only kinetics evaluation will be applied. Changing to <b>Kinetics</b> mode will delete any previously performed affinity evaluation for selected series.
<b>Affinity</b>	Only steady state affinity evaluation will be applied. Changing to <b>Affinity</b> mode will delete any previously performed kinetics evaluation for selected series.
<b>Both</b>	Both kinetics and steady state affinity evaluation will be applied.

## Blank settings

Blank cycles for kinetics and affinity evaluation are defined as sample cycles with zero concentration.

Choose how blank subtraction should be performed. The setting applies to the selected data series only.

Individual blank cycles can be excluded in the **Blanks** tab of the **Fit details** panel (see [Blanks tab, on page 207](#)).

Setting	Description
<b>Use blanks within same series</b>	Subtracts the median value of all blank cycles in the same data series.

Setting	Description
<b>Include blanks from other series</b>	<p>Subtracts blanks according to the settings<sup>1</sup>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Preceding</b> subtracts the single nearest preceding blank</li> <li>• <b>Following</b> subtracts the single nearest following blank</li> <li>• <b>Nearest</b> subtracts the single nearest blank</li> <li>• <b>Median consecutive preceding and following</b> subtracts the median of the nearest set of consecutive blanks preceding and following the current cycle.</li> </ul> <p>Remove the checkmark from <b>Keep within ligand</b> to use blank cycles that use a different ligand.</p>
<b>No subtraction</b>	Turns off blank subtraction.

<sup>1</sup> If **Preceding** or **Following** is selected, cycles that do not have a preceding or following blank respectively will not be subtracted.

## Fit models

Different models and model settings are only available when the **Extended Screening & Characterization** extension is active. Without this extension only the **1** → **1 binding** model for kinetics and the **Steady state affinity** model for affinity are available.

Choose the interaction model(s) for evaluating the data. The choice will apply to all currently selected data series. Models for kinetics, steady state affinity or both are available according to the **Kinetics/Affinity mode** for the current selection (see [Kinetics/Affinity mode, on page 210](#)). Changing the model after a fit has been performed will delete any previous fitting results of the same type (kinetics or affinity).

Click **Perform fit** to fit the chosen models to the experimental data. The number of data series for which fit will be performed is shown in parentheses.

The settings are described in the following table.

Setting	Description
<b>Kinetics fit model</b> <b>Affinity fit model</b>	Select the fitting models to use for evaluation. See <a href="#">Appendix A.2 Fitting models for kinetics and affinity, on page 237</a> for detailed descriptions.
<b>Show affinity range</b> (Affinity models only)	<p>Check this option to show the data range used for determining the steady state response on sensorgrams.</p> <p>The steady state response is determined as the median response within the range.</p>

Setting	Description
<b>Calculate response at ...</b> (Affinity models only)	Use these settings to adjust the data range used for determining the steady state response.  Click <b>Apply range</b> to apply changes in the range settings.

Fitted curves and results are removed from data series in the following circumstances:

- When the **Kinetics/affinity mode** is changed. A change to **Kinetics** mode will remove any **Affinity** fits from the selected series and *vice versa*.
- When a new model is selected of the same type (kinetics or affinity) as the existing fit, including when parameters for constant  $R_{max}$  are changed.
- When initial values for the model used in the existing fit are changed.

## Initial values

Each fitting model requires settings and initial values for fitted parameters. The default settings are adequate for most purposes.

The settings and values may be changed in the table if desired. The table lists values for the currently selected model(s). Changes apply to all selected series that use the model for which the changes are made.

Initial values may be entered as numerical values or as expressions using functions evaluated within the data series (for example, **Ymax** is the maximum value on the y-axis, **Ymax/5** is the maximum y-value divided by 5).

**Tip:** *The default initial values for kinetic evaluation models set the bulk refractive index parameter to **Constant** with a value of zero. Change this setting to **Fit local** with a value of **Ymax/5** if your sensorgrams show significant bulk contribution.*

**Note:** *Changing the initial settings after a fit has been performed will delete the previous fitting results using the current model.*

## 9.6 Selecting data in kinetics and affinity items

### Introduction

This section describes how to select and manage data in **Kinetics** and **Affinity** items.

### Coordinated selections

Selection is coordinated between different panels so that selecting or deselecting in one panel automatically selects or deselects in coordinated panels. Panels are coordinated separately for data series and data within a series: for example, selecting a single sensorgram in the **Sensorgram** panel does not affect the selection in the **Thumbnails** panel. The table below shows how panels are coordinated.

Panel content	Coordinated panels
Data series	<b>Thumbnails</b> <b>Result table</b> <b>On-off rate chart</b> <b>KD chart</b>
Data in one series	<b>Sensorgram</b> (both subpanels) <b>Fit details: Sample table</b> tab <b>Fit details: Sensorgram parameters</b> on <b>Parameters</b> tab <b>Fit details: Residuals</b> tab

### Selection in the **Thumbnails** panel

Click the **Select all thumbnails** icon to select all thumbnails. Data series selection in the **Thumbnails** panel behaves differently according to whether **Selection as toggle** is checked in the thumbnail settings. (See also [Panel toolbar, on page 188](#).)

Selection as toggle	Description
Unchecked	Click a thumbnail to select the thumbnail. Any previously selected thumbnails will be deselected. Use <b>Shift-click</b> and <b>Ctrl-click</b> to select multiple thumbnails.
Checked	Click a thumbnail to toggle between selected and deselected. The status of other thumbnails is not affected.

All selected thumbnails are marked with a heavy light or dark blue border. When multiple thumbnails are selected, the most recently selected thumbnail is marked with a heavy dark border, and details of that series are shown in the **Sensorgram** and **Fit details** panels. **Kinetic/Affinity** mode, **Initial values**, and fitting settings and actions are applied to all selected series.

Selection in the **Thumbnails** panel is coordinated with selection in the **Result table**, **On-off rate chart**, and **KD chart** panels.

**Tip:** To browse through the selected thumbnails without changing the selection, choose **Selection as toggle** and then click twice on a thumbnail with a light blue border. The first click will deselect the thumbnail, the second will select it with a heavy dark border. Using **Ctrl-click** has the same effect regardless of the **Selection as toggle** status.


### Selection in the **Result table**, **On-off rate chart** and **KD chart** panels


Selection of rows in the **Result table** panel or points in the **On-off rate chart** and **KD chart** panels is coordinated with selection in the **Thumbnails** panel.

**Note:** The **Selection as toggle** setting applies only to thumbnail selection and does not affect selection in other panels.

### Selection in the **Sensorgrams** panel

Click on a sensorgram or point to select or deselect it.

Use  **Select area mode** (see [General panel toolbar settings, on page 30](#)) to select multiple sensorgrams or points in one operation.

Click  to deselect all selected sensorgrams.

**Note:** Only experimental curves can be selected.

Selection in the **Sensorgram** panel is coordinated with selection in the **Fit details** panel.

**Note:** For single cycle affinity runs, selecting one point in the plot of response against concentration will select all points. Single points cannot be selected in this type of run.

### Selection in the **Fit details** panel

Selection in the **Sample table**, **Parameters**, and **Residuals** tabs in the **Fit details** panel is coordinated with selection in the **Sensorgram** panel.

## 9.7 Assessing kinetics and affinity results

### Introduction

This section describes how to assess the quality and reliability of kinetics and affinity evaluations.

### Magnitude of reported parameters

Check that the magnitude of the reported parameters is reasonable. Reported parameters represent mathematical solutions to the curve fitting, without regard to what is reasonable for a molecular interaction or what can be measured in the Biacore system from which the results were obtained. In particular, parameters that are not significant for the fitting (see [Standard error and T-value, on page 216](#)) may have any value, often unreasonable.

Kinetic and affinity constants that are close to or outside the range that can be measured in the instrument should be treated with caution. Typical working ranges are given in the data sheet for the respective instruments.

### Chi-square

Chi-square is a measure of the average squared residual (the difference between the experimental data and the fitted curve), and is an indicator of how closely the fitted curves agree with the experimental data. A lower chi-square indicates closer fitting. One chi-square value is reported for the whole fitting.

Chi-square is calculated as

$$\text{chi-square} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (r_f - r_x)^2}{n - p}$$

Parameter	Description
$r_f$	Fitted value at a given point
$r_x$	Experimental value at the same point
$n$	Number of data points
$p$	number of fitted parameters

For sensorgram data used in kinetic fitting, the number of data points is very much larger than the number of fitted parameters in the model, so  $(n-p)$  approximates to  $n$ , and the chi-square value approximates to the average squared residual per data point. This does not hold for affinity data, where the number of data points is the same order of magnitude as the number of fitted parameters.

Chi-square should be assessed in relation to the response levels in the sensorgrams. Higher response values will generate higher chi-square values for the same relative deviation from the fitted curve.

Chi-square is listed in the **Result table** panel and on the **Parameters** tab in the **Table** panel.

## Standard error and T-value

The standard error (SE-value) is an indicator of the significance of a fitted parameter, and represents an estimate of how much the parameter value can vary without significantly affecting the closeness of fit. As a general rule, if the SE-value for a fitted parameter is 10% or less of the reported parameter value, the value can be regarded as significant. Parameters that have an SE-value of the same order of magnitude as or higher than the parameter value itself can vary widely without significantly affecting the closeness of fit, and should be treated with caution. Typically (but not always), parameters with a low significance may have unreasonable values.

**Note:** *Even if parameters with low significance can have a wide range of values without affecting the fit, repeated evaluation of the same data set will always return the same value. Consistency of a value between repeated evaluations is **not** a test of significance.*

The T-value is obtained by dividing the parameter value by the standard error, and represents an expression of the standard error normalized with respect to the parameter value. High significance is thus indicated by a low standard error or a high T-value. Approximate guidelines for interpreting T-values are given in the table below.

T value	Significance
<1	The parameter is not significant for the fitting and the value cannot be reliably determined from the experimental data.
1 to 10	The parameter significance is low but should not be ignored.
>10	The parameter is significant for the fitting and the value may be regarded as reliable.

The SE-value and T value for each fitted parameter can be included as columns in the **Result table** panel for a completed fit (see [Columns tab, on page 193](#)). Columns are specific to each fitting model. The T-value is also shown for each fitted parameter on the **Parameters** tab in the **Fit details** panel.

## U-value

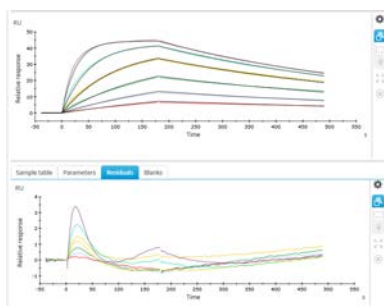
The U-value is an estimate of the uniqueness of the calculated values for rate constants and  $R_{max}$ . If parameters are correlated, the fitting procedure can determine their relative magnitudes but not absolute values (for example, knowing the affinity gives the ratio but not the values for rate constants). The U-value is determined by testing the dependence of the fit on correlated variations in pairs of parameters, and is reported on the **Parameters** tab in the **Fit details** panel, as a single value for the whole fitting. U-values above about 25 indicate that absolute values for two or more of the parameters (rate constants and  $R_{max}$ ) are correlated and cannot be determined. If the U-value is below about 15 the parameter values are not significantly correlated.

The u-value is listed in the **Result table** panel, and on the **Parameters** tab in the **Fit details** panel.

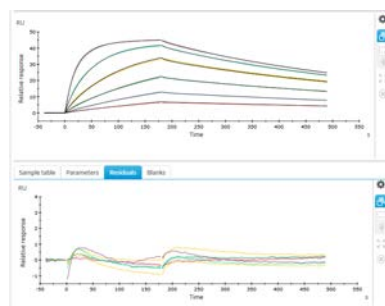
## Residuals

Residuals show the difference between experimental and fitted value for each data point in the sensorgrams. For a perfect fit, the residuals scatter randomly around zero. Systematic deviations, seen as a definite shape in the residual plot, indicate that the interaction model is to a greater or lesser extent unsuitable for the interaction.

The illustrations below show the same data fitted to two different models, giving residuals that are less acceptable (left) and more acceptable (right).



*Residuals for a poor fit show strong systematic deviations from zero.*



*Residuals for a good fit are close to zero even if small systematic deviations may be present.*

## Quality control

When the 1:1 binding model has been used for kinetic fitting, the quality of the fit is assessed in terms of the following factors, described in the following sections. Quality control results are listed on the **Quality control** tab in the **Fit details** panel.

- Magnitude of kinetic constants
- Parameter uniqueness
- Bulk refractive index contributions
- Sensorgram curvature

- Residuals

## Magnitude of kinetic constants

If either association or dissociation rate constants are close to or outside the limits that can be determined in the instrument, this will be reported. For values close to the limit, judge the validity of the results on other assessment criteria as described in this chapter.

## Parameter uniqueness

In some situations, it may be possible to determine a value for two or more parameters in combination without being able to determine unique values for the individual parameters. Such parameters are said to be correlated. One example is the pair of kinetic rate constants  $k_a$  and  $k_d$ , that are related through the affinity constant  $KD$  ( $KD = k_d/k_a$ ): it may be possible to determine the affinity constant reliably without being able to resolve the individual rate constants. Parameter uniqueness is assessed by testing correlation between pairs of the parameters  $k_a$ ,  $k_d$  and  $R_{max}$ . If significant correlation is found, this will be reported as a warning that parameters cannot be uniquely determined.

**Note:** *This test does not explore all possible parameter correlations. A Pass status for this test is not a fail-safe indication that parameters are uniquely determined.*

## Bulk refractive index contributions

After reference subtraction and blank subtraction, sensorgrams for kinetic evaluation should not in principle contain any bulk refractive index shifts (parameter RI in predefined models). However, there may be some circumstances where small bulk refractive index shifts may remain in reference and blank-subtracted data. On the other hand, the fitting algorithm tends to interpret rapid interaction events (incorrectly) as bulk shifts. If the fitting returns significant values for RI, a warning will be issued in the quality control tab. Examine the sensorgrams and fitted curves to determine whether bulk shifts as reported by the fitting are true or false. In cases where reported bulk shifts are unreasonably large, you may want to set RI to a constant value of zero in the Parameters setting for the fitting. If you do this, the bulk contributions component in the quality control tab will be reported as neutral since the RI parameter was not evaluated.

## Sensorgram curvature

You should check that the sensorgrams have sufficient curvature for kinetic determination. Ideally, the sensorgrams for at least the one or two highest concentrations should show measurable binding rates at the beginning of the sample injection and approach a steady state towards the end of the injection. Sensorgrams that approximate to "square-wave" pulses (indicating rapid association and dissociation) and those that do not flatten out during the injection generally do not contain sufficient kinetic information for reliable evaluation. Ideally, the dissociation phase should be long enough to monitor a fall in response of at least 10-15% of the starting value.

If the interaction is too fast to provide kinetic information, you may only be able to determine affinity constants. Interactions that do not flatten out sufficiently during the injection or dissociate sufficiently during the dissociation phase may sometimes be analyzed by prolonging the association or dissociation phase respectively.

## Residuals

You should check that the residuals (the difference between experimental and fitted value for each data point in the sensorgrams) lie within reasonable limits. For a perfect fit, the residuals reflect the short-term noise in the sensorgrams and scatter around zero (typically  $\pm 1-2$  RU). Systematic deviations, seen as a definite shape in the residual plot, indicate that the interaction model is to a greater or lesser extent unsuitable for the interaction. As an aid in judging the residuals, guidelines are drawn on the residual plot to indicate the range of acceptability. Most of the residuals should be within the inner (green) limits. The guideline positions are calculated in relation to the response range of the sensorgrams.

## Considerations for steady state affinity

Steady state affinity evaluations are performed by fitting a plot of  $R_{eq}$  against concentration  $C$  to a model representing equilibrium 1:1 binding. The closeness of fit is reported as a chi-square value, calculated in the same way as for kinetics. However, the number of points in the steady state affinity plot is very much lower than for kinetic evaluation, which makes chi-square a more sensitive indicator of fitting quality.

The plot of  $R_{eq}$  against  $C$  approaches a limiting value (equivalent to  $R_{max}$ ) at high concentrations. Robust evaluation of the data requires either that the plot shows sufficient curvature for reliable estimation of  $R_{max}$  or that a valid constant value is provided for  $R_{max}$ . As a rule of thumb, evaluation with fitted  $R_{max}$  is acceptable only if the calculated  $K_D$  value is less than half the highest analyte concentration used. (For a 1:1 interaction, the  $K_D$  value is equal to the analyte concentration that gives 50% saturation of the binding sites, so that  $R_{eq} = 0.5 \cdot R_{max}$ . In other words, reliable evaluation is only obtained if the surface is more than 50% saturated at the highest analyte concentration.)

For weak interactions where it is not possible to use concentrations approaching  $0.5 \cdot R_{max}$ , evaluation using a model with constant  $R_{max}$  may give more reliable results. This approach requires that  $R_{max}$  is determined separately, for example using high concentrations of a known binder.

# 10 Exporting data

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## Introduction

Evaluation results can be exported in the following formats:

- As a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, suitable for further processing in third party applications.
- As a Microsoft PowerPoint file, suitable for presentation purposes.
- As a PDF document, suitable for archiving purposes.
- As a JSON file or an XML file. These two formats are available when the **Data Integration** extension is active.

Export is performed from the **Home** workspace.

**Note:** *Items that are flagged for possible changes will be updated automatically when they are exported (see [Updating items, on page 27](#)). It is recommended to update and check all items before performing an export operation.*

In addition, database objects (runs, evaluations, methods, and evaluation methods) can be exported in a proprietary format for transfer to another Biacore Insight database.

## 10.1 Export to spreadsheet

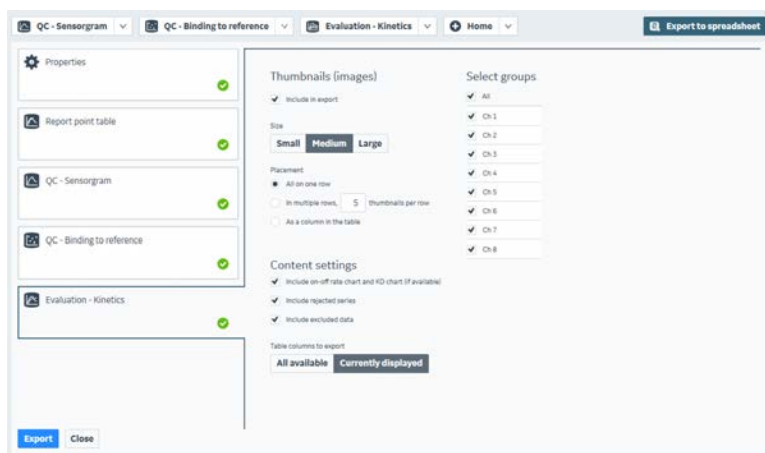
### Introduction

This function exports all or selected items from the current evaluation session to an external file in Microsoft Excel format (.xlsx). Each component in the results is exported to a separate worksheet in the Excel workbook. Full details of each item are exported, regardless of how much is displayed on the screen.

### Procedure

Follow the steps below to export evaluation results in spreadsheet format.

- | Step | Action   |
|------|--|
| 1    | Go to the <b>Home</b> workspace and select <b>Export to spreadsheet</b> .<br><i>Result:</i><br>The <b>Export to spreadsheet</b> workspace opens. |



- Remove the checkmark from components that you do not wish to export.
- Work through the components selected for export and adjust the settings to suit your needs. Settings differ for different kinds of component.
- Select **Export** and provide a file name. You can choose to view the exported file directly in Excel.

### Exported details

The exported components can include a **Report Point Table**, with full details of all report points in the evaluation. This table includes information that is not accessible from within the software. The following statistical parameters are included:

Column	Description
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<p>Standard deviation of data points in the report point window, calculated as</p> $SD = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(n-1)} \sum (y - \bar{y})^2}$ <p>where n = number of points            and y = response in RU</p>
<b>Slope (RU/s)</b>	<p>Slope during report point window in <math>RU\ s^{-1}</math>, calculated as</p> $\text{slope} = \frac{\sum (y - \bar{y})(x - \bar{x})}{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}$
<b>LRSD</b>	<p>Alignment of slope to a straight line (regression coefficient), calculated as</p> $LRSD = \sqrt{\frac{Q_0}{(n-2)}}$ <p>where</p> $Q_0 = \sum (y - \bar{y})^2 - \frac{(\sum (y - \bar{y})(x - \bar{x}))^2}{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}$

## 10.2 Export to presentation or PDF

### Introduction

These functions export all or selected data from the current evaluation session to an external file in Microsoft Powerpoint (.pptx) or PDF format.

### Scope

Evaluation items (**Sensorgram**, **Plot**, **Concentration**, **Epitope binning**, **Kinetics and affinity**, **Kinetics**, and **Affinity**) can be exported according to the table below. Preparation items such as **Variables**, **Curve markers**, **Report points** and **Solvent correction** are not exported.

Item	Panel	Comments
<b>Sensorgram</b>	<b>Thumbnails</b>	Exported as shown in the item.
	<b>Sensorgrams</b>	Exported as shown in the item.
	<b>Table</b>	Exported as shown in the item.
<b>Plot</b>	<b>Thumbnails</b>	Exported as shown in the item.
	<b>Plot</b>	Exported as shown in the item. Sensorgrams for selected plot points are not exported.
	<b>Table</b>	Exported as shown in the item.
<b>Concentration</b>	<b>Thumbnails</b>	Exported in vertical groups of three as displayed.
	<b>Plots</b>	Exported as shown in the item. Each plot panel is exported to a separate page. Sensorgrams for selected plot points are not exported.
	<b>Parameters</b>	Exported as shown in the item.
	<b>Table</b>	Exported as shown in the item.
<b>Epitope binning</b>	<b>Thumbnails</b>	Exported as shown in the item.
	<b>Sensorgrams</b>	Exported as shown in the item. Each sensorgram is exported to a separate page.
	<b>Heat maps</b>	Exported as shown in the item. Each heat map is exported to a separate page.

Item	Panel	Comments
	<b>Bin charts</b>	Exported as shown in the item. Each bin chart is exported to a separate page.
	<b>Table</b>	Exported as shown in the item.
<b>Kinetics and affinity</b> <b>Kinetics</b> <b>Affinity</b>	<b>Thumbnails</b>	Exported as shown in the item.
	<b>Result table</b>	Exported as shown in the item.
	<b>KD chart</b>	Exported as shown in the item.
	<b>On-off rate chart</b>	Diagonal (constant $K_D$ ) lines are not shown.
	<b>Sensorgrams</b>	Exported as shown in the item. Exported as kinetic sensorgrams if the thumbnails are in <b>Sensorgrams</b> mode. Exported as plots of <b>Req</b> against <b>C</b> plots if the thumbnails are in <b>Plot</b> mode.

## Procedure

Follow the steps below to export the results. Settings for **Export to Presentation** and **Export to PDF** are independent of each other.

**Note:** *Some steps in the export procedure may take several minutes depending on the amount of data and the available computer memory.*

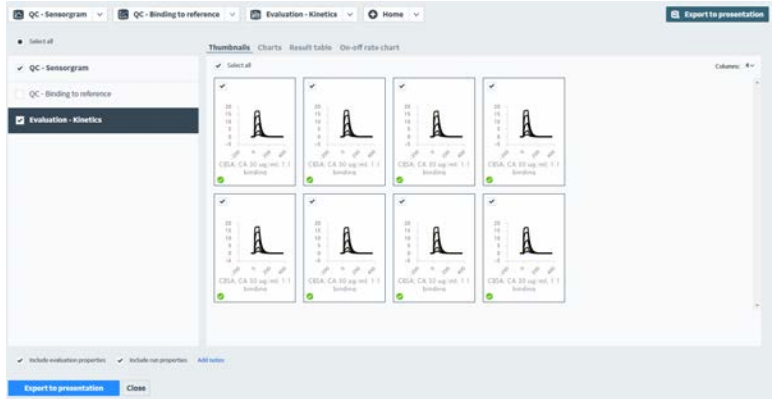
Step	Action
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|---|---|
| 1 | Choose the display setting for the thumbnails in the items to be exported. Exported thumbnails will use the same settings as in the item.   |
| 2 | Choose and arrange the columns in the <b>Table</b> panel of the items to be exported.<br><br>By default, all columns displayed in the item panel are exported to the presentation. Columns can be removed from the exported data, but cannot be added or rearranged once the export operation has been selected.<br><br>All table rows are included in the exported data by default. Row selection in the item panel does not affect rows in the exported data. |
| 3 | Go to the <b>Home</b> workspace and select <b>Export to PDF</b> or <b>Export to presentation</b> .  |

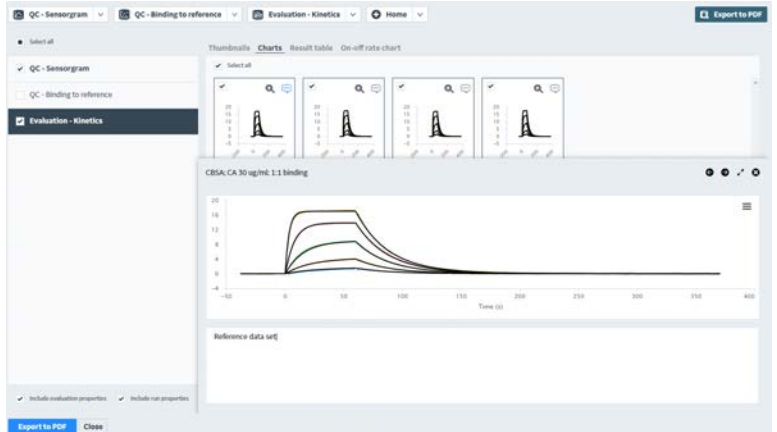
**Step**      **Action**

*Result:*

The **Export** workspace opens. Components of each evaluation item are shown on separate tabs.



- 4 Choose the evaluation items to be exported. For each item, choose the details of the thumbnails, charts and table.
- 5 For **Thumbnails**, choose the number of columns for thumbnail display in the exported file.
- 6 For **Charts**, click  or  to show an enlarged image of the chart and add an optional comment.







Use the controls in the enlarged image as follows:

## 10 Exporting data

### 10.2 Export to presentation or PDF

Step	Action
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Button	Function
	Browse through the images on the chart.
	Expand the image in the workspace.
	Close the enlarged image.
	Menu for the enlarged image. Currently supports <b>Export to SVG</b> for exporting the image in SVG (Scalable Vector Graphics) format.

- 7 For **Tables**, exclude table rows by removing the checkmark from the row in the table preview. To exclude columns, click Columns and remove the checkmarks from the drop-down list.
- 8 Click **Add notes** to add notes to the exported file. Notes are exported as a separate slide in a presentation or a separate page in a PDF file.
- 9 Select whether to include the **Evaluation properties** and/or **Run properties** in the exported file.  
The method summary is included in run properties.
- 10 Select the **Export...** button at the bottom left and provide a location and name for the exported file.  
*Result:*  
The evaluation is exported.

## 10.3 Export to JSON or XML

### Introduction

The JSON and XML export formats are only available when the **Data Integration** extension is active.

### Procedure

Follow the steps below to export evaluation results in JSON or XML format.

Step	Action
1	Go to the <b>Home</b> workspace and select <b>Export to JSON or XML</b> . <i>Result:</i> The separate window <b>Export evaluation to JSON or XML</b> opens.
2	Navigate to the destination folder, verify or adjust the suggested file name, select file format, and click <b>Save</b> .



## 10.4 Transfer to another Biacore Insight database


### Introduction

Objects from the Biacore Insight database (runs, evaluations, methods, and evaluation methods) can be exported in a proprietary format for transfer to other Biacore Insight databases.

### Procedure

Follow the steps below to transfer a database object to another Biacore Insight database.

Operation	Instruction
Move object	Drag the object from the list in the right-hand panel of the workspace to a different folder in the left-hand panel.
Rename object	<p>Click twice on the object name in the right-hand panel of the workspace to highlight the name and enter a new name.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> <i>Click twice with a longer interval than double-clicking.</i></p>
Remove object	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Choose <b>Show more</b> in the right-hand panel of the workspace.</li> <li>2. Scroll to the right if necessary.</li> <li>3. Choose  <b>Remove</b> in the <b>Action</b> column.</li> </ol> <p><b>Note:</b> <i>The <b>Remove</b> button may not be visible depending on the database security settings. See the <i>Biacore Insight Database Installation and Management Guide</i> for details.</i></p>
Export a single object	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Choose <b>Show more</b> in the right-hand panel of the workspace.</li> <li>2. Scroll to the right if necessary.</li> <li>3. Select  <b>Export</b> in the <b>Action</b> column.</li> </ol> <p>The file is exported in a proprietary format intended for import to another Biacore Insight database.</p>

Operation	Instruction
Export multiple objects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="557 274 1175 402">1. Select a folder or perform a search to define the objects to be exported. All objects shown on the current page will be included in the export.</li> <li data-bbox="557 420 1160 475">2. Choose <b>Show more</b> in the right-hand panel of the workspace.</li> <li data-bbox="557 493 1160 575">3. Click <b>Export objects</b>, and select whether you want all objects in the same folder, or if you want the folder structure to be preserved.</li> </ol> <p data-bbox="557 596 1134 651">The files are exported in a proprietary format intended for import to another Biacore Insight database.</p> <p data-bbox="557 678 600 702"><b>Tip:</b></p> <p data-bbox="557 720 1141 802"><i>Use the search function to export objects of different types (runs, run methods, evaluations, evaluation methods) in a single operation.</i></p>
Import object(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="557 833 1096 857">1. Navigate to the destination folder in the database.</li> <li data-bbox="557 884 1134 957">2. Select  <b>Import</b> from the icons at the bottom of the panel.</li> <li data-bbox="557 975 1160 1121">3. Select file(s) to import. Supported file types are files exported from a Biacore Insight database and result files (.blr) from certain other Biacore systems (currently Biacore S200, Biacore T200, and some versions of Biacore T100).</li> </ol> <p data-bbox="557 1148 619 1172"><b>Note:</b></p> <p data-bbox="557 1190 1147 1244"><i>Imported .blr files can only be opened in the Biacore Insight Evaluation Software.</i></p>

# 11 Evaluation methods

## Introduction

Evaluation methods provide a way to standardize the steps performed in an evaluation session, by saving a record of the settings and items in a session and applying them as far as possible to a different data set.

Predefined evaluation methods for common applications are provided with the system. Custom evaluation methods may be created from user-defined evaluation sessions. An evaluation method is required for evaluation of a data set. Settings and items created by the method can be edited or deleted within the session. An empty method that does not apply any settings or create any items is included with the predefined methods, and may be applied if you do not want to use method-controlled evaluation.

## Predefined evaluation methods

Predefined evaluation methods containing settings and items recommended by Cytiva for evaluation of the specific applications are provided with the system. The predefined methods are stored outside the database and cannot be overwritten or deleted.

## Creating custom evaluation methods


Custom evaluation methods are created from evaluation sessions, and contain settings and evaluation items present in the session.

Step	Action
1	Open a suitable run. Use a run that supports all evaluation settings that you want to include in the method (for example, if you want to create a method that includes solvent correction, you must start with a run containing solvent correction cycles).
2	Define settings and create evaluation items as required, including settings for <b>Export to spreadsheet</b> , <b>Export to presentation</b> and <b>Export to PDF</b> .
3	Go to the evaluation <b>Home</b> workspace and select <b>Create evaluation method</b> .

## Step Action

### Result:

The workspace lists all items that will be included in the evaluation method.

Items with a green checkmark  are optional. Remove the checkmark to exclude an item from in the method.



- 4 Select a setting or item in the left panel to show details in the right. In some cases, the detail panel may include options (see [Scope of evaluation methods, on page 232](#)).

If the evaluation includes kinetics and affinity items using more than one fitting model, select the model to be included in the method. The evaluation method may not contain more than one model for each of kinetics and affinity.

Settings for **Initial values** are included with the model saved in the evaluation method.

- 5 Check **Show first** for the item you wish to be displayed first when the method is applied.


### Note:

*This setting does not affect the order in which items are created.*

- 6 Select **Save** and provide a name and location for the method.

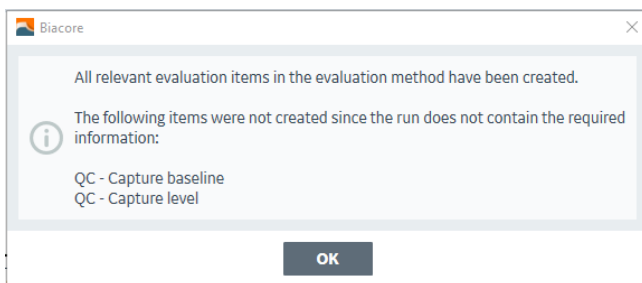
## Previewing evaluation methods

Follow the steps below to preview the contents of an evaluation method. You can preview an evaluation method without closing the current evaluation.

Step	Action
1	Select <b>Create new evaluation</b> if necessary to go to the database view.
2	Either select a run (in order to open the <b>Select evaluation method</b> tab) or search for evaluation methods. Navigate to the required method.
3	Choose <b>Show more columns</b> .
4	Choose  <b>Preview</b> from the <b>Action</b> column.
5	Select a component in the method to view the component details.

## Applying evaluation methods

Evaluation methods are applied when data sets are opened (see [Section 2.2 Opening runs for evaluation, on page 23](#)). Components in the methods will be applied as far as possible to the data set. A report detailing which components could not be applied is displayed when the method application is complete.



If you want to apply a different evaluation method to an open data set, you must close the data set and re-open it with the new method.

## Scope of evaluation methods

Evaluation methods can include most settings and items in the evaluation session. Important exceptions are listed below:

- **Sensorgram selection** settings.
- Sensorgram markers
- Experiment-specific actions such as excluding sensorgrams or points.
- Filtering individual samples or cycles

For evaluation methods that include kinetics and affinity items, the fitting model(s) in the method will be applied to all groups when the method is used. If the option **Perform fit directly if possible** is checked in the method definition, fitting will be attempted for all groups.

# 12 Support for regulated environments

## GxP compliance

GxP is a general abbreviation for "good practice" quality guidelines and regulations including GLP (Good Laboratory Practice), GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice), and GCP (Good Clinical Practice).

Support for using Biacore Insight Evaluation in GxP contexts is provided by the **GxP extension**, licensed separately from the main software. Functionality is described in detail in the separate *Biacore Insight GxP Handbook*.

# Appendix A

## Curve fitting procedures

### About this appendix

This appendix describes the principles and models used for fitting curves to data points in Biacore Insight Evaluation software.

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## A.1 Principles of curve fitting

### Introduction

Both kinetics and affinity are evaluated by fitting a mathematical model of the interaction to the experimental data. It is important to realize that fitting is a purely mathematical procedure, that does not have any “knowledge” of the biological significance of parameters in the model equations. Obtaining a good fit is not in itself evidence that the model describes the physical reality of the interaction. Any mechanistic conclusions drawn for the interaction from fitting results (e.g., concerning multiple interaction sites or conformational changes) should be tested using independent techniques.

In other instances of curve fitting such as 4-parameter fitting and relative potency estimation, a mathematical equation derived from theoretical principles is fitted to the data points.

### Fitting procedure for kinetics and affinity

Kinetic and affinity parameters are extracted from experimental data by an iterative process that finds the best fit for a set of equations describing the interaction. The fitting process begins with initial values for the parameters in the equations, and optimizes the parameter values according to an algorithm that minimizes the sum of the squared residuals.

In some situations, the fitting algorithm may be unable to find a fit for the experimental data with the initial parameter values as specified in the model. Occasionally, it may be necessary to adjust the initial values for fitting parameters.

### Local and global parameters

Parameters in the fitting equations are treated as *local variables*, *global variables*, or *constants* as described in the following table.

Parameter type	Description
Local variables	Assigned an independent value for each curve in the data series. <sup>1</sup>
Global variables	Assigned one single value that applies to the whole data series.
Constants	Assigned a fixed value that is not changed in the fitting procedure.

<sup>1</sup> For single-cycle kinetics (see [Section 9.1 Experimental formats, on page 181](#)), setting the bulk refractive index parameter RI to local assigns an independent RI value to each sample injection. All other local parameters are assigned a value for each sensorgram.

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Evaluating kinetics or affinity with global rate constants gives a more robust value for the rate constants, although the curves may fit the experimental data more closely if all parameters are fitted locally. This is because local fitting allows variation between the constants obtained from different curves: when the constants are fitted globally, this variation appears in the closeness of fit rather than the reported values. Rate constants are always global in predefined kinetic models.

In general, rate constants should be fitted as global parameters and bulk refractive index contribution as a local parameter. The analyte binding capacity of the surface  $R_{\text{max}}$  is normally set to global, but may be evaluated as a local parameter if there is reason to believe that the surface capacity may vary between cycles in serial mode or channels in parallel mode.

The local/global parameter status is not relevant for affinity determination, since this evaluation fits the model to a single curve of response against analyte concentration.

## A.2 Fitting models for kinetics and affinity

### Introduction

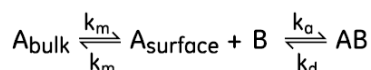
A set of predefined models for kinetics and steady state affinity is provided with Biacore Insight Evaluation software.

The basic software supports evaluation with the **1 → 1 binding** and affinity **Steady state affinity** models. Evaluation with other models requires the **Extended Screening and Characterization** extension.

### Mass transfer in kinetic models

All kinetic models except **1 → 1 dissociation** include a term for mass transfer of analyte to the surface. If transfer is slow compared with binding of analyte to the ligand, the transport process will limit the observed binding rate, at least partially. Rate constants can be extracted from partially mass transfer limited data.

Mass transfer can be described in terms of transfer of analyte (A) between bulk solution and the surface, with the same rate constant in both directions. Only analyte at the surface can interact with ligand (B). As an example, the simple 1:1 interaction scheme may be represented as



### Mass transfer parameters

The rate of mass transfer of analyte to the surface under the conditions of non-turbulent laminar flow that prevail in the flow cell is characterized by the *mass transfer coefficient*  $k_m$  (units  $\text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ):

$$k_m = 0.98 \left( \frac{D^2 \cdot f}{0.3 \cdot h^2 \cdot w \cdot l} \right)^{1/3}$$

Parameter	Description
D	Diffusion coefficient of the analyte ( $\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ )
f	Volume flow rate of solution through the flow cell ( $\text{m}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ )
h, w, l	Flow cell dimensions (height, width, length in m)

The mass transfer coefficient can be normalized for molecular weight and adjusted approximately for the conversion of surface concentration to RU, to give a parameter referred to as the mass transfer constant  $k_t$  (units  $\text{RU} \cdot \text{M}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ):

$$k_t = k_m \times \text{MW} \times G$$

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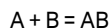
where G is the conversion factor from surface concentration to RU. The value of G is approximately  $10^9$  for proteins on Sensor Chip CM5.

A further modification of this expression gives the flow rate-independent component of the mass transfer constant (units  $\text{RU} \cdot \text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-2/3} \text{m}^{-1}$ ), referred to as  $t_c$ . It is this parameter that is reported in kinetic analysis with Biacore Insight Evaluation software.

$$t_c = \frac{k_t}{\sqrt[3]{f}}$$

## 1:1 binding

This is the simplest model for kinetic evaluation, and is recommended as default unless there is good experimental reason to choose a different model. The model describes a 1:1 interaction at the surface:



Default initial values for the **1 → 1 binding** model are listed below.

Parameter	Description	Fit	Value
<b>ka</b>	Association rate constant ( $\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	Global	1e5
<b>kd</b>	Dissociation rate constant ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )	Global	1e-3
<b>Rmax</b>	Analyte binding capacity of the surface (RU)	Global	Ymax
<b>tc</b>	Flow rate-independent component of the mass transfer constant	Global	1e8
<b>RI</b>	Bulk refractive index contribution	Constant	0
<b>Drift</b> <sup>1</sup>	Linear drift (RU/s)	Constant	0

<sup>1</sup> Evaluation with the **Drift** parameter requires the **Extended Screening and Characterization** extension.

## 1:1 dissociation

This model fits the dissociation phase of the sensorgrams to an equation for exponential decay, representing dissociation of a homogeneous 1:1 complex. The fitting is independent of analyte concentration. The equation includes an offset term to allow for a non-zero residual response after completion of the dissociation.

Evaluation with this model requires the **Extended Screening and Characterization** extension.

$$R = R_0 e^{-k_d(t-t_0)} + \text{Drift} \times (t - t_0) + \text{Offset}$$

Default initial values for the **1 → 1 dissociation** model are listed below.

Parameter	Description	Fit	Value
<b>kd</b>	Dissociation rate constant (s <sup>-1</sup> )	Global	1e-3
<b>offset</b>	Residual response above baseline after complete dissociation (RU)	Local	0
<b>Drift</b>	Linear drift (RU/s)	Constant	0

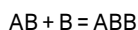
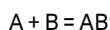
**Note:** This model cannot handle initial response changes resulting from bulk refractive index contributions. If the sensorgrams show bulk contributions, remove data ranges so that the fitting starts after the bulk change is complete.

**Note:** This model does not take account of the effect of mass transport limitations.

**Note:** Application of this model can be sensitive to initial parameter settings. If a good fit cannot be obtained with apparently reasonable dissociation data, try adjusting the initial values to correspond more closely with expected results.

## Bivalent analyte

This model describes the binding of a bivalent analyte to immobilized ligand, where one analyte molecule can bind to one or two ligand molecules. The two analyte sites are assumed to be equivalent. The model may be relevant to studies among others with signaling molecules binding to immobilized cell surface receptors (where dimerization of the receptor is common) and to studies using intact antibodies binding to immobilized antigen. As a result of binding of one analyte molecule to two ligand sites, the overall binding is strengthened compared with 1:1 binding. This effect is often referred to as avidity.



Evaluation with this model requires the **Extended Screening and Characterization** extension.

**Note:** Once analyte is attached to the ligand through binding at the first site, interaction at the second site does not contribute to the SPR response. For this reason, the association rate constant for the second interaction is reported in units of RU<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>, and can only be obtained in M<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> if a reliable conversion factor between RU and M is available. For the same reason, a value for the overall affinity or avidity constant is not reported.

Default initial values for the **Bivalent analyte** model are listed below.

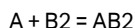
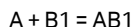
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Parameter	Description	Fit	Value
<b>ka1</b>	Association rate constant for the first site (M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Global	1e5
<b>kd1</b>	Dissociation rate constant for the first site (s <sup>-1</sup> )	Global	1e-3
<b>ka2</b>	Association rate constant for the second site (RU <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Global	1e-3
<b>kd2</b>	Dissociation rate constant for the second site (s <sup>-1</sup> )	Global	1e-3
<b>Rmax</b>	Analyte binding capacity of the surface (RU)	Global	Ymax
<b>tc</b>	Flow rate-independent component of the mass transfer constant	Global	1e8
<b>RI</b>	Bulk refractive index contribution	Constant	0
<b>Drift</b>	Linear drift (RU/s)	Constant	0

## Heterogeneous ligand

This model describes an interaction between one analyte and two independent ligands. The binding curve obtained is simply the sum of the two independent reactions. The relative amounts of the two ligands does not have to be known in advance.



Evaluation with this model requires the **Extended Screening and Characterization** extension.

**Note:** *The model is limited to two ligands because the fitting algorithm tends to become unstable with more components, and three or more ligand species cannot be reliably resolved.*

Default initial values for the **Heterogeneous ligand** model are listed below.

Parameter	Description	Fit	Value
<b>ka1</b>	Association rate constant for the first ligand (M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Global	1e5
<b>kd1</b>	Dissociation rate constant for the first ligand (s <sup>-1</sup> )	Global	1e-3

Parameter	Description	Fit	Value
<b>ka2</b>	Association rate constant for the second ligand (M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Global	1e5
<b>kd2</b>	Dissociation rate constant for the second ligand (s <sup>-1</sup> )	Global	1e-3
<b>Rmax1</b>	Analyte binding capacity of the first ligand (RU)	Global	Ymax
<b>Rmax2</b>	Analyte binding capacity of the second ligand (RU)	Global	Ymax
<b>tc</b>	Flow rate-independent component of the mass transfer constant	Global	1e8
<b>Rl</b>	Bulk refractive index contribution	Constant	0
<b>Drift</b>	Linear drift (RU/s)	Constant	0

## Two state reaction

This model describes a 1:1 binding of analyte to immobilized ligand followed by a conformational or other change that stabilizes the complex. To keep the model simple, it is assumed that the changed complex can only dissociate through reversing the conformational change:



Evaluation with this model requires the **Extended Screening and Characterization** extension.

**Note:** *Conformational changes in ligand or complex do not normally give a response in Biacore systems. A good fit of experimental data to the two-state model should be taken as an indication that conformational properties should be investigated using other techniques (e.g. spectroscopy or NMR), rather than direct evidence that a conformational change is taking place.*

Default initial values for the **Two state reaction** model are listed below.

Parameter	Description	Fit	Value
<b>ka1</b>	Association rate constant for analyte binding (M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Global	1e5
<b>kd1</b>	Dissociation rate constant for the complex (s <sup>-1</sup> )	Global	1e-2

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Parameter	Description	Fit	Value
<b>ka2</b>	Forward rate constant for the stabilizing change (s <sup>-1</sup> )	Global	1e-3
<b>kd2</b>	Reverse rate constant for the stabilizing change (s <sup>-1</sup> )	Global	1e-3
<b>Rmax</b>	Analyte binding capacity of the surface (RU)	Global	Ymax
<b>tc</b>	Flow rate-independent component of the mass transfer constant	Global	1e8
<b>RI</b>	Bulk refractive index contribution	Constant	0
<b>Drift</b>	Linear drift (RU/s)	Constant	0

## Steady state affinity

This model calculates the equilibrium dissociation constant  $K_D$  for a 1:1 interaction from a plot of steady state binding levels ( $R_{eq}$ ) against analyte concentration (C). The equation includes an offset term which represents the response at zero analyte concentration.

$$R_{eq} = \frac{CR_{max}}{K_D + C} + \text{offset}$$

**Note:** *Reported  $K_D$  values that are higher than half the highest analyte concentration used should be treated with caution. If the response against concentration plot does not flatten out sufficiently because the concentrations are not high enough in relation to the  $K_D$  value, the reported value may be unreliable.*

Default initial values for the **Steady state affinity** model are listed below.

Parameter	Description	Fit	Value
<b>KD</b>	Equilibrium dissociation constant	Global	Xmax
<b>Rmax</b>	Analyte binding capacity of the surface (RU)	Global	Ymax
<b>offset</b>	Response at zero analyte concentration	Global	Ymax/5

### Steady state affinity (constant Rmax)

This model uses the same equation as the simple steady state affinity model, but sets the  $R_{max}$  parameter to a constant. The value for  $R_{max}$  is obtained for each analyte from a value entered for a control analyte and the relative molecular weights of control and sample. The value may be adjusted for assay drift using repeated control samples.

$$R_{max_{analyte}} = R_{max_{control}} \times \frac{MW_{analyte}}{MW_{control}}$$

Evaluation with this model requires the **Extended Screening and Characterization** extension.

### Steady state affinity (constant Rmax and multi-site)

This model fits data from interactions that exhibit binding to multiple sites. Two sites are accommodated in the model.

The model uses a constant  $R_{max}$  value for one site, defining the expected stoichiometry, and a fitted value for the other site, which can give an apparent value with undefined stoichiometry.

$$R_{eq} = \frac{CR_{max1}}{K_{D1} + C} + \frac{CR_{max2}}{K_{D2} + C} + \text{offset}$$

Evaluation with this model requires the **Extended Screening and Characterization** extension.

Default initial values for the **Steady state affinity (constant Rmax and multi-site)** model are listed below.

Parameter	Description	Fit	Value
<b>KD</b>	Equilibrium dissociation constant for the main (strong) binding (M)	Global	Xmax
<b>KD2</b>	Equilibrium dissociation constant for the secondary (weak) binding (M)	Global	100*Xmax
<b>Rmax</b>	Analyte binding capacity for the main binding (RU)	Constant	(Input) <sup>1</sup>
<b>Rmax2</b>	Analyte binding capacity for the secondary binding (RU)	Global	Ymax
<b>offset</b>	Response at zero analyte concentration	Global	Ymax/5

<sup>1</sup> The default initial value is set to Constant=Ymax if no input value for  $R_{max}$  has been applied.

## A.3 Other fitting models

### Linear

Linear fitting uses a function with the form  $y = ax + b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.

### Second degree polynomial

Second degree polynomial fitting uses a function with the form  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are constants).

### 4-parameter and EC<sub>50</sub>

Four-parameter fitting uses the following equation. EC<sub>50</sub> determination in **Plot** items identifies the parameters with more descriptive names:

$$y = R_{hi} - \frac{R_{hi} - R_{lo}}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{A_1}\right)^{A_2}}$$

Parameter	Description	EC <sub>50</sub> name
$x, y$	Plot coordinates	-
$R_{hi}$	Fitted parameter corresponding to the maximum y-value	Upper asymptote
$R_{lo}$	Fitted parameter corresponding to the minimum y-value	Lower asymptote
$A_1$	x-value at the inflection point of the fitted curve	EC50
$A_2$	Slope of the fitted curve at the inflection point.	Hill coefficient

## PLA

PLA estimates relative potency by fitting the linear region of the sample and reference plots to a model with common slope and individual intercepts.

The common slope  $\beta$  is determined by fitting to the equation:

$$\beta = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n_R} (x_{iR} - \bar{x}_R)(y_{iR} - \bar{y}_R) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_T} (x_{iT} - \bar{x}_T)(y_{iT} - \bar{y}_T)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n_R} (x_{iR} - \bar{x}_R)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n_T} (x_{iT} - \bar{x}_T)^2}$$

Parameter	Description
$\beta$	Slope of the linear region
x, y	Log(conc) and response values respectively
R	Values for the reference substance
T	Values for the test substance

Relative potency is calculated as:

$$\text{Relative potency} = \bar{x}_R - \bar{x}_T - \frac{\bar{y}_R - \bar{y}_T}{\beta}$$

## Confidence intervals for PLA and EC<sub>50</sub>

Confidence intervals for PLA are calculated in accordance with Fieller's theorem.

Confidence intervals for EC<sub>50</sub> are calculated according to standard practice in the field.

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