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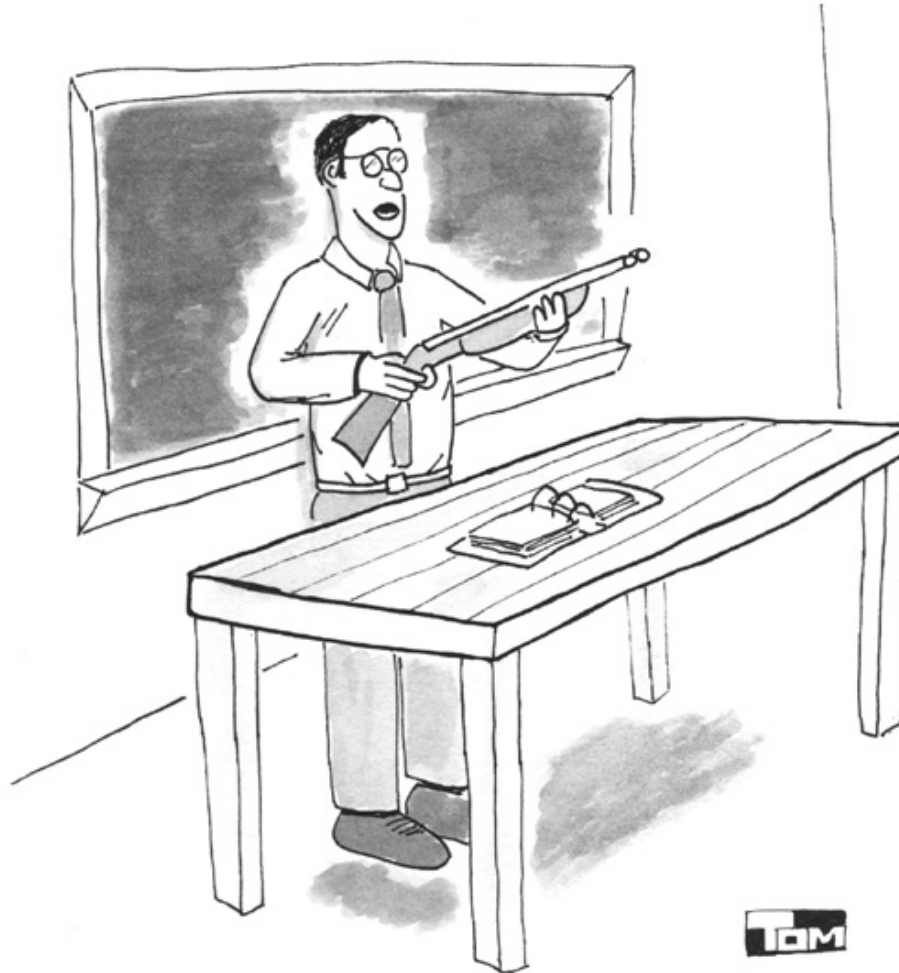
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Biomedical Diagnostics Institute

- Established 1st Oct. 2005
- SFI CSET: Industry-Academic Partnership
- Investment: SFI €16.5m, Industry €6m

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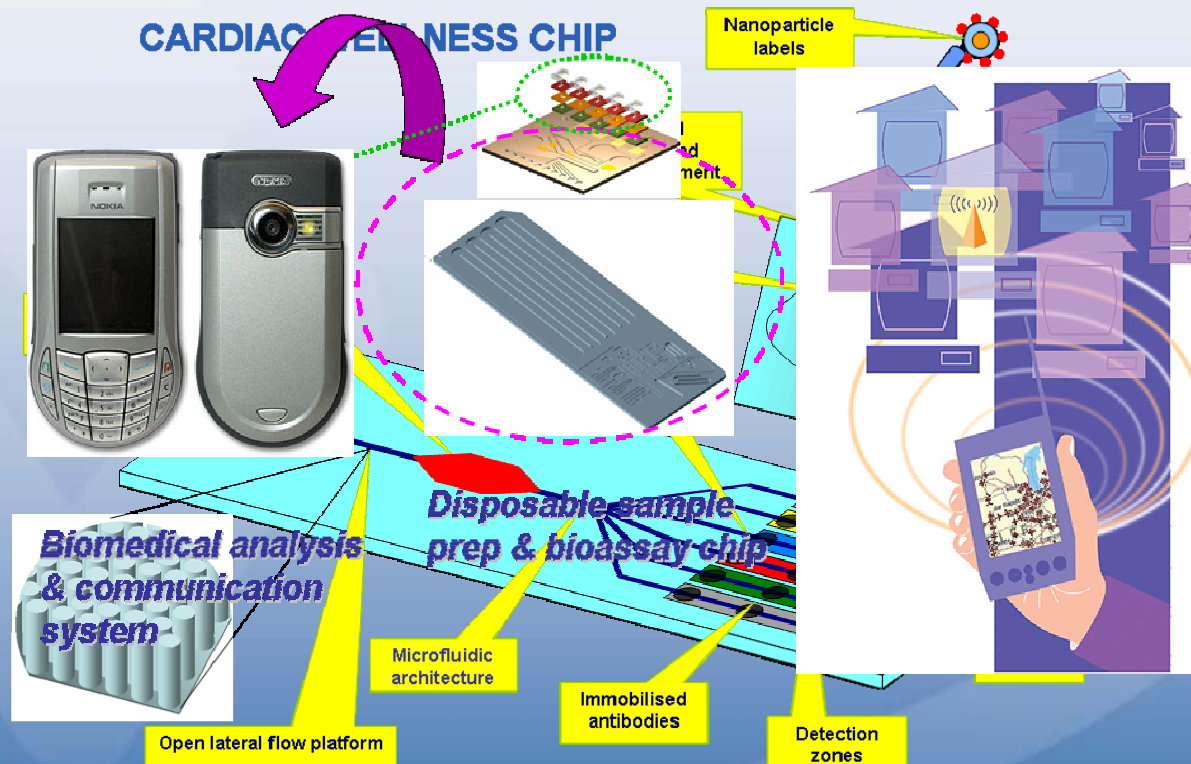




Biomedical Diagnostics Institute

• Next-generation Biomedical Diagnostics

- Early warning of life-threatening events
- Link therapy and monitoring
- POC and self testing (home use)





Biorecognition Group

...what do we do?

“....the production, optimisation and characterisation of antibodies and antibody fragments”.

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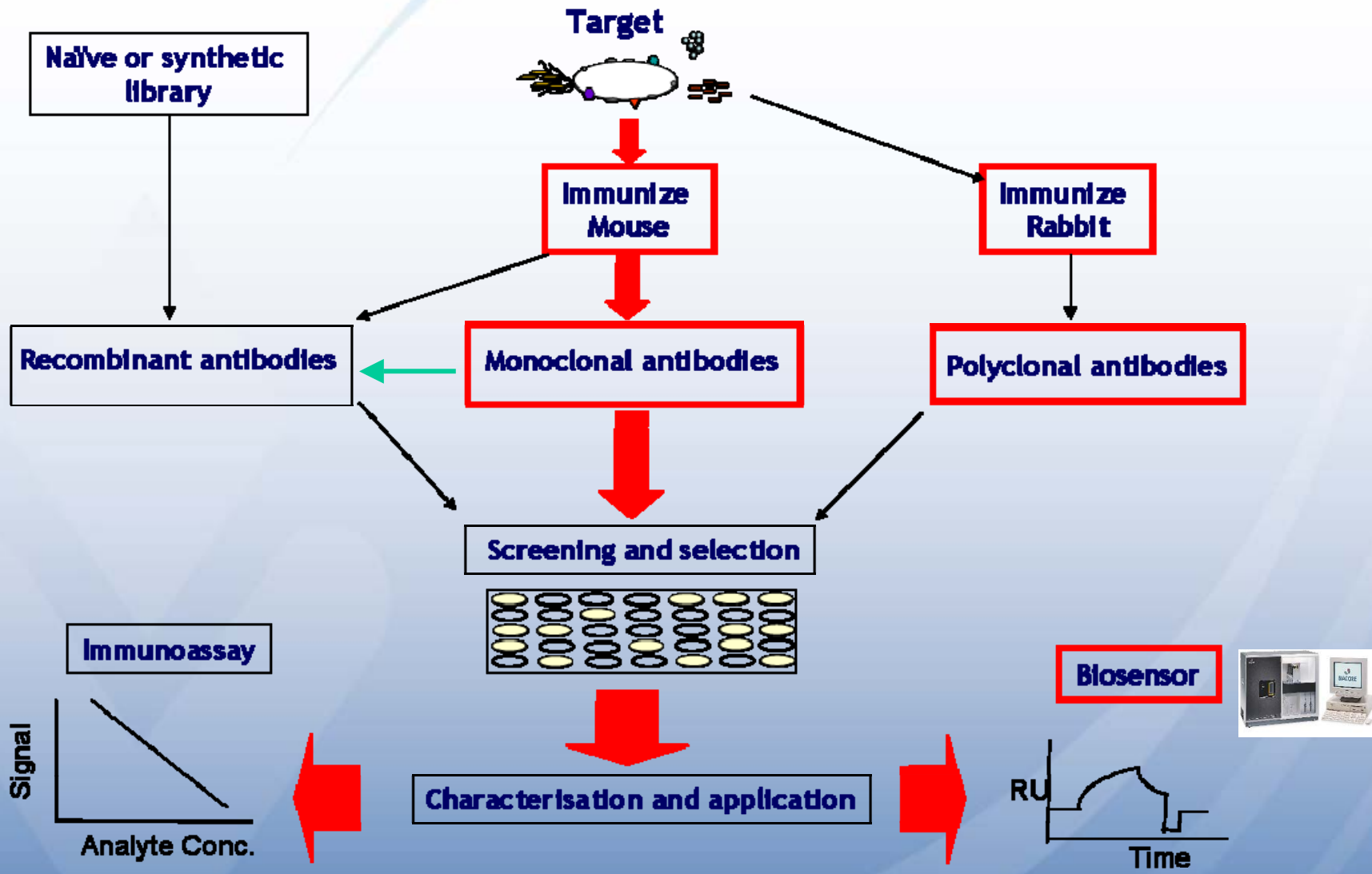


Overview

- ***Listeria monocytogenes*** (Whole cells)
 - Subtractive inhibition assay (anti-whole cell pAb)
 - Direct inhibition assay (anti-InlB pAb)
 - Direct cell binding (anti-InlA mAb)
- ***Puccinia striiformis*** (Spores)
 - Subtractive inhibition assay (anti-spore cell mAb)
- **Aflatoxin B1**
 - Inhibition assay (anti-AFB1 scFv)
- **Cephalexin**
 - Inhibition assay in milk (mutated scFv antibody)



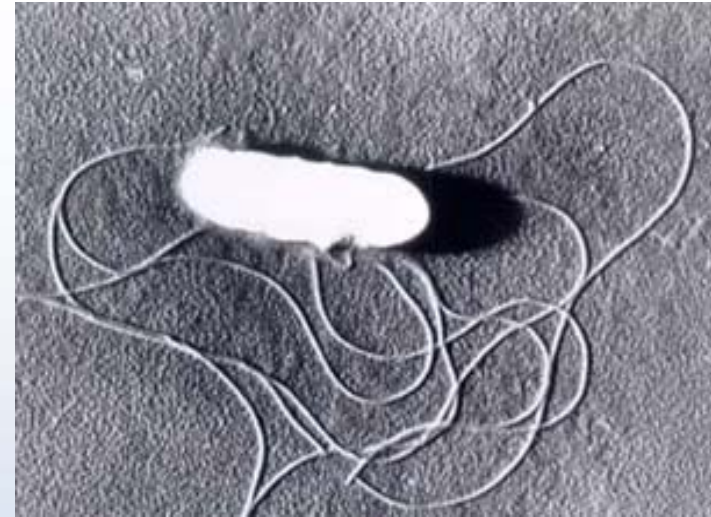
Strategy





Listeria monocytogenes

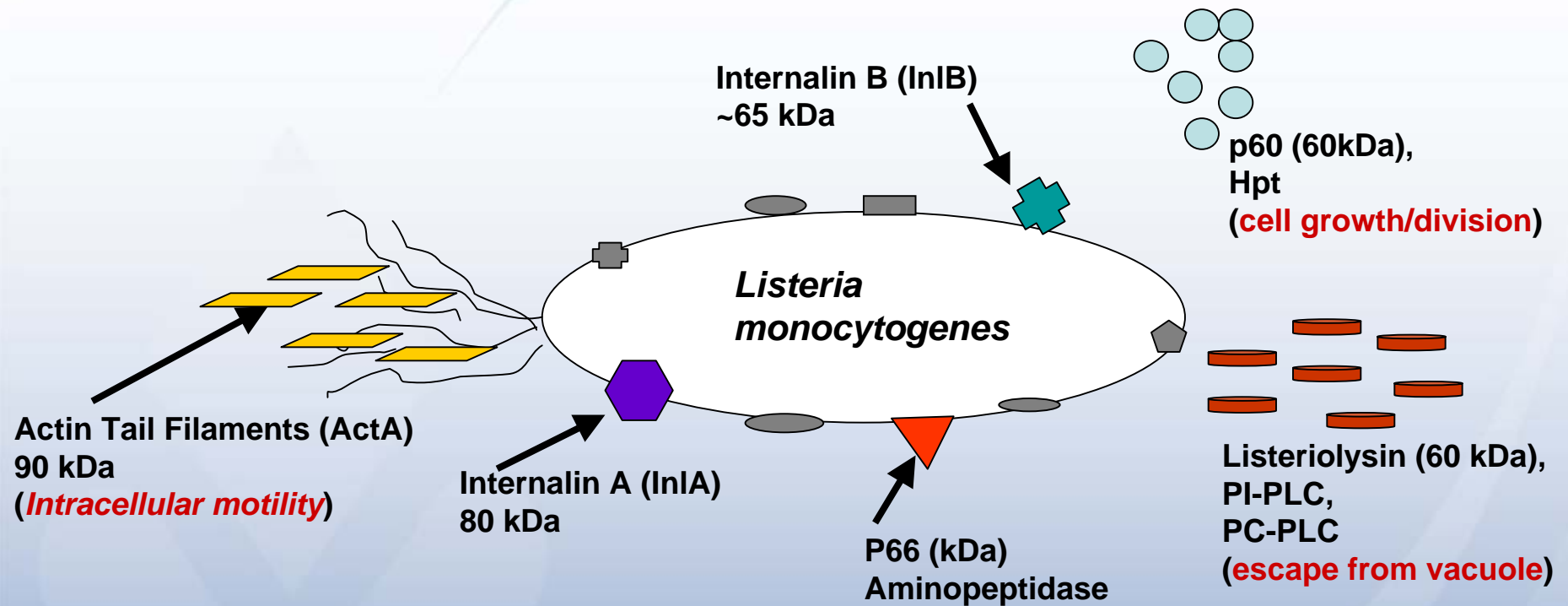
- Gram positive bacterium
- Ubiquitous in nature
- Grow at 4°C
- ‘Listeriosis’ manifested as
 - food poisoning
 - spontaneous abortion
 - meningitis and encephalitis
 - >20% mortality rate



<http://textbookofbacteriology.net/Listeria.html>

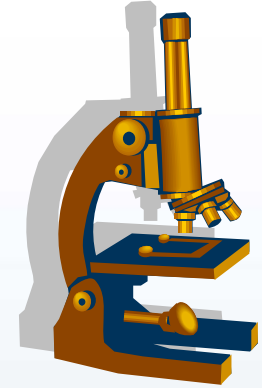


Virulence Proteins





Current Detection



First stage enrichment (24-48 hours)



Second stage enrichment (24-48 hours)



Verification (24 hours)

.....*too long!!*



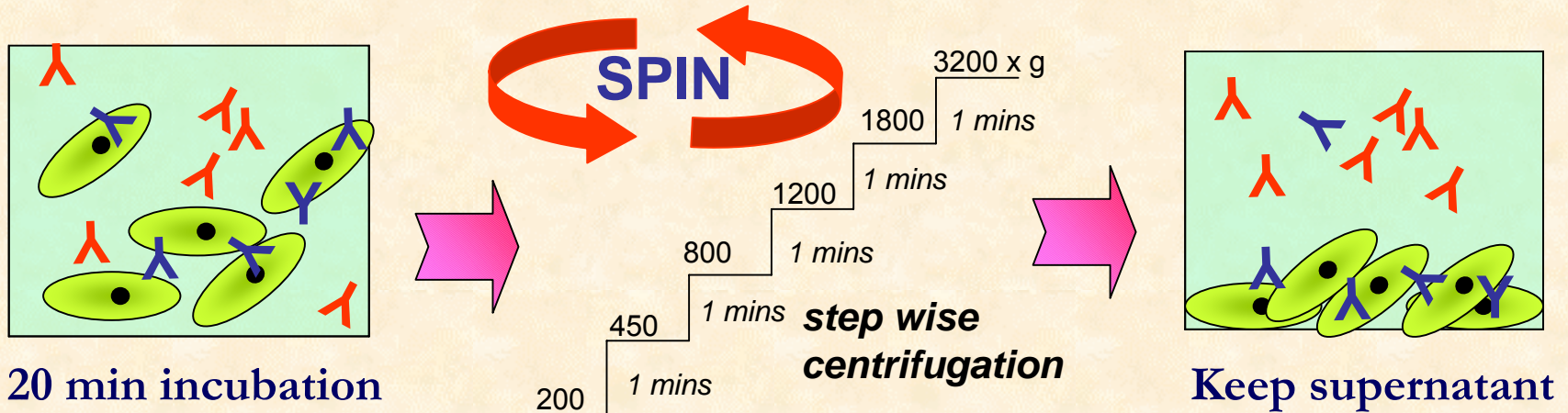
Subtractive inhibition

- Polyclonal antibody produced against whole cells
- Biacore assay developed:
 - Assay format
 - Preconcentration
 - Immobilisation
 - Specificity
 - Regeneration
 - Assay validation



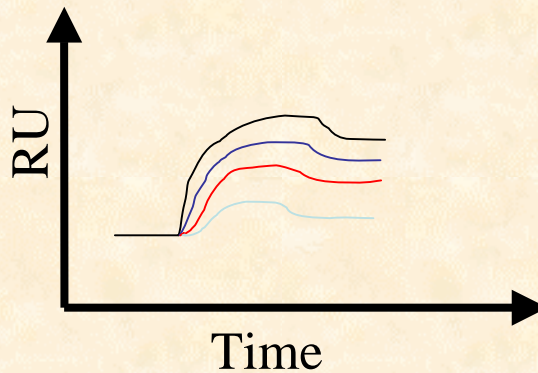
Assay: subtractive inhibition

Sample prep.

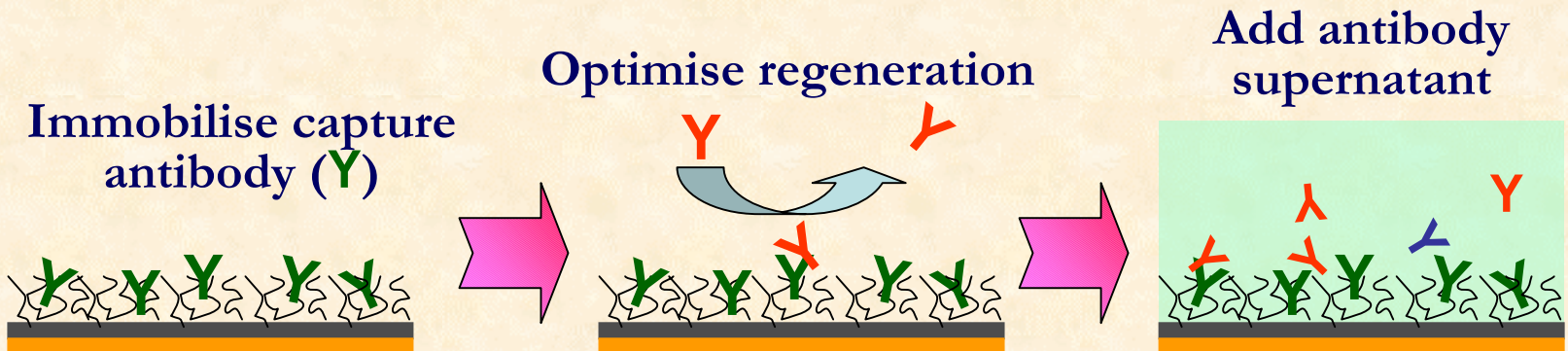


Output

Sensogram of decreasing free antibody concentrations

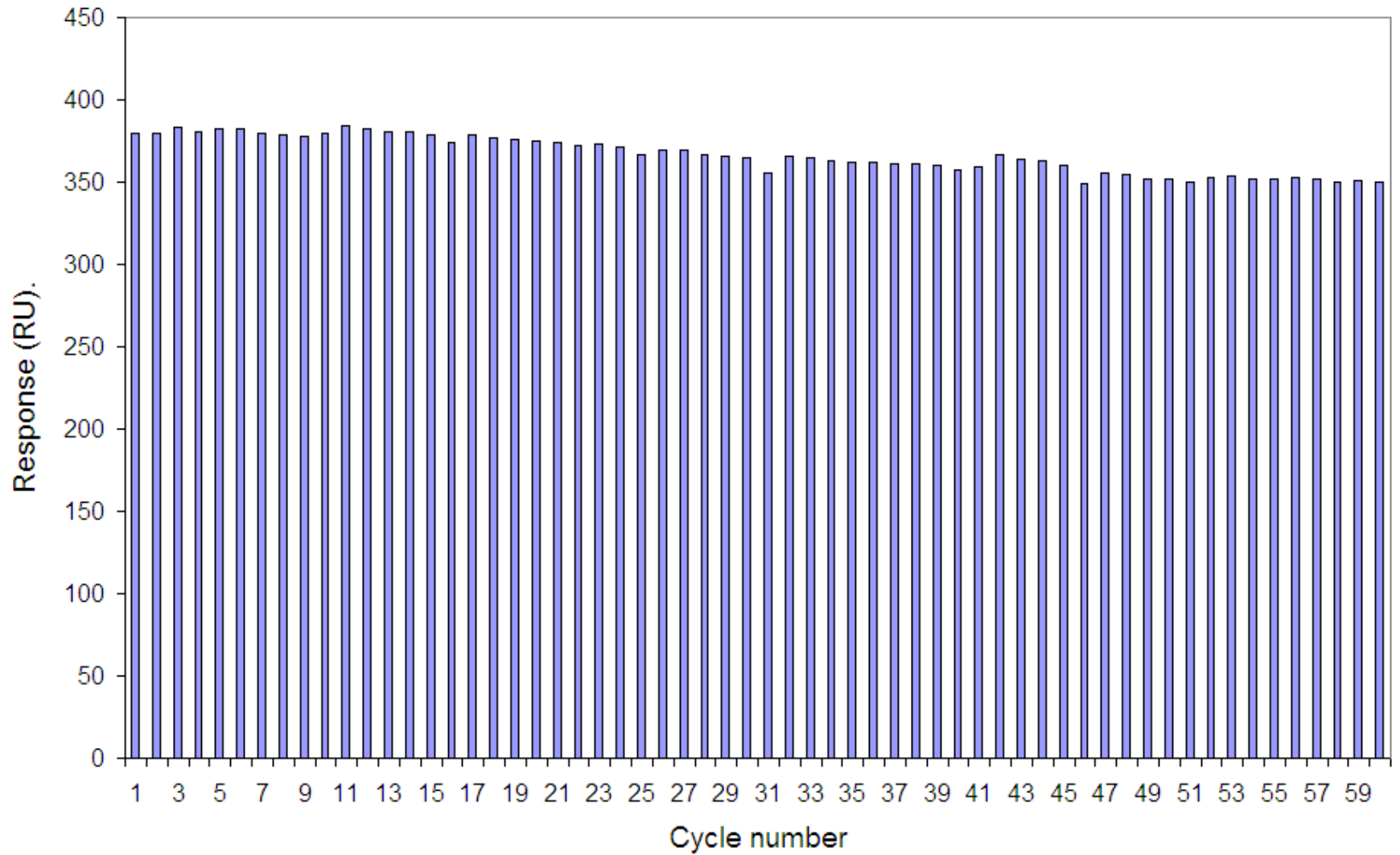


CM5 chip prep.



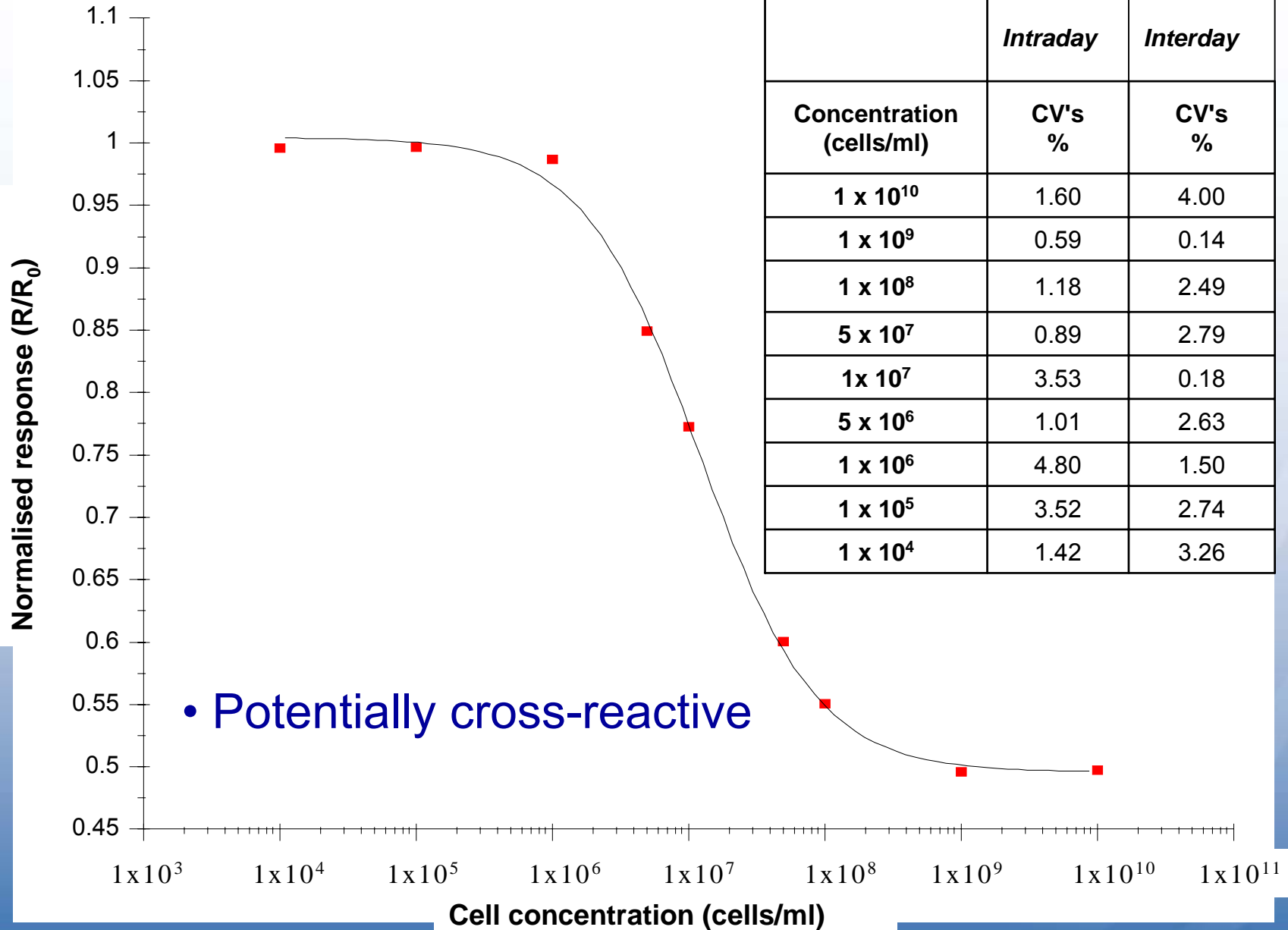


Regeneration





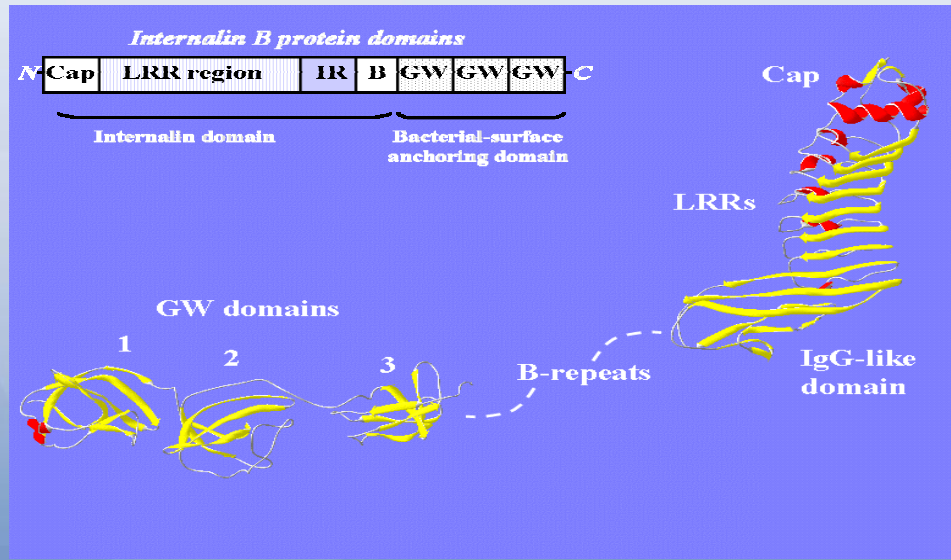
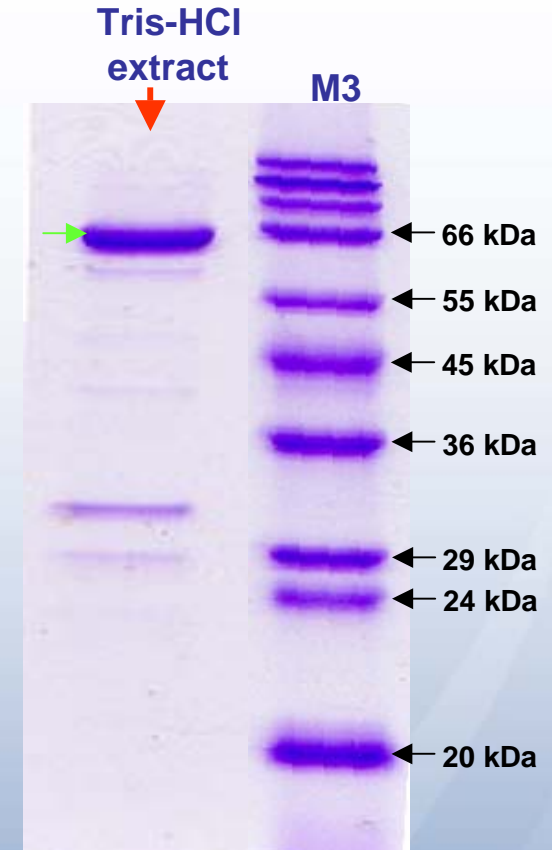
Typical Calibration Curve





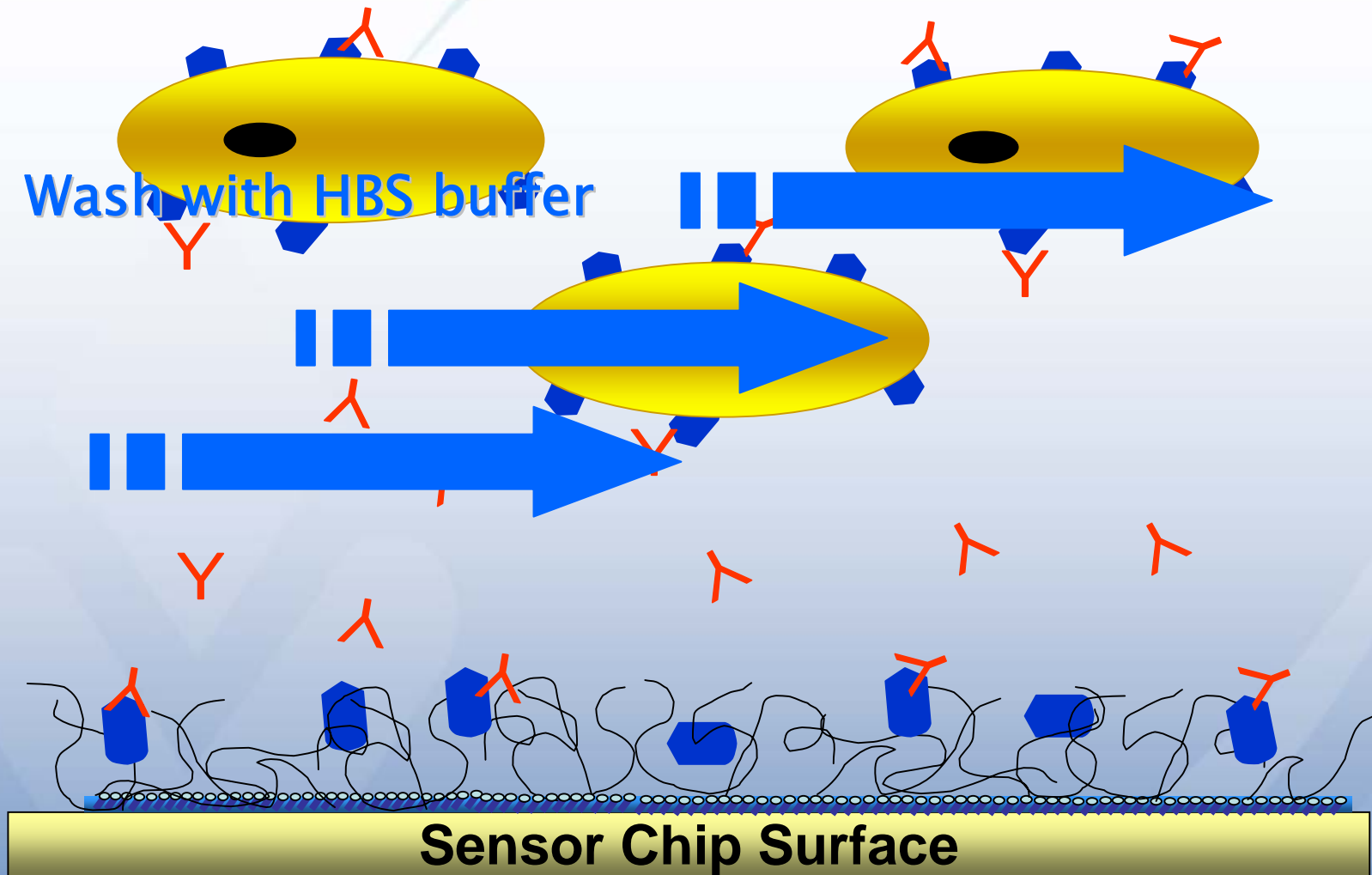
Direct Inhibition Assay

- Refine the specificity
- Anti-InIB extract polyclonal antibody
- Cloned InIB gene sequence
- Purified protein by IMAC





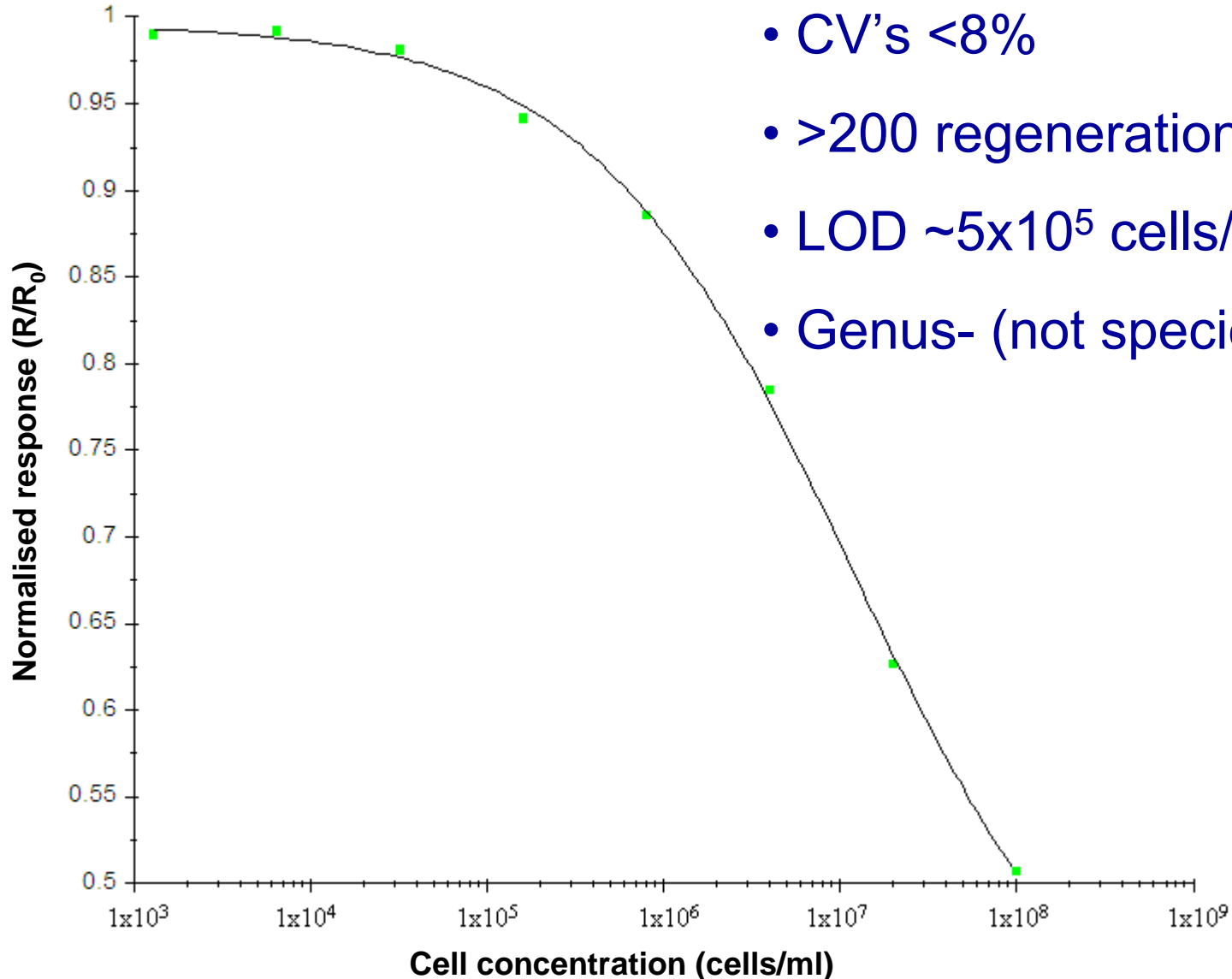
Inhibition Assay





Calibration Curve

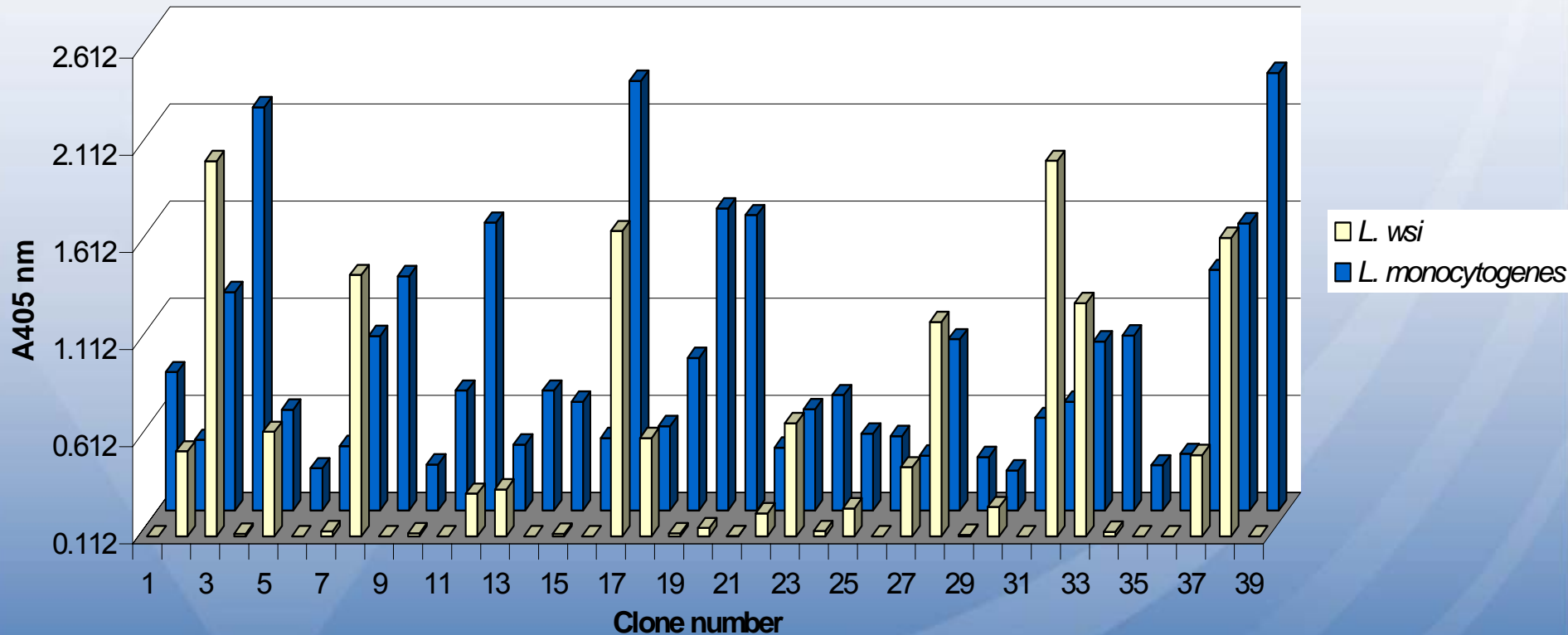
- CV's <8%
- >200 regeneration cycles
- LOD $\sim 5 \times 10^5$ cells/ml
- Genus- (not species) specific





Whole Cell Immunisation

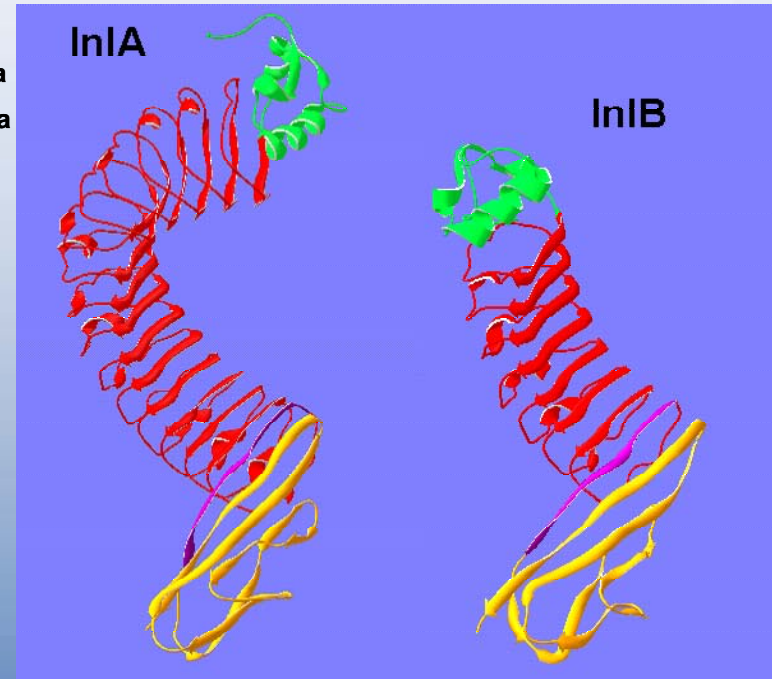
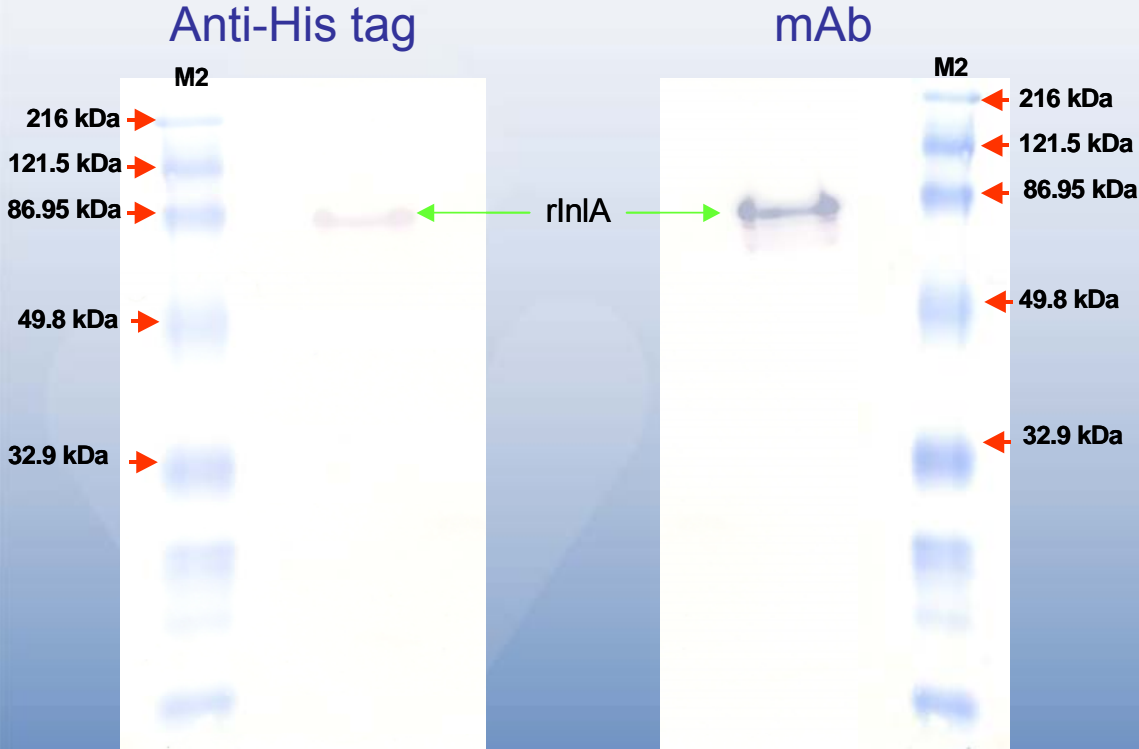
- Tandem (negative) screening
 - Putative *L. monocytogenes*-specific hybridomas
 - Selected clone no. 39 for further analysis





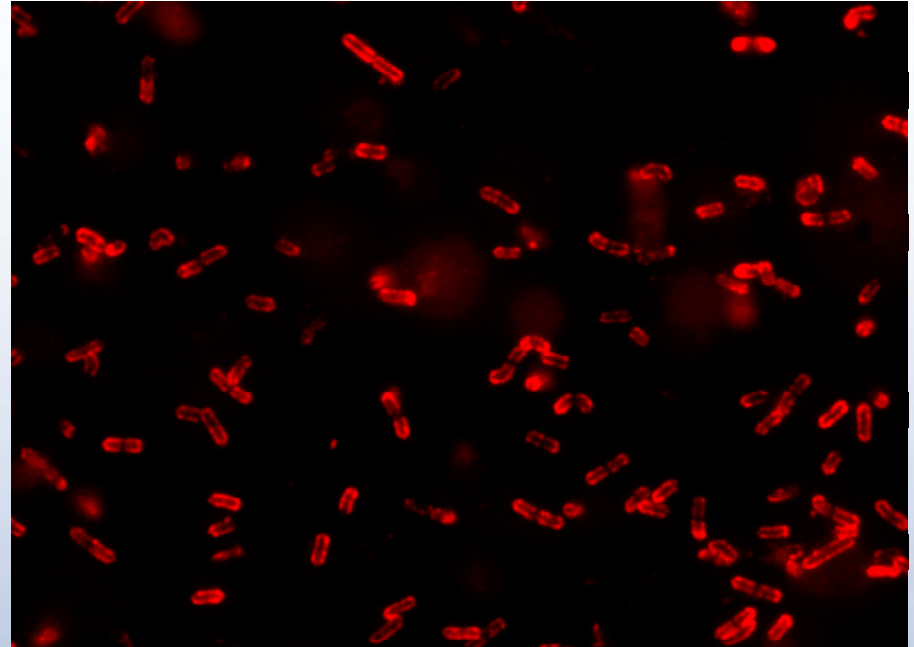
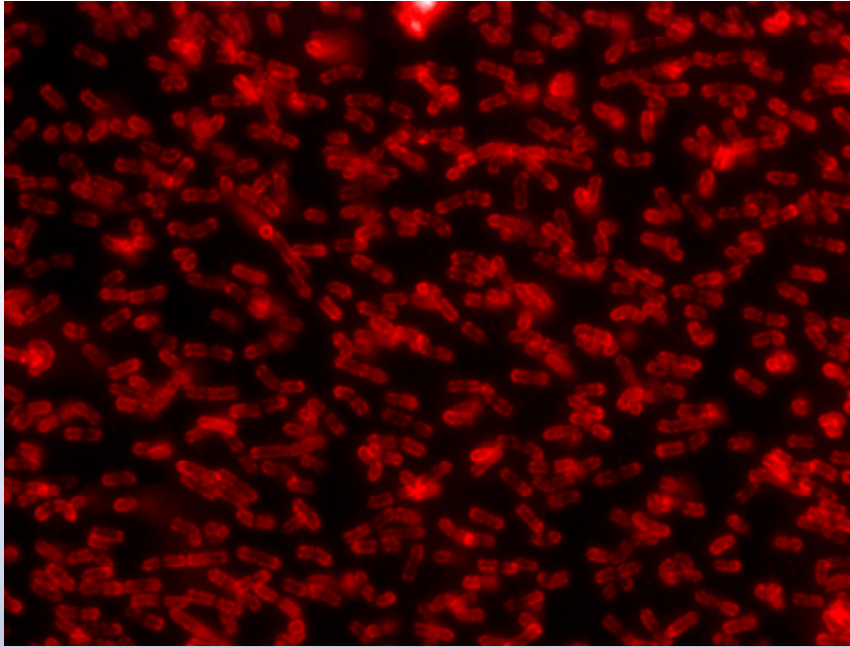
Epitope Mapping

- Confirmed specific binding of mAb to native and rInIA protein
 - Internalin A (InIA)
 - Constitutively expressed key virulence determinant





Immuno-staining

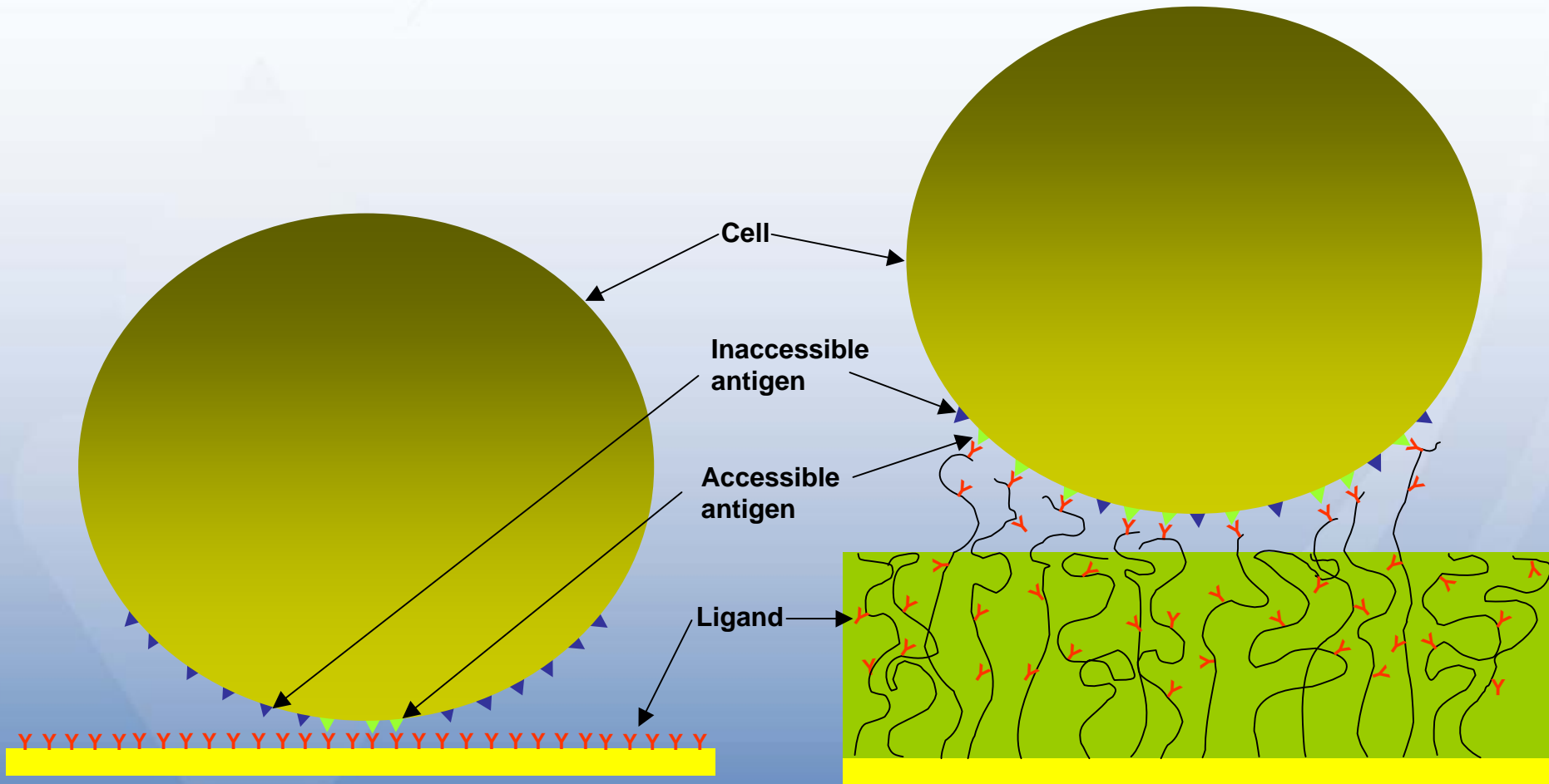


- Use of anti-InlA antibody-linked red light-emitting quantum dots (605nm), for the visualisation of *L. monocytogenes* cells on poly-L-lysine treated glass slides.



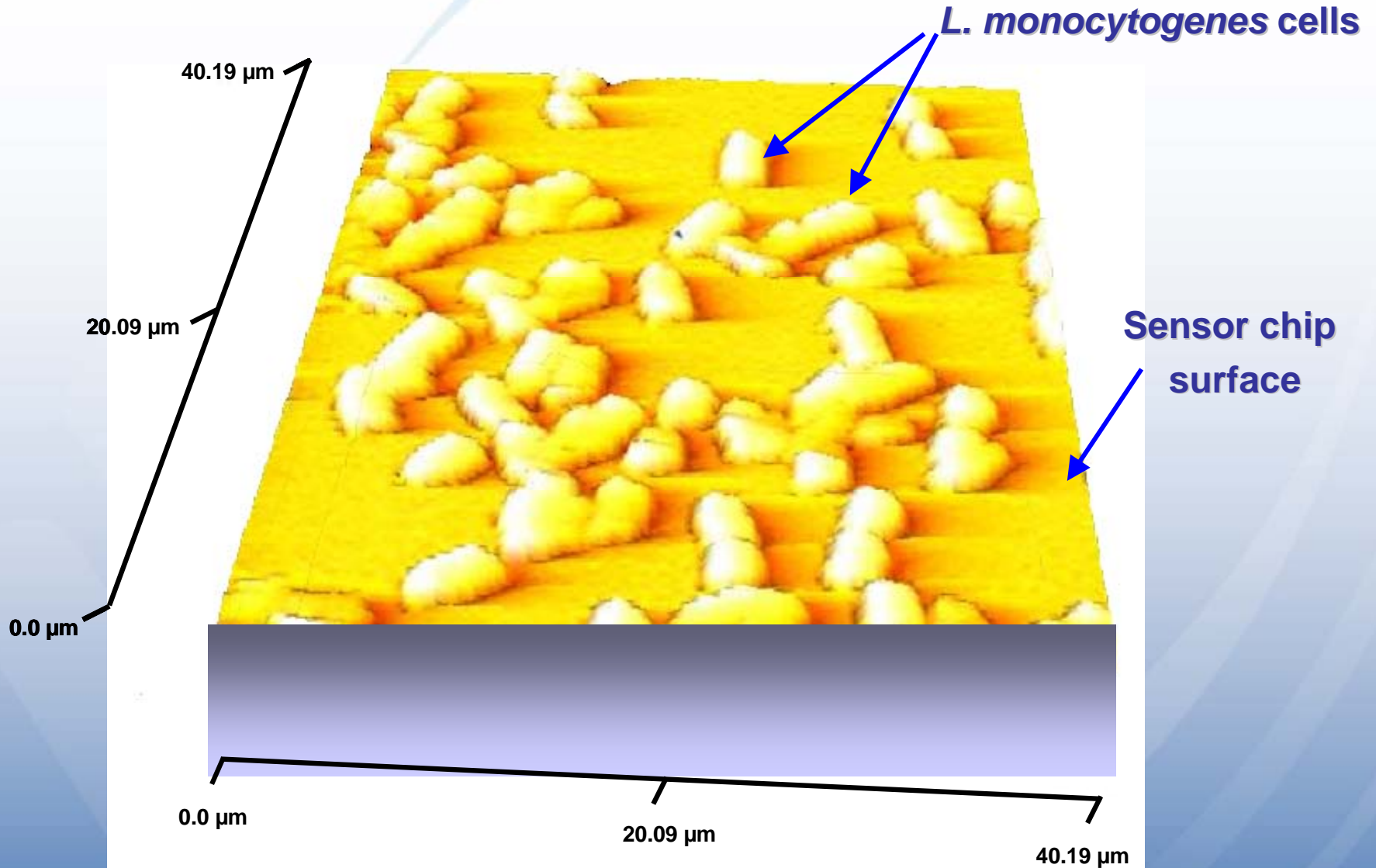
Choice of Sensor Chip

- Cell binding model





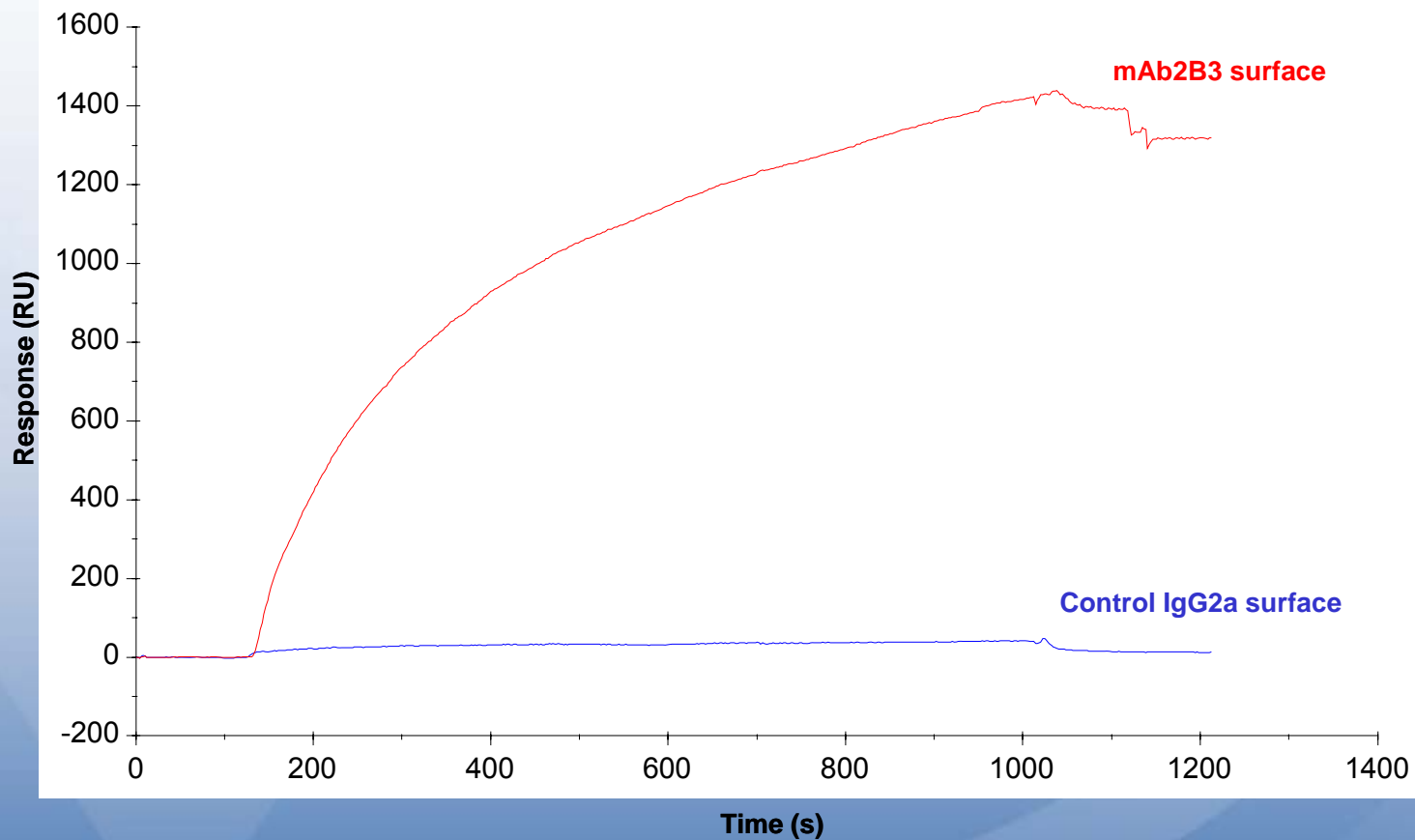
AFM Imaging





Surface Specificity

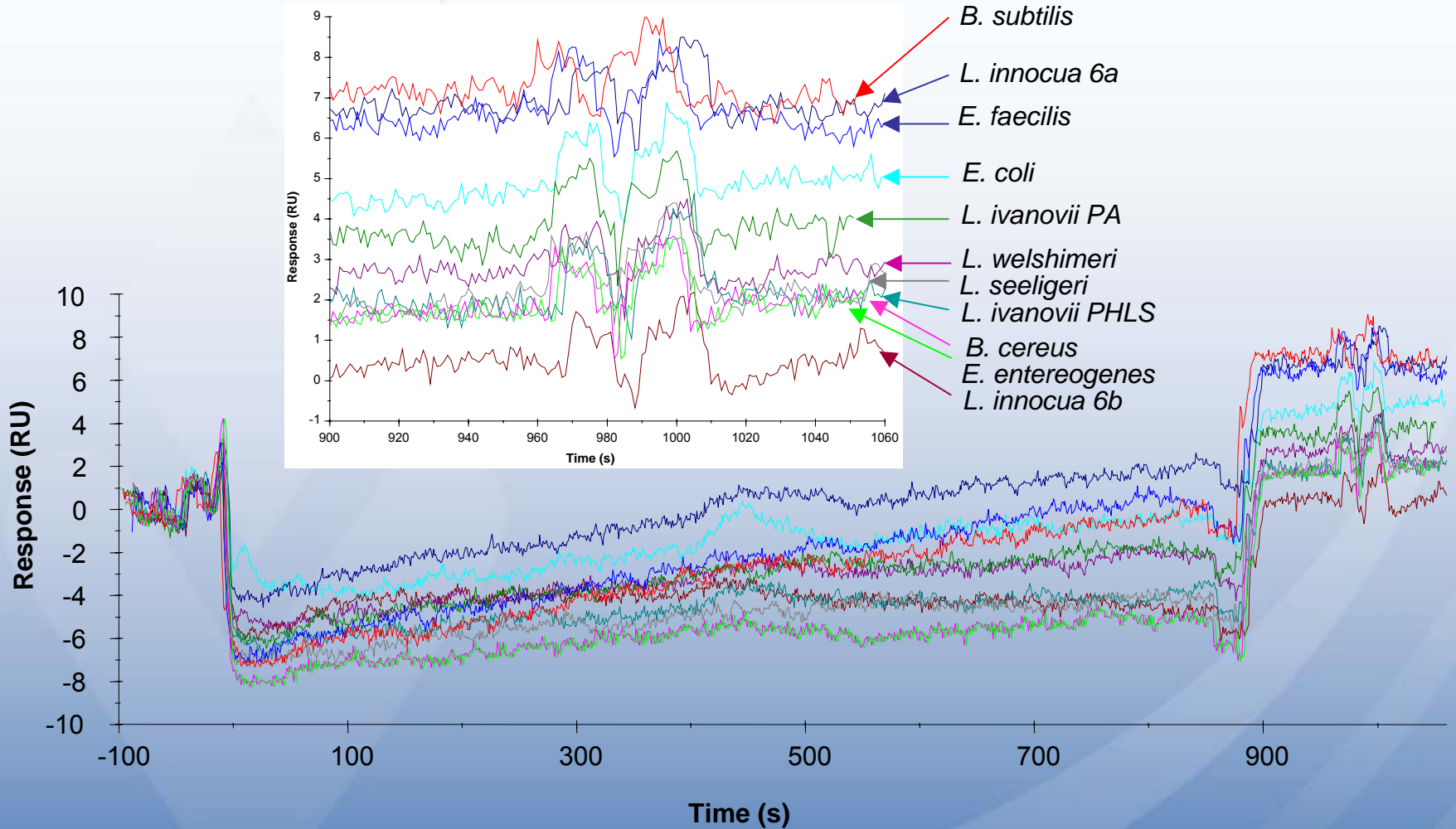
- Specific binding of *L. monocytogenes* cells to mAb immobilised surface





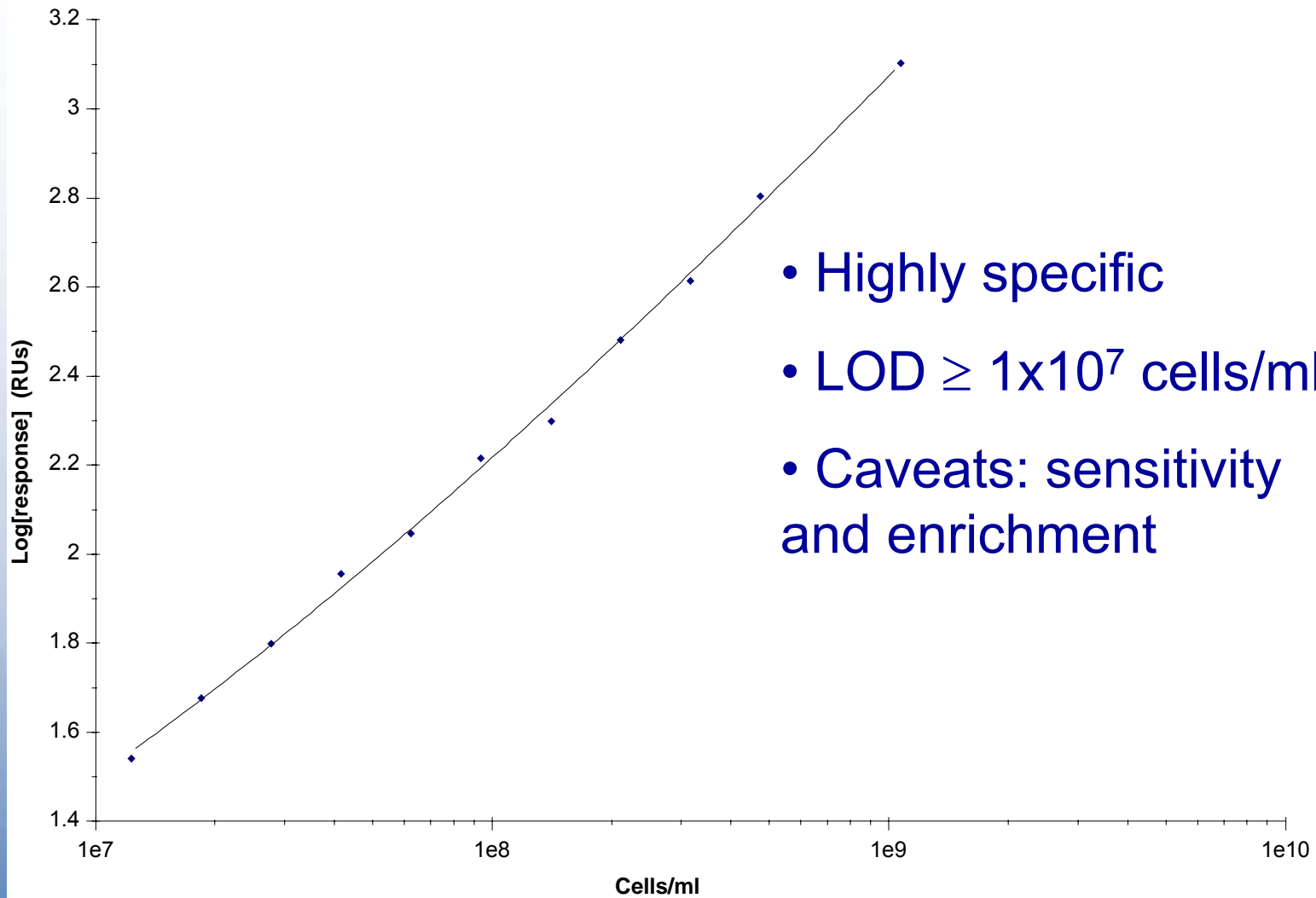
Surface Specificity

- No cross-reactivity





Typical Calibration Curve





Cereal Crop Screening

Macro-scale cereal crop farming
⇒ demand pre-harvest screening

"Precision farming"



Mapping of disease areas



Targeted application of
fungicide





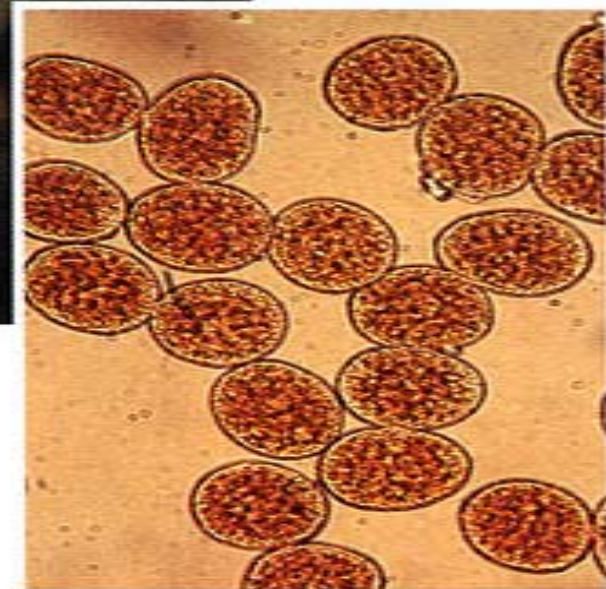
Puccinia striiformis

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Uredinia

- 18-45 μm diameter

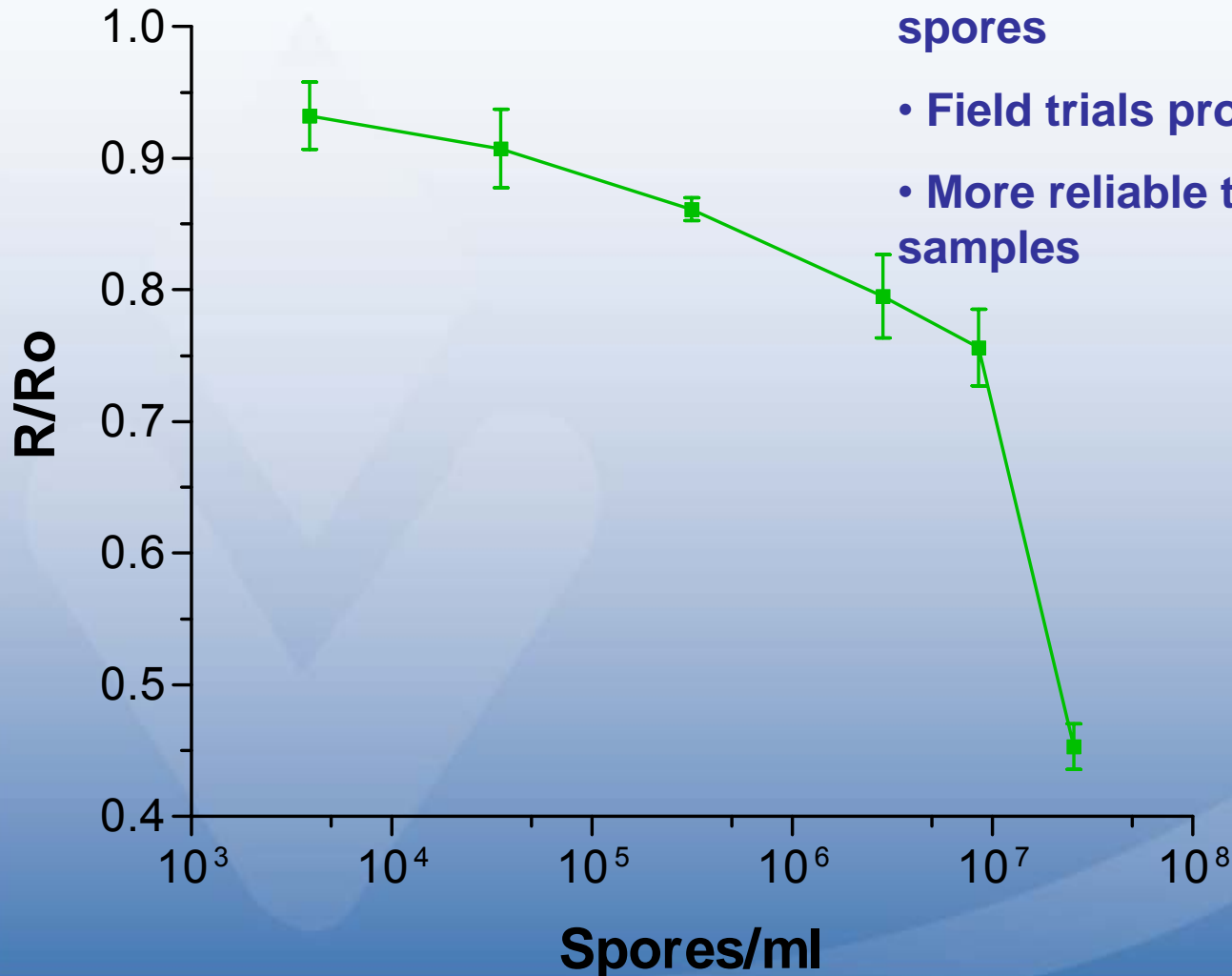


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Spore Calibration Curve

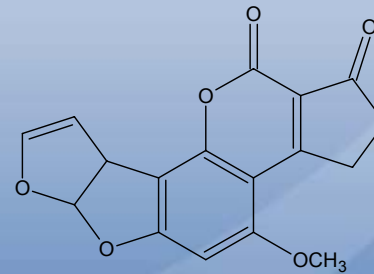
- Subtractive inhibition assay
- LOD: 3×10^5 spores/ml
- First biosensor assay reported for *Pst* spores
- Field trials proposed
- More reliable than visual analysis of leaf samples





Aflatoxins

- A group of approx. 20 related fungal metabolites that occur in *Aspergillus* species
- Most common group of toxins from naturally occurring moulds
- Aflatoxin B1 (AFB1), produced by *A. flavus* and *A. parasiticus*, is the most predominant and toxic
- AFB1 is linked to human hepatocellular cancer



AFB₁ - 312 Da



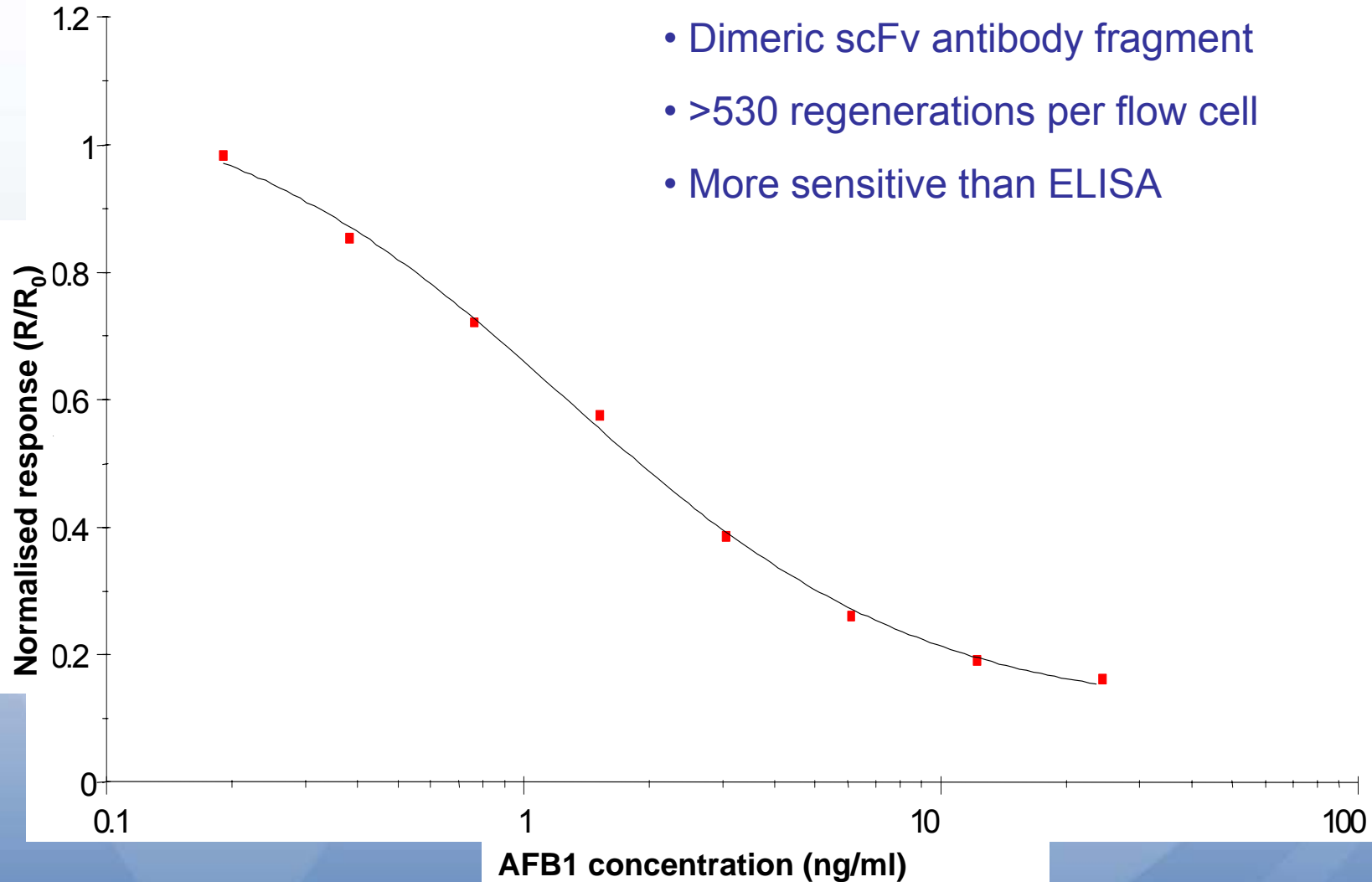
Aflatoxins

- High humidity favours fungal growth and the production of aflatoxins
- Contamination is widespread in agricultural commodities
 - ⇒ demand for post-harvest screening
- Acute aflatoxin poisoning in man extremely unlikely and in animals rare
- Link between dietary exposure and liver cell cancer
- EU has set maximum residue limits for aflatoxins in a variety of food types (2-8ng/ml for AFB1)



Calibration Curve for Aflatoxin B1

- Dimeric scFv antibody fragment
- >530 regenerations per flow cell
- More sensitive than ELISA





Biacore and ELISA IC₉₀ comparison

Anti-AFB ₁ antibody	Competitive ELISA	Biacore inhibition assay	Improvement
Monomeric scFv	12ng/ml	0.39ng/ml	30 fold
Dimeric scFv	3ng/ml	0.19ng/ml	15 fold
Bifunctional scFv	3ng/ml	N/A	N/A

- Biacore can significantly out-perform ELISA



Cross-reactivity

Aflatoxin	CR ₉₀ (%)	CR ₅₀ (%)
B ₁	100	100
B ₂	<1	1.2
M ₁	1	1.5
M ₂	<1	<1
G ₁	10	20
G ₂	<1	1.2

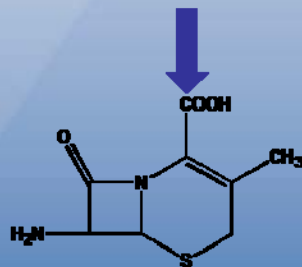
The cross reactivity potential was approximated at the least detectable dose (LDD), which is estimated at 90% R/R₀, and at the IC50 value, which is estimated at 50% R/R₀. The CR90 and CR50 were then expressed as 100-fold the ratio of the antigen and of the cross-reactant.



Cephalexin

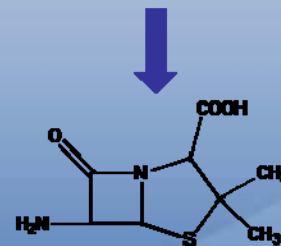
- Cephalexin is a member of the cephalosporin sub-family of antibiotics.
- Characteristic four membered β -lactam (2-azetidinone) ring
- Antibiotics used to treat livestock (e.g. Mastitis)
- Associated with an increase in body mass (i.e. sub-therapeutic dosage)
- Public health (e.g. MRSA, allergic response) and economic concerns for producers and processors

Cephalosporin Based β -lactams



7-Aminodesacetocephalosporanic Acid

Penicillin Based β -lactams

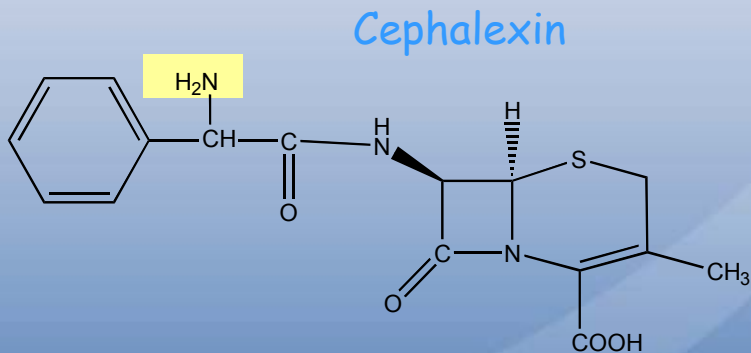


(+)-6-Aminopenicillanic Acid




Current detection


- Standard rapid assays for antimicrobial detection are based on microbial inhibition or bacterial receptor assays (e.g. Delvo SP, charm test)
- May be followed by a confirmation test (e.g. HPLC)
- Manufacturers quote limits of detection (LOD's) of 40-60 ng/ml for the Delvo SP for cephalexin
- EU Legislation
- **MRL: 100 ng/ml**






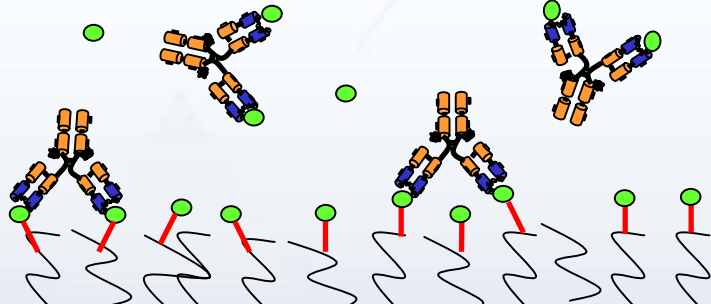
Cephalexin Inhibition Assay Format

 = Thyroglobulin

 = Thyro-Ceph conjugate

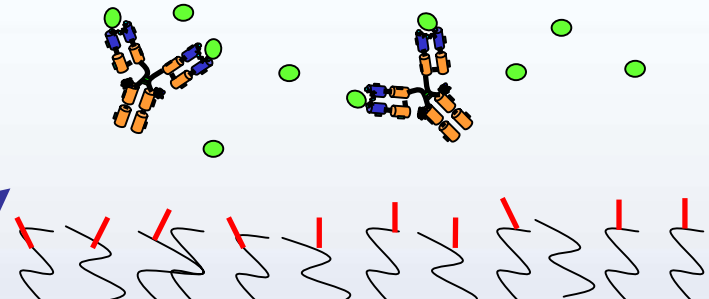
 = Ethylene diamine linker

Antibody and free cephalexin injected over Cephalexin-immobilised CM5 chip surface

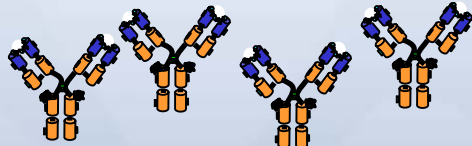


DIC- Analytical test surface

Antibody and free cephalexin injected over ethylene diamine-modified CM5 chip surface

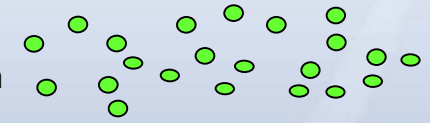


DIC- Control surface

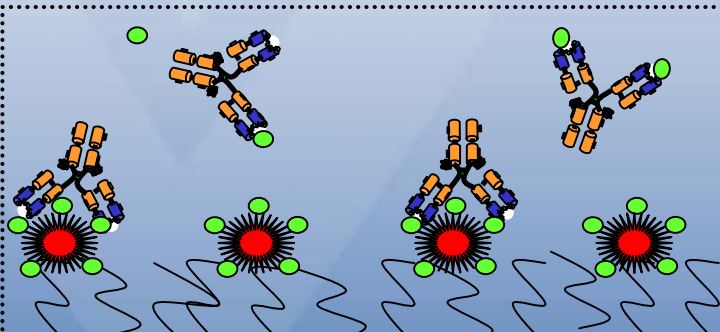


Anti-cephalexin antibody

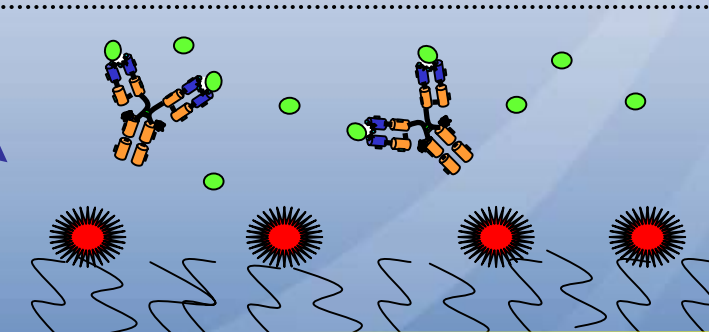
Anti-cephalexin antibody preincubated with cephalexin



Cephalexin hydrate



TCC- Analytical test surface



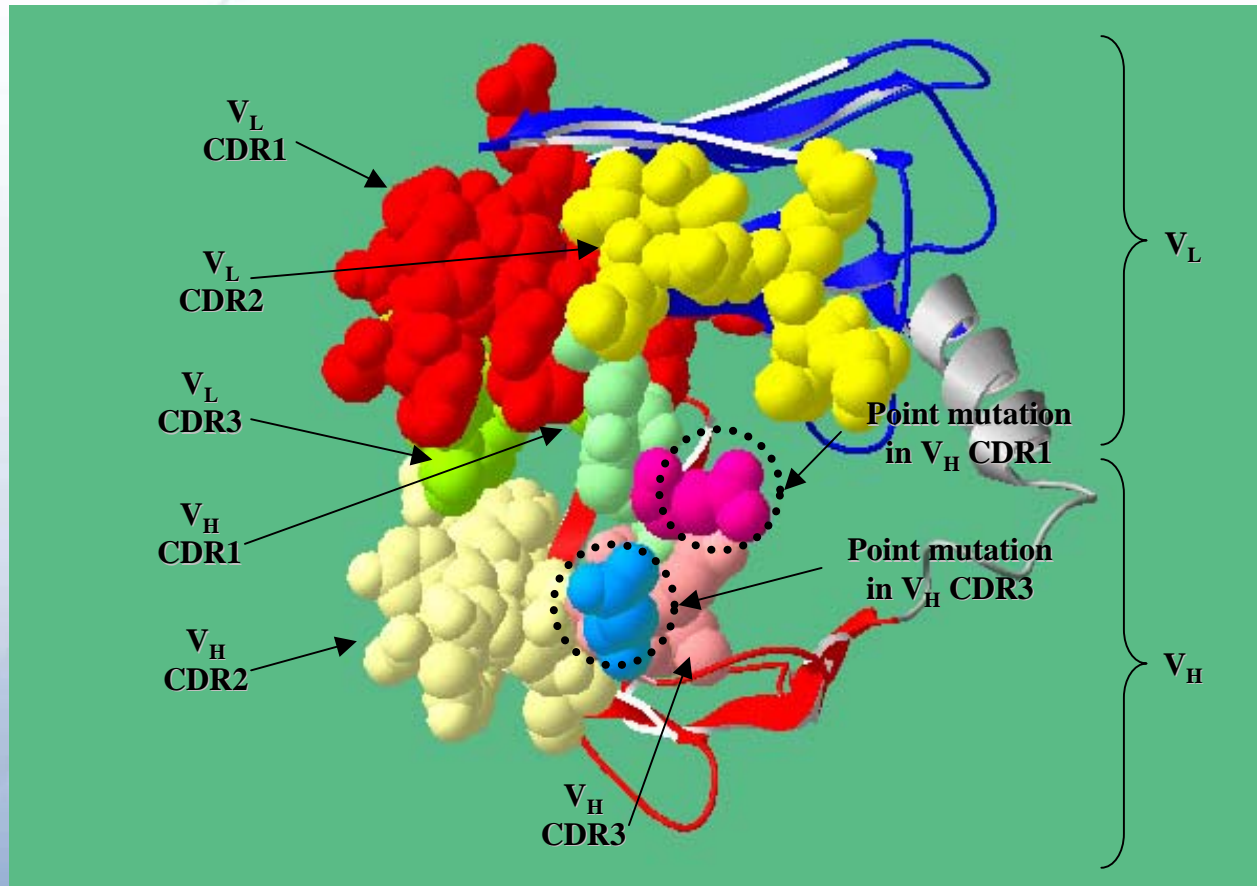
TCC- Control surface

Antibody and free cephalexin injected over Thyroglobulin-
cephalexin-immobilised CM5 chip surface

Antibody and free cephalexin injected over
Thyroglobulin-immobilised CM5 chip surface



Anti-Cephalexin scFv

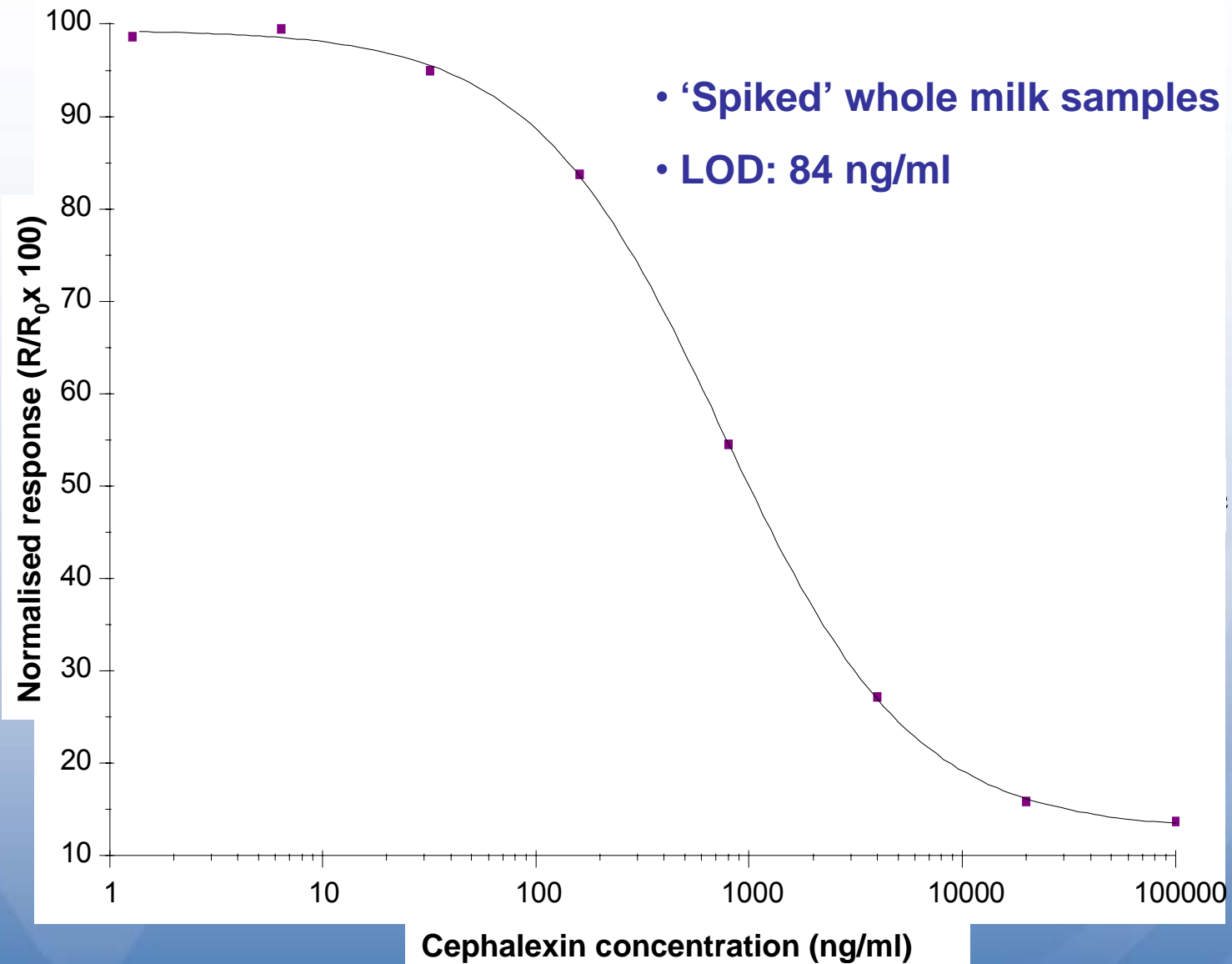


CDR H3 WT- G L G Y G K A F M D Y
C5 - G Q G Y G K A F M D Y

CDR H1 WT- S Y G M S
C5 - N Y G M S



Calibration Curve for Cephalexin





Cephalexin Assay Validation

Response RU/RU₀*100 ± S.D.	Concentration of Cephalexin (ng/ml)	Back Calculated value (ng/ml)	% CV's	% Accuracies
13.68 ± 0.45	100,000	76,214.2	3.28	131
15.86 ± 0.94	20,000	22,256.1	5.94	90
27.14 ± 0.67	4,000	3,956.4	2.47	101
54.47 ± 0.05	800	801.5	0.10	100
83.69 ± 1.85	160	159.2	2.21	101
95.89 ± 3.21	32	33.4	3.35	96
99.43 ± 0.81	6.4	---	0.81	---
98.67 ± 3.45	1.3	5.9	2.03	22



Presentation summary

- Three *L. monocytogenes* immunoassay formats presented
- Monoclonal antibody produced that is highly specific for *L. monocytogenes*
- *Pst* spore detection demonstrated
- Biacore assay developed for the detection of Aflatoxin B1
- Aflatoxin B1 Biacore assay proved more sensitive than ELISA
- Development of a Biacore-based assay for Cephalexin using randomly mutated scFv



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