

Removing Endotoxin from Protein Solutions

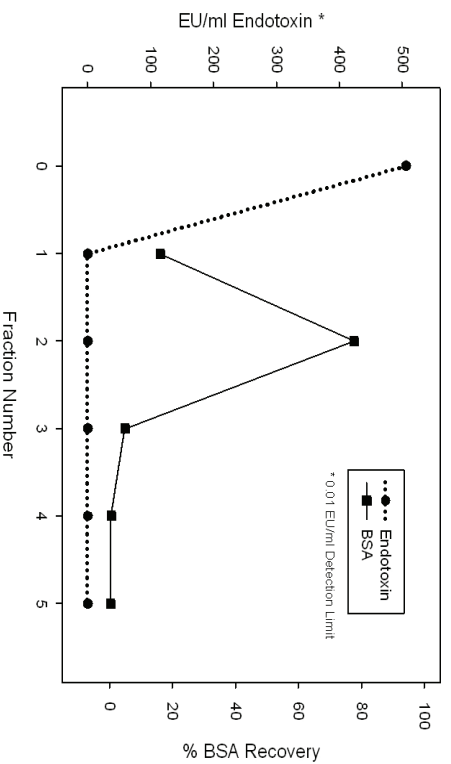


Figure 1. Endotoxin Removal from BSA. BSA samples at 1 mg/ml were prepared in 20 mM sodium acetate at pH 5.0 with 150 mM sodium chloride and 50 ng/ml *E. coli O55:B5* endotoxin and applied to EndoBind-R™. The protein was recovered in four subsequent 1 ml washes. Protein recovery was determined by absorbance and endotoxin levels were determined by PyroGene (Lonza) assay.

For optimal protein purification and recovery using **EndoBind-R™**, the pH and ionic strength of the buffer should be optimized in regard to the protein isoelectric point. As an example, bovine serum albumin (BSA) was purified. First, experiments showed that a 20 mM sodium acetate buffer at pH 5.0 containing 150 mM sodium chloride gave the best product recovery. This pH is slightly higher than the isoelectric point of BSA (4.6). Next, endotoxin removal from BSA at these conditions was measured. A 1 mg/ml solution of BSA was prepared in 20 mM sodium acetate at pH 5.0 containing 150 mM sodium chloride. The low endotoxin BSA was tested for contaminating endotoxin and found to be a rather low value of about 0.05 EU/mg. *E. coli O55:B5* endotoxin at a concentration of 50 ng/ml (500 EU/ml) was added to the protein solution and purified with **EndoBind-R™**. The flow-through, fraction 1, contained about 16% of the initial protein (Figure 1). However, the majority of BSA eluted into the first wash, fraction 2, as a 77% protein peak. Fractions 3 through 5 combined contained less than 6% of the initial BSA load. The LPS content in the sample load (fraction 0) measured 506 EU/ml and was reduced to below the detection limit of 0.01 EU/ml in all five column fractions. This represents more than 99.998 % LPS removal and over 99% protein recovery after purification with the **EndoBind-R™** column. Even the 0.05 EU/ml contaminating endotoxin was removed from the starting material.

For a more detailed explanation of buffer optimization and purification of protein solutions using **EndoBind-R™**, refer to the **BioD-tech, Inc. EndoBind-R™** Protein Purification Application Notes. This document outlines both salt and pH optimization protocols and their application to purify proteins such as bovine serum albumin, human transferrin, bovine liver catalase, hemoglobin from bovine erythrocytes, and rabbit IgG.

Removing Endotoxin from DNA Solutions

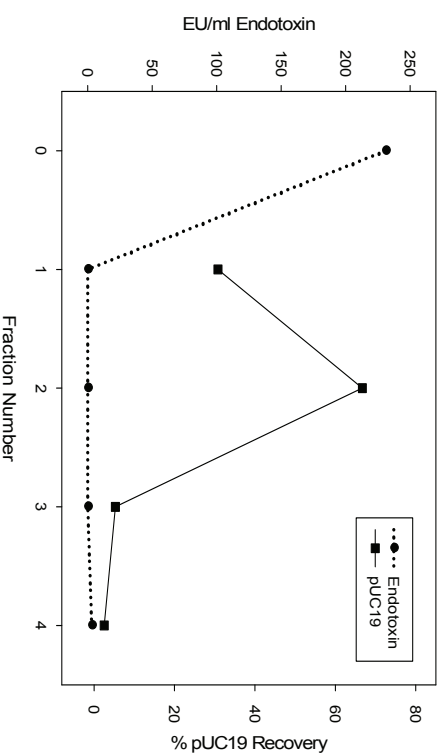


Figure 2. Endotoxin Removal from pUC19. pUC19 samples at 30 µg/ml were prepared in TE (10 mM Tris, 1 mM EDTA) at pH 8.0 with 1 M sodium chloride and 25 ng/ml *E. coli O55:B5* endotoxin and applied to EndoBind-R™. The DNA was recovered in three subsequent 1 ml washes. DNA recovery was determined by absorbance and endotoxin levels were determined by PyroGene (Lonza) assay.

DNA purification using **EndoBind-R™** was investigated using the common cloning vector pUC19. Previous experiments showed that a TE buffer at pH 8.0 containing 1 M sodium chloride was sufficient for high DNA recovery. To test endotoxin removal, a 30 µg/ml pUC19 solution was prepared in TE pH 8.0 with 1 M sodium chloride. *E. coli O55:B5* endotoxin was added to the solution at a concentration of 25 ng/ml (250 EU/ml) (fraction 0) and added to the **EndoBind-R™** column. The flow-through was collected as fraction 1. Next, the column was rinsed with three 1 ml washes of TE pH 8.0 with 1 M sodium chloride (fractions 2-4). DNA recovery was very high with about 30% of the initial load eluting in the flow-through and a peak value of nearly 67% in fraction 2 (Figure 2). In addition, endotoxin removal was nearly complete. The load contained 231 EU/ml (fraction 0) and was reduced to below the level of detection (0.01 EU/ml) in all samples collected from the **EndoBind-R™** column. This represents removal of over 99.99% of endotoxin with near complete product recovery. Similar experiments with small linear DNA fragments gave nearly identical results.

For a more detailed explanation of buffer optimization and purification of DNA solutions using **EndoBind-R™**, refer to the **BioDtech, Inc. EndoBind-R™** DNA Purification Application Notes. This document outlines both salt and pH optimization protocols and their application to purify small, linear DNA fragments as well as plasmid samples with both high and low levels of endotoxin contamination.