

TangenX[®] PRO Cassettes for Tangential Flow Filtration

Regulatory Support File



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Abbreviations

AAMI	Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation
CFU	Colony Forming Units
cGMP	Current Good Manufacturing Practice
DI	Deionized
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
GMP	Good Manufacturing Practice
kD	Kilodalton
mPES	Modified Polyethersulfone
MWCO	Molecular weight cutoff
NMWL	Nominal Molecular Weight Limit
NWP	Normalized water permeability
PD	Process development
TFF	Tangential Flow Filtration
WFI	Water for injection
UF	Ultrafiltration

Previous name	Current name
SIUS® Cassettes	TangenX® SIUS® Cassettes
SIUS®-LS Cassettes	TangenX® SIUS® PD Cassettes
NovaSet™ Cassettes	TangenX® PRO Cassettes
NovaSet™- LS Cassettes	TangenX® PRO PD Cassettes

Note: TangenX® TFF Cassettes are now a product line of Repligen. The previous and current product names are listed in the table above.

1. Introduction

The Regulatory Support File (RSF) for TangenX® PRO TFF Cassettes is intended to be used as:

- A guide for appropriate application use in process development, clinical, and commercial purification processes
- A guide to validation in manufacturing processes
- A support reference for CMC submissions for regulatory license approval
- A guide for supplier audits
- In place of a Drug Master File submission

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1.1 Repligen Quality Policy

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1.2 Safety notices

- Follow all local regulations for safe disposal
- For laboratory and manufacturing production only

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1.4 Product description

The TangenX® PRO Cassette for tangential flow filtration (TFF) is a membrane device that is used to concentrate, diafilter, and fractionate a wide range of macromolecules (i.e., enzymes, proteins, oligonucleotides, etc.). It recirculates the retentate across the membrane surface, which minimizes the fouling of the membrane. This permits longer membrane use, resulting in higher product yields. The TangenX® PRO TFF Cassette consists of a rigid, flat rectangular filter design with multiple layers of permeable membrane and polypropylene screens. The fluid is pumped through the screens tangentially to the membrane's surface. Pressure generated by the pumping process is used to drive the filtration operation. Typical membrane surface area for the TangenX® PRO Cassettes can range from 100 cm² to as much as 60 m² depending on the application.

Figure 1. TangenX® PRO PD Cassettes

TangenX® PRO PD Cassettes for pilot applications are available in a wide range of membrane pore sizes from 0.65 kD - 300kD in ProStream, and 5 kD - 0.65µm in HyStream mPES membrane formats. TangenX® PRO PD Cassettes are available in 0.01 m², 0.02 m², and 0.1 m² surface area formats as well as three different channel configurations. High channel “H” Screen is ideal for dilute streams where high flux and lower recirculation rates are desired. Low channel “L” Screen is ideal for medium viscosity streams where a lower pressure drop is desired. Suspended channel “S” channel is ideal for streams of high viscosity or ones containing particulates.

Figure 2. TangenX® PRO Cassettes

TangenX® PRO Cassettes for process applications are available in a wide range of membrane pore sizes from 0.65 kD - 300 kD in ProStream, and 5 kD - 0.65µm in HyStream mPES membrane types. TangenX® PRO Cassettes are available in 0.5 m², 1.5 m², and 2.5 m² surface area formats as well as three different channel configurations. TangenX® PRO 0.5 m² and 1.5 m² devices are designed for processing volumes from 10s to 1000s of liters.

TangenX® PRO Cassettes are designed to deliver optimal performance as well as exceptional batch-to-batch reproducibility. Each cassette undergoes rigorous QA lot release testing to verify it meets specification. Cassettes are tested for both air integrity and for their hydrodynamic performance. This testing ensures cassette-to-cassette consistency, scalable process development and reproducible manufacturing.

1.5 Quality standards

To meet the needs of GMP manufacturing, TangenX® PRO Cassettes are manufactured in the USA under the following quality standards:

- TangenX® PRO Cassettes are manufactured in a facility whose Quality Management System is approved by an accredited registering body to the ISO® 9001 2015 Quality System Standard
- TangenX® PRO Cassettes are manufactured in a facility that adheres to current Good Manufacturing Practices
- All fluid paths meet USP <88> Biological Reactivity Tests for Class VI Plastics criteria.

2. Product information

2.1 Cassette design

TangenX® PRO Cassettes are designed and constructed using FDA approved materials and are validated for use in demanding biopharmaceutical applications. Cassettes are manufactured in a fully validated and documented manufacturing process according to the principles of cGMP and meet specified release criteria. TangenX® PRO PD Cassette and TangenX® PRO TFF Cassette are designed for optimal performance and long life.

2.2 Materials of construction

TangenX® PRO PD Cassette and TangenX® PRO Cassette are constructed using FDA approved materials.

Table 1. Materials of construction

Membrane	Modified Polyethersulfone (mPES)
Membrane support	Polypropylene (PP)
Channel configurations	
High Pressure (Hp) Screen Channel	
– Feed/Retentate Channel	Fine Woven PP Screen
– Filtrate Channel	Medium Woven PP Screen
Low Pressure (Lp) Screen Channel	
– Feed/Retentate Channel	Medium Woven PP Screen
– Filtrate Channel	Medium Woven PP Screen
Suspended (S) Screen Channel	
– Feed/Retentate Channel	High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Spacer with Fine Woven PP Screen
Filtrate Channel	Medium Woven PP Screen
Encapsulant	Polyurethane

2.3 Physical dimensions

TangenX® PRO PD Cassette

Size (approximate)

Length:	8.1 inch	(20.6 cm)
Width:	2.2 inch	(5.6 cm)
Height:	0.125 to 1 inch	(0.3 to 2.5 cm)

Membrane area

0.01 m ²	(0.11 ft ²)
0.02 m ²	(0.22 ft ²)
0.1 m ²	(1.1 ft ²)

Table 2. TangenX® PRO PD Cassette hold-up volume

Surface area	Channel type	
	Screen	Open
0.01 m ² (0.11ft ²)	1.2 mL	5.4 mL
0.02 m ² (0.22ft ²)	2.1 mL	8.0 mL
0.1 m ² (1.1ft ²)	8.7 mL	28.7 mL

TangenX® PRO Cassette

Size (approximate)

Length: 8.1 inch (20.6 cm)
 Width: 6.7 inch (17.0 cm)
 Height: 0.5 to 4 inches (1.3 to 10.2 cm)

Membrane area

0.5 m² (5.4 ft²)
 1.5 m² (16.2 ft²)
 2.5 m² (26.9 ft²)

Table 3. TangenX® PRO Cassette hold-up volume

Surface area	Channel type	
	Screen	Open
0.5 m ² (5.41ft ²)	38 mL	136 mL
1.5 m ² (16.2ft ²)	114 mL	385 mL
2.5 m ² (26.9ft ²)	190 mL	633 mL

2.4 Product contents**TangenX® PRO PD Cassette product contents**

Package includes the following:

- One (1) TangenX® PRO PD TFF packet or cassette in one of three available sizes:
 - Packet 0.01 m² or 0.02 m²
 - Cassette 0.1 m²
- Two (2) Gaskets (silicone for 0.1 m²; EDPM for 0.01 and 0.02 m²)
- Certificate of Conformance
- Operating Instructions

TangenX® PRO Cassette product contents

Package includes the following:

- One (1) TangenX® PRO TFF Cassette block in one of the following sizes:
 - Cassette 0.5 m²
 - Block 1.5 m² or 2.5 m²
- Two (2) Silicone gaskets
- Certificate of Conformance
- Operating Instructions

2.5 Important information before you begin

Cassettes

- Cassettes may be stacked to increase filtration surface area; however, use only one type of membrane molecular weight cutoff at one time. *Do not install a mixture of cassettes with different pore sizes in the same hardware.*
- Cassettes must be flushed with deionized (DI) water, water for injection (WFI) or buffer to ensure removal of storage agents and preservatives from the membrane filter. It is critical to use the highest quality water possible to avoid fouling the membrane or introducing contaminants into the system that could affect membrane performance and product recovery.

Gaskets

- Gaskets lose their resiliency over time. Repligen recommends that you replace gaskets a minimum of every six months. Repligen supplies two gaskets per cassette. Installation of the first cassette requires two gaskets; stacking additional cassettes requires only one gasket. Extra gaskets should be saved to replace worn or damaged gaskets.

Pump

- When using TangenX® Cassettes, select a pump with adequate capacity. Crossflow rate ranges are feed channel type and process fluid dependent.

2.6 Membrane cassette installation

1. Lift the end plate off the manifold.
2. Rinse the gaskets with deionized water or WFI. Place a rinsed gasket flat against the bottom manifold; ensure that the holes in the gasket line up with the holes in the manifold.
3. Using scissors carefully open the cassette bag to remove cassette.

Note: Each cassette is stored in an aqueous solution containing 15 - 20% glycerin and 0.1% sodium azide, pH 7-10. Follow standard safety procedures for handling aqueous glycerin/sodium azide, including the use of gloves, safety goggles, and lab coat.

4. Place the cassette into the holder flat against the gasket. Place another gasket on top of the cassette. Ensure that the holes in the manifold, gaskets, and cassette are completely aligned. If you are using multiple cassettes, continue the same gasket/cassette/gasket pattern, ending with a gasket between the last cassette and the end plate.
5. Place the end plate on top of the last gasket of the cassette or cassette stack.
6. Install the tie-rod spacers (if used) and washers on each bolt leaving a minimum of 18mm (0.75 in) of thread exposed on the rod. By hand, screw the nut on each bolt and hand tighten evenly by alternating from one nut to the other.
7. Bolts must be further tightened to within the recommended torque values as shown below using a calibrated manual torque wrench.

Table 4. Recommended torque values

Holder Type	# Bolts	Recommended torque range	
TangenX® PRO PD	2	120 - 180 Inch-lbs	14 - 20 Nm
TangenX® PRO	4	300 - 450 Inch-lbs	35 - 50 Nm
TangenX® PRO	2	600 - 900 Inch-lbs	70 - 100 Nm

8. **TangenX® PRO PD 2-bolt torque sequence:** Using the calibrated torque wrench with an 11/16-inch hex “deep type” socket, pick a bolt and place the socket over that nut and tighten the nut 1/4 turn. Next move the wrench across to the other bolt and tighten the nut 1/4 turn. Alternate back and forth until the torque wrench “clicks” at each nut. Repeat this sequence until the wrench “clicks” without turning the nut. The “click” of the torque wrench indicates that the nut has reached the set point torque value.
9. **TangenX® PRO 4-bolt torque sequence:** Using the calibrated torque wrench with a 1 ¼ - inch hex “deep socket”, pick a bolt (B1) and place the socket over that nut and tighten the nut 1/4 turn. Then move the wrench to the next bolt (B2) diagonally across the cover and tighten the nut 1/4 turn. Next move the wrench back across the cover to the other bolt (B3) and tighten the nut 1/4 turn. Then move to the last of the four bolts (B4) and tighten the nut 1/4 turn. Alternate back and forth using this crisscross pattern until the torque wrench “clicks” at each nut. Repeat this sequence until the wrench “clicks” without turning the nut. The “click” of the torque wrench indicates that the nut has reached the set point torque value.

Caution: Nuts must be tightened uniformly to avoid damaging the cassette. Leakage may result from non-parallel plate alignment or over compression of the cassettes at one end.

10. Wait 5 - 10 minutes and allow the gaskets to relax before re-torquing. Check each nut’s torque, per [Table 4](#) using the torque wrench at its set point torque value.
11. Re-torque as needed to create a liquid-tight seal, but do not exceed the maximum torque limit for the TangenX® PRO holder type used (see [Table 4](#)).

Note: Torque may change during processing as the cassettes may compress, or as the cassettes expand or contract with temperature changes. Periodically check the torque of the bolts and adjust torque as needed.

2.7 First-time use of membrane cassette

Cassettes should be flushed with DI water, WFI and/or buffer to ensure removal of storage and preservative agents from the membrane filter and to minimize any possible interaction with your application. For some applications, further sanitization is required.

2.8 Cleaning of membrane cassettes

Cassettes can be reused if cleaned and stored properly. To clean, flush each cassette (or cassette stack) with a recommended cleaning solution. Use 2 liters of cleaning solution per 1 m² of membrane area. Upon completion of the cleaning cycle, flush each cassette (or stack) with buffer, WFI, or DI water prior to placing the cassette (or stack) into storage conditions.

2.9 Storage of membrane cassettes

Membrane cassettes must be stored wet to maintain their characteristics and integrity and prevent microbial growth. Below are critical factors to remember when storing including the following:

- Cassettes stored greater than 2 - 4 weeks should be removed from the holder.
- Cassettes left in the holder should be flushed with fresh storage agent about every 2 weeks. Contact the membrane manufacturer for a list of appropriate storage agents.
- Recommended pH Ranges:
 - pH 2 - 13, long term storage (longer than 1 week)
 - pH 1 - 14, short term cleaning (less than 24 hours)
- Recommended storage temperature:

- 4° C to 15° C (optimal)
- 25° C (maximum)
- Do not freeze cassettes

2.10 Membrane operating characteristics

Take care to use the membrane at the lowest pressure possible while still producing consistent permeate flow. Although higher operating pressures initially improve flow rate, it also promotes increased concentration polarization and membrane compaction, which ultimately limits flow. With very low NMWL membranes, lower operating pressure may also reduce the retention of salts and very low molecular weight species.

2.11 Catalog and Serial Number System

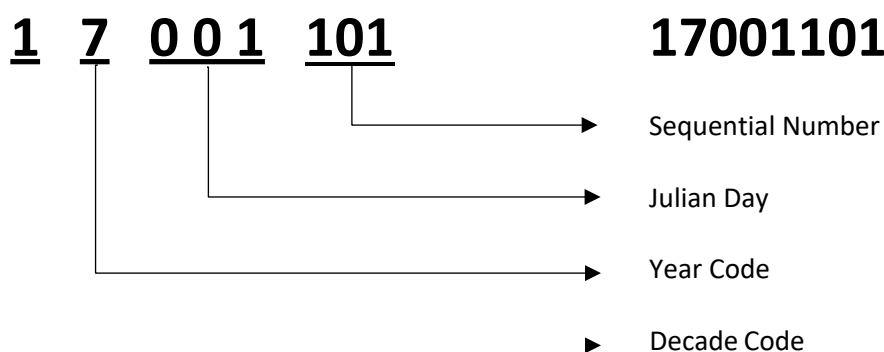
Table 5. Serial Number System

Decade code	
2000 - 2009	1
2010 - 2019	2
2020 - 2029	3

Year code	
1-digit (last digit of current year)	0 - 9

Julian day	
3-digit	001 - 366

Sequential number	
3-digit	001 - 999



Cassette Batch Numbers

Cassette batch numbers are printed on each cassette label. The batch number is the eight (8) digit manufacturing process order number assigned by the ERP system. A “batch” is defined as a group of consecutively serialized cassettes manufactured on the same day, built from up to 6 different raw material lots and generated from the same ERP process order. Batch traceability is maintained on the batch record and in the ERP system.

Table 6. Catalog number system

Membrane type				
ProStream	mPES	Low Protein Binding (LPB)		P
HyStream	mPES	Ultra-Hydrophilic + LPB		X

Substrate type	
Polypropylene	P
Unsupported	U

Substrate type	
Polypropylene	P
Unsupported	U

Membrane cut-off	
0.65 kD	N65
1 kD	001
3 kD	003
5 kD	005
10 kD	010
30 kD	030
50 kD	050
100 kD	100
300 kD	300
0.1 µm	M10
0.2 µm	M20
0.45 µm	M45
0.65 µm	M65

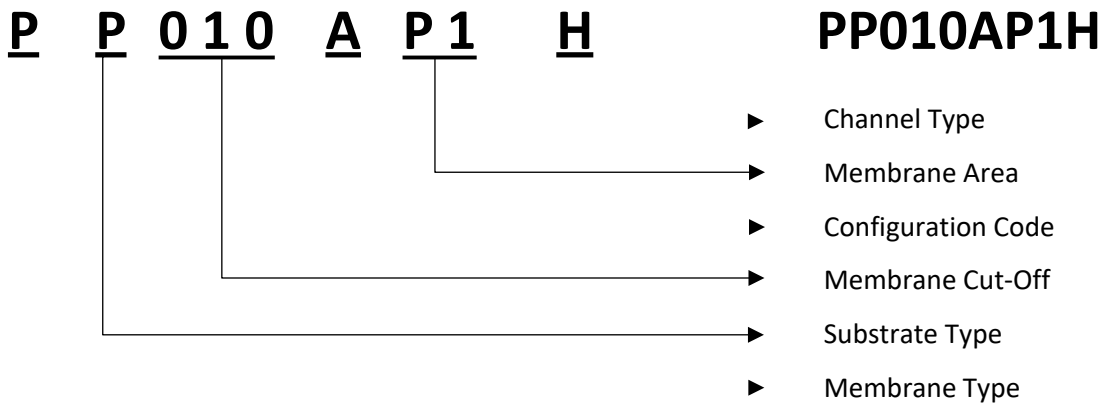
Configuration code				
TangenX® PRO PD	(Pall)	Reusable	(lab/pilot)	A
TangenX® PRO PD	(Millipore, Sartorius)	Reusable	(lab/pilot)	W
TangenX® PRO	(process)	B		

Membrane area

0.01 m ²	(0.11 ft ²)	available: A, WP1	
0.02 m ²	(0.22 ft ²)	available: A, WP2	
0.1 m ²	(1.1 ft ²)	available: A, W01	
0.5 m ²	(5.4 ft ²)	available: B	05
1.5 m ²	(16.2 ft ²)	available: B	15
2.5 m ²	(26.9 ft ²)	available: B	25

Channel type

TangenX® PRO PD	HP Screen Channel (high pressure)	Fine Woven	H
TangenX® PRO PD	LP Screen Channel (low pressure)	Medium Woven	L
TangenX® PRO	S Channel (Suspended Screen)	Fine Woven w/ HDPE Spacers	S



3. Product performance

3.1 Membrane performance

Designed specifically for use in a wide range of biopharmaceutical applications, especially those that are protein based, TangenX® ProStream and HyStream membranes represent the latest in development of modified polyethersulfone (mPES). In contrast to conventional composite mPES, UF membranes are made in multi-step manufacturing processes that often include a post-casting surface modification. The TangenX® mPES membranes were developed using state-of-the-art technology including two unique features that deliver significant user benefits:

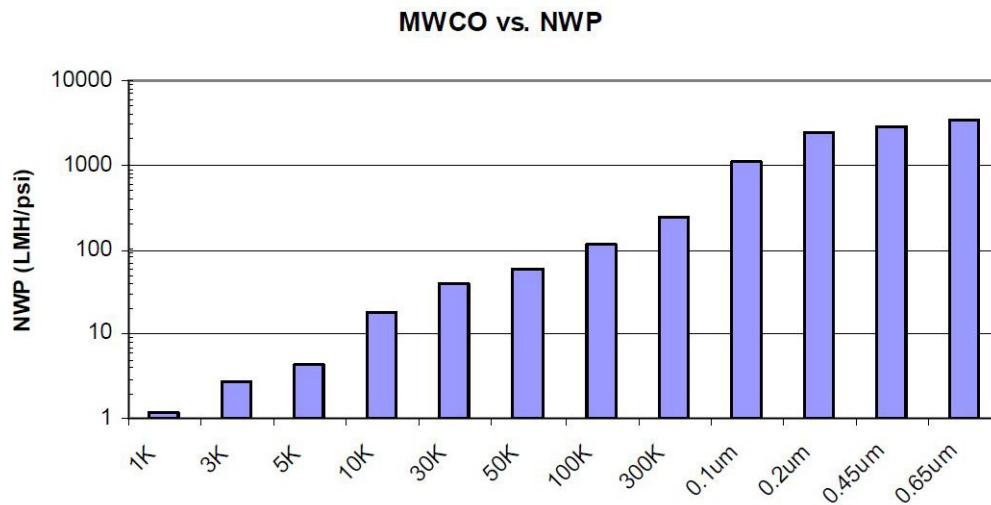
1. Manufactured in a “single-cast”, uniquely controllable process
 - Reduced numbers of manufacturing steps equal lower cost and excellent consistency and reliability.
 - Balanced flux and selectivity. This highly controllable manufacturing process enables tight control of the micro-porous/UF transition interface. The macro-porous and UF “zones” of this membrane are now a finely controlled continuum. This controlled transition ensures no breakthrough of the UF skin, which maximizes selectivity performance.
2. Integral “cast modification” of the membrane chemistry
 - This is achieved by the addition of a second polymer into the pre-casting membrane solution and ensures total and consistent surface modification that delivers.
 - Very low protein binding due to the membranes neutral charge.
 - Excellent chemical resistance.

The result is application-focused membranes with a finely balanced performance profile combining:

- The flux of a highly porous UF membrane substructure with the retention and selectivity of a composite structure.
- Highly desirable low protein binding properties that maximize recovery and comparable chemical resistance to unmodified polymeric membranes.

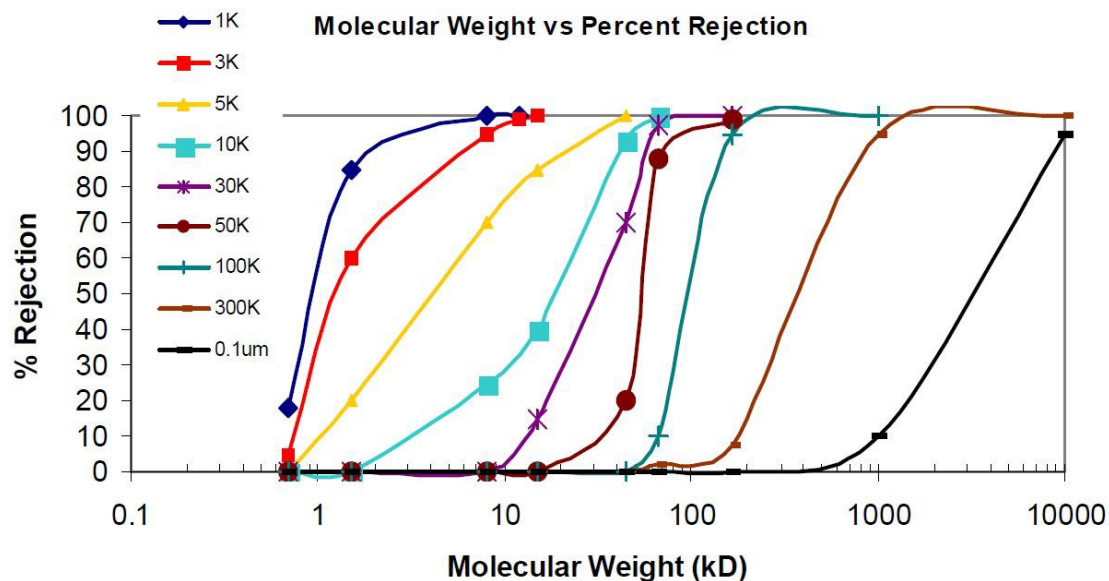
Water flux data was generated using membrane cut to 44.5 mm discs in stirred cells at 50 psig and purified water at 20° C. At typical working conditions in stirred cells (50 psig), purified water was used to measure the membrane’s water permeability. TangenX® ProStream and HyStream mPES membranes demonstrate comparable water permeability.

Figure 3. ProStream and HyStream Membrane Cutoff (MWCO) vs. Normalized Water



Many membranes are formulated for either “retention” or “flux”. This TangenX® ProStream membrane has been designed and balanced to give the best of both worlds. The following data shows the retention and rejection data for each membrane in the molecular weight cutoff (MWCO) series. When reviewed in conjunction with the MWCO series normalized water permeability (NWP) data in [Figure 3](#), the user can specifically select a membrane that best balances flux and retention for that specific application.

Figure 4. Membrane selectivity performance



Under specified test conditions using stirred cells, purified proteins and molecular weight markers were used to challenge the membranes. TangenX® mPES membranes demonstrate excellent selectivity as demonstrated in [Figure 4](#). Membranes above 0.1 μm are characterized using latex particles (not a marker with a defined M.W.) and are therefore not included in the Figure plotting molecular weight vs percent retention. Retention of the latex particles is shown in [Figure 35](#).

3.2 Non-specific protein binding

The protein binding study was conducted to quantify the level of non-specific protein binding of two different polyethersulfone membrane chemistries manufactured by Repligen. Non-specific protein binding is defined as the adsorption of a protein to a surface by one or more modes of attraction (i.e., charge effect, hydrophobic interaction, etc.). Non-specific protein binding tends to lead to yield loss and membrane fouling; both are undesirable effects.

The approved test procedure provided methods to be followed while evaluating the membranes manufactured at Repligen for non-specific protein binding. This study was applied to the ProStream and HyStream membranes. One membrane of each type was chosen since the membrane chemistry is the same for each pore size. The 5 kD molecular weight cutoff membranes were ideal, as they retained each of the proteins tested. Each membrane was challenged with a protein solution and the amount of protein bound to the membrane was measured by absorbance at 280 nm and then recorded. Several different proteins were used as models to test the non-specific binding of the membranes. Each of the proteins was significantly different in molecular weight, structure, and isoelectric point.

Once the membranes had been challenged with protein and the measurements made, the amount of protein bound was quantified. The results are tabulated and compared to the binding potential of an unmodified polyethersulfone membrane used as a control.

Table 7. Non-specific protein binding test results

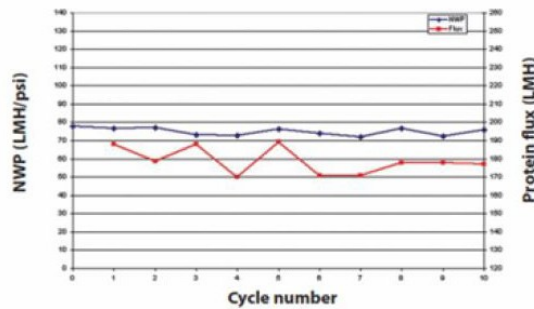
Membrane type	BSA Binding ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$)	IgG Binding ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$)	Cyto-C Binding ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$)
5 kD PES Control	< 0.1	11.34	36.73
5 kD ProStream	< 0.1	2.99	1.36
5 kD HyStream	< 0.1	3.29	9.21

[Table 7](#) summarizes the results from the final set of experiments. Each point represents an average of three different sets of data. The results show the PES membrane control binds the highest amount of protein while the modified PES binds significantly less protein. Lower protein binding is a desirable attribute of these membranes as lower binding leads to higher product recovery. Additionally, lower protein binding reduces the chances of a secondary boundary layer forming on the membrane's surface reducing productivity. Based on the information gathered, it may be claimed that the modified PES membranes manufactured by Repligen are considered "low protein binding" when compared to unmodified polyethersulfone (PES) membranes.

3.3 Membrane cleaning cycles

The unique process for modification of the TangenX® membranes also provides for excellent chemical resistance. To be of practical use, chemical resistance must be measured both in terms of maintenance of selectivity post-cleaning and regeneration of water flux. To demonstrate this, both 50 kD ProStream and HyStream membranes were challenged with 1 mg/mL Bovine Serum Albumin using 13 cm² stirred cells. The membrane's clean water flux was initially evaluated and then recorded. Next, the membranes were used to concentrate 1 mg/mL BSA, then cleaned using 0.5 N NaOH, 200 ppm Bleach at (40° C) for 35 minutes. Once the membranes were cleaned, the water flux was measured again and compared to the clean water flux where recovery of greater than 90% was established as a target. Following this cycle, the membranes were challenged and cleaned again nine more times, for a total of ten cycles.

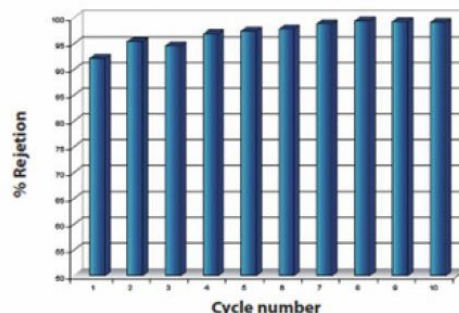
Figure 5. HyStream membrane regeneration (flux)

**Notes:**

1. Membrane, 50 kD HyStream mPES membrane disc in a 13 cm² stirred cell.
2. Normalized Water Permeability (NWP) was generated using purified water at 25° C.
3. Protein flux data was generated using purified bovine serum albumin (1 mg/mL) in PBS pH 7.4.
4. Membranes were cleaned using 0.5 M NaOH, 200 ppm. Bleach at 40° C for 35 minutes per cycle.

Figure 5 demonstrates how after a total of 10 cycles (or 6 hours of exposure) in the cleaning solution, the HyStream membranes consistently show greater than 90 percent water flux recovery following post cleaning maintenance. Additionally, the data shows that the protein flux remains consistent from cycle to cycle as well. Figure 6 shows the rejection of the membrane is equal to (or greater than) the initial rejection of a new membrane. In conclusion, the HyStream membrane has good chemical resistance to aggressive cleaning processes and can be consistently recovered without a significant change in flux or selectivity.

Figure 6. HyStream membrane rejection

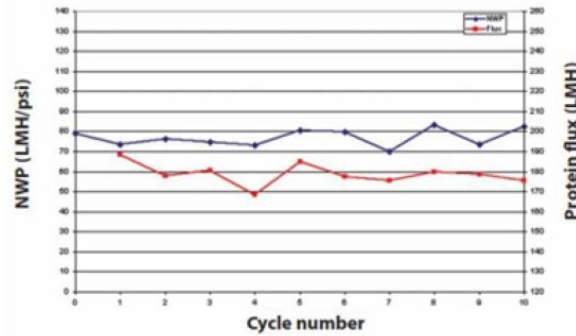
**Notes:**

1. Membrane, 50 kD HyStream mPES membrane disc in a 13 cm² stirred cell.
2. Protein rejection data was generated using purified bovine serum albumin (1 mg/mL) in PBS pH 7.4.
3. Membranes were cleaned using 0.5 M NaOH, 200 ppm. Bleach at 40° C for 35 minutes per cycle.

Figure 6 demonstrates how after a total of or 10 cycles (or 6 hours of exposure) in the cleaning solution, the ProStream membranes consistently show greater than 90 percent water flux recovery following post cleaning maintenance. Additionally, the data shows that the protein flux remains consistent from cycle to cycle as well. Figure 8 shows the rejection of the membrane is equal to (or greater than) the initial rejection of a new membrane. In conclusion, the ProStream membrane has

good chemical resistance to aggressive cleaning processes and can be consistently recovered without a significant change in flux or selectivity.

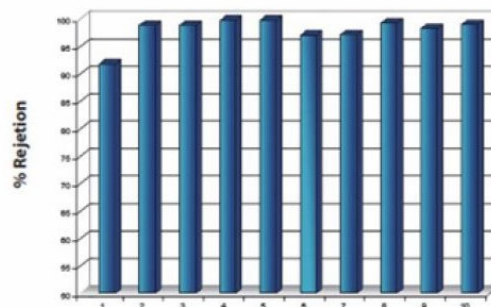
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3.4 Cassette hydraulic performance

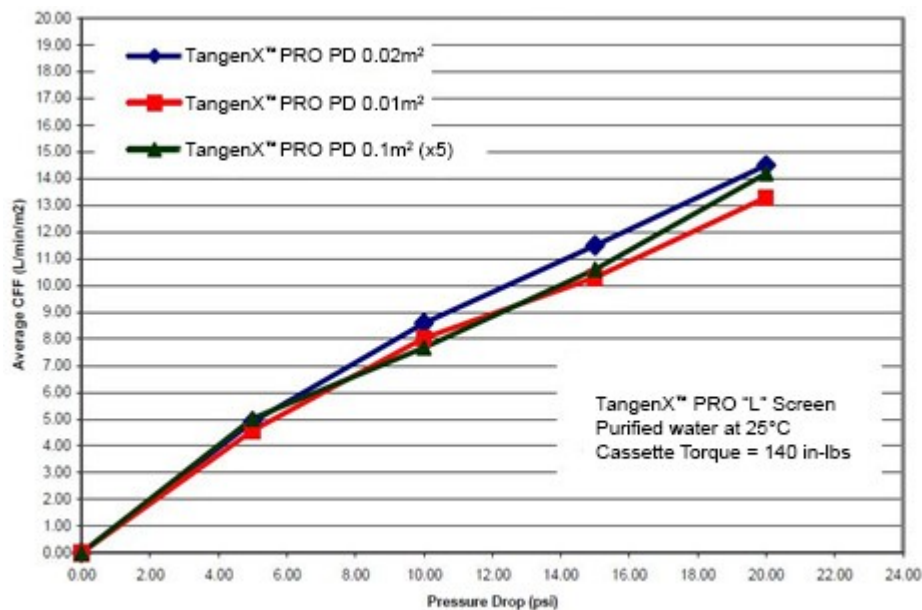
Scale-up performance is critical for successful process development and can be demonstrated by evaluating a TFF cassettes hydraulic performance using purified water. TangenX® TFF Cassettes are manufactured with specific channel geometries and hydrodynamic characteristics. These hydraulic performance characteristics will have a direct impact on process performance. It is important for the process development group to select the proper channel type and that the cassette exhibits scalable performance. This leaves the process development scientist with two primary concerns:

- The effect of channel type on the process flux and selectivity profile.

- Scalability, the performance determined at the less than 0.1 m² scale linearly to at multiple m² scale.

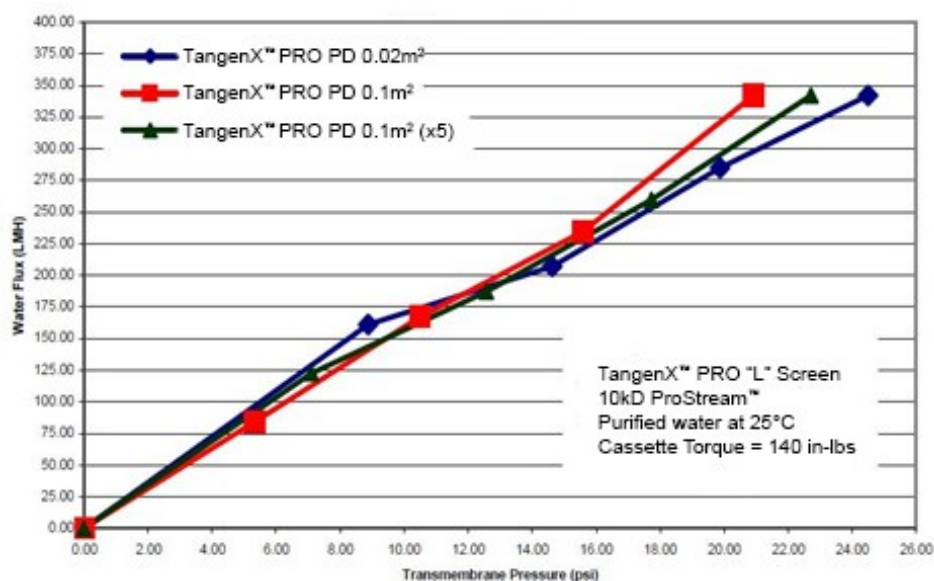
The TangenX[®] PRO Cassette addresses these concerns, as significant development has been devoted to the channel design. Optimized channel geometry, with enhanced rigidity ensures hydraulic performance is maintained when scaling up through the TangenX[®] PRO PD Cassette and TangenX[®] PRO Cassette family, resulting in optimal and reproducible scaling performance. Additionally, each cassette undergoes rigorous QA release testing to verify it meets specification. Cassettes are tested for both air integrity and for their hydrodynamic performance. This testing ensures cassette-to-cassette consistency; the result is scalable process development and reproducible manufacturing.

Figure 9. Pressure drop vs. cross-flow flux - TangenX[®] PRO PD "L" Screen



A cassette's hydraulic scalability can be evaluated using purified water under controlled conditions. This data can be used to support scalability of the TangenX[®] PRO PD TFF Cassette product line from 0.01 m² - 0.5 m². Similar data supports the scale-up between the TangenX[®] PRO PD TFF Cassette and TangenX[®] PRO Cassette products. Typically, the pressure drop between the feed and the retentate is measured at various cross-flow rates. This information can then be generated for each cassette size as well as cassettes stacked together in parallel. [Figure 9](#) shows the pressure drop versus cross-flow specification for the TangenX[®] PRO PD Cassettes.

Figure 10. Transmembrane Pressure (TMP) vs. Water Flux - TangenX® PRO PD Cassette 10 kD



A cassette's hydraulic scalability can also be evaluated using purified water to measure normalized water permeability (NWP). NWP data can be used to support scalability of the TangenX® PRO TFF Cassette product line as well. Most importantly, NWP is used for the purpose of characterizing cassettes before use and then after post-use cleaning. The NWP recovery demonstrates the clean in place (CIP) procedure is effective for removing foulants deposited on the membrane's surface. [Figure 10](#) shows the transmembrane pressure (TMP) versus water flux for the 10 kD TangenX® PRO PD Cassettes through scale up from 0.02 m² - 0.5 m².

Table 8. Typical NWP range for TangenX® PRO Cassettes

MWCO	Typical NWP range (LMH/psi)
0.65 kD	0.4 – 0.6
1 kD	0.8 - 1.5
3 kD	1.5 - 3.8
5 kD	2.6 - 5.7
10 kD	8.6 - 20
30 kD	24 - 41
50 kD	34 - 56
100 kD	32 - 91
300 kD	82 - 129
0.1 µm	112 - 225
0.2 µm	138 - 284
0.45 µm	152 - 312
0.65 µm	180 - 370

A membrane's normalized water permeability (NWP) is dependent on its molecular weight cutoff (MWCO). Therefore, there is a range of permeability rates for each cassette of a given MWCO. The following table shows typical water permeability rates for the TangenX® PRO TFF Cassette with the "L-Screen" channel spacer. It is important to note that external influences such as manifolds, piping, and valves create restrictions and can affect the measured NWP. Therefore, it is important to

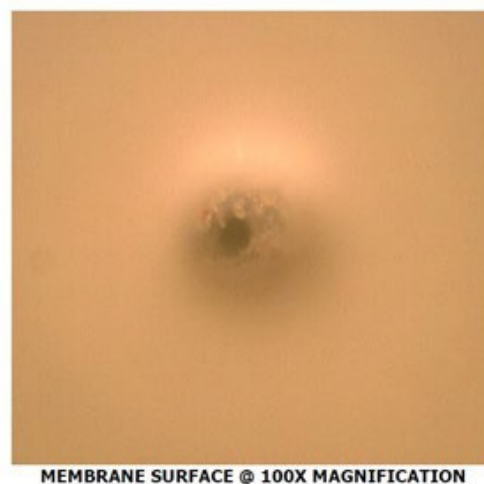
measure the initial NWP of your cassette in its designated system. Typical normalized water permeability (NWP) ranges for a given molecular weight cutoff (MWCO) are shown in [Table 8](#) . These values may be used as a guide to determine if a cassette’s NWP is significantly reduced.

3.5 Cassette integrity

The purpose of the cassette integrity testing is to provide a non-destructive method to verify the integrity of a tangential flow filtration (TFF) cassette. Each cassette manufactured by Repligen undergoes strict release testing, including an air integrity test. Release testing at Repligen follows a validated test method for cassette QC testing. This procedure refers to ultrafiltration and microfiltration cassettes manufactured by Repligen.

To demonstrate the sensitivity of the air diffusion test, a cassette was tested for integrity where the upstream side of the cassette was pressurized with air. The integral membrane did not allow a significant amount of air to pass through the membrane due to the surface tension of the liquid in the pores. The result of the initial integrity test is found in the table below. The effectiveness of the method was demonstrated by creating a pinhole in a cassette and measuring airflow before and after the pinhole was created.

Figure 11. Sensitivity of air integrity test



The result of the integrity test following the defect being added to the cassette is found in the tables below. The pinhole defect in the membrane allowed air to pass through the membrane and the flow was measured. The difference in the airflow between the “initial” sample and the “modified” sample was nearly 100 times greater. The difference was specific to the air diffusion rate and not the liquid cross-flow rate. The difference between the two liquid flow rates was not affected and no difference in liquid flow was detected.

Table 9. Cassette integrity test results

Cassette serial #	Cassette status	Results		Results within spec (Y/N)	Difference observed Air diffusion (Y/N)	Difference observed Flow Rate (Y/N)
		Air diffusion rate (ccm)	Liquid flow rate (mL/min)			
17213102	Initial	24	621	Yes	N/A	N/A
	Modified	2196	620	No	Yes	No

Table 10. Cassette integrity specifications

Cassette channel type	Member type	Specification
HP Screen	Ultrafiltration 0.65 kD - 5 kD	≤ 323 ccm/m ² at 1 bar (≤ 30 ccm/ft ² at 15 psi)
LP Screen	Ultrafiltration 10 kD - 300 kD	≤ 323 ccm/m ² at 0.5 bar (≤ 30 ccm/ft ² at 7.3 psi)
S Channel	Microfiltration ≥ 0.1 μm	≤ 323 ccm/m ² at 0.2 bar (≤ 30 ccm/ft ² at 3 psi)

3.6 Cassette leachables

The following study was conducted to evaluate the leachables of tangential flow filtration cassettes manufactured by Repligen. These cassettes are packaged in 20% glycerin and 0.1% sodium azide prior to shipment. Once received by the end user, the cassette must be flushed of storage solution before it is put into use. This storage solution would be considered leachables by the end user if not sufficiently removed following the recommended rinse and sanitization procedures provided by Repligen. The following report outlines steps that were taken to determine the ideal conditions under which to remove the storage solution (leachables).

Several different cassettes were manufactured and evaluated in triplicate; each cassette was prepared using current SOPs and reflected the standard cassette manufacturing process at Repligen. One cassette type with two different membranes was chosen for this study: the TangenX® PRO PD 0.1 m² LP Cassette using 10 kD ProStream and 10 kD HyStream membranes. The 0.1 m² TangenX® PRO PD Cassette was chosen as it accurately represents the construction of the entire product line including the TangenX® PRO 0.5 m² Cassette. Two different membrane chemistries were chosen to represent each membrane type, 10 kD ProStream and 10 kD HyStream. Each 10 kD membrane represented the entire membrane line manufactured by Repligen.

The first set of experiments conducted was for the filtration system alone, with no membranes installed. The system was assembled, sanitized with 0.5 M sodium hydroxide, and then flushed with DI water. The effluent stream was analyzed, and the results reported in Figures [12](#) and [13](#). The data show that the system is effectively flushed following approximately 3 to 4 liters of water flushed through the retentate and then through the filtrate. The pH of the stream is neutral and the conductivity less than 2μS. These are considered baseline conditions and will be referenced during subsequent experiments.

The results of the leachables study show the storage agents are effectively flushed from the cassette hardware. The effluent stream was analyzed, and the results reported in Figures [12](#) and [13](#). Measurements using a calibrated pH probe, conductivity meter, and reversed phase HPLC were used to quantify the amount of storage agent removed during the cassette flush procedure. The recommended cassette flushing procedure includes an initial DI water flush, a sanitization in 0.5 M NaOH, followed by a second DI water flush. Once the flushing procedure was complete, a minimal volume of DI water was recirculated for two hours and analyzed over time to quantify residual leachables extracting from the cassette into the DI water.

Figure 12. Hardware baseline - Flush volume vs. Effluent stream pH

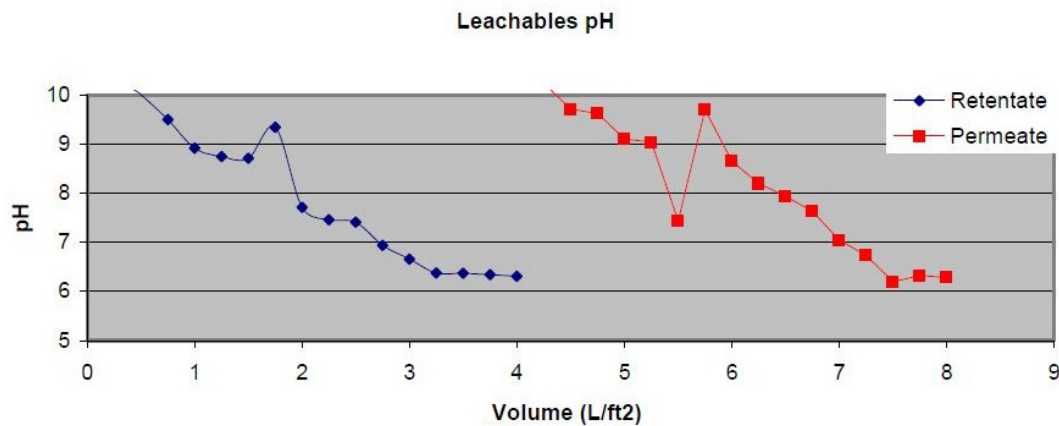
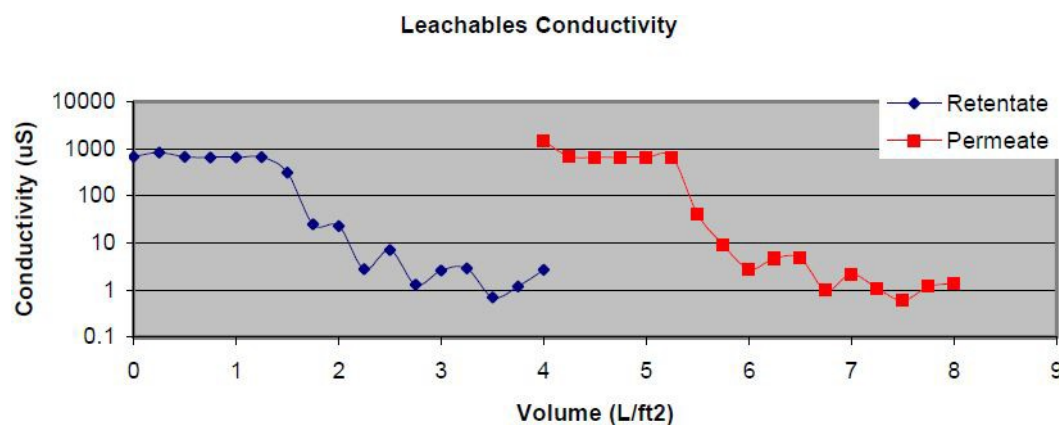


Figure 13. Hardware baseline - Flush volume (L) vs. Effluent stream conductivity



Once a baseline was generated for the filtration system, the experiments for a set of three cassettes containing ProStream and HyStream membranes began. One 0.1 m² cassette was installed in the hardware and then flushed with DI water. The effluent stream was analyzed, and the results reported in [Figure 14](#) and [15](#). The data shows that the pH and conductivity quickly drop once approximately 1 to 2 liters of water are flushed through the retentate and then through the filtrate. The pH of the stream is neutral and the conductivity less than 2 μ S. The glycerin concentration drops below 10ppm once 4 liters of water is flushed through the retentate and the permeate. Approximately 500 mL of 0.5 M sodium hydroxide was then recirculated through the cassette for 30 minutes with all valves open. The cassette was then flushed a second time with DI water and the effluent stream was analyzed. The following results represent an average of each cassette type in triplicate.

Figure 14. ProStream and HyStream Flush #1 – Flush volume vs. Effluent stream pH

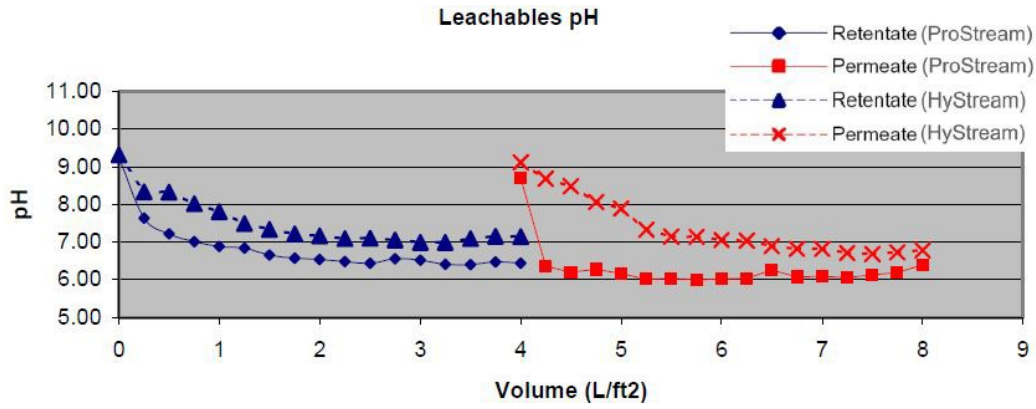


Figure 15. ProStream and HyStream Flush #1 - Flush volume vs. Effluent stream

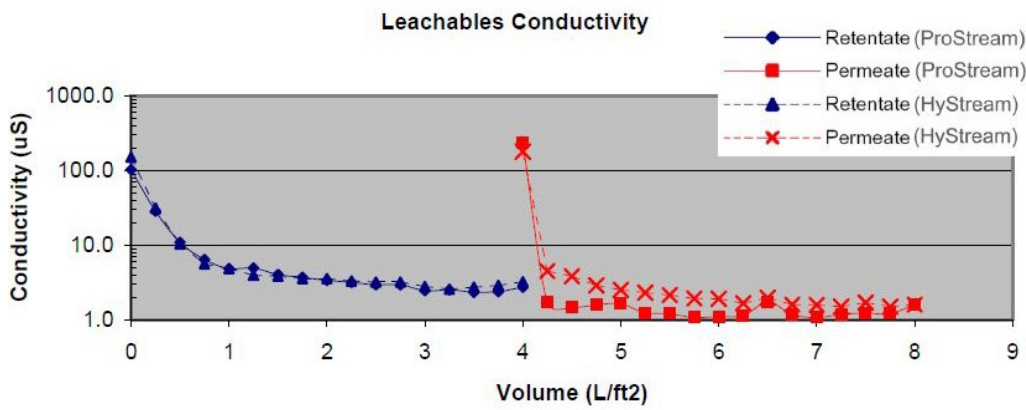


Figure 16. ProStream and HyStream Flush #1 - Flush volume vs. Effluent stream

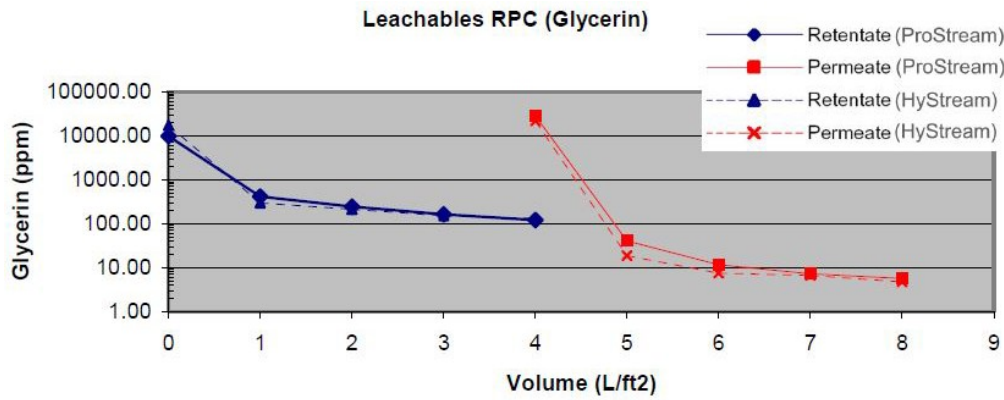
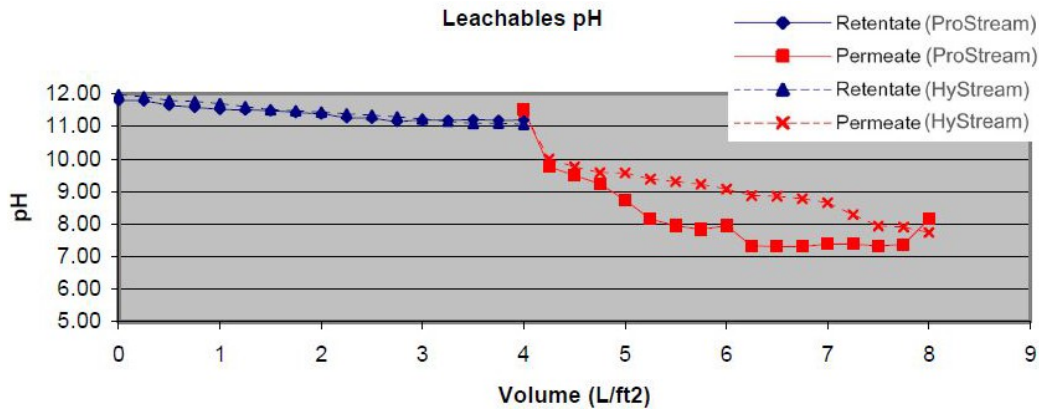


Figure 17. ProStream and HyStream Flush #2 - Flush volume vs. Effluent stream pH



The results from Flush #2 are reported in [Figure 18](#), and [19](#). The data show the pH and conductivity drop once approximately 3 to 4 liters of water is flushed through the retentate and then through the filtrate. The pH of the stream is neutral and the conductivity less than 2µS. The glycerin concentration drops below 1ppm once approximately 1 to 2 liters of water is flushed through the retentate and the permeate. This procedure was repeated, and the results below represent an average of each cassette type in triplicate.

Figure 18. ProStream and HyStream Flush #2 - Flush volume vs. Effluent stream

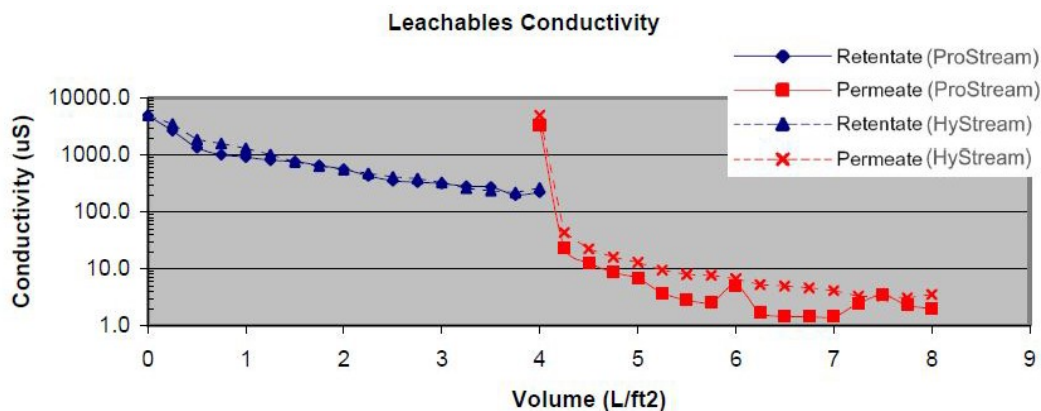
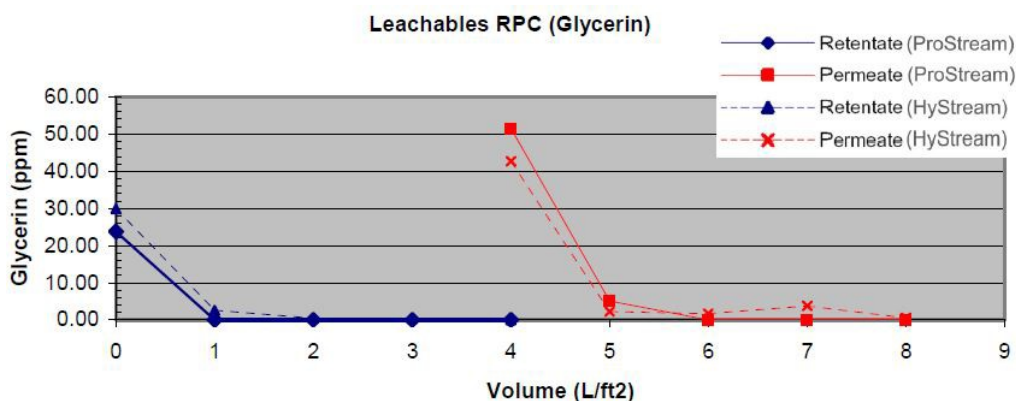


Figure 19. ProStream and HyStream Flush #2 - Flush volume vs. Effluent stream



The results from the DI water recirculation are reported in [Figure 20](#), [21](#) and [22](#). The data show the pH and conductivity plateau after approximately 15 minutes. The pH of the stream reaches an approximate pH of 9 and then remains stable. A slight pH shift such as this is to be expected due to

the lack of buffer capacity of DI water. Likewise, the conductivity of the stream reaches an approximate value of 10 μ S before it stabilizes. The mass of glycerin in the stream reaches a maximum value of 0.2mg/m² representing the “worst case” of leaching into DI water. This procedure was repeated two more times for the second and third cassette in the series. The results represent an average of all three cassettes.

Figure 20. ProStream and HyStream - Recirculation time vs. Effluent stream pH

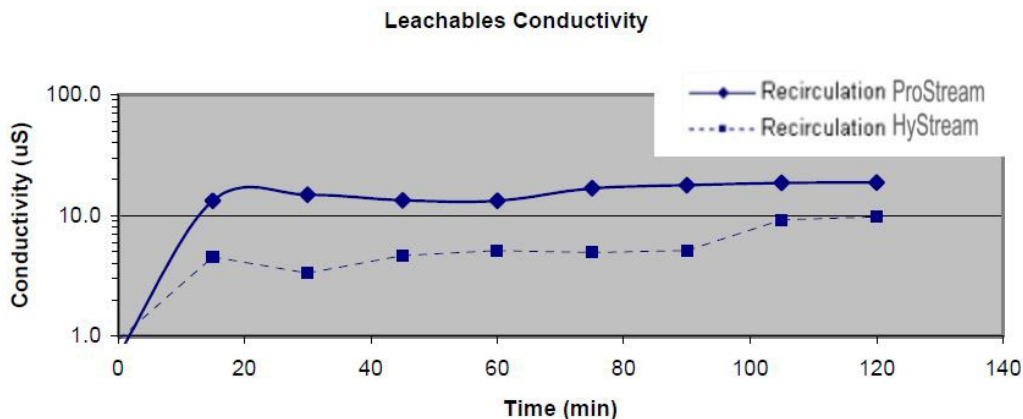


Figure 21. ProStream and HyStream - Recirculation time vs. effluent stream glycerin mass

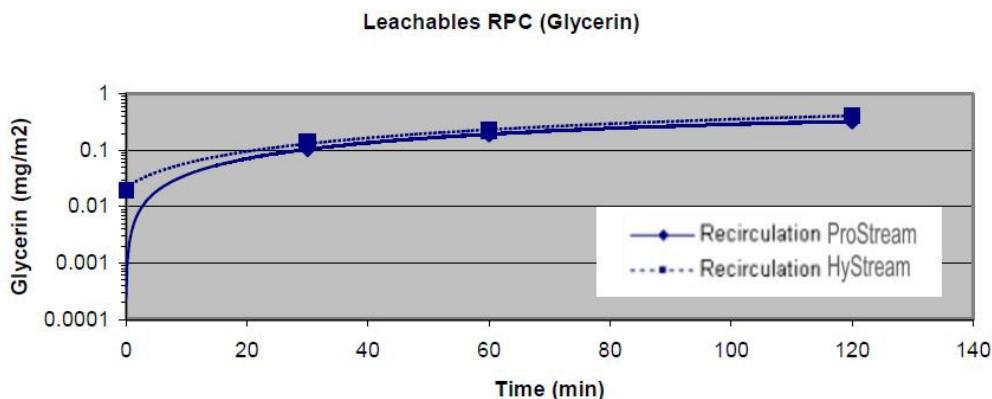
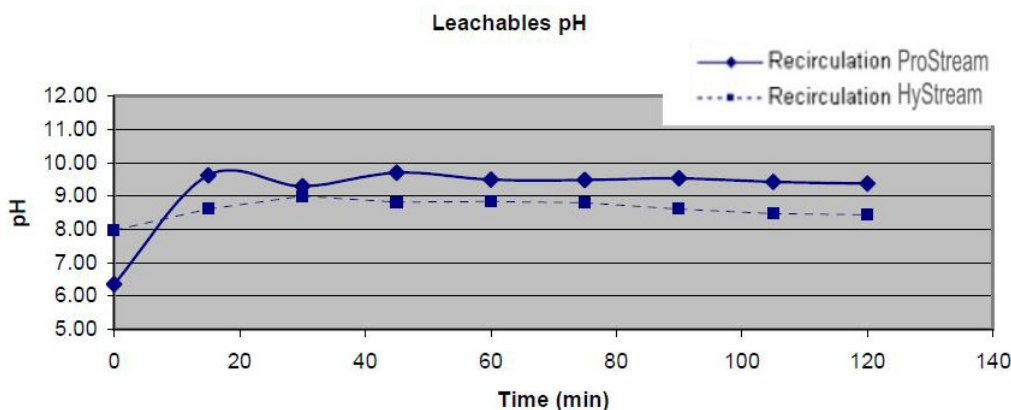


Figure 22. ProStream and HyStream - Recirculation time vs. Effluent stream conductivity



At conclusion of the study, the leachables study showed that storage agents are effectively flushed from the cassettes using the validated method described. The cassette flush procedure includes an initial DI water flush, a sanitization, followed by the second DI water flush. Measurements made using a calibrated pH probe, conductivity meter, and reversed phase HPLC quantified the amount of storage agent removed during the cassette flush procedure. It was shown that the recommended cassette flushing procedure was effective for removing the cassette storage agents and minimizing leachables.

3.7 Shelf-life study

Two shelf life studies were conducted by Repligen, the first for membranes and the second for TangenX® PRO Cassettes. The following sections summarize the conclusion of both studies.

3.7.1 Membranes

The following section describes the conclusion of the shelf life study for ultrafiltration and microfiltration membranes manufactured by Repligen after five years. Ultrafiltration and microfiltration membranes are initially cast and then stored for a period of time prior to being incorporated into a cassette product. The time between when the membrane is manufactured and when it is used in a cassette may be up to five years.

Several lots of membranes were cast during the process validation; each membrane was prepared using current SOPs and reflected the standard membrane manufacturing process at Repligen. The following steps were taken as part of the study:

- Membranes were prepared using POP-SOP-1027 and POP-SOP-1028
- These membranes were sampled and tested following TX1001-POQ-115

This summary will provide final results for the shelf life study of the ProStream and HyStream membranes manufactured at Repligen. This report will also be used to summarize results of the sampling and testing throughout the study. The membrane storage study procedure TX1001-POQ-115 was applied to both the modified PES ProStream (BioFlo) and HyStream (HyFlo) membranes manufactured at Repligen. A list of membranes to be included in the study is shown below in sample table. One membrane of each type was chosen to represent the product line consisting of all MWCO membranes. These membranes were chosen as they correspond to the cassette storage study. Each membrane was tested following the standard QC release procedure POP-SOP-1030.

The storage study consisted of two different conditions, one at ambient temperature and the other at 50° C. The first part of the study was conducted at ambient temperature and had been designed to simulate exposure at a “normal” or median temperature. This type of study spanned (5) five years and was the standard shelf life study. The second part of the study conducted at 50° C had been designed to simulate exposure at the maximum temperature limit of the product. This type of study was concluded within 1 month and was an accelerated study. A study at lower temperatures was not conducted.

Each membrane sample sheet, at a given time point, was evaluated in triplicate. In the event one membrane failed during the study, a failure analysis would have been conducted through the deviation procedure (PAQ-SOP-1033). The mode of failure and impact on product quality would have then been assessed. If the membrane were deemed to be an anomaly, the study would continue as planned. The documented failure would accompany the final report. If all three membranes fail during any one time point, the endpoint of the study would have been reached and the study concluded. A detailed analysis of the membranes that did not meet release criteria would be included in the final report.

This study was reported upon several times, once in an interim summary and the final one here after five years.

Table 11. Membrane acceptance criteria for shelf life study

Description	Specifications
Normalized water permeability	NWP
NWP (LMH/psi)	9.5 - 22.0 LMH/psi
Percent Deviation	15%
Passing Molecular weight marker	PVP C-15 (~15 kD)
Flux (LMH)	140 - 250 LMH
Percent Rejection	30% - 60%
Retaining molecular weight marker	PVP C-30 (~45 kD)
Flux (LMH)	70 - 110 LMH
Percent Rejection	> 85%
Integrity test	Air diffusion @ 15psi
Total number of discs with air diffusion	≤ 6 (of 18 discs)

Table 12. Test results - Elevated temperature (50° C)

Time point	Normalized water permeability	Passing molecular weight marker	Retaining molecular weight marker	Integrity test
Time Initial	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 week	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 Month	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Table 13. Test results - Ambient temperature

Time point	Normalized water permeability	Passing molecular weight marker	Retaining molecular weight marker	Integrity test
Time Initial	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 Months	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
6 Months	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 Year	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
2 Years	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 Years	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 Years	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
5 Years	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Conclusions

This study report describes the final results of the shelf life storage study of the ProStream and HyStream membranes manufactured by Repligen after five years. Several membrane batches were manufactured as part of the initial process validation. Each batch was prepared using current SOPs and reflect the standard membrane manufacturing process at Repligen. One batch of each type of ProStream and HyStream membrane was used for this 5-year shelf life study. These membrane types represent the entire line of mPES membranes manufactured by Repligen.

The results show both the ProStream and HyStream membranes meet or exceed all release specifications after both the accelerated study after one month and ambient conditions after five

years. The membrane's performance, based on water permeability, rejection, and integrity were not affected after five years. The membrane storage study successfully reached its five-year conclusion.

3.7.2 TangenX® PRO Cassettes

The following section describes the conclusion of the shelf life storage study for the TangenX® PRO tangential flow filtration cassettes manufactured by Repligen after five years. The cassettes are manufactured, packaged, and stored for a period of time prior to shipment. Once shipped, the cassette may then remain unopened for another period of time before it is put into use. The maximum projected duration for the TangenX® PRO Cassette's shelf life has been determined to be up to five years. Several different cassettes were manufactured and evaluated in triplicate; each cassette was prepared using current SOPs and reflect the standard cassette manufacturing process at Repligen. The following steps were taken as part of the study:

- Cassettes were prepared using POP-SOP-1032.
- These cassettes were sampled and studied following the procedure in TX1001-POQ-116

This summary will provide final results from cassettes manufactured at Repligen for shelf life storage stability. This report will also be used to summarize results of the sampling and testing throughout the study. A list of cassettes included in the study is shown below. Each cassette was initially evaluated following the standard QC release procedure POP-SOP-1033.

One cassette type with two different membranes was chosen for this study, the TangenX® PRO PD 0.1 m² LP cassette using 10 kD ProStream and 10 kD HyStream membranes. The 0.1 TangenX® PRO PD Cassette was chosen as it accurately represents the construction of the entire product line including the 0.5 m² TangenX® PRO Cassette. Two different membrane chemistries were chosen to represent each membrane type, 10 kD ProStream and 10 kD HyStream. Each 10 kD membrane represents the entire membrane line manufactured by Repligen. A separate membrane storage study was used to evaluate the effect of aging on the various membrane types and pore sizes.

The storage study consisted of three different conditions, one at ambient temperature, one at 37° C, and the other at 50° C. The first part of the study conducted at ambient temperature had been designed to simulate exposure at a "normal" or median temperature. This type of study was concluded within (5) five years and was a standard storage study. The second two parts of the study were conducted at 37° C and 50° C. Each has been designed to simulate exposure at higher temperature limits of the product. This portion of the study was concluded within 3 months and was considered an accelerated study. A study at lower temperatures (below ambient) was not conducted.

Each cassette type at a given time point was evaluated in triplicate. In the event one cassette fails during the study, a failure analysis would be conducted through the deviation procedure (PAQ-SOP-1033). The mode of failure and impact on product quality would then be assessed. If the cassette were deemed to be an anomaly, the study would continue as planned. The documented failure will accompany the final report. If all three cassettes were to fail during any one time point, the endpoint of the study has been reached and the study will be concluded. A detailed analysis of the cassettes that did not meet the acceptance criteria will be conducted and included in the final shelf life study report.

This study was reported on several times, once in the interim report and the final one here after five years.

Table 14. TangenX® PRO Cassette Acceptance criteria for shelf life study

Description	Specifications
Water cross-flow rate Flow rate (liter per minute) Pressure drop (psi)	0.5 - 0.8 LPM @ Pressure drop 10±0.5 psi (0.7±0.03 bar)
Air diffusion rate Rate (ccm)	≤30 ccm @ 7.3±0.5 psi
Visual inspection Lot number	Matches Data Sheet
Particulates	≤10 particles
Standard Release Testing Follow TangenX® PRO Cassette Storage Study Procedure TX1001-POQ-116 and test the cassettes for final release using POP-SOP-1033.	

Table 15. Results - Cassette storage study @ 37° C (3 months)

Cassette type	Member type/MWCO	Time initial	1 month	3 months	# samples total
TangenX® PRO PD 0.1 m ² LP Screen Channel	ProStream - 10 kD	Pass	Pass	Pass	6
	HyStream - 10 kD	Pass	Pass	Pass	6

Table 16. Results - Cassette storage study @ 50° C (1 month)

Cassette type	Member type/MWCO	Time initial	1 month	3 months	# samples total
TangenX® PRO PD 0.1 m ² LP Screen Channel	ProStream - 10 kD	Pass	Pass	Pass	6
	HyStream - 10 kD	Pass	Pass	Pass	6

Table 17. Results - Cassette storage study @ Ambient (5 years)

Cassette type	Member type/MWCO	Time initial	Months					Year			# samples total
			3	6	1	2	⋮	4	5		
TangenX® PRO PD 0.1 m ² LP Screen Channel	ProStream 10 kD	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	6	
	HyStream 10 kD	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	6	

Conclusions

This study report describes the final results of the shelf life storage study of the TangenX® PRO TFF Cassettes manufactured by Repligen after five years. Several different cassettes were manufactured and evaluated in triplicate; each cassette was prepared using current SOPs and reflect the standard cassette manufacturing process at Repligen.

The results show the TangenX® PRO TFF Cassettes meet or exceed all release specifications after both the accelerated study and ambient conditions after five years. The TangenX® PRO TFF Cassette storage study successfully reached its five-year conclusion.

3.8 Chemical compatibility

Table 18. ProStream and HyStream chemical compatibility

Reagent	ProStream	HyStream
pH Range	1-14	1-14
Acetic Acid (5%)	✓	✓
Acetic Acid (25%)	✓	x
Acetone (≤ 30%)	✓	✓
Acetonitrile (≤ 15%)	✓	x
Alconox (1%)	✓	✓
Aliphatic and Aromatic Esters	x	x
Amines	x	x
Ammonium Chloride (1%)	✓	✓
Ammonium Hydroxide (5%)	x	x
Aromatic and Chlorinated Hydrocarbons	x	x
Butanol (70%)	✓	✓
Butyl Acetate (40%)	✓	x
Butyl Cellosolve (10%)	✓	✓
Calcium chloride (5%)	✓	✓
Chloroform (0.8%)	✓	✓
Citric Acid (1%)	✓	✓
Dimethyl Acetamide (DMAC) (≤ 30%)	✓	x
Dimethyl Acetamide (DMAC) (≤ 15%)	✓	✓
Dimethylformamide (≤ 40%)	✓	✓
Dimethyl Sulfoxide (≤ 40%)	✓	✓
Disodium Salt of EDTA (10%)	✓	✓
Ethanol (70%)	✓	✓
Ethers	x	x
Ethyl Acetate (≤ 30%)	✓	✓
Formaldehyde (1%)	✓	✓
Formic Acid (5%)	✓	✓
Glutaraldehyde (0.5%)	✓	✓
Glycerin (50%)	✓	✓
Guanidine HCl (6M)	✓	✓
Hydrochloric Acid (0.1N @ 25 C)	✓	✓
Hydrochloric Acid (0.1N @ 50 C)	✓	✓
Hydrochloric Acid (1.0N @ 50 C)	✓	x
Hydrogen Peroxide (1%)	✓	✓
Isopropyl Acetate (1%)	✓	✓
Isopropyl Alcohol (25%)	✓	✓
Ketones	x	x
Lactic Acid (5%)	✓	✓
Mercaptoethanol (0.1%)	✓	✓
Methyl Alcohol (25%)	✓	✓
Methylene Chloride (1%)	✓	x
Methyl Ethyl Ketone (1%)	✓	x
N-Methyl Pyrrolidone (1%)	✓	✓
Nitric Acid (≤ 1%)	✓	✓
Oxalic Acid (1%)	✓	✓
Phenol (0.5%)	✓	✓
Phosphate Buffer (pH: 8.2) (1M)	✓	✓
Phosphoric Acid (1N)	x	x
Sodium Azide (1%)	✓	✓
Sodium Chloride (5%) (50 C)	✓	✓
Sodium Deoxycholate (5%)	x	x
Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate (0.01M)	✓	✓
Sodium Hydroxide (0.1N @ 25 C)	✓	✓
Sodium Hydroxide (0.1N @ 50 C)	✓	✓
Sodium Hydroxide (0.5N @ 25 C)	✓	✓
Sodium Hydroxide (0.5N @ 50 C)	✓	✓
Sodium Hydroxide (1.0N @ 25 C)	✓	x
Sodium Hypochlorite (100ppm)	✓	✓
Sodium Hypochlorite (400ppm)	✓	x
Sodium Hypochlorite (1000ppm)	x	x
Sodium Nitrate	✓	✓
Sulfuric Acid (1N)	✓	x

Reagent	ProStream	HyStream
Terg-a-zyme (1%)	√	√
Tetrahydrofuran (5%)	x	x
Toluene (1%)	x	x
Tris buffer (pH: 8.2) (1M)	√	√
Triton X-100 (0.002M)	√	√
Urea (25%)	√	√
Ultrasil 11 (1%)	√	√

√ = **Compatible** no significant changes in either rejection or flow rate.

x = **Not Compatible** significant change noticed.

4. Safety information

4.1 USP Class VI

The purpose of UPS Class VI testing is to verify the biological safety of each of the components used in the TangenX® PRO Cassette product line. Samples for USP Class VI testing consisted of each of the five components of the TangenX® PRO TFF Cassette. Each component used to construct the cassettes is listed in the table below. Sample dimension, sample mass and test regime are identified as well.

Figure 23. USP Testing Results

TangenX Sample Matrix	USP Testing	Vendor: Toxikon			
	Component Description	Composition	Minimum Sample Mass	Sample Dimensions	Tests to be Conducted
1	Cassette Encapsulant	Polyurethane	~ 45 grams from 3 lots	25mm x 25mm x 5mm ⁽¹⁾	A,B,C
2	Screen Spacer	Polyolefin	~ 45 grams from 3 lots	25mm (diameter) x 0.8mm ⁽¹⁾	A,B,C
3	HyFlo Membrane	Polyethersulfone	~ 45 grams from 3 lots	25mm (diameter) x 0.2mm ⁽¹⁾	A,B,C
4	BioFlo Membrane	Polyethersulfone	~ 45 grams from 3 lots	25mm (diameter) x 0.2mm ⁽¹⁾	A,B,C
5	Silicone Gasket	Platinum Cured Silicone	~ 45 grams from 3 lots	25mm (diameter) x 1mm ⁽¹⁾	A,B,C
6	Channel Spacer	Polyolefin	~ 45 grams from 3 lots	25mm (diameter) x 0.8mm ⁽¹⁾	A,B,C
⁽¹⁾ Must also include 1mm x 1mm x 10mm sample					
Test ID	Test Description	Sample Mass	Sample Dimensions	Total Qty	
A	MEM Elution per USP <87>	4 grams	(see above)	7	
B	Class VI per USP <88>	16 grams, plus additional pieces ~10g ⁽¹⁾	(see above), plus 12 pieces 1mmx1mmx10mm	7	
C	Hemolysis - Indirect with rabbit blood	15 grams	(see above)	7	

Samples for both USP and extractables testing required preparation prior to analysis. Each sample needed to be rinsed with WFI, sanitized with 0.5M NaOH, and then rinsed again with WFI. The purpose of this sample preparation is two-fold:

1. To simulate the sanitization procedure the end user would perform prior to use of the cassette.
2. To sanitize the sample so as not to allow external contamination to interfere with the USP testing.

Approved procedures were followed during preparation of samples and used for USP and Class VI testing. The procedure was used to provide a record of the samples to be prepared, as well as the method of preparation. Experimental deviations were recorded in a laboratory notebook and a copy

attached to the final report. They were used to describe the deviations, to determine ways to rectify them and to record whether they would significantly affect the result of the experiment.

Results and Discussion

The results of the studies show that all component materials meet:

- Current requirements for USP Class VI biological testing for plastics
- The test article(s) meets the test requirements as defined in the USP guidelines: USP 30, NF 25, 2007, <788> Particulate Matter in Injections

All components materials used in cassettes manufactured by Repligen have been independently tested for USP safety and were shown to be safe according to:

- L929 MEM Elution per USP <87>
- Class VI per USP <88>
- Hemolysis – Indirect with Rabbit Blood

The study proposal for the USP testing conducted with Toxikon is found in Toxikon laboratory proposal #07-2-26TF7757. The study reports results generated by Toxikon are found in found in the complete USP report that can be provided by Repligen. A summary of the test results is below.

Figure 24. Summary of USP testing results



Test Summary

Date: June 4, 2007
 Sponsor: TangenX Technology Corp.
 Contact: Mark Pereault

Test Article Number: 07-1875
 Test Material: Kerasep Ceramic Membrane

Test Name	Project #	Status / Results
MEM Elution- USP	07-1875-G1	PASS – Report Complete PASS - Verbal 5/29
Class 6 (includes implant)	07-1875-G2	PASS – Report Complete
Hemolysis/ extract/ Rabbit Blood	07-1875-G3	PASS – Report Complete

Test Article Number: 07-1876
 Test Material: Silicone Gasket

Test Name	Project #	Status / Results
MEM Elution- USP	07-1876-G1	PASS – Report Complete PASS - Verbal 5/29
Class 6 (includes implant)	07-1876-G2	PASS – Report Complete
Hemolysis/ extract/ Rabbit Blood	07-1876-G3	PASS – Report Complete

Test Article Number: 07-1877
 Test Material: Carposep Membrane

Test Name	Project #	Status / Results
MEM Elution- USP	07-1877-G1	PASS – Report Complete PASS - Verbal 5/29
Class 6 (includes implant)	07-1877-G2	PASS – Report Complete
Hemolysis/ extract/ Rabbit Blood	07-1877-G3	PASS – Report Complete

Test Article Number: 07-1885
Test Material: HyFlo PES Membrane

Test Name	Project #	Status / Results
MEM Elution-USP	07-1885-G1	PASS – Report Complete
Class 6 (includes implant)	07-1885-G2	PASS - Verbal 5/29
Hemolysis/ extract/ Rabbit Blood	07-1885-G3	PASS - Report Complete

Test Article Number: 07-1878
Test Material: BioFlo PES Membrane

Test Name	Project #	Status / Results
MEM Elution-USP	07-1878-G1	PASS- Report Complete
Class 6 (includes implant)	07-1878-G2	PASS - Verbal 5/29
Hemolysis/ extract/ Rabbit Blood	07-1878-G3	PASS – Report Complete

Test Article Number: 07-1880
Test Material: Screen Spacer

Test Name	Project #	Status / Results
MEM Elution-USP	07-1880-G1	PASS – Report Complete
Class 6 (includes implant)	07-1880-G2	PASS - Verbal 5/29
Hemolysis/ extract/ Rabbit Blood	07-1880-G3	PASS – Report Complete

Test Article Number: 07-1881
Test Material: Channel Spacer

Test Name	Project #	Status / Results
MEM Elution-USP	07-1881-G1	PASS – Report Complete
Class 6 (includes implant)	07-1881-G2	PASS - Verbal 5/29
Hemolysis/ extract/ Rabbit Blood	07-1881-G3	PASS – Report Complete

Test Article Number: 07-1882
Test Material: Cassette Encapsulant

Test Name	Project #	Status / Results
MEM Elution-USP	07-1882-G1	PASS – Report Complete
Class 6 (includes implant)	07-1882-G2	PASS - Verbal 5/29
Hemolysis/ extract/ Rabbit Blood	07-1882-G3	PASS – Report Complete

Note: Test article identified as BioFlo is ProStream. Test article identified as HyFlo is HyStream.

4.2 Extractables

A controlled extraction study was performed on cassette membrane filtration system components using solvents and extraction techniques across a broad range of polarities. The methodology utilized and results generated are summarized in Study Report 201147-0307-5005. The results generated during this study represent a worst-case scenario, since either the temperature or dissolution properties of the solvents used during this investigation are more aggressive compared to the solvents used during routine component exposure.

Test samples were initially received immersed in solvent, which was decanted prior to extraction and rinsed to remove surface contamination with USP purified water as described in the Study Plan. Extraction of the test samples was performed using USP purified water, 25% ethanol in USP purified water, and hexanes accomplished in three separate analytical batches for a 24-hour period. Sub samples were taken at ~2,4,6, 16 and 24-hours and stored in hermetically sealed glass containers for future analysis. An extraction with 5% nitric acid was performed on selected samples for a 1-hour period.

HPLC/DAD/MS was performed on selected component extracts according to the conditions as described in the Study Plan. Aliquots of the USP purified water, 25% EtOH and hexanes extracts selected antioxidants. Results of this investigation are summarized in Figures 1-19 of the Study Report. Method controls consisting of the three solvents refluxed for 16-hours are also included in these figures. Due to the non-selective nature of the HPLC detectors, tentative identification of the extracted peaks was not possible. The results for these investigations, which include retention times and area responses for unknown peaks are summarized in Tables 3 - 8 of the Study Report. Only extracts containing peaks not observed in the associate method controls are summarized in these tables. No peaks were observed in the hexanes extractions. Figures 1-19 depict representative,

chromatographic profiles for selected extraction solvents acquired at three monitoring wavelengths. Review of the chromatograms indicates the presence of chromatographic peaks at varying intensity. Data is tabulated below in [Table 19](#).

GC/MS was performed on selected component extracts according to the conditions as described in the Study Plan, with no modifications. Aliquots of the USP purified water, 25% EtOH and hexanes extracts were assayed after refluxing for 16-hours and spiked with a known concentration of internal standard that was used in estimating the concentration of tentatively identified analytes and unknowns. For the USP purified water extracts a liquid/liquid solvent partition was performed by adding 2 mL of DCM to 5 mL of the sample extracted, vortex mixing the sample and transferring the DCM layer to an autosampler vial for analysis. Results are summarized in Tables 9-24 of the Study Report. These tables catalog the retention time and estimated concentration of tentatively identified compounds. The identification of compounds was accomplished using the NIST library contained in the GC/MS software. Where possible, the identity of the observed peak was reported, and the estimated concentration determined with the use of an internal standard added to each extraction solvent prior to injection onto the GC/MS system. The final reports are reported in the units of mg/g of material extracted. The identification should be considered tentative until the chromatographic retention time and mass spectra can be compared to authentic reference standards. Data is tabulated below in [Table 19](#).

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) analysis was performed on the USP purified water extracts with quantification of the extracts performed from a five (5) level external calibration curve. Test sample results observed higher than the highest concentration standard was re-assayed at a dilution. Results for the USP purified water extracts are summarized in Tables 31 and 32 of the Study Report, respectively. Calibration was performed between 0.200 and 20 mg/mL, two samples were observed to have recovered TOC concentrations above the calibration curve and were re-assayed at a dilution. Data is tabulated below in [Table 19](#).

Total Residues following Evaporation (Non-Volatile Residue-NVR) was performed on the USP purified water, 25% EtOH and Hexanes extracts were assayed after refluxing for 16-hours following the procedure outlined in the Study Plan. Results are summarized in Table 33 of the Study Report, with a majority of the final masses recorded as low milligrams except for the HyStream membrane. Data is tabulated below in [Table 19](#).

The test for Oxidizable Substances were performed on the USP purified water extracts sampled from the 16-hour extraction. Results are recorded in Table 34 of the Study Report and include observations and final precipitate mass where applicable. Data is tabulated below in [Table 19](#).

Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) Spectroscopy was performed by serial diluting and evaporating the three extraction mediums to dryness, since insufficient residue was available from the NVR extractions. Spectra indicate the absence of significant peaks and are presented as Figures 33-52 in the Study Report. Polystyrene calibration film and the extraction solvent method controls from the 16-hour reflux are shown as representative spectra. Data is tabulated below in [Table 19](#).

Table 19. Summary of results from extractables testing

Test	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Test description	Total residuals following evaporation	FTIR of residue	HPLC-DAD	GCMS	TOC	ICP-MS	Oxidizable substances
Units	(g)	Wavenumber (cm-1)	# of peaks	# of peaks	(ppm)	ppm	Precipitate (g)
Cassette encapsulant	0.00195	2500	2	6	106 ⁽¹⁾	N/A	ND
Screen/Channel spacer	0.00053	2300	ND	4	3.62	N/A	ND
BioFlo Membrane	0.00181	2400	ND	2	16.1	N/A	ND
HyFlo Membrane	0.00975	2400	3	2	145 ⁽¹⁾	N/A	0.00462
Silicone gasket	0.00208	2300	ND	3	3.95	N/A	ND
Extraction conditions: Water reflux 16 hours - Notes: (1) Samples re-assayed following dilution.							

Test	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Test description	Total residuals following evaporation	FTIR of residue	HPLC-DAD	GCMS	TOC	ICP-MS	Oxidizable substances
Units	(g)	Wavenumber (cm-1)	# of peaks	# of peaks	(ppm)	ppm	Precipitate (g)
Cassette encapsulant	-0.00197	2400	4	4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Screen/Channel spacer	0.00133	ND	ND	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
BioFlo Membrane	0.00542	2400	1	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
HyFlo Membrane	0.01138	ND	6	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Silicone gasket	0.00229	2300	3	6	N/a	N/A	N/A
Extraction conditions: 25% ETOH reflux 16 hours.							



NOTE: Test article identified as BioFlo is ProStream. Test article identified as HyFlo is HyStream. Summary of results are from Reports 201147-0307-5005.

4.3 BSE free materials

Raw materials used in the manufacture of these products have been accepted for use in accordance with standard operating procedures and meet all incoming release criteria. Repligen certifies that the components used in the production of both membranes and filtration cassettes are BSE free.

The raw materials used in the manufacture of TangenX® membrane and filtration cassettes do contain traces of animal derived material. Process stabilizers required for the production of several of the polymer-based materials are made using stearic acid. This originates from tallow, a rendered form of beef lard.

However, risk is minimized using this tallow-based stabilizer. Tallow derivatives for industrial, cosmetic, or pharmaceutical uses are considered safe regarding the risk of contracting TSE/BSE when certain inactivation conditions are met. The reasons are as follows:

- The beef tallow used is TSE/BSE free, as the beef tallow is supplied together with a certificate from the authorities responsible, which conform that the tallow originates from healthy animals (ante and postmortem).
- The processing conditions meet the requirements of the “Note for Guidance on Minimizing the Risk of Transmitting Animal Spongiform Encephalopathy Agents via Human and Veterinary Medicinal Products” EMEA/410/01 Rev. 3, effective July 1, 2011.
- The above document(s) define an inactivation method and a hydrolysis process of at least 200°C under an approximate pressure for 20 minutes. These conditions are far exceeded in the production of stabilizer as the tallow is hydrolyzed at about 230°C under 30 bars for at least 6 hours.
- The stearic acid does not come from high-risk countries.

4.4 Endotoxin

The following study was conducted to quantify the endotoxin count from an initial flush from the tangential flow filtration cassettes. These cassettes are packaged in 20% glycerin and 0.1% sodium azide prior to shipment. A minimal volume of water for injection was used to perform the flush so as not to dilute the sample. The experiment was performed in triplicate where each cassette was flushed with 100 mL of water displacing the storage solution. The storage solution flush was then evaluated for particulate matter and endotoxin count by a contract lab. The following report outlines steps that were taken to determine the ideal conditions under which to remove the storage solution. The information gathered from this study was used to draft portions of the cassette’s certificate of conformance and will be referenced in other supporting documents.

Several different cassettes were manufactured and evaluated in triplicate; each cassette was prepared using current SOPs and reflected the standard cassette manufacturing process at Repligen. The following steps were taken as part of the study:

- Cassettes were prepared using approved procedures
- These cassettes were flushed, and the liquid analyzed

This section summarizes the results generated while evaluating the cassettes manufactured at Repligen for endotoxin count. Each cassette was tested and released following approved QC test procedures.

One cassette type was chosen for this study, the TangenX® PRO PD 0.1 m² LP Cassette using 10 kD ProStream membrane. The 0.1 m² TangenX® PRO PD Cassette was chosen as it accurately represents the construction of the entire product line including the 0.5 m² TangenX® PRO Cassette. During the study, each cassette type was evaluated in triplicate. The cassettes were installed in the TangenX® PRO PD Cassette holder, flushed with water and analyzed for particulate and endotoxin count. The procedure used for the endotoxin study was adapted from TX1001-POQ-118. The system was prepared and sanitized as specified. Only the initial cassette flush was performed at a reduced volume, 100 mL. Approved procedural steps were followed during the study. Notes and comments pertaining to the procedure may be found in notebook TAN1001 on pages 53 to 55.

The endotoxin analysis was conducted under USP 30, NF 25, 2007. <85> Bacterial Endotoxin Test, Guidance on Validation of the Limulus Amebocyte Test as an End-Product Endotoxin Test for Human and Parenteral Drugs, Biological Products, and Medical Devices, December 1987.

The results of the endotoxin count study show that the level of endotoxin is considered low and within acceptable limits when compared to industry standards. The control data included only the filtration system with no membrane cassettes installed. The system was assembled, sanitized with 0.5 M sodium hydroxide, and then flushed with DI water. The control sample consisted of 100mL of water for injection flushed through the empty system as a baseline control. The cassettes were then evaluated in triplicate; the data was tabulated and summarized in [Figure 30](#) and [26](#).

Figure 25. Results of endotoxin count study

SAMPLE NUMBER	REPORTED RESULT (EU/mL)	RESULT W/BASELINE SUBTRACTED (EU/mL)
<i>Control-01</i>	<i>0.191</i>	---
CA7331-01	0.269	0.078
CA7331-02	0.450	0.259
CA7331-03	0.743	0.552

The first experiment conducted was for the filtration system alone, with no membranes installed. The system was assembled, sanitized with 0.5 M sodium hydroxide, and then flushed with DI water. The effluent streams were analyzed, and the results reported in the first line of [Figure 25](#). The data shows the system contributes a portion of the endotoxin value and was used to correct the sample values.

Once a baseline was generated for the filtration system, the experiments for a set of three cassettes containing ProStream membrane began. One 0.1 m² cassette was installed in the hardware and then flushed with 100 mL of water for injection. The effluent streams were analyzed, and the results reported in [Figure 26](#). The data shows the 100 mL flush contains endotoxin and may be used to predict endotoxin levels found in the cassettes manufactured at Repligen. The results below represent an average of each cassette type in triplicate.

Figure 26. Results of Endotoxin Count Study

SAMPLE NUMBER	FLUSH VOLUME (mL)	CASSETTE MASS (g)	NORMALIZED RESULT (EU/mg)	NORMALIZED RESULT (EU/cm ²)
CA7331-01	100	140.33	0.00055	0.037
CA7331-02	100	140.36	0.00185	0.123
CA7331-03	100	140.38	0.00393	0.262
AVERAGE			0.00211 EU/mg	0.141 EU/cm²

Once the results were generated, the control result was subtracted from the sample result to generate the final concentration of endotoxin present in the 100 mL sample. The concentration of endotoxin was then multiplied by the same volume and then divided by the mass of the dry filtration cassette to give a normalized result. The relationship between the mass of a TangenX® PRO Cassette and its filtration area is approximately 1,000 g per 1.5 m². An average value of 0.141 EU/cm² can be used to determine the amount of endotoxin in a single filter or a group of stacked filters prior to use.

4.5 Particulates

The following study was conducted to quantify the particulate count from an initial flush from the tangential flow filtration cassettes. These cassettes are packaged in 20% glycerin and 0.1% sodium azide prior to shipment. A minimal volume of water for injection was used to perform the flush so as not to dilute the sample. The experiment was performed in triplicate where each cassette was flushed with 100 mL of water displacing the storage solution. The storage solution flush was then evaluated for particulate matter and endotoxin count by a contract lab. The following report outlines steps that were taken to determine the ideal conditions under which to remove the storage solution. The information gathered from this study was used to draft portions of the cassette's certificate of conformance and will be referenced in other supporting documents.

Several different cassettes were manufactured and evaluated in triplicate; each cassette was prepared using current SOPs and reflected the standard cassette manufacturing process at Repligen. The following steps were taken as part of the study:

- Cassettes were prepared using approved procedures
- These cassettes were flushed, and the liquid analyzed

This section summarizes the results generated while evaluating the cassettes manufactured at Repligen for particulates. Each cassette was tested and released using approved QC procedures.

One cassette type was chosen for this study, the TangenX® PRO PD 0.1 m² LP Cassette using 10 kD ProStream membrane. The 0.1 m² TangenX® PRO PD Cassette was chosen as it accurately represents the construction of the entire product line including the 0.5 m² TangenX® PRO Cassette. During the study, each cassette type was evaluated in triplicate. The cassette was installed in the TangenX® PRO PD Cassette holder and evaluated for particulate and endotoxin count. The cassettes were flushed with water and analyzed for particulate count. The procedure used for the particulate count study was adapted from TX1001-POQ-118. The system was prepared and sanitized as specified. Only the initial cassette flush was performed at a reduced volume; 100mL. Notes and comments pertaining to the procedure may be found in notebook TAN1001 on pages 53 to 55.

The particulate count analysis was conducted under USP 30, NF 25, 2007. <788> Particulate Matter in Injections.

The results of the particulate count study show the test articles meet the test requirements as defined in the USP guidelines. The sample complies with the test if the average number of particles present in the units tested does not exceed 12 per mL equal to or greater than 10 µm and does not exceed 2 per mL equal to or greater than 25 µm.

The results of the study are summarized in [Table 20](#). The control data was for the filtration system alone, with no membranes installed. The system was assembled, sanitized with 0.5M sodium hydroxide and then flushed with DI water. The control sample consisted of 100mL of water for injection flushed through the empty system as a baseline control. The cassettes were then evaluated in triplicate, the data was tabulated, and the data summarized below. The raw data from each set of cassettes may be found in a completed development report.

Table 20. Results of particulate count study

Sample number	Particles 10 - 25 microns	Particles > 25 microns	Fibers > 100 microns
Control-01	0.178 per/mL	0.022 per/mL	0.000 per/mL
CA7331-01	0.011 per/mL	0.000 per/mL	0.022 per/mL
CA7331-02	0.178 per/mL	0.000 per/mL	0.022 per/mL
CA7331-03	0.067 per/mL	0.033 per/mL	0.022 per/mL

The first experiment conducted was for the filtration system alone, with no membranes installed. The system was assembled, sanitized with 0.5 M sodium hydroxide, and then flushed with DI water. The effluent streams were analyzed, and the results reported in Table 4.5. The data show the system contributes to a portion of the particles found in the test samples but did not contribute to a failure.

Once a baseline was generated for the filtration system, the experiments for a set of three cassettes containing ProStream membrane began. One 0.1 m² cassette was installed in the hardware and then flushed with 100mL of water for injection. The effluent streams were analyzed, and the results reported in Table 4.5. The data show the 100 mL flush contains a minimal number of particles found in the cassettes manufactured at Repligen. The sample complied with the test and the average

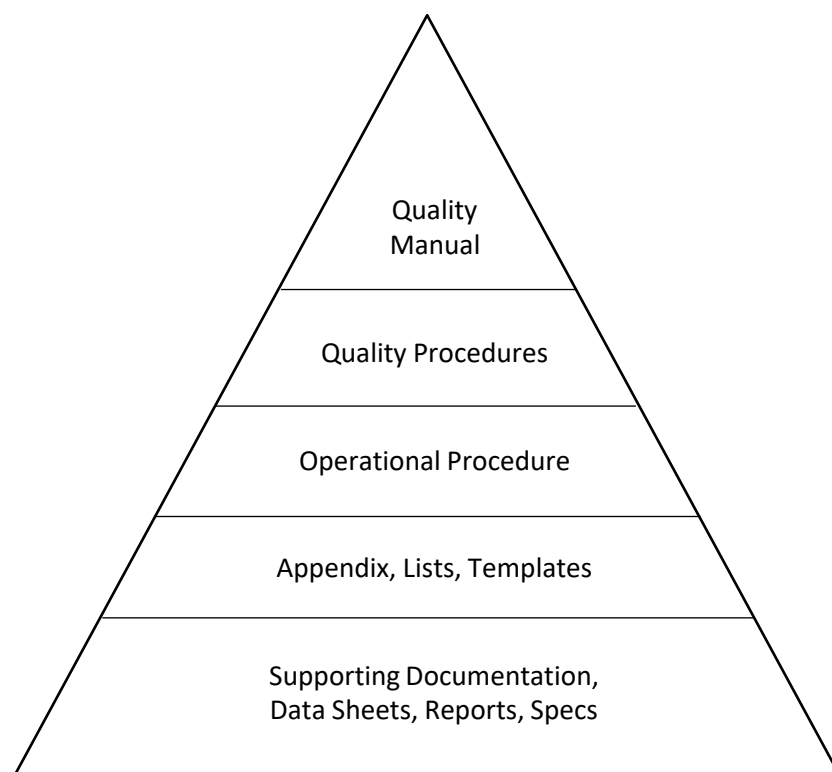
number of particles present in the units tested did not exceed 12 per mL; equal to or greater than 10 µm and did not exceed 2 per L equal to or greater than 25µm.

In conclusion, the particulate and endotoxin count study showed that the level of endotoxin in this population of cassettes are considered low and are within acceptable limits when utilizing the USP test method <85> for bacterial endotoxins test. Additionally, the results of the particulate count study show the test articles meet the test requirements as defined in the USP guidelines <788> for particulate matter in injections. It was shown that the cassette manufacturing process utilizes an effective cassette storage solution and minimizes the particulate and endotoxin count prior to shipment of the cassette products. Notes and comments pertaining to the procedure may be found in notebook TAN1001 on pages 53 to 55.

5. Documentation system

The pyramids below show the document systems, which are applicable within the scope of the cassette validation. The first pyramid illustrates the general document system put in place at Repligen through the Quality Manual and Quality Systems Procedures. These two pyramids address validation and qualification documents.

Figure 27. General document pyramid



Quality Manual

A document that defines in a general manner the Quality Management System applied to the different Repligen processes.

Quality Procedures

A document outlining specific work processes and how the requirements of the ICH Q7 standard are being met.

Operational Procedure

Step by step directions on how a task should be done.

Appendix

Documents used to further clarify or show examples of information described in the procedures and work instructions.

Lists

List of material elements or others (e.g., equipment, nomenclature).

Templates

Electronic documents used to create quality system documentation.

Supporting Documentation

Information used to support the requirements, production or results of a given process.

Data Sheets

Documents used to make a record of completing all or part of the process described in procedures and work instructions.

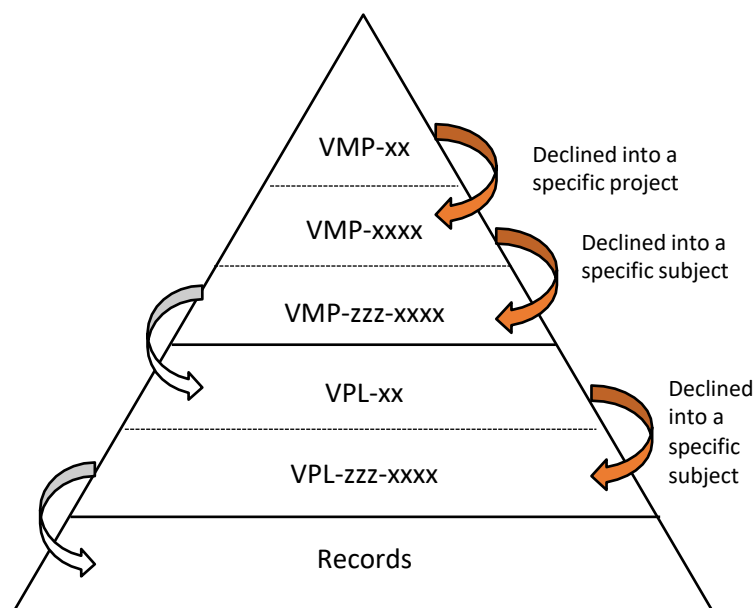
Records

Completed forms or information generated as a result of the process described in a document and retained as within a procedure.

Specifications

Raw material, intermediates or finished products requirements for the production and release of product.

Figure 28. Validation document pyramid



VMP-xx / VMP-xxxx / VMP-zzz-xxxx Validation Master Plans

These validation documents clearly describe the validation project by presenting a global and synthetic view. They must allow identification of the systems that are to be validated, the necessary resources are to be defined, the schedules are to be generally defined, and all activities related to the validation is to be defined.

The general Validation Master Plan is identified as VMP-xx or if specific to a given project will be identified as VMP-xxxx project (with xxxx indicating the project identification number). The VMP-xxxx specific to project xxxx allows the scope of the validation process to be presented. The VMP-xxxx may refer to VMP-zzz-xxxx Master Validation Plans specific to a rather specific validation subject (examples VMP-zzz-xxxx: cleaning process validation, manufacturing process validation, methods validation).

VPL-xx / VPL-zzz-xxxx Validation Plans

A general Validation Plan is identified as VPL-xx or if specific to a given project will be identified as VPL-zzz-xxxx. A Validation Plan describes the specific tasks and operations. It may refer to the PAQ-xx, but in particular to the POP-xx. The forms that allow the tasks and operations performed, to be tracked are shown in the Validation Plan appendices. At the conclusion of the validation operations, a final report synthesis the conditions of the operations and draws a conclusion on the validation. The report must be approved by the Quality Assurance Department.

Change Control

Management of the changes are performed according to approved procedures and using change control request forms. The nature and significance of each change may be different (for example: critical, major, minor), and it is the responsibility of Repligen to justify the classification of these changes.

As described in the change control procedure, changes having a real or supposed incidence on the quality of the product, the process, the production, or control equipment, and or the specifications must be documented and, if necessary, give rise to:

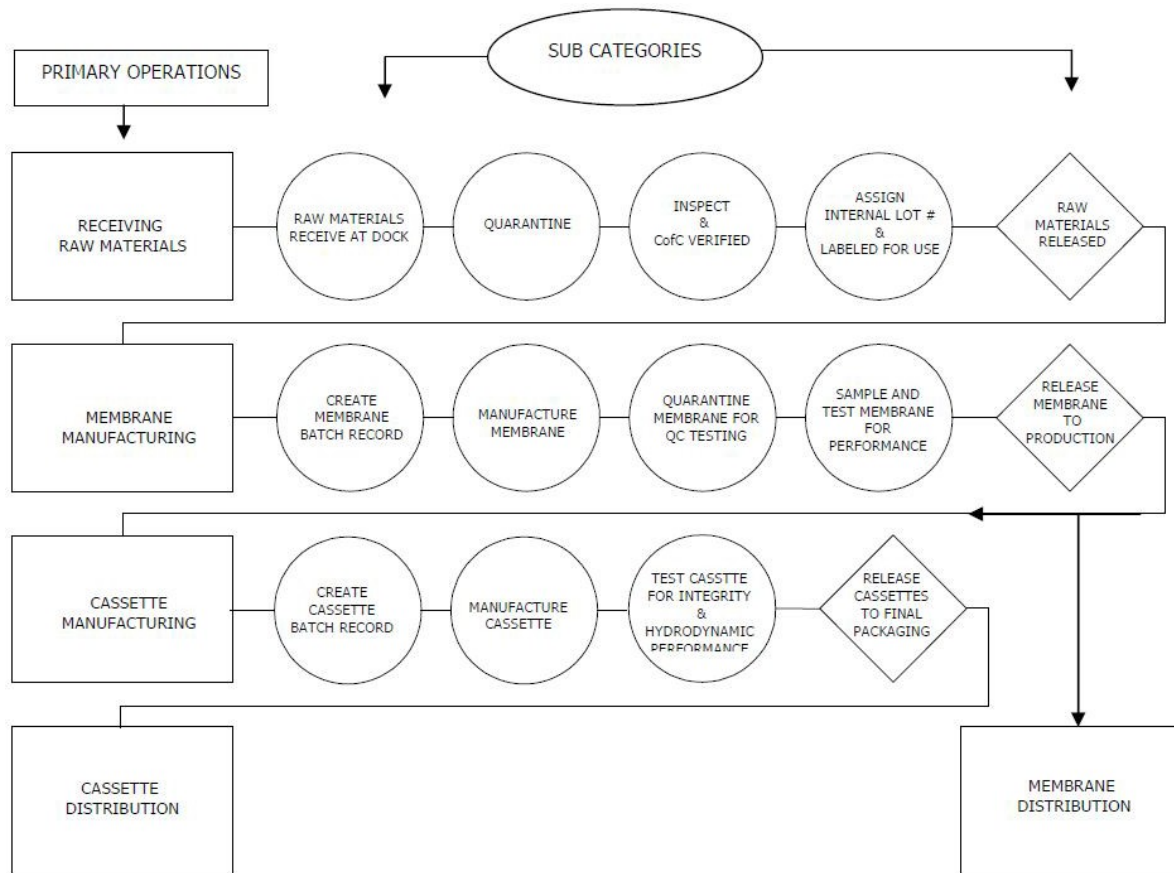
- Tests and trials to evaluate their consequences
- Validation of the change if it is significant

Changes may lead to revision of a document and its revision status.

6. Product manufacturing

Tangential flow filtration membranes and cassettes manufactured at Repligen are produced in a facility whose Quality Management System is approved by an accredited registering body to the ISO® 9001 2015 Quality System Standard. The following process flow chart depicts the primary operations and their sub-categories. Specified raw materials are initially received and quarantined prior to inspection for conformity. Once inspected, the raw materials are identified and labeled with a unique internal lot numbering system for easy traceability. Approved raw materials are then used to manufacture the membranes using state of the art equipment and techniques. Membrane lots are tracked using a batch recording system and then tested for permeability and selectivity. Membranes meeting specification are then transferred to a holding area where they will be fabricated into cassettes. Cassettes are manufactured using approved standard operating procedures and then individually tested for both air integrity and hydrodynamic performance. Cassettes meeting specification are released to final packaging where they await distribution.

Figure 29. Process flow chart



7. Qualification

7.1 Equipment qualification

An IQ and OQ were performed for each piece of critical equipment utilized in the production of the membrane and cassette assembly. The IQ/OQs were executed with documented results and a written report. The following equipment was qualified before the validation of the membrane and cassette assembly process:

- Casting Machine
- Post-Treatment Skid
- Drying Machine
- Vacuum Pump
- Urethane Dispensing Machine

Production and Quality Assurance were responsible for the qualification and documentation of the equipment.

7.2 Qualification of QC instruments

The instruments used in the QC testing of the membranes and cassettes were calibrated as required. The instruments were qualified during the Membrane QC Testing and Cassette QC Testing Procedures qualification.

7.3 Qualification of critical utilities

The term *critical utility* is understood at minimum to be the utilities, which might have an impact on product quality or are in contact with the product:

- Water System
- Compressed Air

Non-compliances/deviations may lead to a change and might require revalidation of a step of the process.

8. Manufacturing process validation

Validation of the process was carried out on three membrane lots per membrane chemistry and four cassette product groups, all of which were produced and found to be compliant with the process specifications. Before process validation began, the following tests must have had to have been performed and concluded positively:

- Class VI testing
- Extractables testing
- Leachables testing
- Protein binding study
- Membrane storage study
- Cassette storage study

Validation was carried out according to the approved validation plan and results recorded in the Validation Document Package. The Validation Document package includes the validation procedure, test results and validation report.

Product Validation Matrix:

- Screen Channel – High Pressure (HP) and Low Pressure (LP)
- Suspended Screen Channel (S)

Within the framework of the validation, QC methods, the utilities, equipment, and personnel must have been qualified. Quality Assurance approved the VMP of the production process, and the following information included:

- Object and field of application
- Reference documents
- Responsibilities
- Pre-requisites
- Description of the interfaces (suppliers)
- Description of the equipment used and the building
- Summary of all the data (R&D studies, previous production if applicable)
- Flowchart of the process
- Risk analysis
- Definition of the validation lots and project planning
- Type of validation, i.e., prospective, or retrospective validation
- Revalidation conditions

The results of a risk analysis allowed for the drafting of the sampling plan, defining the intervals between the sampling and the number of samples to be taken, in addition to what is described in the Validation Document Package. The VPL was also approved by the Quality Assurance Department prior to starting validation.

During validation, all information providing traceability for the membranes and cassettes was compiled in a batch production file, an analytical lot file and the corresponding VPL. A final validation report that summarizes all the production and quality control data for the membranes and cassettes was written and approved by Quality Assurance.

8.1 Membrane process validation

The results for the process validation of the ultrafiltration and microfiltration membranes produced at Repligen were carried out as specified. The validation included approved procedures for the Casting Solution Preparation, Membrane Casting Procedure, 20% glycerin solution/0.05% Sodium Azide Procedure, Membrane QC Testing Procedure, and their corresponding forms.

The individual procedures were combined and executed as one validation lot. Three consecutive lots were manufactured as part of the validation for each membrane type. Two chemistries, HyStream 10 kD and ProStream 10 kD were each validated since these membranes represent the TangenX® membrane product line. The validation was considered successful as the three lots of each membrane type were in conformance with the defined specification.

The required condition for validation of the membrane production process was the manufacturing of three (3) consecutive compliant lots. A lot was certified as compliant once it had been manufactured in accordance with:

- Development documents
- Product specifications
- Associated procedures

Validation of the process was performed in two distinct stages; validation as performed on the membrane production process and the cassette production process. Once the individual procedures were combined and executed as one validation lot, the membranes manufactured were evaluated for their performance using approved SOPs. Three consecutive lots were manufactured as part of the validation for each membrane type. Two chemistries, HyStream 10 kD and ProStream 10 kD were each validated since these membranes represent the TangenX® membrane product line. The validation was considered successful as the three lots of each membrane type were in conformance with the defined specification. The test results for each of the validation lots are summarized in the below.

The validation was considered successful as the three lots of each membrane type were in conformance with the defined specification. Three consecutive lots were manufactured as part of the validation for each membrane type. Two membrane types, HyStream 10 kD and ProStream 10 kD were each validated since these membranes represent the TangenX® membrane product line. Each membrane batch was manufactured in accordance with approved standard operating procedures.

Each of the membrane lots was found to meet product specifications following approved SOPs and found to be within compliance. The membrane validation is complete and the membrane manufacturing process at Repligen is considered validated.

Figure 30. ProStream Membrane validation - data summary

Membrane: ProStream™ 10 kD Lot Number: F7267A (1 of 3)	MEASURED VALUE	SPECIFICATION	WITHIN SPECIFICATION (YES / NO)
Normalized Water Permeability	17.5 LMH/psi	9.5 – 27 LMH/psi	Yes
Solute Flux (Passing)	193.3 LMH	140 – 250 LMH	Yes
Solute Rejection (Passing)	48.7 %	30 – 60 %	Yes
Solute Flux (Passing)	100.4 LMH	75 – 110 LMH	Yes
Solute Rejection (Passing)	91.8 %	> 85 %	Yes

Membrane: ProStream™ 10 kD Lot Number: F7268A (2 of 3)	MEASURED VALUE	SPECIFICATION	WITHIN SPECIFICATION (YES / NO)
Normalized Water Permeability	18.1 LMH/psi	9.5 – 27 LMH/psi	Yes
Solute Flux (Passing)	199.6 LMH	140 – 250 LMH	Yes
Solute Rejection (Passing)	40.5 %	30 – 60 %	Yes
Solute Flux (Passing)	90.0 LMH	75 – 110 LMH	Yes
Solute Rejection (Passing)	90.9 %	> 85 %	Yes

Membrane: ProStream™ 10 kD Lot Number: F7269A (3 of 3)	MEASURED VALUE	SPECIFICATION	WITHIN SPECIFICATION (YES / NO)
Normalized Water Permeability	19.5 LMH/psi	9.5 – 27 LMH/psi	Yes
Solute Flux (Passing)	201.9 LMH	140 – 250 LMH	Yes
Solute Rejection (Passing)	37.6 %	30 – 60 %	Yes
Solute Flux (Passing)	96.9 LMH	75 – 110 LMH	Yes
Solute Rejection (Passing)	87.9 %	> 85 %	Yes

Figure 31. HyStream Membrane validation - data summary

Membrane: HyStream 10 kD Lot Number: F7267B (1 of 3)	MEASURED VALUE	SPECIFICATION	WITHIN SPECIFICATION (YES / NO)
Normalized Water Permeability	20.1 LMH/psi	9.5 – 27 LMH/psi	Yes
Solute Flux (Passing)	201.2 LMH	140 – 250 LMH	Yes
Solute Rejection (Passing)	51.0 %	30 – 60 %	Yes
Solute Flux (Passing)	102.2 LMH	75 – 110 LMH	Yes
Solute Rejection (Passing)	91.1 %	> 85 %	Yes

Membrane: HyStream 10 kD Lot Number: F7268B (2 of 3)	MEASURED VALUE	SPECIFICATION	WITHIN SPECIFICATION (YES / NO)
Normalized Water Permeability	17.6 LMH/psi	9.5 – 27 LMH/psi	Yes
Solute Flux (Passing)	171.6 LMH	140 – 250 LMH	Yes
Solute Rejection (Passing)	56.1 %	30 – 60 %	Yes
Solute Flux (Passing)	100.2 LMH	75 – 110 LMH	Yes
Solute Rejection (Passing)	91.3 %	> 85 %	Yes

Membrane: HyStream 10 kD Lot Number: F7269B (3 of 3)	MEASURED VALUE	SPECIFICATION	WITHIN SPECIFICATION (YES / NO)
Normalized Water Permeability	20.0 LMH/psi	9.5 – 27 LMH/psi	Yes
Solute Flux (Passing)	176.7 LMH	140 – 250 LMH	Yes
Solute Rejection (Passing)	48.0 %	30 – 60 %	Yes
Solute Flux (Passing)	90.9 LMH	75 – 110 LMH	Yes
Solute Rejection (Passing)	89.2 %	> 85 %	Yes

8.2 Cassette process validation

The results for the process validation of the tangential flow filtration cassette produced at Repligen were carried out as specified. The validation included the following approved procedures: Urethane Part 'A' Mixing Procedure, Die Cutting Procedure, Mold Release Mixing Procedure, Cassette Assembly Procedure, Final Packaging Procedure, Cassette QC Testing Procedure, and their corresponding forms.

The individual procedures were combined and executed as one validation group where three consecutively serialized cassettes were manufactured. Two cassette types, TangenX® PRO PD Cassette 0.1 m² LP and TangenX® PRO Cassette 0.5 m², with two different membranes, ProStream 10 kD and HyStream 10 kD, were validated since these cassette types represents the TangenX® cassette product line.

The validation was considered successful since the three cassettes in each group of each cassette/membrane type were in conformance with the defined specifications. Twelve (12) cassettes were manufactured during the validation. The cassettes were divided into four (4) groups by product type (TangenX® PRO PD Cassette vs. TangenX® PRO Cassette) and membrane combinations, as follows:

- 3 each, TangenX® PRO PD, 0.1 m² with LP Screen Channel and ProStream 10 kD membrane
- 3 each, TangenX® PRO PD, 0.1 m² with LP Screen Channel and HyStream 10 kD membrane
- 3 each, TangenX® PRO, 0.5 m² with LP Screen Channel and ProStream 10 kD membrane

- 3 each, TangenX® PRO, 0.5 m² with “LP” Screen Channel and HyStream 10 kD membrane

Each grouping contained three consecutively serial numbered cassettes where each cassette was individually tested according to the approved Cassette QC Testing Procedure and QC Release specifications. Each cassette was tested in the cassette QC test area for liquid volume flow rate and air mass flow rate. The test results for each cassette are found below in [Figure 32](#) and [33](#).

Following the validation, Quality Assurance conducted a review of the test data, verifying the adherence to set specifications. Quality Assurance was responsible for the final review of the executed validation procedures and test results.

The cassette assembly process was validated separately from the membrane manufacturing process (VPL-PRO-101-TX1001). Each had a separate Validation Report written. VPL-PRO-102-TX1001 applies to the cassette production process. This process was validated if the specifications defined in the VMP-PRO-102-TX1001 and VMP-PRO-102-TX1001-ADDENDUM were met. The defined validation team, while following documented procedures, manufactured three consecutive lots for each cassette type and membrane, as defined in [Section 8](#). The following table provides the measured QC results versus the QC specifications for each of the twelve products manufactured for this validation.

A total of twelve cassettes in two configurations types and two membrane chemistries, as defined by the validation plan, were manufactured, and tested. The validation was successful as each cassette manufactured under this validation plan was found to be in conformance with the defined specifications.

Figure 32. TangenX® PRO PD Cassette process validation summary table

MEMBRANE	CASSETTE SERIAL #	MEASURED VALUE	TEST SOLUTION TEMP °C	SPECIFICATION	WITHIN SPECIFICATION (YES / NO)
ProStream™ 10 kD	17318101	0.646 L/min	20	0.6 to 0.9 L/min	YES
		18 ccm	20	≤ 30 ccm	YES
	17318102	0.626 L/min	20	0.6 to 0.9 L/min	YES
		19 ccm	20	≤ 30 ccm	YES
	17318103	0.610 L/min	20	0.6 to 0.9 L/min	YES
		2 ccm	20	≤ 30 ccm	YES
HyStream™ 10 kD	17316104	0.680 L/min	20	0.6 to 0.9 L/min	YES
		16 ccm	20	≤ 30 ccm	YES
	17316105	0.620 L/min	20	0.6 to 0.9 L/min	YES
		3 ccm	20	≤ 30 ccm	YES
	17316106	0.630 L/min	20	0.6 to 0.9 L/min	YES
		19 ccm	20	≤ 30 ccm	YES

Figure 33. TangenX® PRO Cassette process validation summary table

MEMBRANE	CASSETTE SERIAL #	MEASURED VALUE	TEST SOLUTION TEMP °C	SPECIFICATION	WITHIN SPECIFICATION (YES / NO)
ProStream 10 kD	17313201	3.90 L/min	22	3.14 to 4.71 L/min	YES
		100 ccm	22	≤ 150 ccm	YES
	17313202	3.72 L/min	22	3.14 to 4.71 L/min	YES
		120 ccm	22	≤ 150 ccm	YES
	17313203	3.410 L/min	24	3.29 to 4.94 L/min	YES
		60 ccm	24	≤ 150 ccm	YES
HyStream 10 kD	17316201	4.21 L/min	22	3.14 to 4.71 L/min	YES
		3 ccm	22	≤ 150 ccm	YES
	17316202	4.11 L/min	27	3.53 to 5.29 L/min	YES
		90 ccm	27	≤ 150 ccm	YES
	17316203	4.09 L/min	27	3.53 to 5.29 L/min	YES
		8 ccm	27	≤ 150 ccm	YES

9. Release testing

9.1 Analytical method validation

Selective analytical methods for the quantitative evaluation of membrane and membrane-based products are necessary for the QC release of these devices. Analytical method qualification includes all the procedures that demonstrate that a particular method used for quantitative measurement of samples in each matrix is reliable and reproducible for the intended use. The fundamental parameters for qualification include specificity, linearity, accuracy, precision, and robustness.

Method validation involved documenting that the performance characteristics of the methods were suitable and reliable for the intended applications. The acceptability of analytical data corresponds directly to the criteria used to qualify the method. Specific, detailed descriptions of the analytical methods were written in the form of a standard operating procedure for both membrane and cassette QC testing. Each step in these methods were investigated to determine the extent to which environmental, matrix, or procedural variables can affect the estimation of material in the matrix.

In the case of sensitive quantitative procedures such as these, appropriate steps were taken to ensure the lack of matrix effects throughout the application of the method. These analytical methods were validated for the intended use of membrane characterization and cassette release. All experiments used to make claims or draw conclusions about the validity of the method are presented in a method qualification report. In process test methods include both membrane and cassette QC methods.

9.2 Membrane QC method validation

The purpose of the membrane QC testing method validation was to validate the membrane QC testing procedure. This procedure refers to ultrafiltration and microfiltration membranes manufactured by Repligen. Membranes are initially manufactured and then tested for performance prior to being incorporated into a cassette product. A report summarizing the verification of specificity, linearity, accuracy, precision, and robustness of the membrane QC test procedure was written. Minimum requirements including acceptance specifications for the methods were set during the method development and validation cycle. The acceptance criteria are found in each of the data sheets found in the body of the report.

The principles followed for the membrane QC method validation were based on cGMP guidelines and helped Repligen ensure the test method was acceptable for use. The membrane QC procedure is used to verify each membrane's water permeability and protein rejection. This information is then used to accept or reject the membranes manufactured at Repligen. At the conclusion of the validation, it was proven that membrane QC method meets requirements set by Repligen for specificity, linearity, accuracy, precision, and robustness. Minimum requirements, which were essentially acceptance specifications for the methods, were met during the method development and validation cycle and the QC membrane test procedure considered validated.

9.3 Cassette QC method validation

The purpose of the cassette QC testing method validation was to validate the cassette QC testing procedure. This procedure refers to ultrafiltration and microfiltration cassettes manufactured by Repligen. The cassettes are initially manufactured and then tested for performance prior to being released as final product. A written report summarizes the verification of specificity, linearity, accuracy, precision, and robustness of the cassette QC test procedure. Minimum requirements including acceptance specifications for the methods, were set during the method development and validation cycle. The acceptance criteria are found in each of the data sheets found in the body of the report. The procedure used for the method validation was described in the validation protocol listed the steps that were followed during the validation. Notes and comments pertaining to the procedure may be found in notebook TAN1001 on pages 52 to 53.

The principles followed for the validation were based on cGMP guidelines and helped Repligen ensure the cassette QC test method was acceptable for use. The cassette QC procedure was used to verify each cassette's air diffusion and cross-flow rate. This information is then used to accept or reject the cassettes manufactured at Repligen. At the conclusion of the validation, it was proven that cassette QC method meets requirements set by Repligen for specificity, linearity, accuracy, precision, and robustness. Minimum requirements including acceptance specifications for the methods were met during the method development and validation cycle and validation cycle and the QC membrane test procedure considered validated.

9.4 Release specifications

A complete set of TangenX® PRO PD Cassette and TangenX® PRO Cassette release specifications are listed below. On the following page are the release specifications for both membrane chemistries.

Figure 34. Cassette QC release specifications

High Pressure Screen Channel (HP)

AP1 / WP1	0.06 to 0.09 LPM	@ 15 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 3 ccm
AP2 / WP2	0.12 to 0.18 LPM	@ 15 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 6 ccm
A01 / W01	0.6 to 0.9 LPM	@ 15 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 30 ccm
B05	3.0 to 4.5 LPM	@ 15 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 150 ccm
B15	9.0 to 13.5 LPM	@ 15 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 450 ccm
B25	12.5 to 20.0 LPM	@ 15 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 750 ccm

Low Pressure Screen Channel (LP)

AP1 / WP1	0.06 to 0.09 LPM	@ 10 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 3 ccm
AP2 / WP2	0.12 to 0.18 LPM	@ 10 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 6 ccm
A01 / W01	0.6 to 0.9 LPM	@ 10 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 30 ccm
B05	3.0 to 4.5 LPM	@ 10 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 150 ccm
B15	9.0 to 13.5 LPM	@ 10 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 450 ccm
B25	12.5 to 20.0 LPM	@ 10 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 750 ccm

Suspended Screen Channel (S)

AP1 / WP1	0.09 to 0.15 LPM	@ 1.5 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 3 ccm
AP2 / WP2	0.18 to 0.30 LPM	@ 1.5 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 6 ccm
A01 / W01	0.9 to 1.5 LPM	@ 1.5 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 30 ccm
B05	4.5 to 7.5 LPM	@ 1.5 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 150 ccm
B15	13.5 to 22.5 LPM	@ 1.5 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 450 ccm
B25	22.5 to 37.5	@ 1.5 psi PD	Air Integrity \leq 750 ccm

CASSETTE RELEASE SPECIFICATION NOTES:

- AP1, A01, etc., represent the cassette configuration and membrane area codes from Section 2.5
- Specifications above apply for both ProStream™ and HyStream™ membrane chemistries and all MWCO's
- Cassettes "wetted" with purified water are tested at the following air pressure:

■ MWCO: 0.65 kD to 5 kD	Air Test Pressure = 1 bar (15 psi)
■ MWCO: 10 kD to 300 kD	Air Test Pressure = 0.5 bar (7.3 psi)
■ Pore Size: \geq 0.1 μ m	Air Test Pressure = 0.2 bar (3 psi)

9.5 Certificate of compliance

Figure 36 shows an example of the standard Quality Assurance Certificate provided with each cassette manufactured by Repligen. Product part number, serial number, and description will be included on the label attached in the upper left corner of the certificate.

Figure 36. QA Certificate of Conformance

		Repligen Corporation 111 Locke Drive Marlborough, MA 01752 Phone: 508-845-6400 Fax: 508-845-3030	
Quality Assurance Certificate			
This is to certify that the TangenX™ PRO Cassettes as indicated by the affixed label complies with the following descriptions and specification			
 Marlborough, Massachusetts USA www.repligen.com/tangenx		Product Quality – TangenX™ PRO Cassettes This product has been manufactured in a fully validated and documented manufacturing process under an ISO 9001:2015 quality management system.	
TangenX™ PRO Cassette BATCH # 99999999 ■ Process Scale RE-USABLE USE BY: 28-NOV-2025 MEMBRANE: HyStream (Low Fouling mPES) MWCO: 5 kD CHANNEL: LP Screen Channel AREA: 0.5 m ² (5.4 ft ²) SERIAL # 		 CATALOG # 30334001 XP005B05L	
This product has been manufactured and tested in accordance with standard operating procedures and meets all release criteria. Repligen Corporation certifies that this product will perform according to published specifications providing it is used according to the manufacturer's recommendations.			
Each membrane lot is visually inspected prior to incorporation into a cassette. Before assembly, the membrane used in each cassette is tested for conformance with flow rate, retention and other physical specifications.			
Each filter cassette has been individually tested to ensure conformance to the following performance specifications:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hydraulic - a measure of the cross flow rate at a specified pressure drop. 2. Integrity - a measure of the rate of air diffusion through the cassette at a specified pressure differential. The results of these tests were found to meet or exceed the minimum requirements set by our Quality Assurance Department.			
USP Safety Information All component materials meet:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current requirements for USP Class VI biological test for plastics. 2. The test article(s) meets the test requirements as defined in the USP guidelines: USP 30, NF 25, 2007, <788> Particulate Matter in Injections. 3. Certifications that the components used in the production of the filters are BSE/TSE free. 4. Certifications that the components used in the production of the filters are free of melamine. 			
All components materials used in cassettes manufactured by Repligen have been independently tested for USP safety and were shown to be safe according to:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. L929 MEM Elution per USP <87>. 2. Class VI per USP <88>. 3. Hemolysis - Indirect with Rabbit Blood. 			
All finished component materials were tested under GLP conditions for extractable substances using:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Organic Carbon • Oxidizable Substances • Reverse Phase HPLC • GCMS • Non-Volatile Residue • Infrared Spectrophotometry 			
0.1m ² cassettes from multiple lots were extracted in 100mL of water for injection and tested for endotoxin following references: USP 30, NF 25, 2007 <85> Bacterial endotoxin test, guidance on validation of the limulus amoebocyte lysate (LAL) test as an end product. These levels were < 0.25 EU/ml as determined with the LAL test method.			
Signature Required: Reviewed and approved for accuracy and completeness.  Signature and Title			
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10. List of study reports

- TX1001-POQ-117-R Protein Binding Study Report
- TX1001-POQ-118-R Cassette Leachables Study Report
- TX1001-POQ-125-R Membrane QC Testing Method Validation Report
- TX1001-POQ-126-R TangenX® Water Systems Report
- TX1001-POQ-132-R Cassette QC Testing Method Validation Report
- VPL-PRO-101-TX1001-R Membrane Validation Report
- VPL-PRO-102-TX1001-R Cassette Process Validation Report
- DR-07-005 Cassette Particulate and Endotoxin Count Study Report
- DR-09-010 Membrane Storage Study Interim Report
- DR-09-011 TangenX® PRO Cassette Storage Study Interim Report

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