

Development of an **adaptable**
yet fully **automated end-user tool**
that allows a harmonized and regulatory compliant
calculation and evaluation of **immunogenicity cut-points**

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Immunogenicity

Immunogenicity → ability of a substance to provoke an immune response

- **Wanted** – an appropriate immune response to a pathogen or vaccine
- **Unwanted** – immune response against a therapeutic antigen
→ production of **anti-drug-antibodies (ADAs)**

Immunogenicity

**Risk of Potential
Safety Concerns**

=

**Probability of eliciting
an Immune Response**

x

**Severity of consequences
of an Immune Response**

❖ Safety Concerns

- ❖ Induction of inflammation or autoimmune disease
- ❖ Hypersensitivity reactions:
 - ❖ Immediate (anaphylaxis, complement activation)
 - ❖ Delayed
- ❖ Deficiency syndrome
- ❖ Immune complex disease

❖ Loss of Efficacy

- ❖ Decreased exposure or bioavailability
- ❖ Neutralization (neutralizing Ab (NAb)) : lack or loss of efficacy

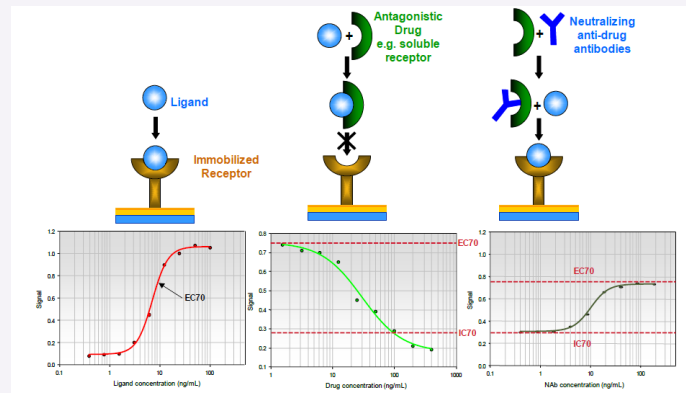
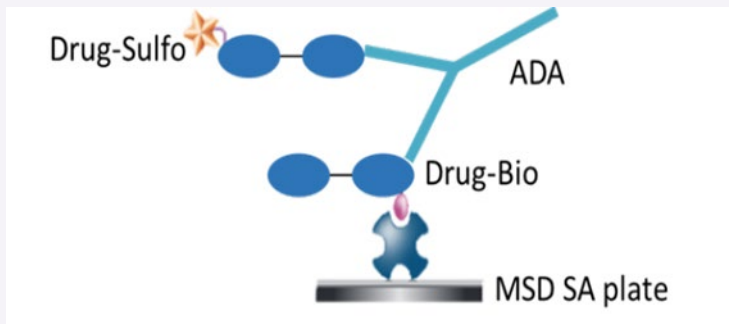
❖ Changes in pharmacokinetics

- ❖ Accelerated elimination / loss of efficacy
- ❖ Delayed elimination / unexpected toxicities

Immunogenicity

Multi-tiered approach

- Screening assay - bridging, direct or competitive ELISA, cytokine profile
- Confirmation assay - determination of specificity
- Characterization assay – titer, class/isotypes of antibodies, domain specificity, neutralizing capacity



Immunogenicity

European Medicines Agency. Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP)

- Guideline on Immunogenicity assessment of biotechnology-derived therapeutic proteins (2017). EMEA/CHMP/BMWP/14327/2006 Rev.1

US Department of Health and Human Services, US FDA, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Biologics Evaluation and Research.

- Guidance for Industry, Immunogenicity Assessment for Therapeutic Protein Products (2014).
- *Guidance* for Industry, Assay Development and Validation for Immunogenicity Testing of Therapeutic Protein Products (2016)

(1106) IMMUNOGENICITY ASSAYS—DESIGN AND VALIDATION OF IMMUNOASSAYS TO DETECT ANTI-DRUG ANTIBODIES

INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

Anti-drug antibodies (ADA) can be induced when animal or human immune systems recognize a protein drug product as foreign. The administration of biopharmaceuticals can elicit product-specific ADA, and various types of ADA responses can develop in either nonclinical or clinical studies. [NOTE—A list of regulatory documents, white papers, and other relevant references is contained in the Appendix.] Although the main focus of this chapter is ADA immunoassay design and validation, the chapter also includes discussion of an overall risk-based immunogenicity assay testing strategy that includes preclinical and clinical studies.

ADA assay results are directly influenced by assay design, assay reagents, how the assay is run, what samples are run in the assay (timing of sample collection, etc.), and how assay data are analyzed. In fact, it is essentially impossible to compare the

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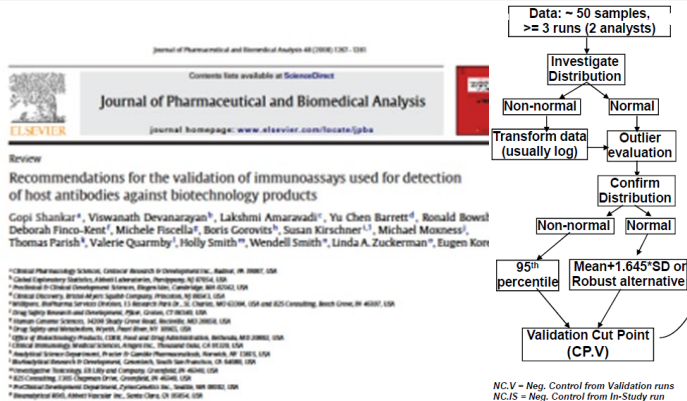
INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

Administration of natural source or recombinant biologic medicines may elicit some degree of immune response leading to development of anti-drug antibodies (ADA) in treated subjects. Neutralizing antibodies (NAbs) are a subset of ADAs that affect the biological activity of the biologic drug product. For the purposes of this chapter, NAbs are defined by their ability to neutralize the biological activity of a therapeutic in an in vitro system. This chapter does not address antibodies that may impact drug clearance. [NOTE—Two helpful references on this topic can be found in the Appendix.] Further clinical studies would be needed to assess changes in biologic activity on therapeutic outcomes.

NAbs can alter the biological activity of the therapeutic molecule by binding to one or more epitopes that lie within its active site(s). In addition, NAbs can interfere with active sites through steric hindrance (i.e., binding to areas of the protein that are near the active site), or by allosteric interactions (i.e., binding to a site on the drug and inducing a change in conformation that can interfere with the drug's activity). Therefore, it is important to monitor the immunogenicity of biological therapeutics throughout the drug product development cycle by using sensitive and reliable methods that not only determine the presence or absence of ADAs but also characterize whether they have neutralizing capability. The objective of this general information chapter is to provide practical recommendations on best practices that may be used for risk-based design and validation of anti-drug NAb assays.

As described in *Immunogenicity Assays—Design and Validation of Immunoassays to Detect Anti-Drug Antibodies* (1106), immunoassays (or ligand binding assays) are typically used to screen for the presence of ADAs. Several assay formats can be used to determine whether a detected ADA is also a NAb. The first assay format, defined here as a functional NAb assay (thus having an actual biological readout), is most commonly used and can take the form of either a cell-based functional assay or noncell-based functional assay (e.g., a biochemical assay for an enzyme therapeutics). Another major group of assay formats is based on NAbs' capability to bind to epitopes on therapeutic proteins and their fragments. These assays can take the form of either

Immunogenicity Cut-Point Setting



ARTICLE INFO

Abstract

Most biological drug products elicit some level of anti-drug antibody (ADA) response. This antibody response can, in some cases, lead to potentially serious side effects and loss of efficacy to humans. ADA often causes an undesirable clinical effect, but in the instance of some therapeutic proteins these antibodies have been shown to cause a variety of clinical consequences ranging from relatively mild to serious adverse events. In nonclinical (preclinical) studies, ADA can affect drug response, complicating the interpretation of the toxicity, pharmacokinetics (PK) and pharmacodynamics (PD) data. Therefore, the immunogenicity of therapeutic proteins is a concern for clinicians, manufacturers and regulatory agencies. In order to assess the immunogenic potential of biological drug molecules, and be able to correlate laboratory results with clinical events, it is important to develop reliable laboratory test methods that provide valid assessments of antibody responses in both nonclinical and clinical studies. For this, method validation is considered important, and is a necessary biological component of drug marketing authorization applications. Existing regulatory guidance documents dealing with the validation of methods measure immunogenicity in a limited manner, and in particular lack information on the validation of immunogenicity methods. Since this article provides scientific recommendations for the validation of ADA immunogenicity, unique validation performance characteristics are addressed in addition to those provided in existing regulatory documents pertaining to bioassays. The authors' institutional expertise, novel and statistical approaches for the validation of immunogenicity performance characteristics; these recommendations should be considered as examples of best practice and are intended to foster a more unified approach to antibody testing across the biopharmaceutical industry.

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Methodology

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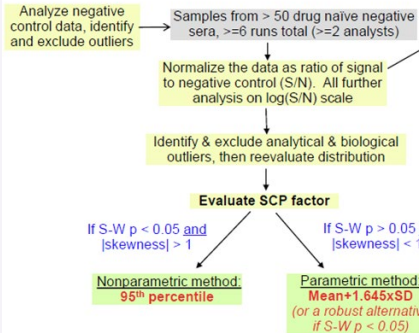
Statistical methods of screening cut point determination in immunogenicity studies

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Background: Currently, screening cut point (CP) calculated from an assay validation with replicates are applied to an immunogenicity study with nonreplicates, for which the antidrug antibodies rate is determined. IID treats the replicate of a sample as coming from another independent sample. AVE uses average results from each sample across runs but inter-assay variability is reduced. Therefore, we propose a method

Bioanalysis



Alternative transformations may be used if needed. "S-N" normalization may be used if data are not right skewed.

Assess mean & variance differences between plates, runs & analysts

Evaluate relevant sample factors (disease subtype, gender, age, ethnic, ...)

Justify use of CP in other patient populations, and clinical study samples

Verify negative/diluent control correlation with subject sera

Research Article

Recommendations for Systematic Statistical Computation of Immunogenicity Cut Points

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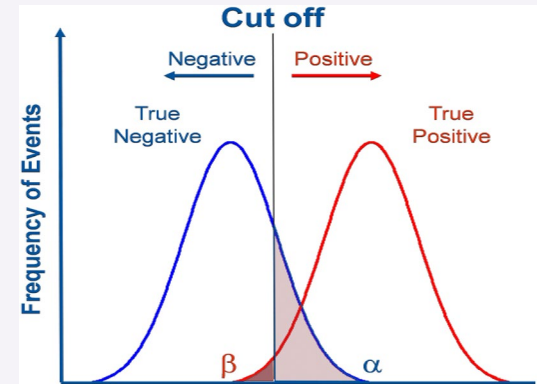
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Abstract: Today, the assessment of immunogenicity is integral in nonclinical and clinical testing of new biotherapeutics and biosimilars. A key component in the risk-based evaluation of immunogenicity involves the detection and characterization of anti-drug antibodies (ADA). Over the past couple of decades, much progress has been made in standardizing the generalized approach for ADA testing with a three-tier testing paradigm involving screening, confirmation, and quasi-quantitative titration assessment representing the typical harmonized scheme. Depending on a biotherapeutic's structural attributes, more characterization and testing may be appropriate. Unlike bioanalytical assays used to support the evaluation of pharmacokinetics or toxicokinetics, an important component in immunogenicity testing is the calculation of cut points for the identification (screening), confirmation (specificity), and titration assessment responses in animals and humans. Several key publications have laid an excellent foundation for statistical design and data analysis to determine immunogenicity cut points. Yet, the process for statistical determination of cut points remains a topic of active discussion by investigators who conduct immunogenicity assessments to support biotherapeutic drug development. In recent years, we have refined our statistical approach to address the challenges that have arisen due to the evolution in biotherapeutics and the analytical technologies used for quasi-quantitative detection. Based on this collective experience, we offer a simplified statistical process and flow-scheme for cut point evaluations that should work in a large majority of projects to provide reliable estimates for the screening, confirmatory, and titration cut points.

KEY WORDS: anti-drug antibody; cut points; immunogenicity; outliers; validation.

Immunogenicity CP Setting

- **Cut-point (CP) (factors)** are determined to **discriminate** positive vs negative samples on **blank (naive) population**
- **Blank population** should be
 - **Representative** - demographics & target disease
 - Incorporate all relevant **sources of variability**
 - **Biological** : Subject
 - **Analytical** : Analyst - Run - Plate
 - **Naive (pre-dose)** - free of outliers & pre-existing Abs



Zhang et al 2020, *J Immunol Methods*

Immunogenicity CP Setting

To accommodate to plate effects, '**floating**' cut-point factors (**CPF**) are established by **subtraction** or **division** by sample's plate-specific negative control (NC).

Two **distributions** of the blank population are considered:

- **Normal** distribution upon subtraction of NC → Additive CP
- **Lognormal** distribution upon division of NC → Multiplicative CPF

Immunogenicity CP Setting

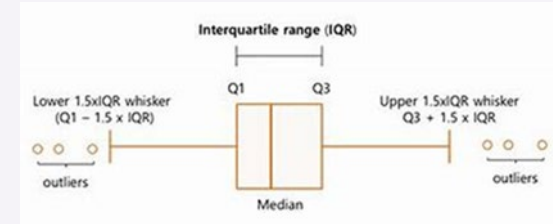
- Not-model based – 'BoxPlot' method

Tukeys' criteria

- Based on mixed-effects model

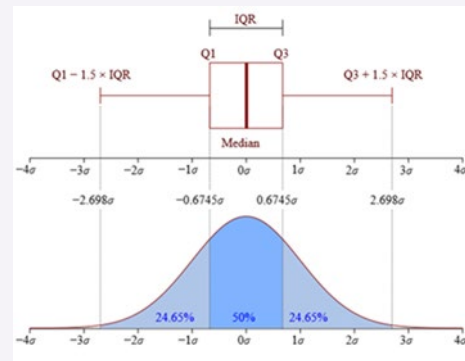
- Fixed effect : Analyst
- Random effects : Plate ID[Run, Analyst], Run[Analyst], Subject ID

- adequate handling sources of variability
- REML-based: cope with imbalance and missingness



Immunogenicity CP Setting

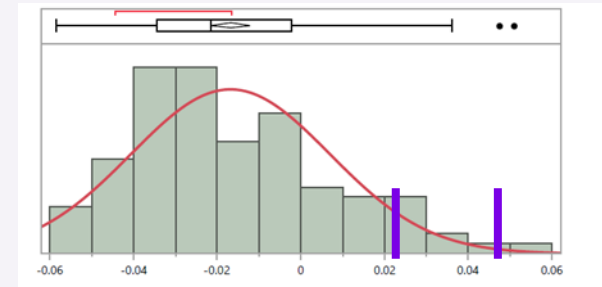
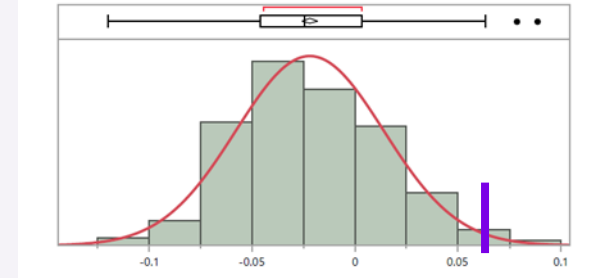
- **Analytical outliers** - sample level
 - BoxPlot: outlying differences subject's response value from its median
 - Mixed Effect Model: outlying conditional residuals
- **Biological outliers** - subject level
 - BoxPlot: outlying subject's median value
 - Mixed Effect Model: outlying subject's BLUPs



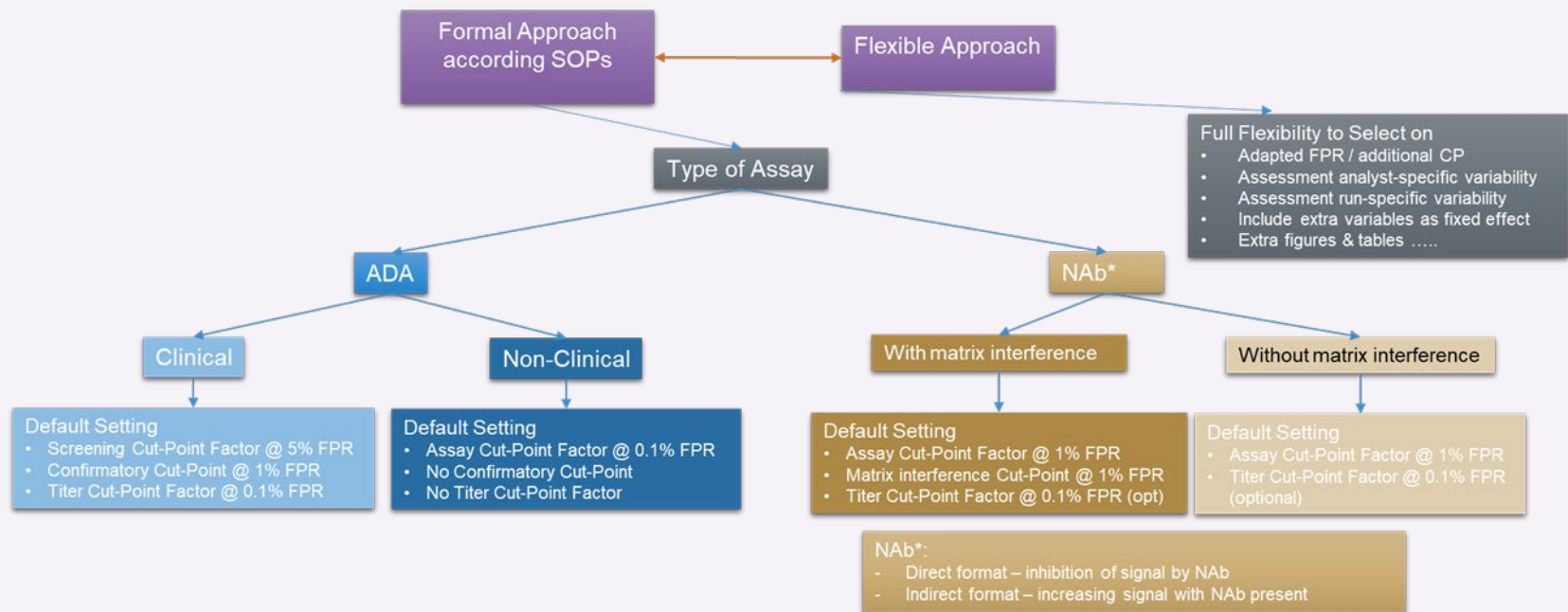
Immunogenicity CP Setting

Method of CP Determination on Blank Population

- **Parametric** → mean & standard deviation
- **Parametric robust alternative** → median & MAD
- **Non-parametric** – 1-sided confidence limit on observed percentiles



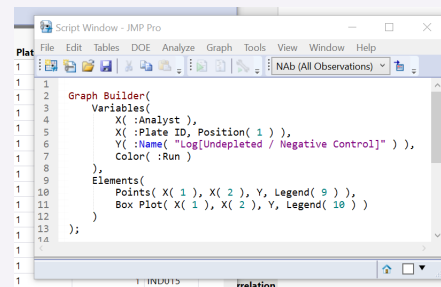
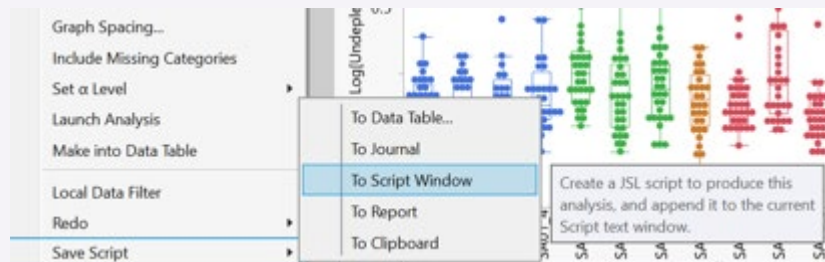
Immunogenicity CP Setting



End-User Tool for Immunogenicity CP



JSL – JMP Scripting Language




End-User Tool for Immunogenicity CP

- JSL enables automation of analysis / processes
- Also programmable towards outcome-dependent decisions

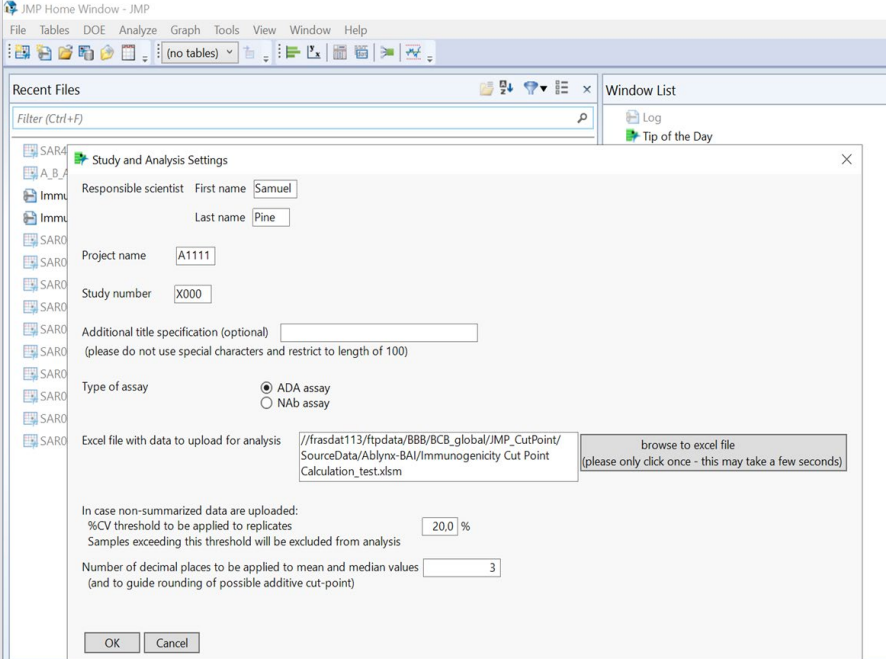


End-User Tool for Immunogenicity CP

2. Launch JSL Script

 Immunogenicity CP analysis.jsl

Interactive model window for
upload of dataset and
selection of analysis options



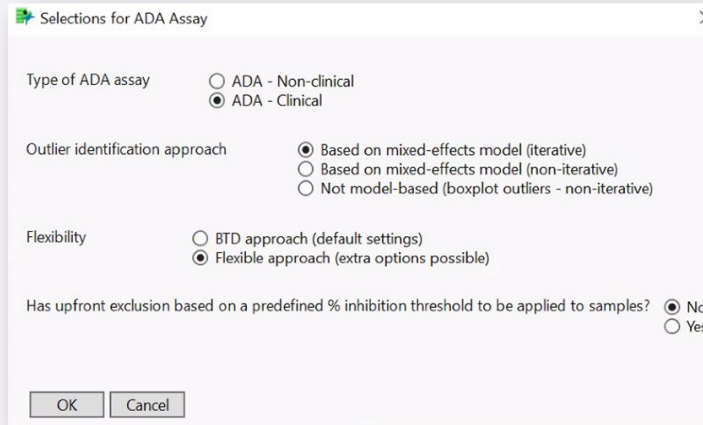
The screenshot shows the JMP Home Window with the 'Study and Analysis Settings' dialog box open. The dialog box contains the following fields and options:

- Recent Files:** A list of recent files with a filter (Ctrl+F) and a search icon.
- Study and Analysis Settings:**
 - Responsible scientist:** First name: Samuel, Last name: Pine.
 - Project name:** A1111.
 - Study number:** X000.
 - Additional title specification (optional):** (please do not use special characters and restrict to length of 100).
 - Type of assay:** ☒ ADA assay, ☐ NAb assay.
 - Excel file with data to upload for analysis:** //frasd113/ftpdata/BBB/BCB_global/JMP_CutPoint/SourceData/Ablynx-BAI/Immunogenicity Cut Point Calculation_test.xlsx. A button labeled 'browse to excel file' is next to the path, with a note: '(please only click once - this may take a few seconds)'.
 - In case non-summarized data are uploaded:**
 - %CV threshold to be applied to replicates:** 20.0 %.
 - Samples exceeding this threshold will be excluded from analysis.
 - Number of decimal places to be applied to mean and median values (and to guide rounding of possible additive cut-point):** 3.
- Buttons:** OK, Cancel.

End-User Tool for Immunogenicity CP

2. Launch JSL Script

Dynamic menus
and options rely on previous selection



Selections for ADA Assay

Type of ADA assay

- ☐ ADA - Non-clinical
- ☒ ADA - Clinical

Outlier identification approach

- ☒ Based on mixed-effects model (iterative)
- ☐ Based on mixed-effects model (non-iterative)
- ☐ Not model-based (boxplot outliers - non-iterative)

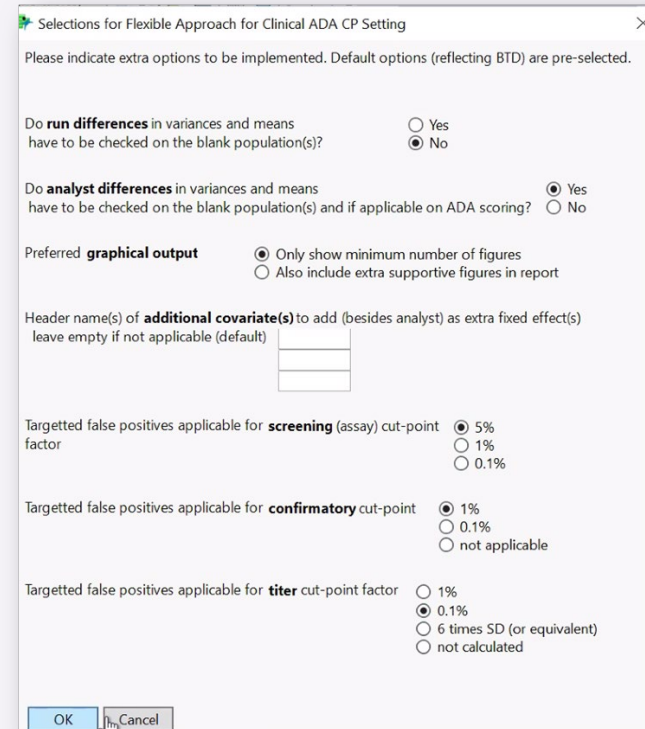
Flexibility

- ☐ BTD approach (default settings)
- ☒ Flexible approach (extra options possible)

Has upfront exclusion based on a predefined % inhibition threshold to be applied to samples?

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes

OK Cancel



Selections for Flexible Approach for Clinical ADA CP Setting

Please indicate extra options to be implemented. Default options (reflecting BTD) are pre-selected.

Do **run differences** in variances and means have to be checked on the blank population(s)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Do **analyst differences** in variances and means have to be checked on the blank population(s) and if applicable on ADA scoring?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Preferred **graphical output**

- ☒ Only show minimum number of figures
- ☐ Also include extra supportive figures in report

Header name(s) of **additional covariate(s)** to add (besides analyst) as extra fixed effect(s) leave empty if not applicable (default)

Targetted false positives applicable for **screening** (assay) cut-point factor

- ☒ 5%
- ☐ 1%
- ☐ 0.1%

Targetted false positives applicable for **confirmatory** cut-point

- ☒ 1%
- ☐ 0.1%
- ☐ not applicable

Targetted false positives applicable for **titer** cut-point factor

- ☐ 1%
- ☒ 0.1%
- ☐ 6 times SD (or equivalent)
- ☐ not calculated

OK Cancel

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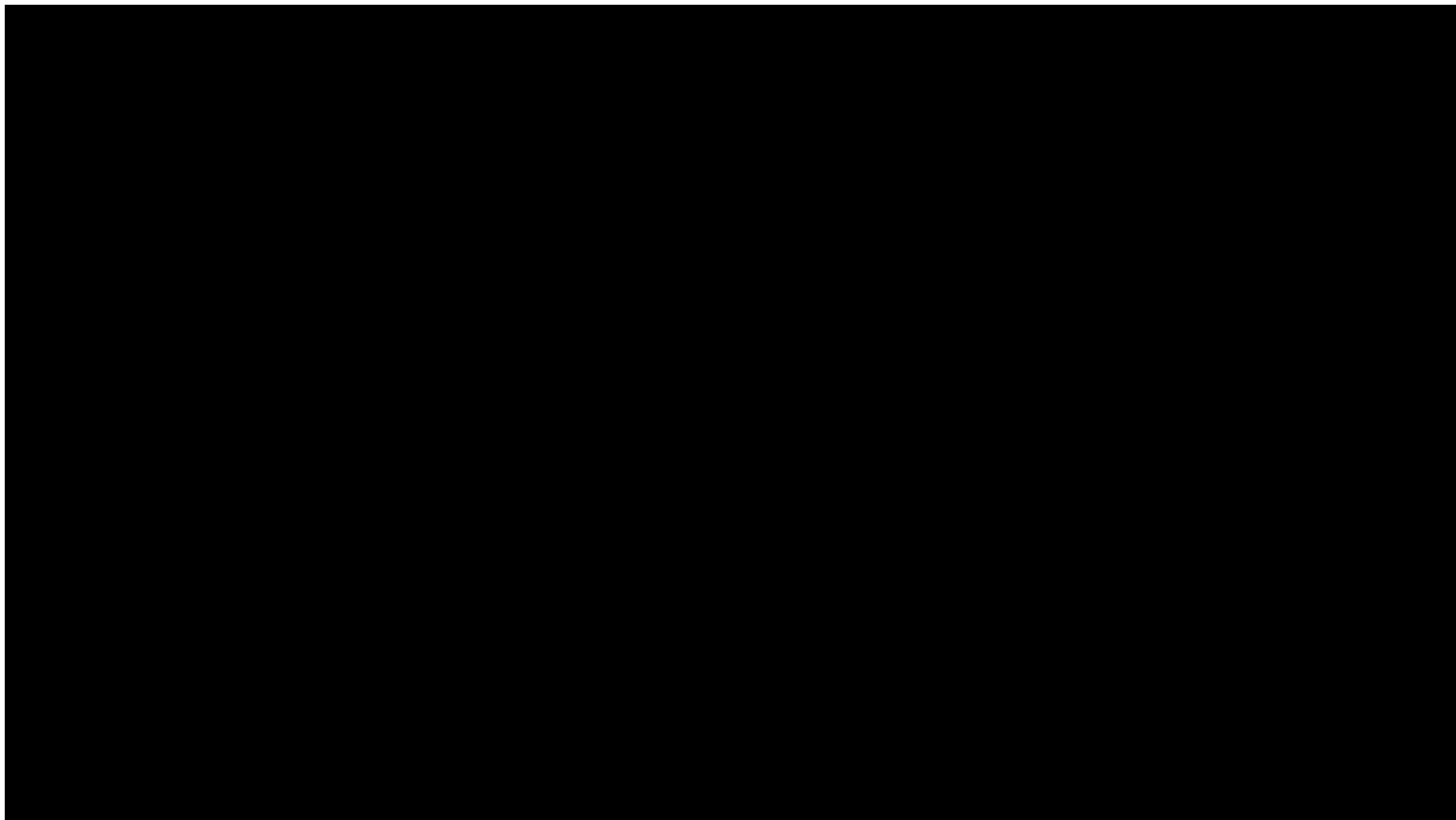
2. Launch JSL Script

Includes data checks and acceptance testing

The screenshot displays the JSL Script interface with several data tables and error messages. The top table lists NC_Start values for different samples. Below it, a table with columns 't ID', '_Unspiked 1', '_NC_Start 1', and 'Plate ID' shows data for 'Run6_PlateOrder'. A third table lists sample IDs like 'VB04_2' and 'Ind 35'. Overlaid on these are three error messages:

- Top-left message:** "There should be plates included in the experiment for suitability assessment. The negative control floating cut-point should include more data." (Partially obscured)
- Top-right message:** "Only one value has been entered for the Unspiked file for the either the file for data, or fill values for replicates." (Partially obscured)
- Bottom-center message:** "It had been indicated that also cut-point based on spiked data has to be determined, while no Spiked is captured in the uploaded dataset. Please revise and correct." (Partially obscured)

Video Demo



End-User Tool for Immunogenicity CP

1. Analysis Settings

1.1. System Settings

	System Values
Script version	Immunogenicity CP analysis_v01
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By (username)	10407086
From (computername)	DESKTOP-PIQ1C87
On (date and time)	26Oct2021:10:38:27
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1.2. Selected Options

ADA Cut-Point Analysis	Selected Options for Study
Optional title specification	
Responsible scientist	Pine SAmuel
Assay type	Clinical ADA assay
Confirmatory data	Spiked data included in uploaded dataset
Upfront exclusion	No upfront exclusion of samples performed
Outlier removal approach	Based on mixed-effects model (iterative approach) including {Analyst} as fixed effect and {Plate ID}{Analyst;Run}, :Run{Analyst}
Flexibility	Flexible approach
Data upload	Uploaded data already summarized over replicates
%CV threshold	No %CV check performed (no replicates in uploaded dataset)
Number of decimal places	Entered number of decimal places to guide precision for possible additive cut-point factor : 3

Description

Analysis for run-specific differences in variances and means on the analysis population(s)	Run differences assessed
Analysis for analyst-specific differences in variances and means on the blank population(s)	Operator differences assessed
Preferred graphical output	Extra supportive figures and tables included in report
Header name(s) of additional covariate(s) to add (besides analyst) as extra fixed effect's	{}j

Selected Option for Flexible Approach

Cut-Point (Factor)	Targetted FPR
Screening cut-point factor	5% FPR
Confirmatory cut-point	1% FPR
Titer cut-point factor	0.1% FPR

2. Methodology

The cut-point (CP) analysis is based on guidelines described in BTD-010945, RDBTD-002228, RDBTD-002001, RDBTD-002002 and RDBTD-002217.

In order to accommodate to putative plate/run drifts, a floating screening cut-point factor (SCPF) is settled. Therefore, log-transformed ratios of unspiked values divided by their respective negative control (NC) values and unspiked values subtracted by their NC are both assessed as screening responses.

The transformation appropriateness is evaluated by distribution of the responses on the dataset after exclusion of the outliers (so called blank population dataset). The blank population delineation is based on a mixed-effects model applying Tukey's outlier criterion on the conditional residuals and subject's Best Linear Unbiased Predictors (BLUP) for analytical and biological outlier identification, respectively. According to Tukey's outlier criterion, observations that fall below $Q1 - 1.5 \cdot (Q3 - Q1)$ or above $Q3 + 1.5 \cdot (Q3 - Q1)$ are considered as outliers, with $Q1$ and $Q3$ representing the 25th and 75th percentiles, respectively. Analytical outliers are removed before biological outliers, both in an iterative way.

The choice for the most appropriate blank population dataset (derived from either the difference of unspiked values and their NC or log-transformed ratios) is based on the normality assessment of the blank populations. If the blank screening population derived from the log-transformed ratios does not show significant evidence against normality by the Shapiro-Wilk test ($p\text{-value} \geq 0.05$), SCPF setting is performed on this blank population. In case significant deviations from normality are seen on the log-transformed unspiked over NC ratios, the blank population delineated from unspiked values subtracted by their respective NC is evaluated. If no significant deviations from normality are seen here, this blank population is used for subsequent analysis. In case both blank populations return a $p\text{-value} < 0.05$ by the Shapiro-Wilk test, the blank population providing the smallest absolute value for the skewness coefficient is taken forward for SCPF setting.

Also the method of SCPF calculation is based on the normality properties of the obtained blank population. In case no evidence against normality is seen by the Shapiro-Wilk test ($p\text{-value} \geq 0.05$), SCPF is determined by the parametric approach ($\text{mean} + k \cdot (\text{one-sided standard normal quantile}) \times \text{SD}$ (standard deviation)). This k value is based on the targetted false positive rate (FPR). If, however, evidence is provided for deviations from normality on the blank population dataset, but the absolute value of the skewness coefficient does not exceed 1, SCPF is obtained by the robust alternative method. Here, median is used instead of mean, and the SD is estimated by $1.4826 \cdot \text{median absolute deviation (MAD)}$ to ensure robustness. In case the Shapiro-Wilk test shows significant deviations from normality ($p\text{-value} < 0.05$) and the absolute value of the skewness coefficient exceeds 1, both the robust alternative and the observed percentiles of the blank population (non-parametric method) are outputted for the determination of SCPF. In order to assure the selected FPR with a specified confidence level, the non-parametric SCPF are determined by their one-sided lower confidence limit as established by the smoothed empirical likelihood quantiles. For the 95th percentile a 90% one-sided confidence level, while for the 99th and 99.9th percentiles, the 80% one-sided confidence level is incorporated for the SCPF determination. In case log-transformed dataset is used, back-transformation is applied to obtain the SCPF.

In order to establish suitability of the SCPF, the NC results should represent the drug-naïve matrix sample results of the target population. Therefore, the NC values should drift in the same direction as the individual subject samples. This is assessed by the correlation of the plate's median (if applicable – log-transformed) screening values versus plate's median (log-transformed) NC on the blank screening dataset. Also the correlation of the run's median on the whole dataset. Both Pearson's and Spearman's correlation coefficients should be positive in order to confirm suitability.

Although formal assessment of the analyst-specific differences is performed on sample's final ADA scoring, differences in means and variances are also assessed on the blank population as supportive information. Differences in means are assessed by the mixed effects model including {Analyst} as fixed effect and {Plate ID}{Analyst;Run}, :Run{Analyst}, {Subject ID} as random effects. Analyst-specific differences in variances on the blank population are assessed by a Levene's test. If analyst-specific differences in either means or

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4. Screening Cut-Point Factor

4.1. Assay Response (Log[Unspiked / Negative Control])

4.1.1. Distribution of Screening Response before Outlier Exclusion

Figure 5: Boxplots of log-transformed screening response values before outlier exclusion by analyst and run colored by plate

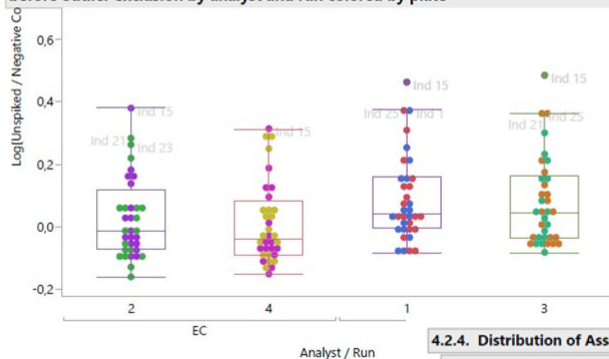
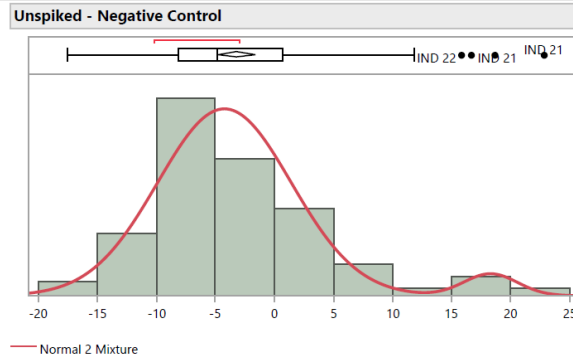
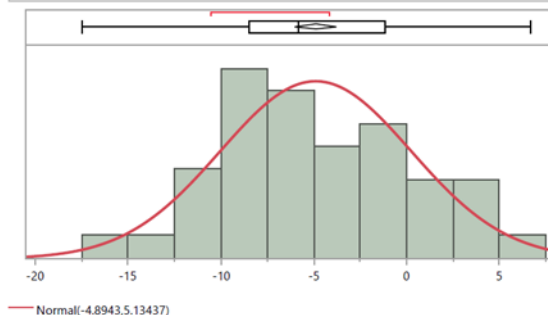


Figure 6: Distribution of the difference of unspiked values over their respective negative control values before outlier exclusion with parameter estimates for fitted mixture of 2 normal distributions and summary statistics



4.2.4. Distribution of Assay Response a...

Figure 7: Distribution of Unspiked - Negative Control assay response on dataset with analytical and biological outliers excluded



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4. Normalization Factor Determination for Screening and Titration Purposes

4.3. Evaluation of Most Appropriate Blank Population Dataset

Table 10: Assessment of distributional properties of blank populations delineated from untransformed and log-transformed ratios of unspiked values over their respective negative control

Assay Response	Log [Unspiked / Negative Control]	Unspiked - Negative Control
p-value Shapiro-Wilk test	0.14475	0.00972
Skewness Coefficient	0.24613	0.32241

As the Shapiro-Wilk test on the blank population derived on the log-transformed ratios did not over their respective NC values were taken forward as blank population for screening NF deter

4.5. Screening Factor Determination

Table 11: Obtained screening and titer cut-point factors derived from the blank population derived from the log-transformed response data

	Multiplicative Cut-Point Factor
Multiplicative screening cut-point factor targeted at a 5% FPR as determined by parametric approach	1.171 (1.17)
Multiplicative titer cut-point factor determined by parametric approach calculated by Mean + 6*SD	1.856 (1.86)

For the determination of the screening cut-point factor, a 5% FPR was targeted. In this blank screening population, 7.3% of the samples are ADA reactive based on the obtained

5.3. Evaluation of Most Appropriate Blank Population Dataset

Table 22: Assessment of distributional properties of blank populations delineated from untransformed and log-transformed ratios of Spiked values over their respective Unspiked values

-	Spiked/Unspiked (equivalent to % inhibition)	Log-transformed Spiked/Unspiked
p-value Shapiro-Wilk test	0.39437	0.3556
Skewness Coefficient	-0.2619	-0.281

The confirmatory cut-point has been determined on blank dataset derived on the Spiked over Unspiked response values (without log-transformation) (% inhibition scale), as this blank population did not provide evidence for deviations against normality as assessed by the Shapiro-Wilk test.

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4.6. Suitability of Negative Control for Cut-Point Factor

Figure 8: Suitability testing of negative control on plate's median values on blank dataset

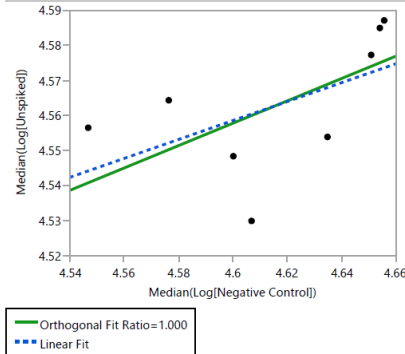


Table 10: Suitability testing of negative control on median values over plates on blank population dataset

	Slope Deming regression	Slope simple linear regression	Pearson's correlation coefficient	Spearman's correlation coefficient
Estimate	0.31984	0.27062	0.55191	0.61905
p-value	.	0.1561	0.1561	0.10173

R^2 0.305

5.5. Identities of the Biological Outliers Identified and Excluded from the Spiked / Unspiked Blank Population Dataset

Table 23: Identities of subjects identified as biological outliers and excluded per iteration

Round 1	Round 2
2010373	2020053
2010411	
2010461	
2010687	
2020008	
2020171	
2020206	
2020499	

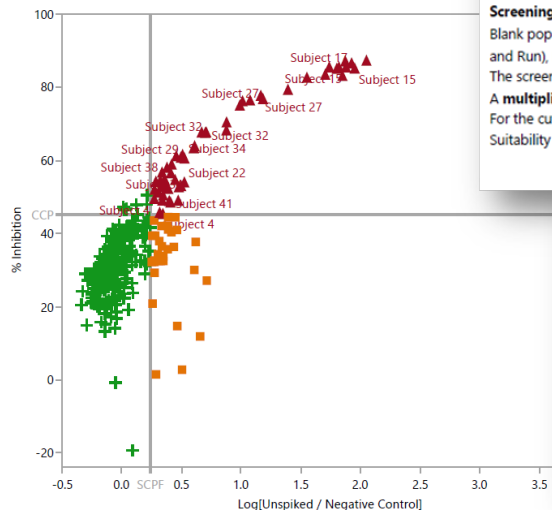
The blank confirmatory population contains 294 observations with data from 152 subjects. 4 observations were identified as analytical outliers, and 9 subjects (accounting for 18 observations) as biological outliers by the mixed-effects model.

As such, 6.96% of the samples of the original confirmatory analysis dataset have been identified as outliers and removed to constitute the blank confirmatory population for CCP determination.

View on outliers and description blank population
Suitability testing

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Figure 23: Scatterplot of % inhibition versus log[unspiked / negat



Where (6 rows excluded)

92 samples in the dataset were scored as ADA reactive based on the established multiplicative screening cut-point factor (1.274). 60 of these samples could be also confirmed as ADA positive based on the confirmatory cut-point allowing 1% false positives on the derived blank population.

7. Final Conclusions

Dataset Descriptives

A total of 144 observations were included in the initial dataset with data of 36 distinct subjects. No %CV check has been performed in this analysis, as no replicate data has been uploaded. As such, the analysis dataset is identical to the initial dataset, retaining all 144 observations tested by 2 analysts in 4 runs.

Screening Cut-Point Factor

Blank population has been delineated by iterative outlier removal approach based on the mixed effects model including Analyst as fixed effect and Plate ID (nested within Analyst and Run), Run (nested within Analyst) and Subject ID as random effects.

The screening cut-point factor has been determined on the blank population derived from the Log[Unspiked / Negative Control] response values.

A **multiplicative screening cut-point factor of 1,167** has been obtained by the robust alternative approach allowing 5% FPR on the blank population.

For the cut-point factor for titration purposes allowing 0.1% FPR, a multiplicative titer cut-point factor of 1,337 has been established.

Suitability of the negative control for the screening cut-point factor could be confirmed.

Confirmatory Cut-Point

The confirmatory cut-point has been determined based on the population distribution of the untransformed ratios of Spiked over Unspiked values.

A **confirmatory cut-point of 31,63% inhibition** has been established by the robust alternative approach allowing 1% false positives on the untransformed blank population.

ADA Scoring of Samples

Analyst-specific differences were further assessed by evaluating differences in ADA scoring. 33 samples in the dataset were scored as ADA reactive based on the established multiplicative screening cut-point factor (1,167). 14 of these samples could be also confirmed as ADA positive based on the confirmatory cut-point allowing 1% false positives on the derived blank population. No evidence is provided for analyst-specific differences in sample's ADA scoring.

8. Data Table(s)

The pdf file of the analysis data table __ADA_26Oct2021_Output Analysis Dataset.pdf has been outputted to folder \\frasdat113\ftpdata\888\BCB_global\JMP_CutPoint\Report\.

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