

LIFE SCIENCES

# BIOLOGICS SERVICES

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**SGS**



## REDUCE COSTS, INCREASE EFFICIENCIES AND IMPROVE DEVELOPMENT PIPELINES

A full package of Biologics testing services to cGMP standards from early phase characterisation including Biosafety to Quality Control release testing enabling you to outsource your biologics.

- When it comes to **Biosafety**, our Global Centre of Excellence located in the United Kingdom provides services with ultimate reliability, highest GLP/cGMP quality & scientific expertise. As trailblazers in the development of the biosafety testing industry since the early 1990s, our SGS Vitrology team in Glasgow has developed and validated novel nucleic acid technologies, such as real-time PCR, RAPD, Sequencing, non-radioactive Southern, Next Generation Sequencing (NGS). For any of your biologics, we help you comply with the global regulatory guidelines and testing requirements.
- When it comes to **Biologics Characterization**, you need an organization with established expertise and resources for all aspects of biopharmaceuticals characterization, from physico-chemical properties, to primary, secondary, and tertiary structures as well as aggregation. Our team pioneered the development of mass spectrometry mapping of biotechnology products together with other mass spectrometry strategies and biophysical methodologies which have become worldwide standards.
- When it comes to **Quality Control (QC)**, we are where you are. The SGS network of inspected QC laboratories enables one-stop full-panel cGMP Biologics release and stability testing in North America, Europe, and Asia-Pacific. From appearance testing to complex cell-based functional assays our QC analytical groups are divided into pillars of excellence to enable reliable, rapid turnaround times, with expert analytical oversight over each analytical category. From raw material, to drug product, our end to end analytical services work to meet all your supply chain needs, quickly and effectively.

### SGS LIFE SCIENCES

SGS Life Sciences enables the medical and health innovators to deliver life-changing solutions in the quickest, safest and most efficient way, helping improve the lives of many, by providing the highest quality services, reliable expertise and guidance through our network of laboratories conveniently located around the globe.

# THE **SGS** ADVANTAGE

Working with SGS Life Sciences can help address capacity limitations, decrease overhead costs, and allow production when in-house capabilities are restricted. The development of a biologics product is a costly, complex, and exacting endeavor. Safety, Integrity, Strength, Purity, and Quality (SISPQ) must be monitored and confirmed on a continuous basis in order to justify the continuation of the product development process and to meet the requirements of governmental regulatory agencies that must approve and license the product for distribution within its target market. Our analytical testing staff work closely with you to design a customized testing program for your product according to its stage of development. We can develop new methods which are transferred to you, or you can transfer your established testing methods to SGS Life Sciences laboratories. Either way, detailed assay protocols and related information need to be provided, with the recipient laboratory performing validated procedures with respect to precision, accuracy, linearity, and specificity. Limit of quantification and detection if appropriated. Method transfers and validations are documented.

To ensure the success of your project, our sponsors' projects are supported by personnel from our program management, quality assurance and clinical research regulatory affairs teams. SGS Life Sciences offers a strong synergy between laboratory and clinical expertise for biologics drug development including vaccines and biosimilars with biosafety/virology lab expertise and viral challenge unit in SGS clinical pharmacology unit.

## **SGS BIOLOGICS SOLUTIONS DELIVER:**

- Production Efficiency
  - Reduced costs
  - Increase capacity & efficiencies
  - Improved development pipelines
  - Development of new assays using new technologies
- Customized Testing Programs
- Validated Procedures
- Method Transfers & Validations
- Regulatory, Technical & Project Management Support
- Integration Of Laboratory and Clinical Expertise

## **QUALITY & COMPLIANCE**

Pushing the boundaries of innovation can be challenging; identifying, analyzing and mitigating compliance risks are essential in developing an effective compliance program. SGS has over 40 years of experience, bringing products to the market, delivering quality and operational excellence, in compliance with global regulatory bodies.

## **EXPERT GUIDANCE**

Reduce costs and improve profits by bringing your products to market quickly and safely. We help our clients navigate the complex analytical paradigm, supporting any biologics product development.

## **FLEXIBILITY & GROWTH**

You can rely on our experts to support your global drug development needs. Our conveniently located network of labs offer an array of integrated services and expertise, providing you with the knowledge, flexibility and ability to scale.

- Wide-range of laboratories and clinical research infrastructure
- Size appropriate and diverse testing capabilities matching Biologics and Small molecules needs
- International network across America, Europe and Asia-Pacific

# **GET TO MARKET QUICKLY, SAFELY & EFFICIENTLY**



## BIOSAFETY SERVICES

Our team at SGS pioneered the development of the biosafety testing industry and continue to offer the highest level of services for the detection adventitious agents and residual impurities in the manufacturing of biologics. Our panel of services are applied to the manufacturing of therapeutic proteins, antibodies, cells, plasmid and viral vectors, and viral vaccines. We

perform the GLP/cGMP full testing package for starting materials, cell banks, plasmids, virus seeds, bulk harvests, process intermediates, and purified drugs. We have the biosafety expertise to support the manufacturing of your biologics from early stage research cell bank / virus seed through to GMP manufacturing in Phase I/II/III and then on to routine QC testing and commercial license. All our

methods are validated to meet ICH Q2 guidelines and are fully adapted to meet the requirements of your biologics. Our biosafety methods for testing cell banks, viral vaccines, gene and cell therapies meet compliance with USP, ICH, Ph. Eur., FDA and WHO guidelines.

All methods are performed in compliance with the GMP regulations.

### STARTING MATERIALS, CELL BANKS, VIRAL SEEDS, VECTORS, BULK HARVESTS, & CONTROL CELLS

<b>IDENTITY</b>	DNA fingerprinting of cell lines. Nucleic Acid Sequencing on ABI 3500xl Systems. Karyology
<b>STERILITY / BIOBURDEN</b>	Direct & membrane filtration. Sterility assays (Phar. Eur 2.6.1, USP<71>, Phar. Eur. 2.6.12)
<b>MYCOPLASMA AND SPIROPLASMA</b>	Mycoplasma – Indicator, Broth, Agar QPCR Phar. Eur. 2.6.7, USP<63>, MycoSEQ™
<b>MYCOBACTERIA</b>	56 days broth and agar assay; QPCR.
<b>ADVENTITIOUS AGENT VIRAL QPCR</b>	300+ highly conserved viral genome targets. QuantStudio Pro, 7500, 7900HT, TaqMan™ Phar. Eur. 2.6.21, USP <1126, 1127>
<b>ADVENTITIOUS AGENT IN VITRO ASSAY, INCLUDING BOVINE, PORCINE, EQUINE 9 CFR TESTING</b>	14 & 28 days assays using MRC-5, Vero & over 20+ different third detector cell lines, HAD, HAG, CPE, IFA end-points. Cytotoxicity and interference. With or without neutralization antibodies.
<b>NEXT GENERATION DNA SEQUENCING (NGS) – VIRAL DETECTION</b>	Targeted & Non-targeted NGS. Ion Prime S5™ and Chef Systems
<b>TRANSMISSION ELECTRON MICROSCOPY (TEM)</b>	Thin section and negative staining methods for cell banks, viral seeds and unprocessed bulk harvests
<b>RETROVIRUSES</b>	QPERT, FPERT, S+L, XC plaque, Mus dunni co-cultivation, HEK 293 infectivity, RCR, TEM, NGS, QPCR
<b>GENETIC STABILITY, GENOMIC INTEGRITY</b>	Gene copy number by QPCR, Gene structural analysis by restriction mapping / Southern Blot. Expression cassette, genomic, plasmid and mRNA nucleic acid sequencing. FISH

### PURIFIED BULK / DRUG SUBSTANCE

<b>STERILITY / BIOBURDEN</b>	Direct & membrane filtration. Sterility assays (Phar. Eur 2.6.1, USP<71>, Phar. Eur. 2.6.12)
<b>QPCR ASSAYS</b> (e.g. Residual Host Cell DNA, Residual Plasmid DNA. Genomic DNA Size Determination, Vector Genome Copy Number)	E.coli, Yeast, HEK 293, MDCK, MRC-5, CHO, SP2/0, Sf9, Vero, A549 etc by Real time Q-PCR. Quant Studio Pro, 7500, 7900HT, TaqMan™ Phar. Eur. 2.6.21, USP <1126, 1127>
<b>RESIDUAL HOST CELL PROTEIN, BENZONASE, BSA</b>	BioTek ELISA, Cygnus, Merck Millipore systems
<b>ENDOTOXIN</b>	Chromogenic LAL methods. Phar. Eur. 2.6.12, <USP 85>
<b>VECTOR IDENTITY / INTEGRITY</b>	Nucleic Acid Sequencing
<b>EXTRACTABLE VOLUME, OSMOLARITY, PH, DLS</b>	According to EP or USP
<b>OTHER RESIDUALS EG. KANAMYCIN, TRITON X100, CSCL...</b>	According to EP or USP

# BIOLOGICS CHARACTERIZATION

SGS pioneered physicochemical characterization using high-end mass spectrometry and biophysical techniques to analyse the primary and higher-order structure of (glyco)proteins. Our panel of biopharmaceutical services apply to the analyses of peptides, proteins (natural, PEGylated,

Drug conjugated...) oligonucleotides, oligosaccharides, plasmids, cell & gene therapeutics, viral therapeutics and vaccines. Our technical specialists have the expertise to take your biologics from research and product development through characterization and quality control tests, and into

clinical trials for safety and efficacy testing. All our methods are specifically developed or adapted to meet the requirements of your large molecules.

All qualification, validation and transfer methods are performed in compliance with the GMP regulations.

## STRUCTURAL CHARACTERIZATION AND CONFIRMATION

<b>MOLECULAR WEIGHT DETERMINATION</b>	ES-MS, LC-UV-MS
<b>AMINO ACID SEQUENCE CONFIRMATION</b>	Edman Degradation and LC-UV-MS/MS
<b>AMINO ACID ANALYSIS</b>	LC-UV-FLD
<b>N- AND C- TERMINAL SEQUENCE CONFIRMATION</b>	Edman Degradation, LC-UV-MS/MS, ES-MS/MS
<b>PEPTIDE MAPPING</b>	LC-UV-MS
<b>SULPHYDRYL GROUPS AND DISULFIDE BRIDGES</b>	LC-UV-MS
<b>CARBOHYDRATE STRUCTURE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monosaccharide Composition</li> <li>• Oligosaccharide Profiling</li> <li>• Linkage Analysis</li> <li>• Glycosylation Site Determination</li> <li>• Sialic Acid Content</li> </ul>	HPAEC-PAD, GC-MS, MALDI-MS/MS, LC-UV-MS, LC-FLD-MS
<b>CONJUGATE SITE IDENTIFICATION</b>	LC-UV-MS

## QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE IMPURITY ANALYSES

<b>PROTEINS IMPURITY/VARIANTS</b>	LC-UV-MS/MS
<b>CONTAMINANTS</b> (e.g. detergents, process additives, growth promoters, antibiotics, redox agents, antifoam, dyes, solubilization agents)	LC-UV-MS, LC-UV-MS/MS, GC-MS
<b>SIZE VARIANTS</b>	LC-UV-MS, SEC-UV-RI-MALS
<b>CHARGE VARIANTS</b>	LC-UV-MS, IEX, cIEF, CGE, ICE
<b>HYDROPHOBICITY</b>	LC-UV-MS, RP, HIC
<b>PRODUCT-RELATED IMPURITY</b>	LC-UV-MS, LC-UV-MS/MS

## PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>MOLECULAR WEIGHT OR SIZE</b>	LC-UV-MS, SEC-UV-RI-MALS, MALDI-MS
<b>EXTINCTION COEFFICIENT ESTIMATION OR DETERMINATION</b>	Amino acid content and UV-Vis spectrophotometry
<b>LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHIC PATTERNS</b>	SEC, RP, IEX, HIC
<b>SPECTROSCOPIC PROFILES</b>	CD, FT-IR, Fluorescence (intrinsic and extrinsic) UV-Visible absorbance (2nd derivative)
<b>AGGREGATION</b>	AUC, SEC-UV-RI-MALS, DLS, Light Obscuration, Microflow Imaging
<b>THERMAL STABILITY</b>	DSC
<b>ELECTROPHORETIC PATTERN</b>	cIEF, CGE, ICE

## QUALITY CONTROL SERVICES

SGS quality control tests serve to meet global regulatory needs at each stage in the supply chain. Our QC raw material labs are equipped to meet USP, EP, BP, and JP compendial raw material testing requirements. Our QC biologics labs serve to provide a one stop shop service to meet in-process, bulk intermediate, drug substance, and drug product testing requirements. Furthermore, our facilities

and staff have a wide range of experience testing numerous product categories ranging from cell and gene therapies, to peptides, proteins, and therapeutic antibodies.

SGS offers secure high-redundancy stability storage and testing services, including ICH Q5C shelf-life studies, in use, photostability, and degradation

pathway elucidation studies. With over 30 years biologics testing experience, our team of experts will help design, implement, and execute your analytical test strategy to ensure the safety, integrity strength, purity and quality of your product.

All testing and studies are performed in compliance with cGMP regulations.

### STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION TESTING

<b>CELL BASED FUNCTIONAL ASSAYS</b>	Cell Based Potency Testing (e.g. Proliferation, cytotoxicity, uptake, biomarker, gene expression, and other functional assays). Analytical Cell Banking (MCB/WCB) and characterization
<b>ENZYME ACTIVITY</b>	Spectrophotometric (eg. substrate turnover) or other endpoint.
<b>BINDING AFFINITY</b>	SPR, Bio-layer Interferometry, ELISA
<b>PEPTIDE MAPPING</b>	HPLC-UV, UPLC-UV
<b>CHARGE DISTRIBUTION AND HETEROGENEITY</b>	cIEF, ICE, Gel IEF, ion-exchange chromatography
<b>CARBOHYDRATE COMPOSITION</b>	LC-FLD-MS, HPAEC-PAD, CE-LIF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monosaccharide Composition</li> <li>• Oligosaccharide Profiling</li> <li>• Sialic Acid Content</li> </ul>	

### PHYSICAL COMPENDIAL TESTING

<b>APPEARANCE</b>	Clarity, colour and visible particles as per EP 2.2.1, EP 2.2.2 and EP 2.9.20. Meets requirements for USP <790>.
<b>WATER CONTENT</b>	Coulometric water determination meeting requirement of USP <921> method 1c
<b>RECONSTITUTION TIME</b>	Visual determination of reconstitution time.
<b>PH</b>	pH of solution meeting requirements of USP <791> and EP 2.2.3.
<b>EXTRACTABLE VOLUME</b>	Determination of volume of injection in containers meeting requirement of USP <697> and EP 2.9.17.
<b>OSMOLALITY</b>	Osmolality measurement by freezing point depression meeting requirement of USP<785> and EP 2.2.35.
<b>TURBIDIMETRY</b>	Ratio turbidimetry meeting requirements of EP 2.2.1.
<b>PARTICULATE MATTER</b>	Particulate matter in injections using light obscuration particle count test as per USP <788> or subvisible particulate matter in therapeutic protein injections as per USP <787>. HIAC, >2, >5, >10, >25µm Microflow Imaging, Microscopy.
<b>CONTAINER CLOSURE INTEGRITY</b>	USP <1207> Dye Ingress High-voltage Leak Decay Laser based gas headspace analysis
<b>CONTENT DETERMINATION</b>	Content determination by UV spectrophotometry meeting requirements of USP <1057> method I and USP <857>. Protein quantitation (ELISA, Bio-layer Interferometry, UV, Solo-VPE, HPLC-UV, BCA, Bradford, Lowry)
<b>WEIGHT VARIATION</b>	Uniformity of dosage units meeting requirements of USP <905> and EP 2.9.40.

### QUANTITATIVE PURITY AND IMPURITY ANALYSES

<b>HOST CELL PROTEIN</b>	ELISA, Bio-layer interferometry, 2D-PAGE coverage analysis, SDS-PAGE, Western-Blot
<b>HOST CELL DNA</b>	QPCR with manual and automated preparation Quant-iT™ PicoGreen
<b>PROCESS IMPURITIES</b>	Leachates (eg. ProA, ProL) by ELISA. Residual solvents USP<467> Elemental Impurity USP <232> <233> and ICH Q3D
<b>CHROMATOGRAPHIC PURITY (PROCESS/PRODUCT RELATED)</b>	Bio-separation Sciences (Size Exclusion, Ion-exchange, Hydrophobic Interaction, Reverse-Phase) HPLC/UPLC/IC based Purity Analysis with UV, FLD, ELSD, CAD, ECD, RI, or MS detection
<b>ELECTROPHORETIC PURITY</b>	CGE, CZE, Nucleotide Fragment Analysis, SDS-PAGE, Native PAGE, Western Blot, 2D-PAGE, Agarose,
<b>CHARGE DISTRIBUTION AND HETEROGENEITY</b>	cIEF, ICE, Gel IEF, ion-exchange chromatography

### MICROBIOLOGY

<b>BIOBURDEN</b>	*Inquire for full Microbiology services USP<61>
<b>STERILITY</b>	Direct & membrane filtration Sterility assays (Phar. Eur 2.6.1, USP<71>, Phar. Eur. 2.6.12)
<b>ENDOTOXIN</b>	Kinetic Chromogenic, Gel Clot <USP 85>
<b>MONOCYTE-ACTIVATION TEST</b>	PyroDetect™, PyroMATTM



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## OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

At SGS Life Sciences, we are guided in all that we do by the values of trust, quality, expertise, reliability, global partnership and integrity; these are the bedrock upon which our organization is built. We also believe that while we are in the business of life sciences, our commitment lies equally in life-saving. This means taking responsibility for our own operations and practices to ensure we are protecting and preserving all life, in its many forms:

### PEOPLE



No testing of weapons or anything that could be used to threaten life.

### ANIMALS



As a cruelty-free organization, we do not conduct any tests on animals.

### PLANET



Award-winning leader in sustainability and recognized carbon neutral organization.

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WHEN YOU NEED TO BE SURE

