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Accelerate your drug discovery with digital SPR

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# Make discoveries, not compromises

# The label-free solution for characterizing biologics

As the world's only surface plasmon resonance (SPR) system powered by digital microfluidics, Alto™ revolutionizes real-time interaction analysis by eliminating the need to compromise on quality and time. Go from sample to answer within hours while streamlining even the toughest of biologics applications with Nicoya® Alto's intuitive and automated ecosystem. Designed to take the complexity out of SPR, Alto will empower your team with the data they need to take their discoveries to the next level.



#### Maximize data quality

Automate error-prone steps while eliminating sample dispersion and evaporation.



#### Save precious sample

Get full kinetic analysis from 2  $\mu$ L of crude or purified sample, 100X less than traditional SPR platforms.



#### Future-proof your lab

Spend 70% less time at the bench - no purification, dilutions, tagging, degassing, cleaning, or manual assay design required.



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#### Universal hardware

A robust benchtop instrument free of fluidic components and easily upgradeable.



#### Disposable cartridge

Sensors, fluidics and reagents all integrated in one consumable powered by digital microfluidics.



#### Flexible software

Designed for any skill level, with local or cloud access to your data anytime.

## What is digital microfluidics (DMF)?

DMF is a liquid-handling technology capable of accurately controlling and manipulating discrete nanoliter-sized droplets across an array of electrodes. The fluidics are contained within a disposable cartridge, allowing Alto™ to overcome the major limitations associated with increasingly complex fluidic systems present in traditional label-free instruments. The elimination of pumps, valves, tubes and flow cells virtually eradicates maintenance and allows for greater flexibility, accuracy, and performance.

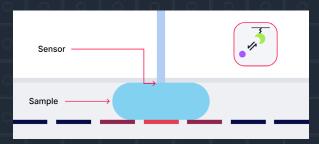


Figure 1: Voltage moves drops across the cartridge in discrete, programmable pathways to deliver, modify, and remove reactants at the sensor surface.

#### Run with confidence

Alto's plug-and-play design makes it easy for anyone in your lab to confidently operate SPR. Pre-designed experiments are readily accessible via a touch-screen interface, and flexible cartridge designs enable you

Figure 2: Alto's 16-channel cartridge layout.

to run hundreds of interactions in a variety of formats. As a "sample in, answer out" instrument, your only task at the bench is to load your cartridge and press play.

# Work from anywhere

Take the guesswork out of SPR with Alto's intuitive analysis software: The Nicosystem™

A first of its kind, the Nicosystem<sup>™</sup> provides a onestop centralized hub for accessing and sharing data, while offering you the flexibility of accessing your experiments on the cloud or locally.

#### Design on the go

Map your sample layout, set up your assay, and build your experiment all without needing to be at the bench. Any experiment designed on the Nicosystem™ will be immediately available to run on your instrument once you're back in the lab. And with Alto's application-centric design modules, you will always be in control of when and how your team runs experiments.

#### One-click analysis

Eliminate lengthy post-processing with Nicosystem's one-click analysis. A diverse range of models and investigative tools are available to accurately interpret your data and provide high-quality insights. With Nicosystem's seamless end-to-end handling of your experiments, you'll be empowered to scale your workflow and quickly share new discoveries.



## **Built for biologics**

Investigate a wide range of applications with a platform built to handle the unique complexities and constraints of biologics.

#### Characterize affinity/kinetics

Simultaneously analyze multiple targets in different assay formats, while reducing hands-on time with complete assay automation.

- Screen a wide range of affinities
- Predict drug potency with kinetics
- Determine specificity & selectivity
- Reduce hands-on time by up to 70%
- · Flexible assay design



Quickly determine binding activity and select the most relevant hits with Alto's rapid screening protocol.

- Process up to 96 interactions in one run using microliters of samples
- Screen directly from crude samples via direct or capture method
- Intuitive analysis with sorting and exclusion
- Use minimal sample volumes (2-5 μL)

#### **Evaluate epitope diversity**

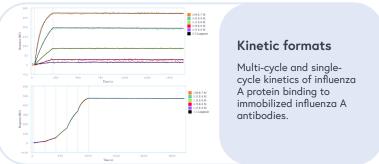
Alto's robust epitope software simplifies competition assays to identify unique binders, and creates exportable visualizations for easy interpretation.

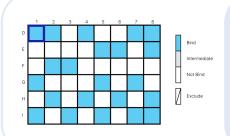
- Rapidly bin up to 16x16 mAbs
- Process 256 interactions in <16 hours</li>
- Comprehensive analysis including automatic data normalization

#### **Quantify samples**

Determine active sample concentrations with high-throughput quantitation.

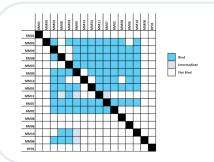
- Determine up to 40 unknown concentrations
- Automate sample dilutions
- Generate up to 8 standard curves and calibrate with 5PL curve fitting





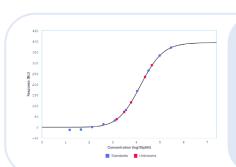
#### Blind Ab screening

Heat map generated from antibody screen against H3N2 hemagglutinin (ligand) illustrating which samples contained anti-H3N2 HA Abs (analyte) in direct screening.



#### Influenza A antibodies

Antibodies binding to influenza A nucleoprotein were characterized with a classic sandwich assay. "Bind" indicated a unique epitope targeted by the antibodies in a 16x16 epitope bin.



#### mAb quantitation

Monoclonal antibodies in serum specific to the H3N2 hemagglutinin protein were quantified at varying concentrations, generating a calibration curve with 10 different known standards.

## At a glance

#### **Specifications**

| Fluidics            |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Channels            | 16  |
| Fluidics Technology | Digital microfluidics   |
| Sample Handling     |   |
| Sample Capacity     | Up to 48<br>(240 interactions)                                      |
| Sample Volume       | 2 μL per well   |
| Referencing         | 1:1   |
| Automation          | Automated dilutions (3x) Robotics compatible*                       |
| Unattended Run Time | 24+ h   |
| Crude Sample        | Yes   |
| Fluidic Maintenance | None  |
| Performance         |   |
| Association Range   | Up to 10° 1/M*s   |
| Dissociation Range  | 10 <sup>-5</sup> - 1.0 1/s  |
| Affinity Range      | pM - mM   |
| General             |   |
| Assay Types         | Kinetics & Affinity Quantitation Screening Epitope Characterization |
| Temperature Control | Analysis: Off, 25°C<br>Sample storage: Off, Chilled, 25°C           |
| Mode                | Cloud, Local  |
| Weight              | 51 lbs  |
| Dimensions          | 1.5H x 1W x 1.5D ft   |
| GxP Compatability   | Please inquire for your specific needs                              |

#### **Applications**

- Kinetics/affinity characterization
- · Kinetics/affinity screening
- Quantitation
- Epitope mapping/binning

#### Compatible with

- Proteins/peptides
- Antibodies
- · Nucleic acids
- · Crude samples
- Viruses
- Small molecule

   (application dependent)

#### Surface chemistries

- Carboxyl
- Streptavidin (kit)
- · Protein A (kit)
- Anti-His (kit)



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