

# OchraStar™ (R)

**Immunoaffinity column**  
**Item no. 10001968, 10001970**

Mycotoxins



## Intended use:

OchraStar™ (R) immunoaffinity columns contain monoclonal antibodies against ochratoxin A and B, which are covalently bound to gel-particles and are intended for the analysis of various commodities (e.g. wheat, coffee, raisins).

## Recommended solvents and buffers:

- Extraction solution: 60/40 (v/v) acetonitrile/water or 80/20 (v/v) methanol/water or 1% sodium bicarbonate solution (all HPLC grade)

- Dilution: PBS-buffer (10 mM)

### PBS-buffer:

8 g NaCl; 1.2 g Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>; 0.2 g KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>; 0.2 g KCl (all p.A. quality), dissolve in 990 mL of distilled or deionized water and adjust pH to 7.4 using NaOH (1 M) or HCl (1 M), fill up to 1000 mL with distilled or deionized water

- Rinse solution: 0.2 M ammonium acetate solution or PBS-buffer (10 mM)
- Eluent: 98/2 methanol/acetic acid (v/v) (HPLC grade)

**All solvents and buffers should be at room temperature (15 – 25 °C).**

**Romer Labs recommends the use of Biopure™ isotope labeled internal standards.**

## Storage:

Always store at 2 – 8 °C (35 – 46 °F) when not in use.  
Do not freeze. Do not use the IAC beyond the expiration date.

**IMPORTANT:** Download certificate of analysis by scanning the QR code on the external label or by visiting <https://www.romerlabs.com/en/customer-resources/>

## Special Notes for column use:

- StarLine™ IAC contain sodium azide.
- StarLine™ IAC are designed for single use only.
- Application notes for the use of StarLine™ IAC have been developed by Romer Labs and are available on request.

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## Procedure

### 1 Extraction

- Weigh 25 g of a representative ground sample (0.5 mm) into suitable container.
- Add 100 mL of extraction solution (e.g. 60/40 (v/v) acetonitrile/water).
- Blend at high speed for 3 minutes or shake for 1 hour on an orbital or gyratory shaker.
- Centrifuge or filter the supernatant through qualitative filter paper.
- Liquid samples can be diluted directly with PBS.
- Any solvent/alcohol content in the sample must be considered in the calculation of the dilution or the solvent/alcohol in the sample can be removed by evaporation if necessary.

### 2 Dilution

- Dilute the extract with PBS until the content of acetonitrile is not higher than 10% (v/v). For MeOH extracts the content of MeOH can be up to 20% (v/v).
- Check if pH is neutral and adjust with NaOH to 7.4 if needed.

### 3 Sample Application

- The IAC must be at room temperature (15 – 25 °C) for usage!
- It is not necessary to rinse the IAC before applying the extract!
- Apply the diluted extract to the IAC.
- Let all extract pass through the IAC with a flow rate of approx. 1 – 3 mL/min.

### 4 Rinse

- Rinse the IAC with 2x10 mL 0.2 M ammonium acetate solution or PBS at a flow rate of 1 – 3 mL/min.
- Remove liquid from the column by applying pressure to the top or vacuum to the bottom. The column must not dry out completely!

### 5 Elution

- Place a suitable vial under the OchraStar™ (R) IAC.
- Use 1.5 – 3.0 mL of 98/2 (v/v) methanol/acetic acid for the elution of bound ochratoxins; the eluent should be applied to the column in several small portions (e.g. 3x0.5 mL)!
- Leave the eluent on the column for a

few seconds before starting elution to allow intensive contact with the gel.

- Remove any remaining liquid from the IAC by applying pressure at the top or vacuum at the bottom.
- In case of low level contamination the eluent can be dried down and re-dissolved in a small portion of mobile phase.
- Inject

### 6 Optimization for difficult sample matrices

- Wash: An additional rinse with 50 mL 0.025% Tween-20 PBS is recommended (flow rate 1 – 3 mL/min). Rinse with 5 mL of 0.2 M ammonium acetate solution afterwards.
- Elute: A clouding of the eluate can be removed with adding distilled water (10% of elution volume). The volume must be taken into consideration when quantitating. If the water does not remove the clouding,
- Filter the extract. (Check with a control sample to ensure there is not a loss of recovery.)

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