

# QUALICHEK™ Aflatoxin B1 Immunoaffinity Column

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Designed and Developed as per AOAC Official Methods of Analysis Guidelines (Method AOAC 991.31 and others) and European Standards (EN 15851:2010).



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**RUO**

**For Use in Food and Feed Testing. Not For Use In Human or Animal Consumption.**

Immunoaffinity Column for the use in Quantitative Determination of Aflatoxin B1 in cereals and feed.

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	Expiry Date		Consult Operating Instructions

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**Introduction:**

Aflatoxin B1 (AFB1) is determined in food and feed using Qualicheck™ Immunoaffinity Column (Immunoaffinity Chromatography (Qualicheck™ IAC)) based on monoclonal antibodies bonded to agarose gel in combination with quantification with HPLC (High Performance Liquid Chromatography).

This method of content determination of aflatoxin B1 combines the high selectivity of an immunoaffinity column (IAC) with its potential to concentrate eluate with the additional step of purification by HPLC column.

**Intended Use:**

The QUALICHEK™ Aflatoxin B1 Immunoaffinity Column is used for determination of Aflatoxin B1 in cereals and feed with downstream testing by HPLC. The product is used for Aflatoxin B1 purification in cereal and feed samples prior to HPLC, HPLC-MS\MS or Specialized Rapid Tester. It reduces matrix interference and improves analysis accuracy.

**Principle:**

The columns are based on antigen-antibody binding reaction. Aflatoxin B1 monoclonal antibody is coupled to agarose gel material. After extracting, filtering and diluting Aflatoxin B1 in sample, sample extraction solution is slowly passed through the QUALICHEK™ IAC. Aflatoxin B1 in sample extraction solution combines with specific monoclonal antibody; leaving impurities which are washed away. Finally, Aflatoxin B1 compound is eluted to get purified Aflatoxin B1 by using methanol.

**Materials Provided:**

1. QUALICHEK™ Immunoaffinity Column – 50 columns
2. Instruction Manual

**Materials, Not Provided:**

1. ph Meter
2. Pipettes
3. Collection tray, tubes
4. Timer, watch
5. Acetonitrile
6. Purified Water
7. NaCl
8. K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>
9. NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>
10. Tween 20

**Reagent Preparation:**

1. 90% acetonitrile (V:V) - Take 900 ml acetonitrile, then add 100 ml purified water.
2. PBST: Take 8 gms NaCl, 0.2 gm KCl, 0.2 gm K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, 1.2 gms NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, then mix with 800 ml purified water. Later, add 1 ml Tween 20 and mix well. After that, adjust pH value to 7.4. Post settling, readjust final volume to 100 ml.

**Sample preparation and purification:****A. General Solid Sample (Cereals and their products, Nuts and Seeds), Vegetable Oil**

1. Take 5 gms pulverized sample. Add 25 ml 90% acetonitrile. Mix them in a homogenizer for 2.0 mins or vibrate for 30.0 mins and extract the sample.
2. Centrifuge at 5000 rpm for 5.0 minutes or filter through rapid qualitative filter paper. Later, take 5 ml filtrate, and add 25 ml water or PBST to dilute. Mix well.

3. For turbid solution, filter by glass fibre filter paper (or centrifuge it at 5000 rpm for 5.0 mins). Collect the filtrate.
4. Take 10 ml of the filtrate.

**B. Sauce, Vinegar**

1. Take 5 gms sample, then make it at constant volume 25 ml with acetonitrile. Mix them in a homogenizer for 2.0 mins or vibrate for 30 mins and extract the sample.
2. Centrifuge at 5000 rpm for 5.0 mins or filter through rapid qualitative filter paper. Later, take 5 ml filtrate, and add 25 ml water or PBST to dilute and mix well.
3. For turbid solution, filter by glass fiber filter paper (or centrifuge it at 5000 rpm for 5 mins), then collect filtrate.
4. Take 10 ml filtrate.

**C. Infant Formula Food and Supplementary Food**

1. Take 1 gm sample (accuracy 0.001 gm) into 50 ml Centrifuge. Tube, then add 4 ml hot water at 50°C. Use Vortex Mixer to mix well. If the milk powder cannot be completely dissolved, place the centrifuge tube in a 50°C water bath, and take the milk powder after it is completely dissolved.
2. Wait until the solution cooled down to 20°C, then add 10 ml methanol. Use Vortex Mixer for 3.0 mins.
3. Centrifuge at 4000 rpm for ten mins or filter through rapid qualitative filter paper.
4. Later, take 7 ml supernatant or treated solution, and then add 40 ml, water or PBST to dilute. Mix well.

**Note:**

1. For sample extraction solution (pH<6 or pH>8), it is necessary to adjust the pH value to neutral and use a glass fiber filter paper/quantitative filter paper.
2. For samples that are difficult to filter because of turbidity, centrifuge such samples for separation.

**QUALICHEK™ Immunoaffinity Column Purification:**

Note: Do not let column liquid drain dry before step 4.

1. Remove Qualichek™ IAC from the carton, and pierce its upward plug with 10 ml injector.
2. Fix Qualichek™ IAC on Pump Flow Operation Rack or Solid Phase Extraction Apparatus.
3. Add appropriate amount of treated sample filtrate into injector, and then remove Qualichek™ IAC downward plug.
4. Adjust flow rate to 1-1.5 ml / min.
5. After draining the liquid, wash it with 15 ml water or PBST at flow rate of 1-1.5 ml / min until 2~3 ml air passes through the column to ensure that there is no residual liquid in the column,
6. Elute with 1 ml methanol at flow rate of 1 ml/min, and use sample bottle / glass tube to collect the eluent.
7. Filter by 0.22 um organic phase filter head, to obtain purified Aflatoxin.

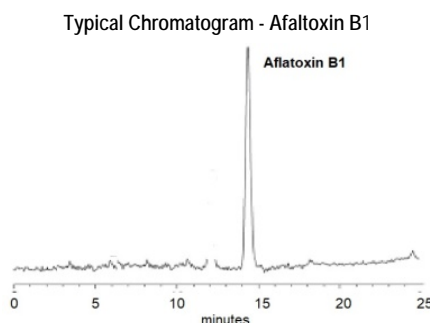
**Sample Dilution Times:**

General Solid Sample (Cereals and their products, Nuts and Seeds), Vegetable Oil, Sauce, Vinegar: 3

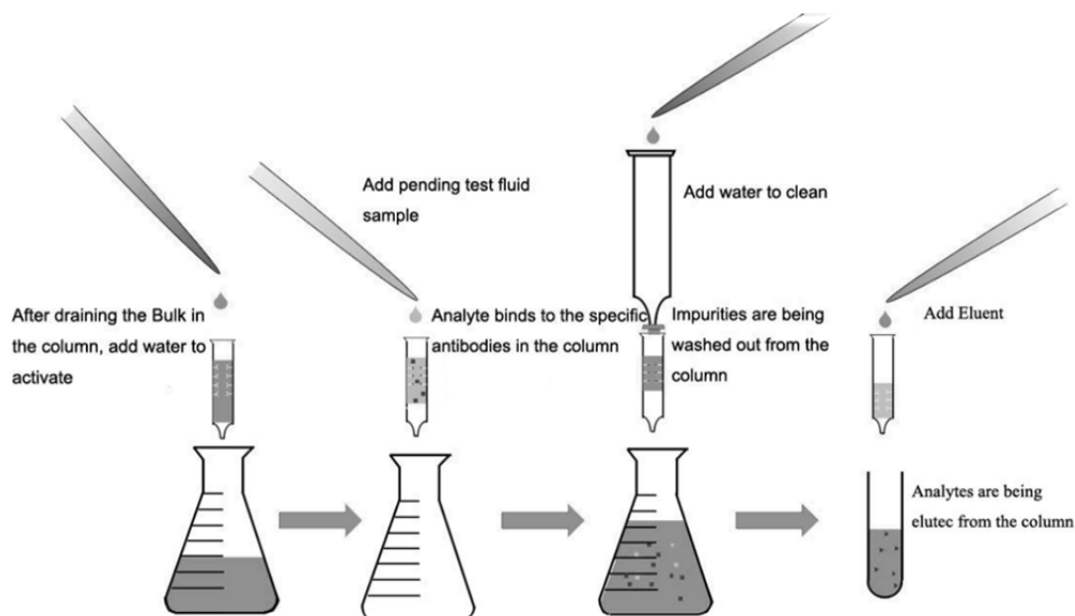
Infant Formula Food and Supplementary Food: 2

**HPLC:**

Column: C18, 5 um, 4.6 mm × 250 mm  
 Mobile Phase A: Methanol: Water is 45:55 (v:v)  
 Flow Rate: 1.0 ml/min  
 Detection Wavelength: Excitation Wavelength 360 nm, Emission Wavelength 440 nm  
 Sample Loading Quantity: 10 ul  
 Temperature: 40°C



Immunoaffinity Column Operation Diagram



**Performance Characteristics:**

**Recoveries:**

85%~110%

**Column Capacity:**

≥200 ng/vial

**Column Gel:**

Agarose Gel

**Note:**

1. Aflatoxin B1 is harmful to human, so please wear gloves while operation. All glassware exposed to standard/sample should be soaked overnight with 5% sodium hypochlorite solution.
2. Do not use expired Qualichek™ IAC.
3. Qualichek™ IAC should be stored at 2~8°C. Do not freeze.
4. Equilibrate Qualichek™ IAC at room temperature (25°C) for half an hour before use.
5. If Aflatoxin B1 content in sample is higher than column capacity, please decrease sample loading volume accordingly.
6. Adjust sample amount and extracting solution volume in proportion according to actual situation. It is recommended to take 5 gms sample in minimum.
7. Do not leave the Qualichek™ IAC in a dry state for a long time during the purification process.

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