

Immuno-detection of NNN Using Monoclonal Antibody (mAb)

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Background of Development

Business Need:

Proposed rule by FDA
on product standards
for NNN levels in
smokeless tobacco*

Quick, easy, and
on-site NNN detection
method preferred



Objective:

Develop a mAb-based user-friendly and cost-effective NNN detection method for on-site sample evaluation/ screening with minimal sample prep requirements

e.g.:

- on-farm
- receiving station
- no LC or technical personnel

*<https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/economic-impact-analyses-fda-regulations/tobacco-product-standard-n-nitrosornicotine-level-finished-smokeless-tobacco-products-proposed>





Small Molecule Detection Using mAb Examples

Sensors **2012**, *12*, 16710-16731; doi:10.3390/s121216710

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Review

Immunoanalysis Methods for the Detection of Dioxins and Related Chemicals

METHOD 4025

SCREENING FOR POPYCHLORINATED DIBENZODIOXINS AND POLYCHLORINATED DIBENZOFURANS (PCDD/PCDFs) BY IMMUNOASSAY



Analytical Methods

Development and optimization of a multiplex lateral flow immunoassay for the simultaneous determination of three mycotoxins in corn, rice and peanut

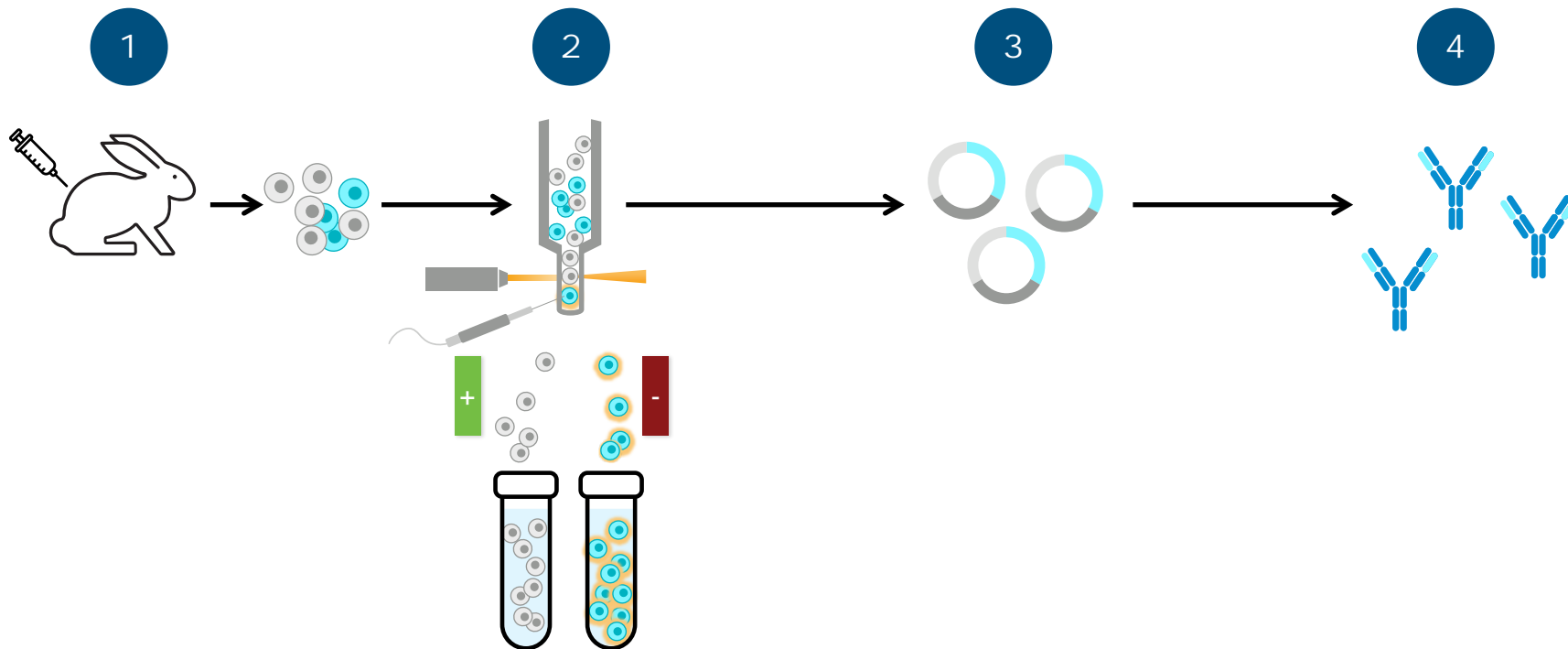


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Antibody Clone Development and Selection



*Modified from [Introduction to Recombinant Rabbit Monoclonal Antibodies \(biossusa.com\)](https://www.biossusa.com/)

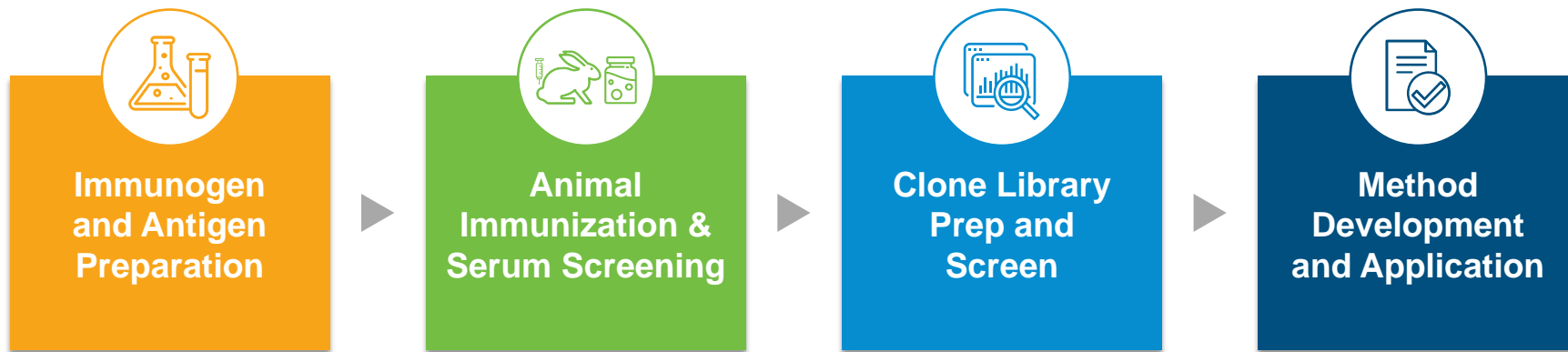


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NNN mAb and Assay Development Route



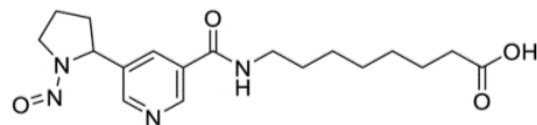


Hapten and Immunogen/Antigen Preparation



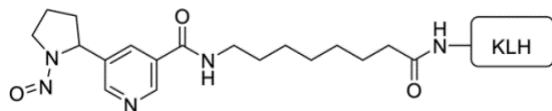
Immunogen and Antigen Preparation

HAPTEN



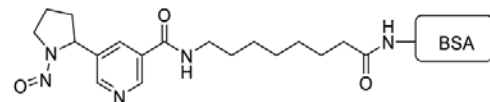
NNN-LINK1 (10 atoms linker)

IMMUNOGEN



NNN-LINK1-KLH

ANTIGEN



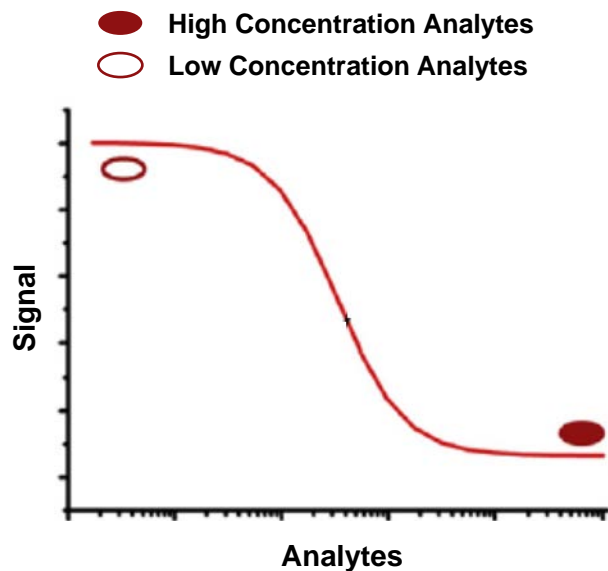
NNN-LINK1-BSA-Biotin



NNN Specific Immune Response Detected



Animal Immunization & Serum Screening



O.D.	Coat S-NNN-LINK1-BSA-Biotin at 1 µg/ml							
NNN (µg/ml)	12	6	3	1.5	0.8	0.4	0.2	0
23877 serum	1.732	1.654	1.657	1.814	1.852	1.863	1.827	1.935
23878 serum	1.826	1.978	1.850	1.997	1.997	1.903	1.971	1.948
23879 serum	2.108	1.997	2.092	2.039	1.971	2.133	2.018	2.147

<https://doi.org/10.1080/09540105.2018.1428284>



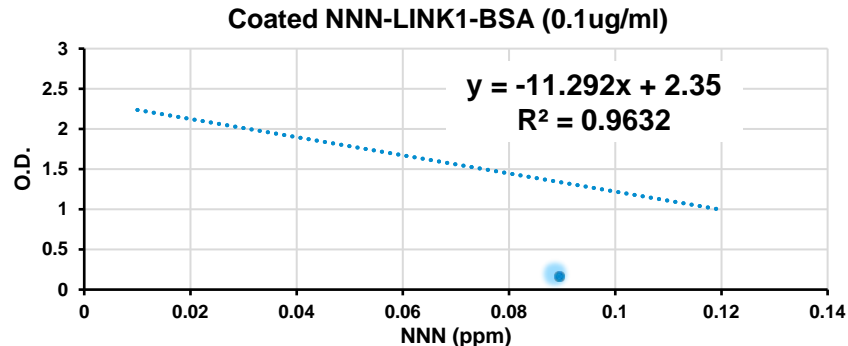
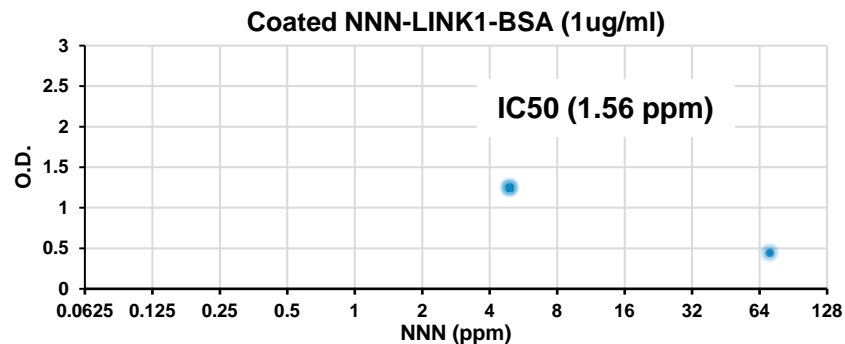
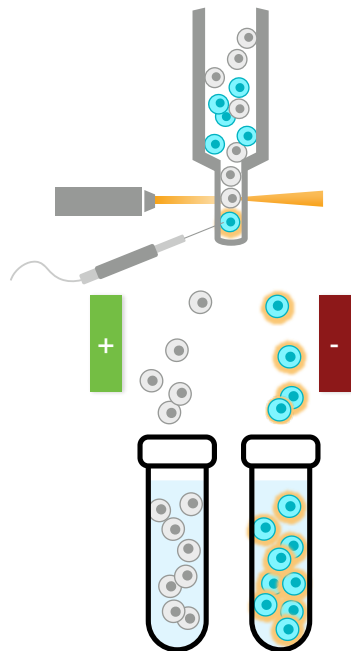
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NNN Specific mAb (D7) Identified



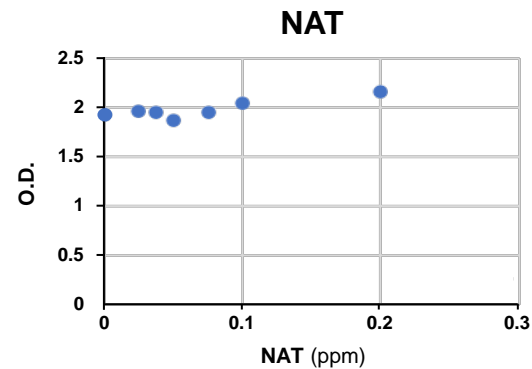
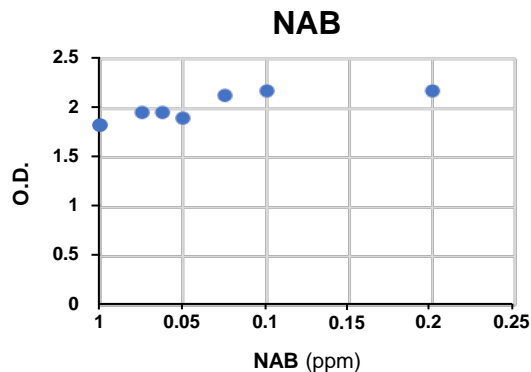
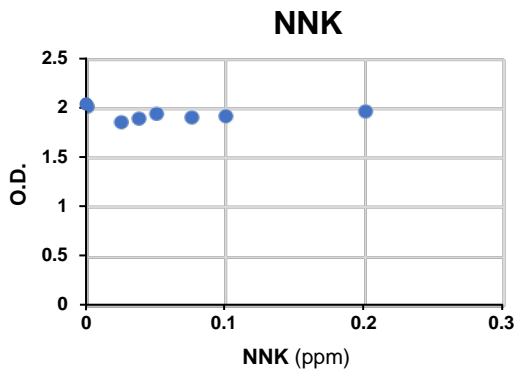
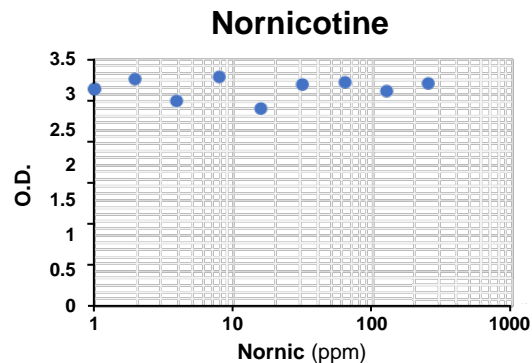
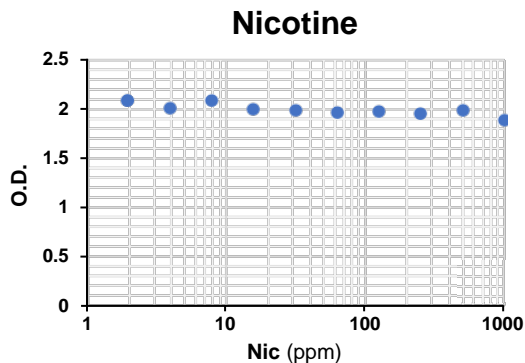
Clone Library Prep and Screen



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D7 Reacted Minimally to Other Alkaloids



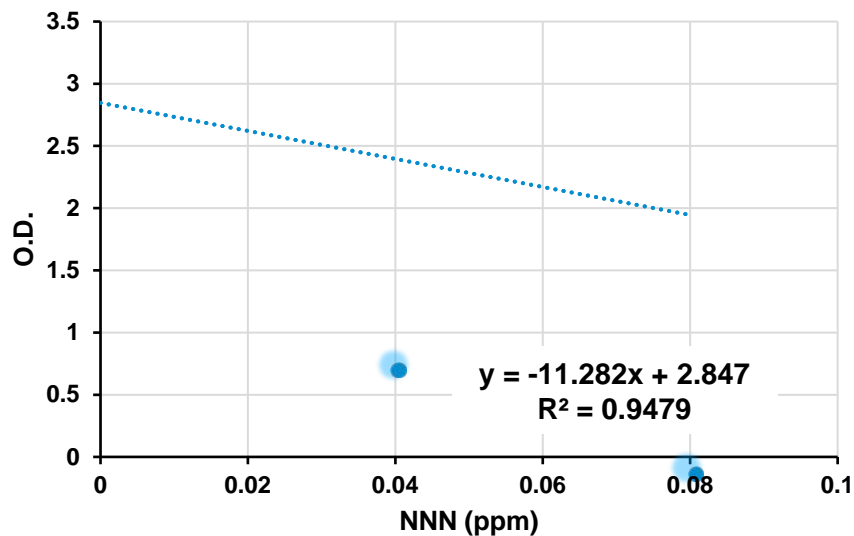


Tobacco Matrix Test Using the D7 Clone



Method Development and Application

Acetonitrile Extraction



100X dilu.	O.D.	Cal. Valu (ppm)	Adjust
LowNNN1	3.04	2.5	3.4
LowNNN2	2.75	3.6	
LowNNN3	2.7	2.9	
LowNNN4	2.63	4.6	
1ppmSpike	2.26	5.2	1.8
2ppmSpike	2.07	6.9	3.5
3ppmSpike	1.94	8	4.6
4ppmSpike	1.95	8	4.6

Acetonitrile extract contains unknown interferences!

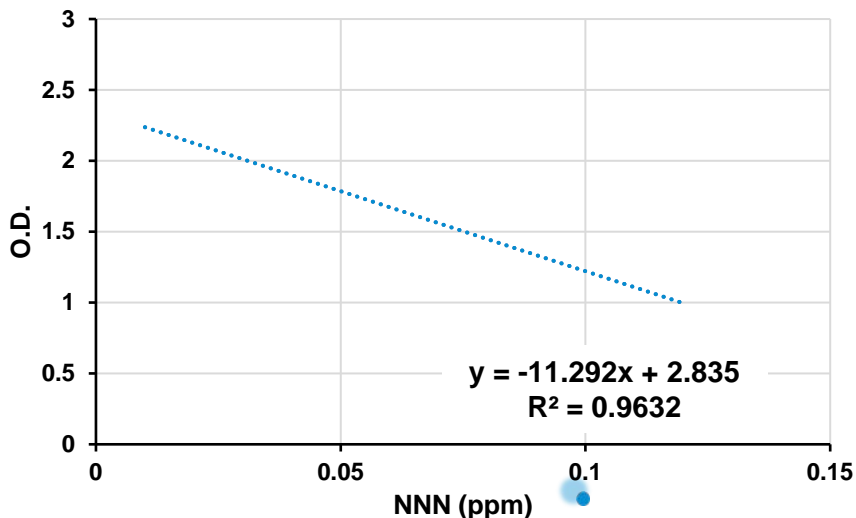


Tobacco Matrix Test Using the D7 Clone (continued)



Method Development and Application

Solid Phase Extraction



Molecular Imprinted Polymer Resin

100X dilu.	O.D.	Cal. Valu (ppm)	Adjust
LowNNNck	2.15	1.8	0
1ppmSpike	1.95	3.4	1.6
2ppmSpike	1.94	3.6	1.8
3ppmSpike	1.83	4.6	2.8

Polystyrene DVB Resin

100X dilu.	O.D.	Cal. Valu (ppm)	Adjust
LowNNNck	2.11	2.1	0
1ppmSpike	2.05	2.6	0.5
2ppmSpike	1.99	3.2	1.1
3ppmSpike	1.75	5.3	3.1





Conclusions



- NNN specific mAb was successfully generated
- Sensitivity ranging from 1.56 ppm to 0.1ppm can be obtained by adjusting coated antigen concentration
- Extraction step was needed to reduce leaf matrix interference or interference variations

Ongoing Work



**Optimizing/Exploring
Extraction**



**Testing Other Relevant
Tobacco Matrix**



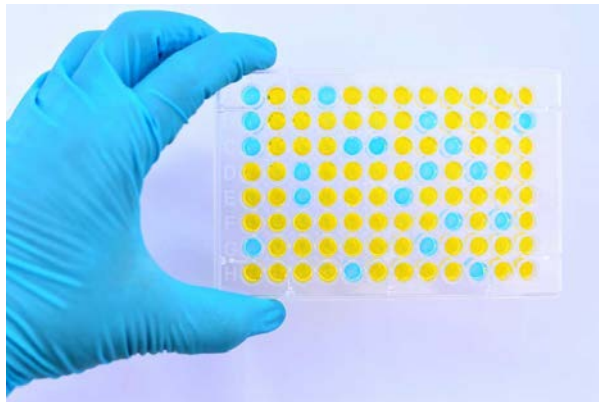
**Developing Alternative
Methods**





NNN Detection Using Monoclonal Antibody

Possible
Formats of
Application



ELISA-Based



Strip-Based

<https://explore.agilent.com/cell-culture-and-imaging-microplates>
<https://www.fortislife.com/introduction-to-lateral-flow-rapid-test-diagnostics>



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