

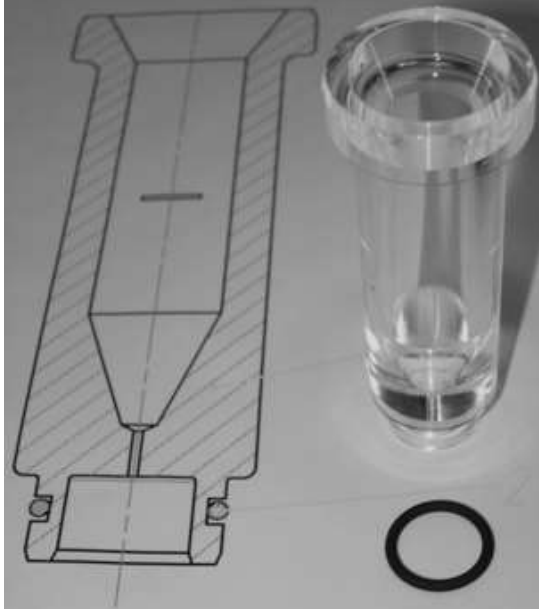


Developing with Apparatus 4

USP 4 | From USP <724>



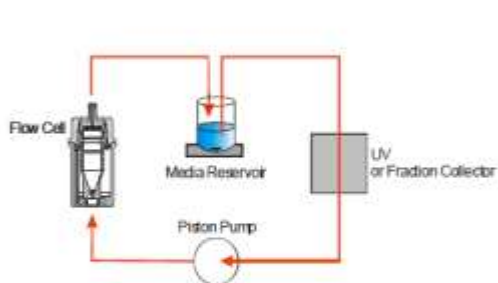
“Consists of a reservoir, pump, flow through cell immersed in a water bath maintained at  $37 \pm 0.5 \text{ C}^\circ$ ”



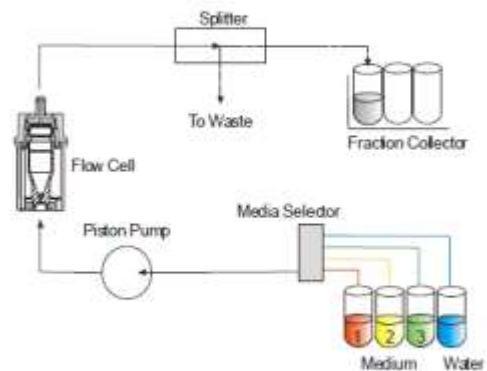
# Method Review



## Configurations of Flow-Through Method



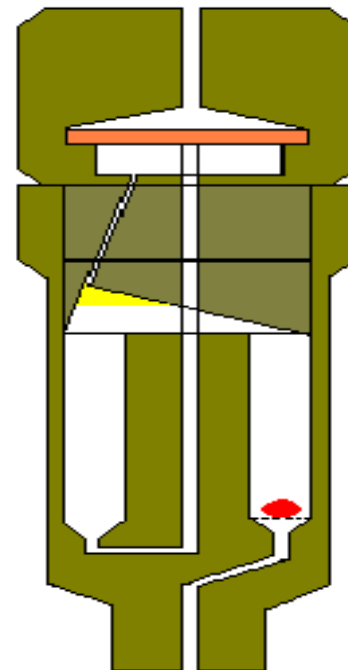
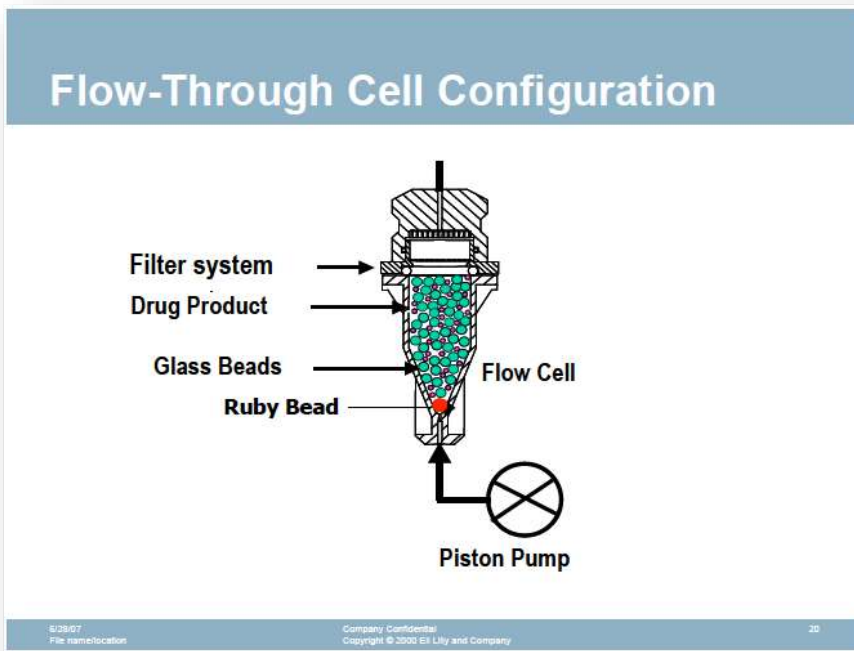
**Closed Loop System**



**Open Loop System**



- Many cells available for your dosage forms
  - Tablet, Capsule, Soft Gel/Lipid, Implant, Device, Powder/API, Patches, Gels, etc
- Custom cells available



Left - Slide from Eli Lilly Suspension on CE 7smart | SOTAX user meeting  
Right - Soft Gel Cell







Why USP 4?



## Flexible Set-up

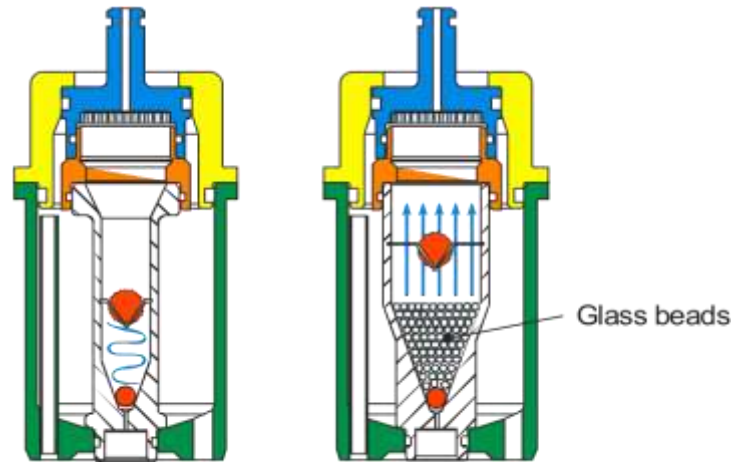
Poorly soluble today, lipid filled soft gels tomorrow

Have the ability to use the USP 4 instrument in multiple configurations to study your products



## Cells Options

Set-up cells to take advantage of the controlled flow past the dosage form



Un-packed

Packed

Solves challenges of non-compendial elution  
*floating, swelling, sticky, multi-particulate, sampling problems, etc*

Fewer apparatus parameters which affect the test  
*flow rate, flow type, and cell type*

Unique cells for different formulations and new types of dosage forms

Increasing potential for IVIVC studies

Expedite the understanding of your products' release characteristics



## FDA Draft Guidance EPA – Soft Gelatin Capsules

“Based on the information available to the Agency, as well as the recommendation given in the USP Pharm Forum,1 USP Apparatus 4 (flow-through cell) has been shown to be the most appropriate apparatus for drugs with poor solubility, compared to the conventional USP Apparatus 1 (basket) and Apparatus 2 (paddle)”

“In addition, the use of surfactant is also critical in the in vitro drug release method development for an icosapent ethyl drug product. ”

## FDA Draft Guidance EPA – Soft Gelatin Capsules

1. Dissolution medium and volume
2. Surfactant and concentration
3. Filter type and size for sample collection and preparation, where applicable
4. Enzyme and concentration, where applicable
5. Rotation speed (USP Apparatus 2 (paddle))
6. Flow rate (USP Apparatus 4 (flow-through cell))

### Other parameters for US Apparatus 4:

7. System mode (closed versus open)
8. Type of cell (size in mm)
9. Glass beads (size in mm)
10. Glass bead loading (weight in gm)
11. Sample load (volume in mL)
12. Split ratio (%)
13. Size of sample tube (volume in mL)

## Example Method Development Week

Monday:

- Unpack and Install CE7
- Perform functional tests

Tuesday:

- Planning meeting
- Execute test #1 and #2 of a Soft Gel sample

Wednesday:

- Execute test #3 and #4 of a Soft Gel sample
- Uninstall and Pack CE7 for Transport

Thursday:

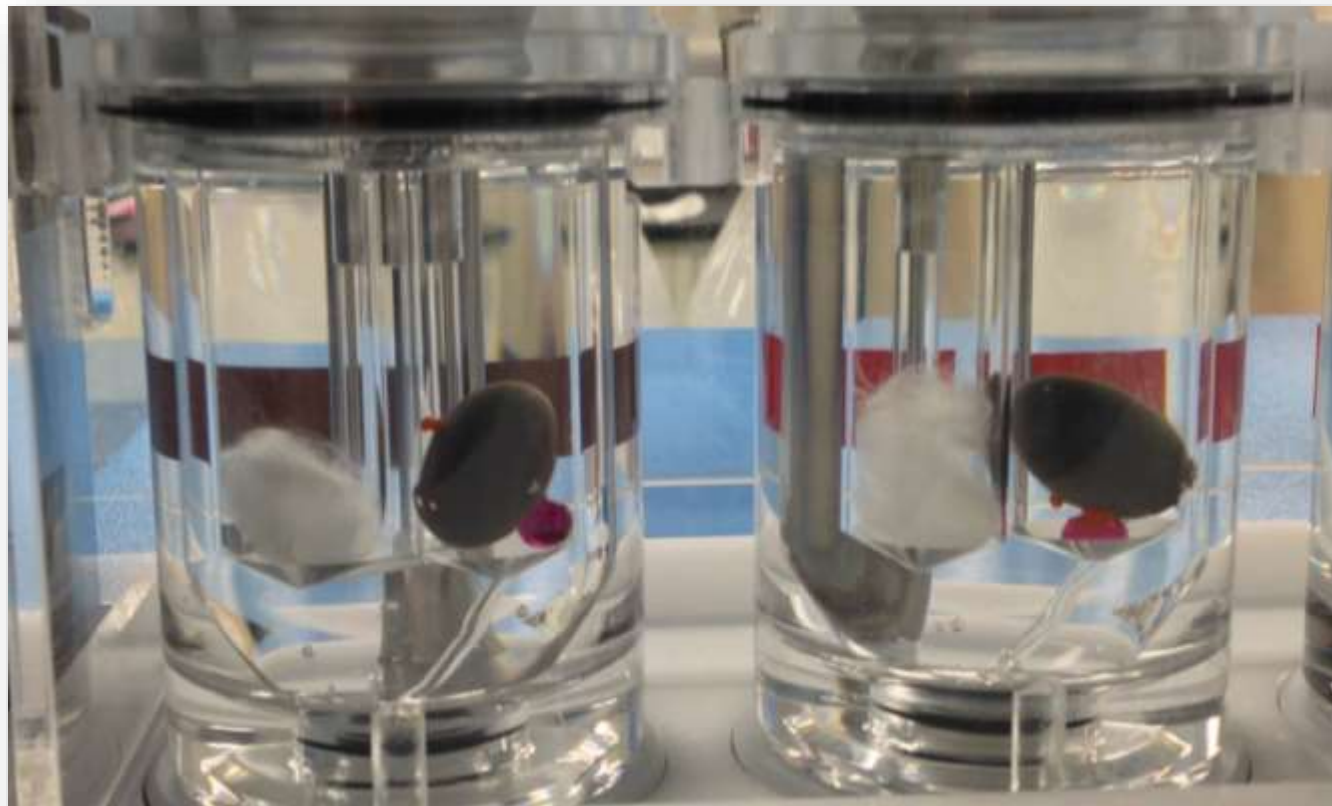
- Present Work from the week

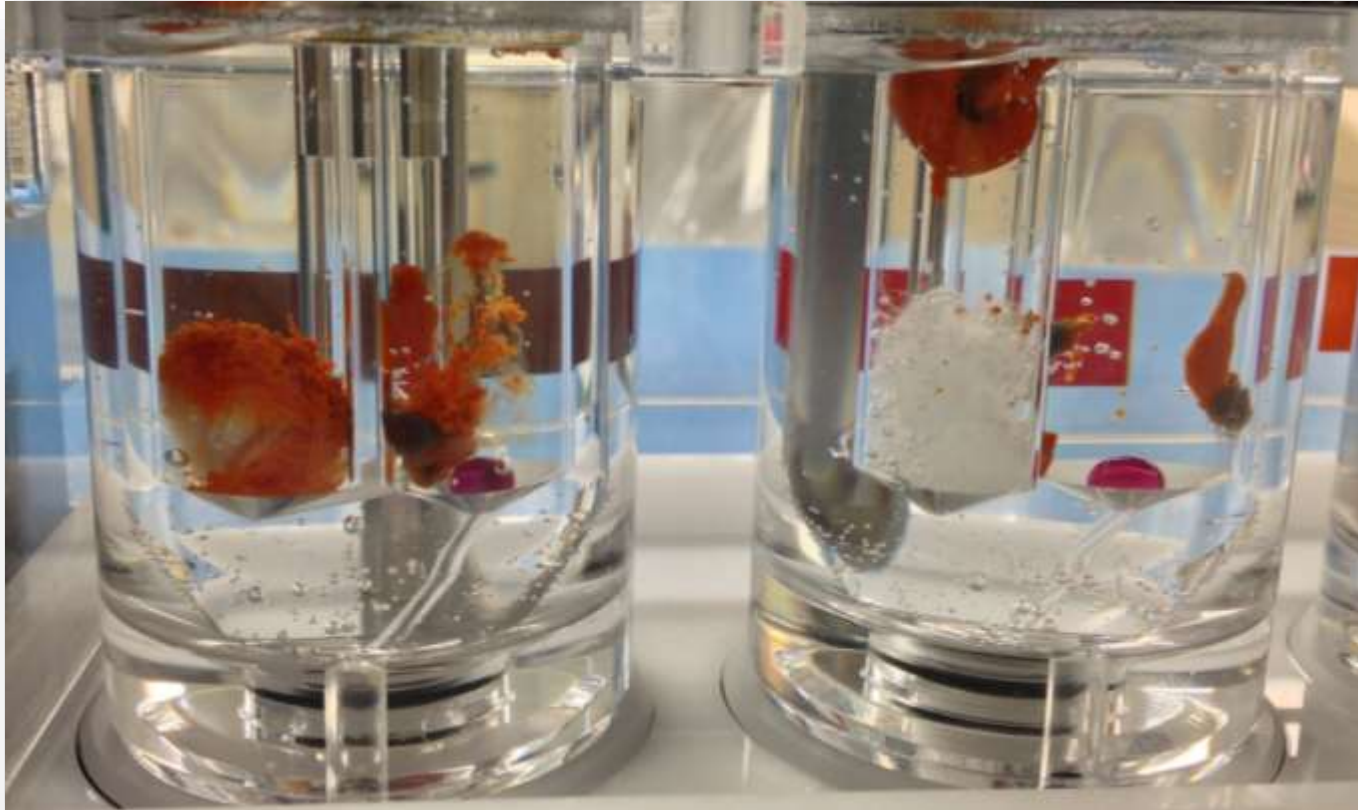
## Soft Gel 'Guiding Samples' Flow Rate Study

'Guiding Samples' are first draft methods. Sample results help to guide the method optimization.

- N=2
- Cell = Lipid Cell
- Flow rate = 8, 16, 24 mL
- Media = 0.05 M pH 6.0 citrate buffer with pepsin,  
sample #1 = 1% SLS media addition @20min







## Soft Gel 'Guiding Samples' Flow Rate Study

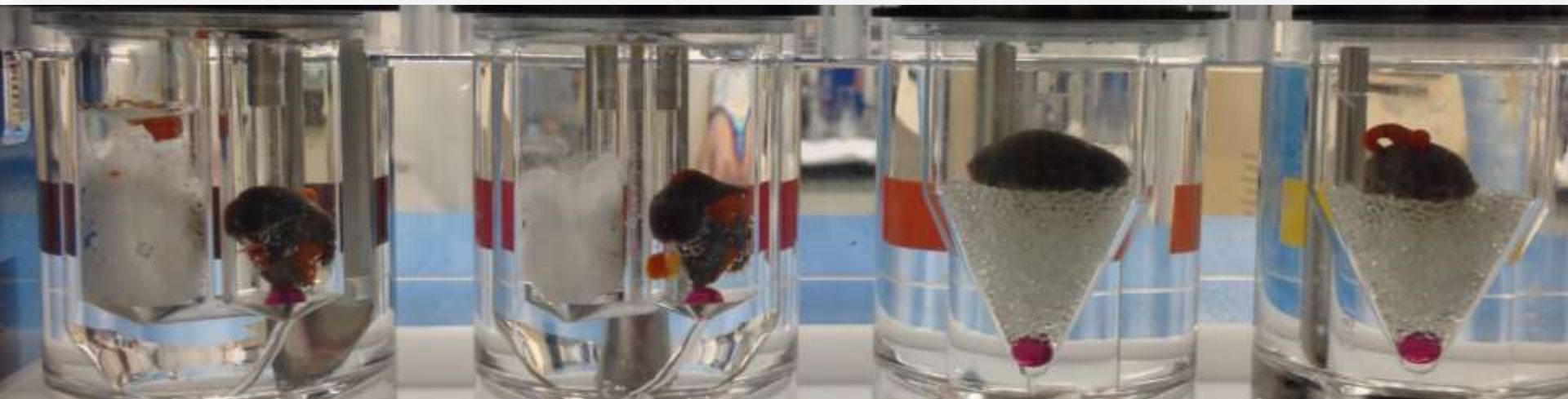
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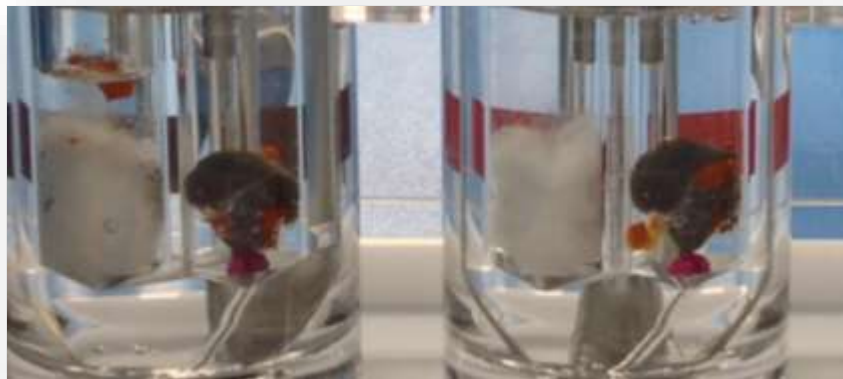
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- Flow rate = 8, 16, 24 mL
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sample #1 = 1% SLS media addition @20min

Soft Gel Sample			
Sample	% Folic Acid	% B2	Manual Results
1 - SLS	35.9	32.3	84%, 79%
2 - no SLS	-	-	

# Run #2 Cell Setup Study

- N=4
- Cell = N=2, Lipid Cell | N=2, packed 22.6mm Tablet Cell
- Flow rate = 25 mL/min
- Media = 0.05 M pH 6.0 citrate buffer with pepsin,  
1% SLS media addition @20min





## Run #2 Cell Set-up

- N=4
- Cell = N=2, Lipid Cell | N=2, packed 22.6mm Tablet Cell
- Flow rate = 25 mL/min
- Media = 0.05 M pH 6.0 citrate buffer with pepsin,  
1% SLS media addition @20min

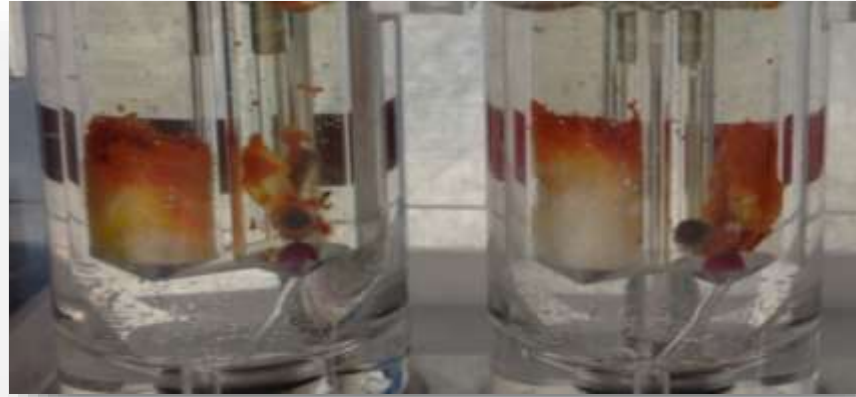
Soft Gel Sample			
Sample	% Folic Acid	% B2	Manual Results
Lipidic Cell	33.3	28.5	84%, 79%
22.6 mm - Packed	-	5.9	

## Run #3 Media Screen

- N=4
- Cell = N=2, Lipid Cell | N=2, un-packed 22.6mm Tablet Cell
- Flow rate = 30 mL/min
- Media =
  - 0.05 M pH 6.0 citrate buffer with pepsin,
  - N=2, 2% SLS media addition @20min
  - N=2, 5% SLS media addition @20min







- N=4
- Cell = N=2, Lipid Cell | N=2, packed 22.6mm Tablet Cell
- Flow rate = 25 mL/min
- Media = 0.05 M pH 6.0 citrate buffer with pepsin,  
1% SLS media addition @20min

Soft Gel Sample			
Sample	% Folic Acid	% B2	Manual Results
Lipidic Cell - 2% SLS	84.2	79.1	
Lipidic Cell - 5% SLS	53.1	48.0	84%, 79%
22.6 mm - 2% SLS	-	-	
22.6 mm - 5% SLS	-	-	

- N=2
- Cell = N=2, Lipid Cell
- Flow rate = 30 mL/min
- Media = *with-out pepsin*
  - N=1, 2% SLS in 0.05 M pH 6.0 citrate buffer
  - N=1, 2% CTAB in 0.05 M pH 6.0 citrate buffer

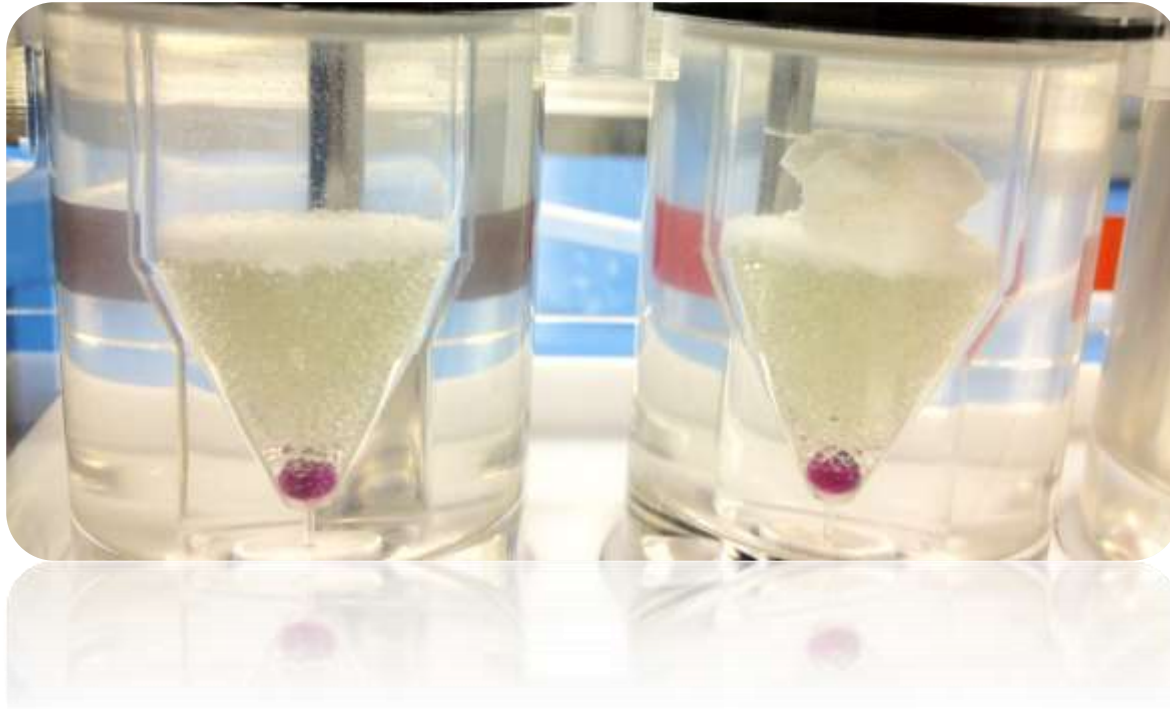




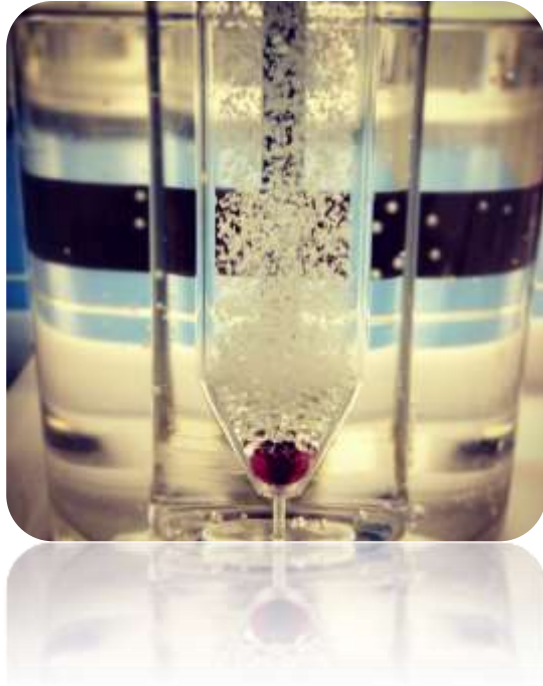
## Run #4 Surfactant Screen

- N=2
- Cell = N=2, Lipid Cell
- Flow rate = 30 mL/min
- Media = *with-out pepsin*  
N=1, 2% SLS in 0.05 M pH 6.0 citrate buffer  
N=1, 2% CTAB in 0.05 M pH 6.0 citrate buffer

Soft Gel Sample			
Sample	% Folic Acid	% B2	Manual Results
Lipidic Cell - SLS	86.4	75.2	
Lipidic Cell - CTAB	72.8	70.1	84%, 79%







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