

# Supporting Information

**Title:** Extraction, separation and characterization of endotoxins in water samples using solid phase extraction and capillary electrophoresis-laser induced fluorescence

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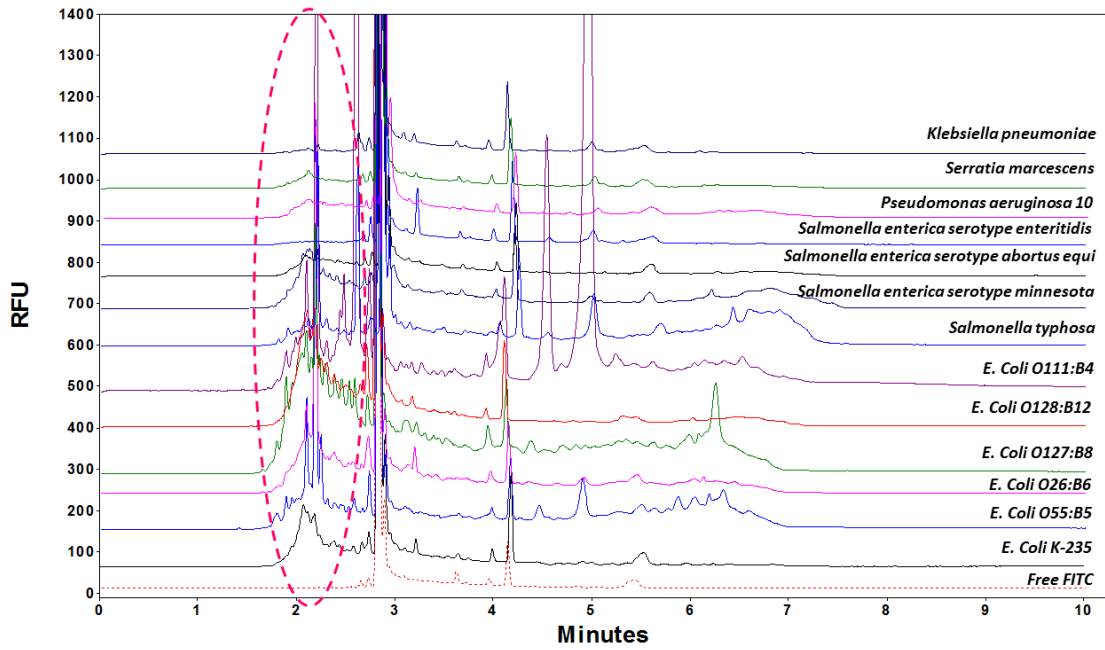
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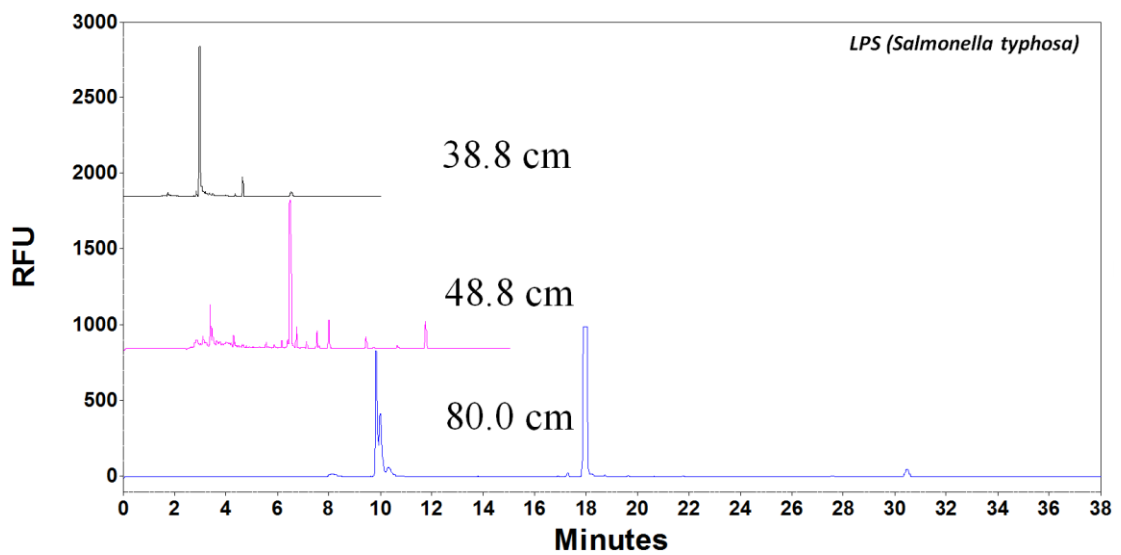
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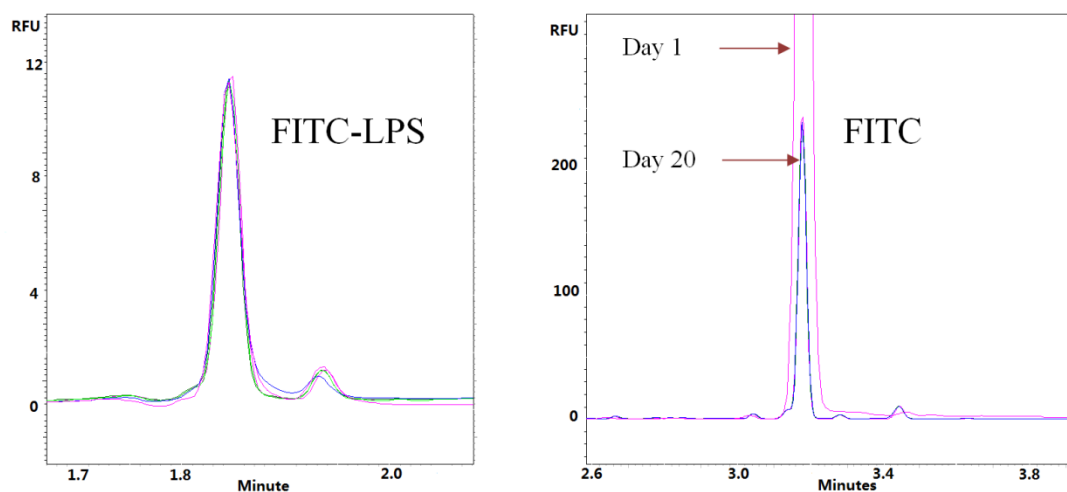
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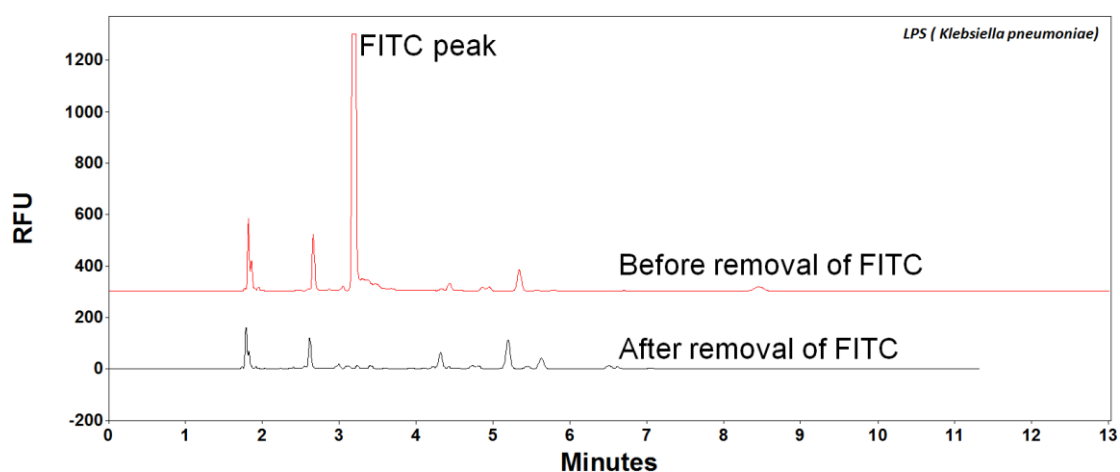
**Fig. S1** LPS separation in 40 mM  $\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$  buffer and 40 mM SDS, pH 9.30; Bare fused silica capillary, (I.D. 50  $\mu\text{m}$ ); Total length: 50 cm; Voltage: 30 kV; Sample storage: 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ ; Sample injection time: 5 s.



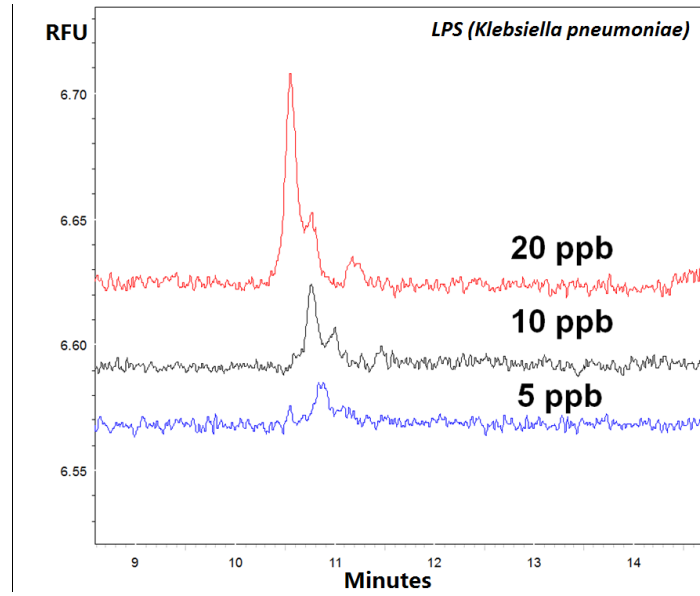
**Fig. S2** LPS separation in 50 mM  $\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$  buffer with different capillary lengths. Other conditions: Separation buffer:  $\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$  (50 mM), pH 9.30; Bare fused silica capillary, (I.D. 50  $\mu\text{m}$ ); Total length: 39 cm; Voltage: 30 kV; Sample storage: 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ ; Sample injection time: 5 s.



**Fig. S3** Stability study of LPS-FITC from Day 1 to Day 20. Other conditions: Separating in buffer:  $\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$  (50 mM), pH 9.30; Bare fused silica capillary, (I.D. 50  $\mu\text{m}$ ); Total length: 39 cm; Voltage: 30 kV; Sample storage: 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ ; Sample injection time: 5 s.



**Fig. S4** (1-3)- $\beta$ -D-glucans interference test. (1) FITC-beta-glucan; (2) FITC control. Other conditions: Separating in buffer:  $\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$ (50 mM), pH 9.30; Bare fused silica capillary, (I.D. 50  $\mu\text{m}$ ); Total length: 39 cm; Voltage: 30 kV; Sample storage: 25  $^\circ\text{C}$  ; Sample injection time: 5 s.



**Fig. S5** Investigation of detection limit of endotoxin from *Klebsiella Pneumonia* by ultrapure water dilution. Other conditions: Separating in buffer:  $\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$  (50 mM), pH 9.30; Bare fused silica capillary, (I.D. 100  $\mu\text{m}$ ); Total length: 60 cm; Voltage: 15 kV; Sample injection time: 10 s.