

Biacore Insight GxP

User Manual

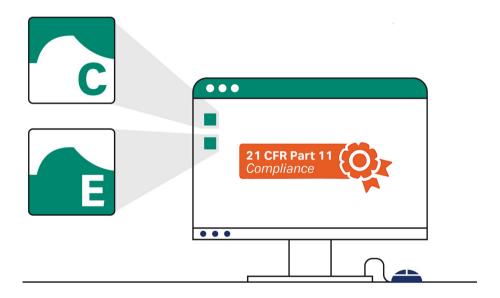


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1 Introduction

About this chapter

This chapter gives an introduction to the $Biacore^{TM}Insight\ GxP\ User\ Manual\$ and contains important user information.

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1.1 About this User Manual

Purpose of this User Manual

This User Manual describes the software implementation of GxP support in Biacore software, and offers some guidance in establishing validated assays.

Scope of this document

GxP functionality is offered as an extension to the Biacore Insight software. The extension adds support for work in a GxP regulated environment. The software functionality is complemented by system qualification services which provide the necessary documentation for use of the system in regulated environments.

This User Manual describes how to use the software features added by the *GxP* extension. Refer to the documentation provided with your Biacore system for instructions on how to use other functionality in the system.

Software versions

This user Manual covers the functionality of the *GxP* extension for Biacore Insight software version 5.0.

The *GxP* extension functionality does not apply to data imported into Biacore Insight Evaluation Software from other Biacore systems, and cannot be combined with the *Biacore Intelligent Analysis*™ extension.

Typographical conventions

Software items are identified in the text by **bold italic** text.

Hardware items are identified in the text by **bold** text.

Text that the user must either type exactly as shown in the manual, or that the software displays as a response (not a regular part of the graphic user interface), is shown by a monospaced typeface (for example, Recipe Information).

Tip: The text can include clickable hyperlinks to reference information.

Abbreviations and definitions

Abbreviation	Meaning
GxP	Collective abbreviation for GLP (Good Laboratory Practice), GCP (Good Clinical Practice) and GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice).
21 CFR Part 11	Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR Part 11) Electronic Records; Electronic Signatures (US Food and Drug Administration).
ALCOA+	Extended framework of guidelines for establishing and maintaining data integrity for laboratory records (see Section 2.6 Data integrity, on page 18).
Control software	Software used to control the instrument (currently Biacore Insight Control Software).
Evaluation software	Software used to evaluate runs (currently Biacore Insight Evaluation Software).

1.2 Important user information

Read this before operating the product



All users must read the entire *Operating Instructions* before installing, operating, or maintaining the product.

Always keep the Operating Instructions at hand when operating the product.

Do not install, operate, or perform maintenance on the product in any other way than described in the user documentation. If you do, you may be exposed or expose others to hazards that can lead to personal injury and you may cause damage to the equipment.

Intended use of the product

The Biacore Insight *GxP* extension is intended for users who work in regulated environments and require controlled procedures for analysis and evaluation.

The Biacore Insight *GxP* extension is intended for research and development use only and shall not be used for diagnostic purposes in any clinical or *in vitro* procedures.

Disclaimer

Using the Biacore Insight *GxP* extension does not guarantee compliance with regulatory requirements. It is the user's responsibility to ensure that their analysis and evaluation procedures are validated and that the required documentation is maintained.

Cytiva cannot be held responsible for failure to conform to validation requirements.

Prerequisites

In order to use the Biacore Insight *GxP* extension in accordance with the intended purpose, the following prerequisites must be met:

- The system should be installed according to the instructions in the *Installation* chapter of the *Operating Instructions*.
- A GxP role must be assigned to your user account (handled by the database administrator, see the Biacore Insight Database Installation and Management Guide for details).
- You should have a general understanding of the use of a personal computer running Microsoft Windows in the version supported by your product.
- You should be acquainted with the use of general laboratory equipment and with handling of biological materials.

- You should be acquainted with the use of your Biacore system that supports the Biacore Insight GxP extension.
- You must follow applicable laws and restrictions for working in a regulated environment.

A database administrator familiar with management of Microsoft SQL Server databases is required for installing and maintaining the database. Familiarity with database management is not required for operation of Biacore systems with the *GxP* extension.

Additional documentation

This User Manual only describes the specific GxP-related features of the Biacore system. Features that are common to use in GxP and non-GxP contexts are described in the additional documentation provided with the system.

Documentation can be downloaded from cytiva.com/biacore.

2 Overview of the *GxP* extension

About this chapter

This chapter provides an overview of the scope of GxP compliance and the way in which it is supported by the *GxP* extension.

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2.1 Scope of GxP compliance

Regulatory requirements

Regulatory authorities require pharmaceutical development and manufacturing companies to use quality assured equipment and to follow detailed and carefully documented analytical and manufacturing procedures. The purpose of this control effort is to ensure consistent and reliable quality in pharmaceutical products that reach the market. A prime mover is the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Corresponding regulations in countries outside the United States often follow the lead of the FDA.

21 CFR Part 11

The FDA rule commonly referred to as 21 CFR Part 11 provides regulations for electronic documentation of computer-based analytical and manufacturing procedures, and aims to ensure that electronic records are complete and inviolate.

The **GxP** extension provides support for compliance with 21 CFR Part 11 regulations.

Equpiment qualification

Quality assurance of equipment (equipment qualification) aims to ensure that analytical and manufacturing equipment performs reliably according to the specifications of the manufacturer. Cytiva offers qualification services to provide the necessary documentation for equipment qualification.

2.2 User roles

Introduction

Access to functions in the **GxP** extension is controlled by database roles, which provide a means for securing a robust GxP environment where opportunities for departure from prescribed procedures are minimized. The roles can be divided into two groups:

- GxP roles, which control access to functions and workspaces in the GxP extension
- Data access roles, which control permission to create, move, rename, and delete database objects such as methods, runs and evaluations

Users are granted role membership by the database administrator. Users of the *GxP* extension must be a member of at least one role from each group. More details are provided in the *29287249 Biacore Insight Database Installation and Management Guide.*

Users with *GxPadministrator* role can view the role membership for users (see *Section 3.11 Users workspace, on page 50*).

Software access restrictions

Users are authorized to use the **GxP** extension by being assigned a GxP role in the database. The following restrictions apply when the system software is started:

GxP role	Software authorization
No GxP role assigned	The user can only start the system software without the GxP extension.
GxP role assigned	The user can only start the system software with the GxP extension.

GxP roles

Essential features of the GxP roles are summarized in the table below. Users or user groups who are members of multiple roles have the combined permissions of the separate roles. For example, a user with only the *GxPadministrator* role is not permitted to run the instrument from the control software, but a user with both *GxPadministrator* and *GxPdeveloper* can run the instrument.

Access to the various workspaces in the control and evaluation software for the different user roles is specified in detail in Section 3.2 Workspaces for GxP, on page 24.

Role	Permissions
GxPadminis- trator	GxPadministrators are generally responsible for aspects of database management that require an understanding of the content of methods, runs, and evaluations. GxPadministrators can be part of a team that includes the database administrator, responsible for database maintenance.
	GxPadministrators are responsible for Signature settings (see Section 3.8 Signature settings, on page 45).
	GxPadministrators are not permitted to establish a connection with a Biacore instrument and can therefore not perform any runs. The role gives permission to open existing runs and methods in the control software, and evaluations in the evaluation software, but the role does not give permission to save any changes to them.
	The GxPadministrator role gives access to the Users workspace displaying user details (see Section 3.11 Users workspace, on page 50).
	GxPadministrators can get permission to sign regulated evaluations if needed.
GxPdeveloper	GxPdevelopers are generally responsible for developing and maintaining regulated procedures.
	They can use all functions, including performing and evaluating non-regulated runs and creating regulated procedures. They are however not permitted to access the Users workspace or the Signature settings workspace.
	GxPdevelopers can run regulated procedures, with the same constraints as for GxPusers .
GxPuser	GxPusers are generally responsible for performing and evaluating routine analyses using regulated procedures.
	They can only run and evaluate regulated procedures and run maintenance tools. No other access is permitted.

Components of the software that are not available to the user currently logged in are hidden: for example, the *Users* workspace is only displayed for *GxPadministrators*.

To identify the current user's GxP role(s), hold the mouse pointer over the *User* name in the top banner of the software.



Data access roles

Permission to create, move, rename, and delete objects in the database is granted by the database administrator by membership in the data access roles, independently of GxP roles (see the *Biacore Insight Database Installation and Management Guide* for details). A user must have membership in at least one of these roles in order to start the software, regardless of GxP role status. The database roles and corresponding permissions are listed in the following table.

Database role name	Permissions
BiacoreUsersCreate	Create
BiacoreUsersCreateMoveRename	Create, Move, and Rename
BiacoreUsersCreateMoveRename- Delete	Create, Move, Rename, and Delete

Data access roles are combined with GxP roles to establish a user structure that supports the required level of data integrity and traceability. For example, permission to delete database objects can be restricted to *GxPadministrators*, while GxPusers can be prevented from moving, renaming and deleting objects.

Note:

Permissions granted by data access roles can be overridden by restrictions in the software itself. For example, a user with **Delete** permission can delete non-regulated runs, but regulated procedures cannot be deleted by any user.

2.3 Database recommendations

Choice of database

Storing GxP data in a local database is strongly discouraged. A network database provides centralized storage with higher security and better support for backup and logging.

Data compartmentalization

For installations where both GxP and non-GxP work is performed, it is recommended that separate databases are used for the two kinds of work. This has a number of advantages over a single database with mixed GxP and non-GxP content:

- User management is simplified by avoiding the requirement for separate GxP and non-GxP logins for the same physical user (the same user can choose the environment by selecting the appropriate database at login).
- Confusion that can arise from mixed database content is avoided.
- A database that contains only GxP content is more easily reviewed, audited, and archived.

2.4 Regulated procedures

Introduction

Methods for runs and evaluation are prepared for GxP use by creation of *regulated procedures*. A regulated procedure contains one immobilization or analysis method and (optionally) one evaluation method. Including an evaluation method for analysis runs is strongly recommended. Running a procedure creates a *regulated run*, and opening a regulated run in the evaluation software automatically applies the evaluation method contained in the procedure. Evaluation items are not created automatically if the procedure does not contain an evaluation method. Additional evaluation items can be created, and are logged in the audit trail (see *Section 3.7 Viewing the audit trail*, *on page 44*).

Critical parameters and settings are locked in regulated procedures. A user with *GxPdeveloper* role defines the values for locked settings and parameters during method development. Once the procedure has been created, the locked settings and parameters cannot be changed, regardless of the role of the user running the procedure.

Procedures are stored in a protected area of the database that can only be accessed from the **Procedure management** and **Procedure start** workspaces (see Section 3.2 Workspaces for GxP, on page 24). Procedures cannot be listed in other workspaces or discovered by search functions.

Note:

Methods are included in procedures as separate copies of the original methods and are not identified by method names. Methods can be recovered from procedures (see Section 3.6 Recovering methods from procedures, on page 42), but do not retain any link to the original named methods.

Developing procedures

Procedures are developed and created by users with **GxPdeveloper** role. A regulated procedure contains the settings for analysis and evaluation methods that were current when the procedure was created. Subsequent editing of the settings in the original methods does not affect the settings contained in the procedure.

Procedure settings are changed by creating a new revision of the procedure, which supersedes the previous revision. Procedures cannot be renamed or removed from the database.

Procedures become active when the following conditions are fulfilled:

- The effective date has passed.
- The approval signature is applied (if signatures are used).

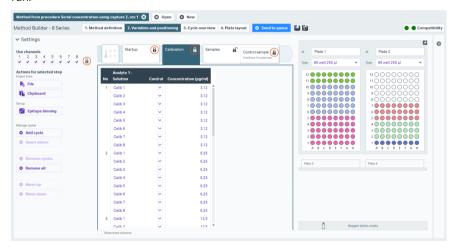
Only one revision of a procedure can be active at any one time.

Locked parameters and settings

When the Biacore Insight GxP extension is active, some parameters and settings are highlighted in purple in various workspaces. These parameters and settings are locked when the method is included in a procedure:

Method status and user role	Meaning of purple highlight
During method development (<i>GxPdevelopers</i> only)	The parameter or setting can be changed during method development, but will be locked when the method is included in a procedure.
In a regulated procedure (GxPdevelopers and GxPusers)	The parameter or setting is locked.

By default, the channel usage and sample table in the *Variables and positioning* step of analysis methods are not locked, so that the user can change the channel usage and sample details when the regulated procedure is run. The procedure developer can choose to lock these settings for selected steps in the method using the lock icon $\overrightarrow{\bullet}$. This is typically used for example for solvent correction, surface conditioning, startup, and calibration steps, so that only the samples can be changed when the procedure is run.



Note: The whole sample table for a step is either locked or unlocked. It is not possible to lock individual rows in the sample table.

Channel usage and ligand names are always locked in immobilization methods in regulated procedures.

Procedure revisions

Procedures can be revised to incorporate new or changed methods. A new revision of a procedure supersedes any previous revision. Procedure revisions that have been superseded cannot be used for new runs.

A full revision history is maintained in the database.

Running procedures

A procedure can be run and the results evaluated by any user with **GxPdeveloper** or **GxPuser** role. The restrictions regarding locked parameters and settings apply regardless of the role of the user. Runs derived from a procedure are referred to as regulated runs.

Evaluating regulated runs

The evaluation method included in a procedure is applied automatically when results from the procedure are opened in the evaluation software. Item settings for evaluation items created by the procedure cannot be changed. Changes such as excluding or including points and setting curve markers are recorded in the audit trail. New items can be created freely: creation and removal of such items is recorded in the audit trail, but changes made to new items are not recorded.

Runs from procedures that do not include an evaluation method will be opened with no predefined evaluation items and no locked settings. Items can be added and addition or deletion of items is logged in the audit trail, but changes made to added items are not logged.

2.5 Signatures

Introduction

With the *GxP* extension it is possible to apply signatures to Regulated procedures and Regulated evaluations. The GxP administrator manage the settings for the signatures (see *Section 3.8 Signature settings, on page 45*).

Signature types

There are three different kinds of signatures applied in Biacore Insight software; create, review and approve. The create signature is automatically applied when a user creates a regulated procedure or regulated evaluation. It is possible to add one or two review signatures and they are optional. The last signature is always the approve signature.

The signature settings are applied independently to regulated procedures and regulated evaluations. The available settings are the same for procedures and evaluations. Each chosen signature can be renamed to suite local routines.

2.6 Data integrity

Introduction

The ${\it GxP}$ extension supports maintenance of data integrity following the guidelines for laboratory records known by the acronym ALCOA+:

Principle	Description
Attributable	Records who performed an action and when.
Legible	Readable throughout the entire lifecycle of the record.
Contemporaneous	Documented at the time of the activity.
Original	The original data is stored in the database.
Accurate	All editing of the record is documented.
	Note:
	"Accurate" in this context refers to accuracy of the docu- mentation, not to accuracy of the experimental results.
Complete	Data records are complete.
Consistent	Sequential elements of the analysis are date- and time- stamped in the expected sequence.
Enduring	Deletion of records can be prevented.
Available	Records can be accessed for review, inspection or audit during the lifetime of the record.

Integrity of database objects

All original data for procedures, regulated runs, and regulated evaluations is stored in the database in read-only mode and cannot be overwritten. The integrity of procedures, regulated runs and regulated evaluations in the database is maintained as described below.

Item	Integrity measures
Procedures	Regulated procedures contain the revision history of the procedure as well as a full copy of the run and evaluation methods included in the procedure, so that the methods can be recovered if necessary from the procedure. Changing the original method does not affect the settings in the procedure.

Item	Integrity measures
Runs	Run data cannot be modified. Run objects are created in the database at the start of a run but are not finalized until the run is complete. Ongoing runs cannot be opened in other instances of the control software. If the results of an on-going run are opened in the evaluation software, a snapshot of the results up to and including the last completed cycle is opened. Evaluation of snapshots cannot be saved or exported.
Evaluations	Regulated evaluations are named by the user when they are first created (using <i>Create new evaluation</i>). Modification of existing regulated evaluations (using <i>Open</i>
	existing evaluation) creates new drafts or versions. All previous evaluation versions are accessible for review in Version history .
	The possibility to save a draft of the regulated evaluation is intended to be used while performing the evaluation. The evaluation is not sent for signature approval and the version comment can be changed. The status for the regulated evaluation is "Draft".
	If signatures are used, the signature process starts when the user saves a new version of the evaluation. It is not possible to create a new version of an evaluation that is waiting for approval, i.e., has the status Pending signature .

Audit trail

Operations performed in Biacore Insight Evaluation Software on results from a regulated procedure are logged in an audit trail. The audit trail includes comments explaining for example why the logged changes were made. See Section 3.7 Viewing the audit trail, on page 44 for details.

Backup

The database administrator is responsible for establishing backup routines for the database. The GxP extension does not include any specific backup functions.

Data export

Regulated runs and evaluations can be exported for transfer to another database and to Cytiva for support purposes. Information relating to the procedure from which the runs and evaluations were derived is however not exported, and runs and evaluations imported to another database do not have regulated status in the target database.

Procedures themselves cannot be exported. Follow the steps below to transfer a procedure to another database.

Step	Action
1	Recover and save the methods from the procedure (see Section 3.6 Recovering methods from procedures, on page 42).
2	Export the recovered methods and import them to the target database.
3	Recreate the procedure in the target database.
	Note:
	Any revision history for the procedure will be lost.
Note:	The user is responsible for providing secure management of files exported

as spreadsheets, presentations, and PDF files from regulated evaluations.

3 Operation

About this chapter

This chapter describes how to use the features specific to the *GxP* extension. How to use other functions is described in the *Biacore 1 series User Manual, 29706293*, the *Biacore 8 series User Manual, 29287247*, and the *Biacore Insight Evaluation Software User Manual, 29287248*.

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3.1 Starting the *GxP* extension

Requirements

The *GxP* extension is started together with the control or evaluation software.

The following requirements must be fulfilled in order to start the *GxP* extension:

- A valid license for the **GxP** extension must be available.
- The user logging in to the software must have an assigned GxP role in the database (see Section 2.2 User roles, on page 10).

Note: Users with a GxP role can only start the software with the **GxP** extension selected. Users who are not assigned a GxP role are not permitted to start the software with the **GxP** extension selected.

Select the GxP extension

Follow the steps below to start the software with the *GxP* extension. The steps are the same for the control software and evaluation software.

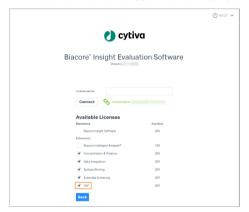
Step Action

- 1 Start the control or evaluation software.
- 2 If the GXP extension is listed under Selected extensions in the Login dialog, continue to log in to the software.



Step Action

If the **GxP** extension is not listed in the **Login** dialog, click the pen icon next to the **Selected extensions** list, then select the **GxP** extension. The number of available licenses for each extension is shown in the dialog.



4 Click **Close** to return to the **Login** dialog and log in to the software.

Note: If another instance of either control or evaluation software is running on the same computer, both the **User id** and the **Selected extensions** are locked to the settings used in the software that is already running.

3.2 Workspaces for GxP

Workspace availability

Workspaces available to users in GxP mode vary according to the GxP role assigned to the user. The tables in the subsequent sections summarize the available workspaces in Biacore Insight Control Software and Biacore Insight Evaluation Software according to the user's GxP role. Screenshots in the tables show the tabs as displayed in a newly opened instance of the software.

Biacore Insight Control Software

Role	Workspace	Comments
GxP- administrator	Methods Runs Signatures Ac	tion history Users Preferences
	Methods	Methods can be opened but not modified or saved.
	Runs	Runs can be opened.
	Signatures	Available actions depend on individual rights set in signature settings. See Section 3.8 Signature settings, on page 45 for more information.
	Action history	Full view access.
		Restrictions apply on items opened from <i>Action history</i> . See <i>Section 3.10 Action history</i> , <i>on page 49</i> for more information.
	Users	See Section 3.11 Users work- space, on page 50.
	Preferences	Instrument can be selected and signature settings changed.
		See Section 3.8 Signature settings, on page 45.
GxPdeveloper Instrument control Methods Procedure management Procedure start Ru		ment Procedure start Runs Signatures Action history
	Instrument control	Full access.

Role	Workspace	Comments
	Methods	Full access. Parameters and settings that are highlighted in purple will be locked in a regulated procedure.
	Procedure manage- ment	See Section 3.3 Managing procedures, on page 28.
	Procedure start	See Section 3.4 Running procedures, on page 36.
	Runs	Full access.
	Signatures	Available actions depend on individual rights set in signature settings. See Section 3.8 Signature settings, on page 45 for more information.
	Actionhistory	Full access. See Section 3.10 Action history, on page 49 for more information.
	Preferences	Instruments can be selected.
GxPuser Instrument control Procedure start R		uns Signatures Action history
	Instrument control	Restricted to System setup and Maintenance .
	Procedure start	Parameters and settings that are highlighted in purple are locked.
		See Section 3.4 Running procedures, on page 36.
	Runs	Restricted to regulated runs and maintenance runs.
	Signatures	Available actions depend on individual rights set in signature settings. See Section 3.8 Signature settings, on page 45 for more information.

Role	Workspace	Comments
	Action history	Full access. Restrictions apply on items opened from Action history .
		See Section 3.10 Action history, on page 49 for more information.
	Preferences	Instruments can be selected.

Biacore Insight Evaluation Software

Role	Workspace	Comments
GxPadminis- trator	Open existing evaluation Signatures	Action history Users Preferences
trator	Open existing evalua- tion	Evaluations cannot be saved.
	Signatures	Available actions depend on individual rights set in signature settings.
		See Section 3.8 Signature settings, on page 45.
	Action history	Full view access.
		Restrictions apply on items opened from Action history .
		See Section 3.10 Action history, on page 49.
	Users	See Section 3.11 Users work- space, on page 50.
	Preferences	See Section 3.8 Signature settings, on page 45.
GxPdeveloper	Create new evaluation Open existing evaluation	n Procedure management Signatures Action history
	Create new evaluation	Full access.
		Parameters and settings that are highlighted in purple will be locked in a regulated procedure.

Role	Workspace	Comments	
	Open existing evalua- tion	Full access. Parameters and settings that are highlighted in purple in a regulated procedure are locked.	
	Procedure manage- ment	See Section 3.3 Managing procedures, on page 28.	
	Signatures	Available actions depend on individual rights set in signature settings. See Section 3.8 Signature settings, on page 45.	
	Action history	Full access. See Section 3.10 Action history, on page 49.	
GxPuser	Create new evaluation Open existing evaluation Signatures Action history		
	Create new evaluation	Restricted to regulated runs.	
	Open existing evalua- tion	Restricted to regulated evaluations.	
	Signatures	Available actions depend on individual rights set in signature settings. See Section 3.8 Signature settings, on page 45.	
	Action history	Full view access. Restrictions apply on items opened from Action history . See Section 3.10 Action history, on page 49.	

3.3 Managing procedures

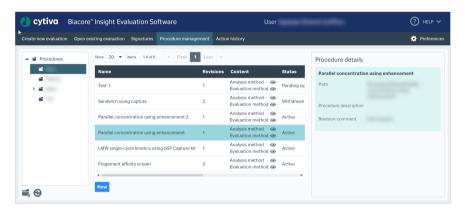
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3.3.1 Introduction

Analysis and evaluation methods are made available for running by users with **GxPuser** role by creation of *regulated procedures* (see <u>Section 2.4 Regulated procedures</u>, on page 14). Users with the **GxPdeveloper** role can create, revise and withdraw regulated procedures. **GxPdevelopers** can also run regulated procedures, with the same restrictions as **GxPusers**.

Procedures are managed from the **Procedure management** workspace in either the control software or the evaluation software.



3.3.2 Procedure folders

Regulated procedures are stored in a protected area of the database that can only be accessed from the **Procedure management** (available to users with **GxPdeveloper** role), and **Procedure start** workspaces (available to users with **GxPdeveloper** or **GxPuser** roles).

Users with *GxPdeveloper* role can create new folders from the *Procedure management* workspace. Click *Add folder* in the folder list panel of the workspace to create a new folder.

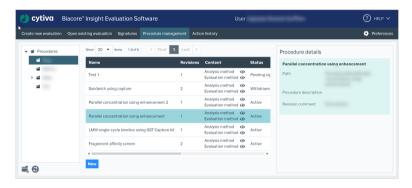
Procedures and procedure folders cannot be deleted, moved, or renamed.

3.3.3 Create new procedure

Regulated procedures can be created by **GxPdevelopers**. Follow the steps below to create a new regulated procedure.

Step Action

- Select the **Procedure management** workspace in either Biacore Insight software.
- 2 Select a folder where the procedure will be saved and click **New**.



Note:

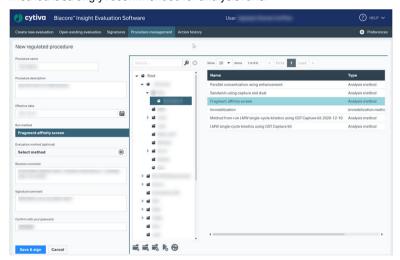
Select the folder where the procedure will be saved before clicking **New**. There is no subsequent opportunity to change this location.

- 3 Enter a procedure name and optional procedure description.
- 4 Select an effective date (in the future) if required. The procedure will become available at local time 00:00 on that date in the time zone where it is created, and at 00:00 with offset in other time zones. If signatures are used, approval after the effective date activates the procedure instantly, and the effective date is changed to the time of the approval.

With the default setting of the current date, the procedure will become available immediately in all time zones.

Step Action

Use the browser list in the right-hand panel of the workspace to select **Run method** and **Evaluation method (optional)**. Including an evaluation method is strongly recommended for analysis runs.



Note:

This browser panel is used to select methods to include in the regulated procedure. It does not show the dedicated folder structure where the procedure will be saved.

Note:

Predefined methods cannot be included in regulated procedures.

Note:

It is not possible to include evaluation methods containing a **Biacore Intelligent Analysis** prediction model.

- 6 Enter a revision comment and, if signatures are used, also enter a signature comment.
- 7 Enter your login password for authentication, then click **Save**, or if a signature is required, click **Save & sign**.

If signatures are used, the procedure must be accepted and signed before it becomes active. See Section 3.9 Applying signatures, on page 47 for how to apply signatures. The procedure has the status Pending signatures until rejected or approved.

3.3.4 Revise existing procedure

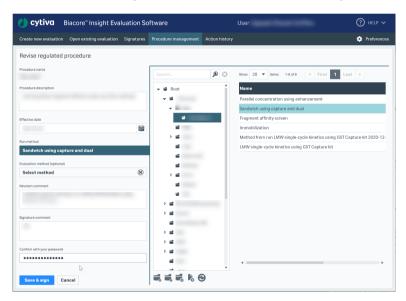
Procedures cannot be overwritten, but can be superseded by a later revision.

Note: It is not possible to revise an existing procedure that has pending signatures.

Follow the steps below to revise an existing regulated procedure.

Step Action

- 1 Select the **Procedure management** workspace.
- 2 Click **Revise procedure** in the **Action** column for the procedure you want to revise.
- 3 Make the required changes. The procedure name cannot be changed.



- 4 Select a new method(s) or keep the setting [Method from last revision] as required.
- 5 Enter a revision comment and, if signatures are used, also enter a signature comment.
- 6 Enter your login password for authentication, then click **Save**, or if a signature is required, click **Save & sign**.

If signatures are used, the procedure must be accepted and signed before it becomes active. See *Section 3.9 Applying signatures*, *on page 47* for how to apply signatures. The procedure has the status Pending signatures until rejected or approved.

The revised procedure will supersede any previously active revision when the new revision becomes active.

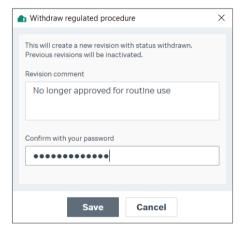
3.3.5 Withdraw procedure

When a procedure is withdrawn, it is no longer available for use (but is still stored in the database for reference).

Follow the steps below to withdraw a procedure. Note that it is not possible to withdraw an existing procedure that has pending signatures.

Step Action

- Select the **Procedure management** workspace.
- Click Withdraw procedure in the Action column for the procedure you want to withdraw.
- 3 Enter a revision comment and your login password for authentication, then click **Save**.

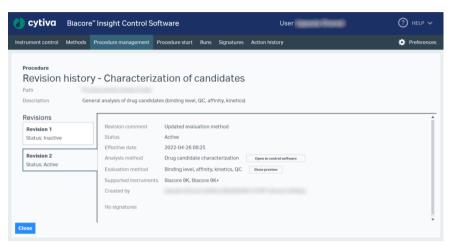


A withdrawn procedure cannot be reactivated. However, you can create a new revision with the same settings.

3.3.6 Revision history

The **Revision history** in the **Procedure management** workspace lists the status of all revisions of the selected procedure since the first creation.

Click Show revision history in the Action column to open the revision history.



The status is listed as one of the following:

Status	Description
Active	The procedure revision is currently active.
Inactive	The procedure revision has been replaced by a later revision.
Withdrawn	The procedure has been withdrawn.
Pending signa- ture	The procedure revision is awaiting signature(s).
Pending date	The procedure revision is set to become active on an effective date in the future.

Note:

Technically, withdrawing a procedure creates a new revision with status **Withdrawn**. The original revision is marked as inactive.

For example, if revision 4 is withdrawn, the revision history will show revision 4 as **Inactive** and revision 5 as **Withdrawn**.

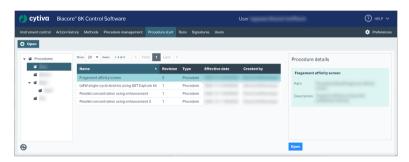
3.4 Running procedures

Procedures can be run by **GxPdevelopers** and **GxPusers**. The same restrictions apply regardless of the user's GxP role.

Follow the steps below to run a procedure.

Step Action

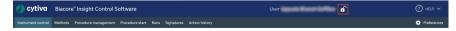
Open the **Procedure start** workspace in the control software. Only procedures are shown in this workspace.



- Select the procedure to run and click **Open**, or double-click on the procedure.
- The run method in the procedure will open at the first stage where user input is permitted (normally the *Variables and positioning* stage). Parameters highlighted in purple cannot be changed (see *Locked parameters and settings, on page 15*).
- 4 Provide input as required (for example, sample names) and send the method to the activity queue, as described in the *Biacore 1 series User Manual*, 29706293, or *Biacore 8 series User Manual*, 29287247.
- 5 In the activity queue, provide any required input and enter your login password for authentication.
- 6 Start the run. The results of the run can be saved in any folder.

Locking the software

For maximum security, the control software can be locked when the screen is unattended, to restrict access to the activity queue and ongoing runs. To lock the software, click the lock icon next to the user name in the top banner of the software window:



The whole window is grayed out when the software is locked.

To unlock the software, click anywhere in the window and enter the password in the dialog that appears. The software can only be unlocked by the current user.

Note: Remember to lock all instances of the control software that are currently open. The lock applies separately to each instance.

3.5 Evaluating regulated runs

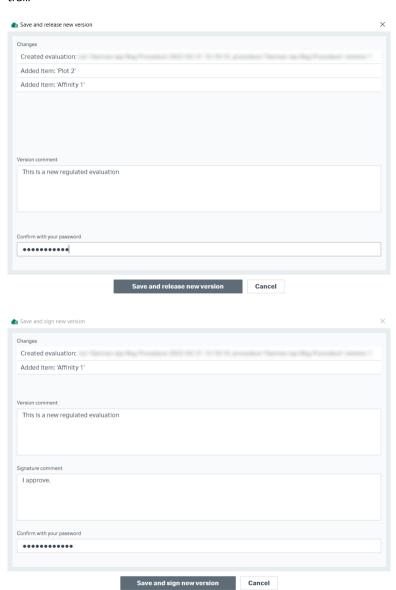
Creating a regulated evaluation

Follow the steps below to evaluate a regulated run.

Step	Action
1	Go to the Create new evaluation workspace in Biacore Insight Evaluation Software and navigate to the folder where the run is stored.
	For GxPusers , only regulated runs are displayed. GxPdevelopers can access both regulated and non-regulated runs.
2	Select a regulated run and click Open or double-click on the run.
3	The evaluation method (if any) included in the procedure will be applied automatically. Items created by the evaluation method cannot be removed.
	Parameters and settings created by the evaluation method are highlighted in purple and cannot be changed. This includes most settings that affect the content of an item. Points and curves can however be excluded locally or globally in locked items. Such changes are logged in the audit trail. Settings that affect the display only are generally not locked (for example, item panels can be hidden or displayed).
4	New items can be created freely by both <i>GxPusers</i> and <i>GxPdevelopers</i> . Settings in new items are not locked.
	Creation of new items is logged in the audit trail, but the details within a new item are not logged.
5	Click Save and release a new evaluation version, or if a signature is required, click Save and sign a new evaluation version to save the evaluation. Alternatively, click Save draft evaluation to save a draft (a preliminary version while performing the evaluation).
6	In the pop-up window, choose a location and name, and click Save .

Step Action

7 Complete the audit trail with a comment documenting for example why any changes were made and enter your login password for authentication. The dialog also provides a preview of the changes that will be logged in the audit trail.



If you selected **Save and sign a new evaluation version**, you are also prompted to enter a signature comment.

Step Action

If signatures are used, and you selected **Save and sign a new evaluation version**, the evaluation now has the status Pending signatures.

Editing a regulated evaluation

Follow the steps below to edit a regulated evaluation.

Step	Action
1	Go to the Open existing evaluation workspace in the evaluation software.
	For <i>GxPusers</i> , only regulated evaluations are displayed. <i>GxPdevelopers</i> can access both regulated and non-regulated evaluations. For regulated evaluations, only the most recent version is displayed by default. See <i>Accessing previous evaluation versions, on page 41</i> for how to access previous versions.
2	Select a regulated evaluation and click $\ensuremath{\textit{Open}}$ or double-click on the evaluation.
3	For items created by the evaluation method in the procedure (highlighted in purple), changes such as excluding and including points or curves and setting curve markers can be made. Such changes are logged in the audit trail.
4	New items can be created freely by both <i>GxPusers</i> and <i>GxPdevelopers</i> . Settings in new items are not locked.
	Creation of new items is logged in the audit trail, but the details within a new item are not logged.
5	Click Save and release a new evaluation version , or if a signature is
	required, click Save and sign a new evaluation version to save the evaluation.
	Alternatively, click Save draft evaluation to save a draft (a preliminary version).
	The evaluation will be saved as a new version in the same location and with the same name as the original.
6	Complete the audit trail with a comment documenting why the changes were made and enter your login password for authentication. The dialog also provides a preview of the changes that will be logged in the audit trail.
	If you selected Save and sign a new evaluation version , you are also prompted to enter a signature comment.

Step Action

If signatures are used, the evaluation will be available for review and has the status Pending signatures until rejected or approved.

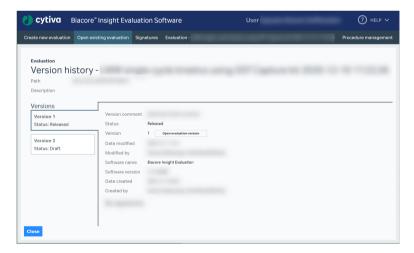
Accessing previous evaluation versions

By default, only the most recent version of a regulated evaluation is shown in the **Open existing evaluation** workspace. Older versions can be accessed and opened for examination, but changes made to older versions cannot be saved.

Follow the steps below to access older versions.

Step Action 1 Go to the *Open existing evaluation* workspace and navigate to the required regulated evaluation. 2 Click View version history.

3 Previous evaluation versions can be opened from the **Versions** list.



4 Click **Close** to return to the previous workspace.

3.6 Recovering methods from procedures

Introduction

Immobilization, analysis, and evaluation methods can be recovered from procedure definitions and saved independently of the original method. Methods that are recovered from procedures represent the method as included in the procedure, regardless of any changes that may have been made to the original method.

 $Methods \ can \ only \ be \ recovered \ from \ procedures \ by \ users \ with \ \textbf{\textit{GxPdeveloper}} \ role.$

Recovering an immobilization or analysis method

Follow the steps below to recover the run method from a procedure.

Step	Action
1	Open the Procedure management workspace and double-click on the procedure.
2	In the Revision history panel (see Section 3.3.6 Revision history, on page 35), select revision and click Open in control software .
3	The method will be opened in the control software, where it can be modified and saved as required. A method that is recovered from a procedure no longer has any connection to the procedure.

Recovering an evaluation method

Follow the steps below to recover the evaluation method from a procedure.

Step	Action
1	Open the Procedure management workspace and double-click on the procedure.
2	In the Revision history panel (see Section 3.3.6 Revision history, on page 35), select revision and click Show preview .
3	The method will be opened as an Evaluation method preview in the evaluation software, where it can be saved under a new name. A method that is recovered from a procedure no longer has any connection to the procedure.

Note: Changes cannot be made directly to the recovered method. To make changes:

- 1. Save the evaluation method with a new name.
- 2. Open a suitable non-regulated run using the saved evaluation method.
- 3. Make the necessary changes.
- 4. Create a new method from the evaluation session.

3.7 Viewing the audit trail

Audit trail content

The audit trail is a record of changes made by the user to regulated evaluations, including creation of new evaluation items and changes made to items created by the evaluation method. An entry is added to the audit trail each time the evaluation is saved (even if no tracked changes were made).

The audit trail only applies to regulated evaluations. Regulated runs cannot be edited and do not have an audit trail.

The audit trail is exported with the evaluation to spreadsheet, presentation or PDF file, to provide an external record of the evaluation history.

Viewing the audit trail

Follow the steps below to view the audit trail.

1 Create a new or open an existing regulated evaluation. 2 Go to the *Home* workspace and select Show audit trail in the After evaluation section. 3 The audit trail lists changes made to all previously saved versions of the evaluation. Changes that have been made in the current session but have not been saved are listed as Unsaved. Changes made and repeatedly saved as a draft are summarized in one row.



3.8 Signature settings

The Signature settings are managed by a user with the *GxPadministrator* role, which is the only user role who has access to the workspace. The workspace is found under *Preferences* in the upper right corner in both Biacore Insight Control Software and Biacore Insight Evaluation Software.



Settings can be applied to regulated procedures and regulated evaluation separately. The same settings are available for regulated procedures as for regulated evaluations. Follow the steps below to change the signature settings.

Step Action

- Select the **Preferences** workspace in either the control or evaluation software.
- 2 Select the **Signature settings** tab if there are several tab options.
- 3 Select to view either the settings for Regulated procedures or Regulated evaluations.



Note:

Only users with a **GxPdeveloper** role can sign regulated procedures.

- 4 Select numbers of signatures to apply.
- 5 Rename each signature if desired. Different signatures cannot have the same name.



Step Action

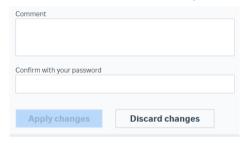
6 Select users allowed to perform each signature.

It is the responsibility of the **GxPadministrator** to only select users that have access to relevant workspaces. At least one user for each chosen signature needs to be selected.

Note:

Users that have logged in to the database at least once is appearing in the list.

- 7 Perform step 3-6 for both regulated procedures and regulated evaluations.
- When all settings are adjusted, enter a comment in the lower left corner. It is recommended to specify changes in the comment, as changes in the settings are not automatically logged. The comment will be found in the **Details** column in the **Action history**.



9 Type in your password and press **Apply changes**.

The traceability for when and by whom the signature settings have been changed is found in the *Action history*. Filter for *Signature settings* in the drop-down menu for column *Type* (category *Other*).

3.9 Applying signatures

The **Signatures** workspace lists all regulated procedures and regulated evaluations with status **Pending signatures**. Items that can be signed by the current user are listed in the tab **For me to sign**, while the tab **For others to sign** lists all other items with pending signatures.

The following restrictions apply:

- The creator of an item is not permitted to apply Review or Approve signatures to that item.
- It is not possible to apply multiple signatures of the same type to an item.
- It is not possible to apply an Approve signature if there is a pending Review signature.

Note:

In **Signature settings** it is possible to grant signature rights to many users. In such cases, items listed in the tab **For me to sign** can also be signed by other users.

Follow the steps below to sign a regulated procedure or a regulated evaluation.

Step Action

- 1 Select the **Signatures** workspace.
- 2 Select a procedure or evaluation in the list *For me to sign*.



3 Open the revision or version history, and the methods or evaluations included.

Note:

Access to the revision history is limited to **GxPdeveloper**. Therefore, only users with **GxPdeveloper** role can sign regulated procedures.

4 Review the information to make sure that it meets all your requirements.

Select Accept or Reject, write a comment, fill in your password, and click Sign. Biacore Signature successfully applied.

3.10 Action history

The **Action history** is a log of actions performed in the database, showing who performed which action and when.

The workspace is found in both Biacore Insight Control Software and Biacore Insight Evaluation Software, and is available for all users.

The information is shown in chronological order and cannot be altered, only sorted and filtered.



Actions that are always included in the log are; create, import, move, remove, rename, and update.

When the **GxP** extension is activated, the following are also logged:

- Log in/out
- Regulated procedures
- Regulated runs
- · Regulated evaluations
- Signature
- Signature settings
- · Export of database objects
- User defined action

Information will be added to the Action history continuously.

Add user defined action

User defined actions can be added to the log as required, for example to document when new running buffer has been provided or when a Biacore system is relocated. Follow the steps below to add an action.

Step	Action
1	Click the plus icon to add a user defined action.
2	Select Instrument and/or chip from the list if applicable.
3	Type a comment describing the action.
4	Type your password.
5	Click Save .

3.11 Users workspace

The *Users* workspace displays GxP roles and database permissions for users and user groups authorized to use the system software. The *Users* workspace is only available to users with *GxPadministrator* role.



GxP roles and database permissions are managed by the database administrator (see the *Biacore Insight Database Installation and Management Guide*). Changes to roles and permissions cannot be made from the *Users* workspace.

Note: If GxP roles and database permissions are assigned to Windows user groups, the **Users** workspace will display the settings for the group. Group members are not shown.

4 GxP compliance recommendations

About this chapter

This chapter offers some practical guidelines for working in GxP environments, and considers some aspects that are not directly regulated through the functionality of the **GxP** extension.

Compliance in operation of the *GxP* extension is based on the guiding principle that all validated runs are performed from regulated procedures. While compliance can in principle be established through strict SOPs for runs based on non-regulated methods, this approach makes unnecessarily heavy demands on construction and validation of SOPs and is not recommended.

Operating system and database configuration

While *GxP* extension supports work in a regulated environment, it does not in itself provide security for experimental results and proprietary information. It is the responsibility of the IT staff to make sure that the operating system settings provide a proper user management system and adequate security in accordance with site policies, both for the Biacore Insight database and for the computer(s) where Biacore Insight Control Software and Biacore Insight Evaluation Software are installed. Details of security options and requirements can vary according to the site requirements and the operating system version, and are outside the scope of this User Manual.

The database administrator is responsible for assigning GxP roles to users or user groups and for assigning permissions to create, delete, move and rename objects in the database. User groups are created and maintained in the operating system: if GxP roles are assigned to groups in the database, it is important that the division of responsibility between IT and database administrator is clearly defined.

System clocks need to be correctly set on all computers that access the Biacore Insight database, to ensure correct time-stamping of database objects and coordination of procedure activation times. Time stamps are created as local time on the computer where the stamped operation is performed, and displayed with an offset to local time in a different time zone (for example, a run performed at 11:00 AM EST will be shown as 8:00 AM PST).

Data integrity

The following features ensure that important data is not lost from the database:

 Saving regulated runs, evaluations and procedures with the original object name creates a new version. Regulated objects are never overwritten.

- A procedure holds a copy of the run and evaluation methods included in the procedure, as they were at the time the procedure was created. Later changes or even deletion of the methods from the database do not affect the procedure. The methods can always be recovered from the procedure and saved as non-regulated objects.
- Data access permissions are granted to users independently of their GxP role (see
 Data access roles, on page 12). Restricting access permissions helps to ensure data
 integrity and traceability, independently of user roles.
- All data records are stamped with the time and creator id. This data cannot be changed or manipulated.

Assay development and validation

Assay development is the responsibility of users with the **GxPdeveloper** role, who are authorized to work with non-regulated objects and to create procedures. The stages in assay development are summarized broadly below.

Description Stage 1 Establish conditions and create a method as required for surface preparation. If possible, determine tolerance limits for variations in parameters such as pH, buffer and salt concentration, and so on. 2 Create a procedure for the surface preparation process. An evaluation method is normally not relevant for surface preparation procedures. 3 Establish conditions and create a run method. Determine tolerance limits where appropriate for parameters like the analyte concentration, temperature, and concentration of buffer components Leave the sample table unlocked so that the procedure can be applied to different sample sets. If fixed control samples are used, place them in a separate (nested) step and lock the table for this step. Similarly, lock the assay steps for solvent correction, surface conditioning, startup cycles, and calibration steps where these are used. Run the assay with a realistic sample set and evaluate the results. When 4

you are satisfied with the evaluation, create an evaluation method, including all essential components. In some cases it can be necessary to make adjustments to the analysis method and reiterate the evaluation.

Note:

The default settings for **Export to PDF** have no items selected, and are locked in a regulated procedure. If you want to export the regulated evaluation to PDF, make sure that the settings are correct before saving the evaluation method.

This does not apply to **Export to spreadsheet** and **Export to presentation**, where settings can be changed in a regulated evaluation.

Stage	Description
5	Create a procedure, including the approved run and evaluation methods. The procedure will be available for running by users with the <i>GxPuser</i> role.

A procedure in the context of the *GxP* extension can form part of a validated laboratory procedure, although the GxP support provided by the extension is not in itself sufficient to ensure validation. Validation of laboratory procedures is entirely the responsibility of the system user, and generally requires documentation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

SOPs that specify in full detail how an assay should be performed and documented are an essential feature of validated assays in a GxP environment. The use of procedures in the **GxP** extension contributes to the regulation of operating procedures, but cannot cover all aspects of GxP work. As a guiding principle, an SOP should give complete and unambiguous instructions for how an assay should be performed from start to finish, in such a way that a user with a minimum of prior knowledge can perform the assay correctly.

Preparation of SOPs for validated assays is the responsibility of the customer. Some aspects that should be considered are listed below.

- Include detailed instructions concerning preparation of buffers, reagents and samples. Calibration requirements for measuring equipment (e.g. balances, pipettes and pH meters) should be clearly stated and calibration procedures should be documented. Reagent specifications, including lot numbers where appropriate, should be documented for each assay.
- Procedures for surface preparation and analysis are normally separate. State clearly
 which surface preparation procedure should be used for a given analysis procedure.
- Depending on the performance demands of the assay, instrument preparation
 routines can be included in the SOP, for example cleaning and priming the flow
 system, docking the sensor chip, allowing a minimum stabilization time in standby
 mode after docking the sensor chip, and so on.
- The SOP can include instructions for where the results of an assay should be saved.
 Including more detailed instructions in the SOP will help to reduce potential difficulties in finding the data.
- The SOP should specify any archiving requirements. Export settings are saved in the
 evaluation method, but the GxP extension software does not place any restriction
 on where exported files should be saved.
- In order to ensure that the Biacore system is maintained correctly, procedures to be
 followed on completion of an assay should be included in the SOP. The recommended procedure is to leave the instrument in standby mode with distilled water
 or buffer for up to the maximum period, and to shut down the system for longer
 periods.

• Regular cleaning and maintenance of the instrument is important for best performance, and should be specified in a separate SOP.

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