Universität Regensburg

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- Medieval city in Bavaria
- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- University campus founded 1962[1]
- Audimax theatre
- CHINO coffee
- 8% international students[1]
- International Office are brilliant – support during application, accommodation, welcome social events, and office hours for advice





Lectures/courses

- Semester one: Sensors, Arrays, Screening (Master's)
- Semester two: Biochemistry (Bachelor's)
- 15 credit Distance Learning course (I spent ~ 4-6 hrs/week)
- Two days/week on research project
- Semester two busier: report/presentations/exams etc.





Travel and Activities

- Great location for travelling – Deutschlandticket!
- Top trips:
  - Dolomites, Italy
  - Salzburg, Austria
  - Plzeň, Czechia
  - The Black Forest, Germany
  - Eibsee, Germany
  - Bodensee, Germany
- Long inter-semester break – I went backpacking in Asia for 6 weeks!
- Dult beer festival twice a year
- Christmas markets

Advice

- Bike lanes everywhere – great for travelling around city, but be careful not to walk in them (when getting of bus)
- Germans love paper – check your mailbox!
- Be more formal with professors i.e. address them with full title (Prof. Dr.), not first name, in emails
- Go to all the international events at the start
- Campus mensa is good value for food
- Cash is king – always carry some
- Go to the Intensive Language Course (ILC) – best time to make friends and enjoy the city before the semester
- Shops closed on Sunday (including supermarkets)
- Join ERAMSUS
- GHIC for health insurance - generally accepted, but consider getting statutory health insurance if need specialised care

MChem Research Project

- Contact professors directly with CV
- Bioanalytical chemistry in Prof. Dr Baeumner's group
- Biosensors for clinical diagnostics, food safety, and environmental monitoring
- My project focused on liposomes in clinical diagnostics
- Aim was to find a suitable alternative additive to improve background signals
- Successfully found additive, which was implemented by others in research group

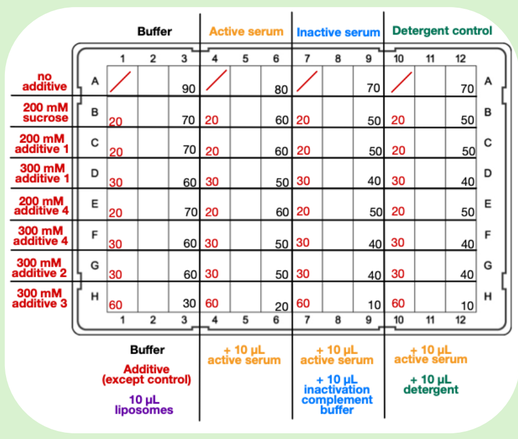


Figure 1. Example micro-titre plate design of a complement assay.

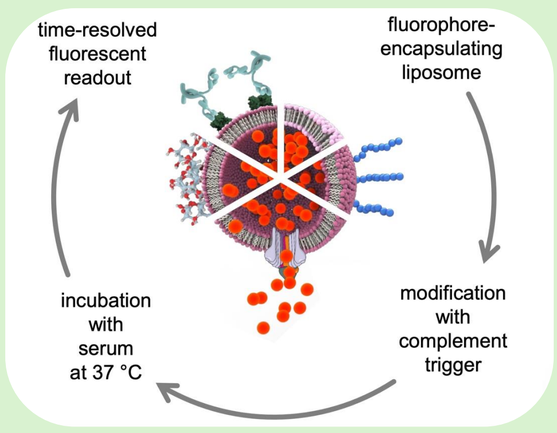


Figure 2. Diagram of liposome-based complement assay[2].

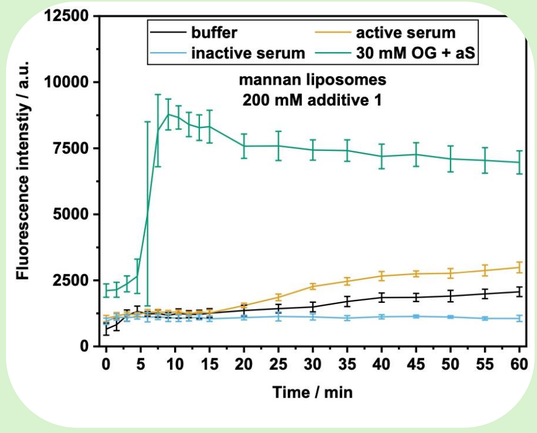


Figure 3. Complement assay graph with previous additive.

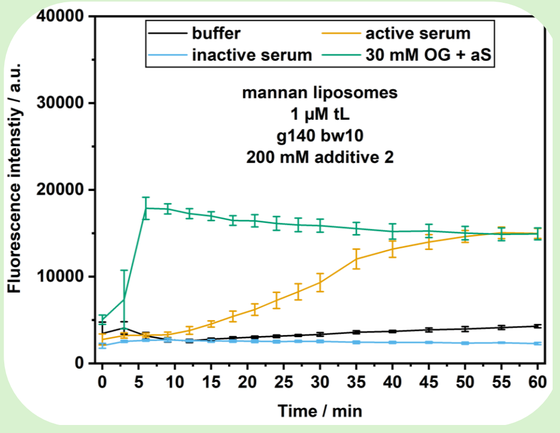


Figure 4. Complement assay graph with alternative additive.

Conclusion

My exchange year was truly one of the best years of my life! It was such a unique opportunity to meet amazing people, visit gorgeous places, and learn about other cultures.

I couldn't recommend doing an exchange more! Any questions I'd be happy to help! Email me on lp989@bath.ac.uk

References

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