Watson LIMS software
Built for bioanalysis, trusted by industry leaders

Thermo Scientific™ Watson LIMS™ software has been widely recognized as the industry standard in bioanalytical support with over 8,000 users worldwide. It manages your bioanalytical data, creating efficiencies and promoting compliance for small- or large-molecule bioanalytical workflows for clinical and non-clinical studies. Watson LIMS enables complete traceability and control throughout your bioanalytical study, from initiation through study closeout, while enabling compliance and adherence to industry regulations.

For more than 20 years, Watson LIMS has helped bring thousands of drugs to market across the world. As the world leader in serving science, Thermo Fisher Scientific is committed to growing with the bioanalysis market and the continuous evolution of Watson LIMS software.
Manage and build study designs
Upload sample manifests using templates with the aid of Import Study Protocol to reduce metadata transfer errors.

Maintain sample chain of custody
Record all sample shipments and monitor sample’s movement, define storage locations down to plate position, and track freeze/thaw cycle and sample stability. Easily provide chain of custody records to auditors.

Ensure traceability throughout a study
Get complete study records and reports from study initiation through study closeout, including sample chain of custody, assay verification, and reconstruction events using the audit trail.

Connect lab instruments and software
Reduce the risk of manual transcription errors by automating data capture and management processes. Watson LIMS software integrates easily with instrumentation through established interfaces (e.g., SCIEX™ Analyst™ software).

Streamline method validation and sample analysis
Perform concentration evaluations to assess pharmacokinetics (PK) along with an assessment specific for anti-drug antibodies (ADA) assays. Set acceptance criteria and identify results that fall outside the expected range.

Execute efficient reporting and QA review
Generate a full study report including method validation experiments, assay performance, and study data. Report your data in CDISC, SEND, and SDTM formats to help streamline submissions.

Get built-in security and audit trail
Benefit from maximum flexibility and configurability while preserving data integrity. System and study access are granted to authorized, role-based users, in accordance with Good Laboratory Practices (GLP).

Simplify compliance
Generate study-specific labels that meet the necessary requirements. Implement storage facilities that include visible labels and barcodes for easy identification and traceability. This helps ensure compliance with 21 CFR Part 11, FDA Bioanalytical Method Validation, and EMA guidance to facilitate audits.

Streamline data processing and reporting
Easily generate a variety of graphs, tables, and statistical calculations from study data. Sort, find, filter, and reorder grid contents for a quick way to review a specific sample’s data.

Minimize quality review time
Get real-time snapshots of data quality and easily transfer study data between sponsor and CRO using pre-defined assay performance and summary tables.

Manage your bioanalytical study from initiation to study archival

Manage your bioanalytical workflows

Power your bioanalytical workflows

Method Management
Review and optimize methods through collaboration.

Study Design
Model flexible study designs and apply amendments.

Method Validation
Perform quantitative measurements for:
- Precision and accuracy
- Selectivity, specificity, and carryover
- Matrix effect and dilution integrity
- Stability and recovery

Data Acquisition
Utilize pre-defined data exchange with many data acquisition systems. Secure and scalable bi-directional instrument communication preserves data integrity.

Sample Management
Define storage location down to plate position, track freeze/thaw cycles, and prove chain of custody.

Regression & Data Review
Analyze data using several models (linear/non-linear), annotate anomalous results, and facilitate accept/reject decisions using run acceptance tool.

Routine Assays
Get support for LCMS and quantitative and qualitative ELISA essays, including Multiplex, ADA, and NaB assays.

Immunogenicity
Calculate assay cut-points and guide users through the tiered approach to performing ADA assays.

Manage Reassays & ISR
Identify reassays, automate reassay decisions, report reassays and Incurred Sample Repeats.

TK/PK Analysis
Manage non-compartmental analysis on individual or pooled data, bioavailability calculations, and data export in SEND PP domain format.

QA Review
Review the history of attributable changes in the audit report.

Report & Data Transfer
Customize data export to client requirements and report in SEND format. Generate industry-standard reports and store using Watson LIMS software’s secure Document Management System.
Standardizing processes

Watson LIMS software is ready to help manage bioanalytical studies, from initiation through archival, working to support industry and regulatory standards. The software was designed with a deep understanding of the bioanalytical workflow and regulations. Principal Investigators, scientists, and analysts are all able to move logically through each step in their workflow, simplifying bioanalytical support for nonclinical and clinical studies.

Compliance throughout the entire workflow

- **The Reassay Decision Matrix and Run Acceptance Template** assists users to comply with SOPs, reducing the risk of non-compliance. Decisions are automated according to pre-configured criteria, but allow the user to override when required.
- System and study access is granted to authorized users only. Role-based access ensures only authorized actions can be performed by users, in accordance with Good Laboratory Practices.
- The database stores audit trail records, which can be easily retrieved for review. These records outline all events that have been performed in the system. To facilitate an unambiguous and efficient review, a purpose-built audit records viewer is available, which enables categorizing and organizing audit events.
- Electronic signatures are designed to meet the requirements of 21 CFR Part 11 and record user identity, time/date stamp, and reason-for-save.
- Lockout/logout timers are configurable for periods of inactivity, requiring a user to reenter their username and password to regain system access.
- Watson LIMS software was designed to enable compliance with 21 CFR Part 58, FDA Bioanalytical Method Validation guidance documents, and EMA guidance documents.

Study design and sample management

Dynamic study design simplifies study setup with groups, treatments, and biological matrices, for both blinded and unblinded studies, as well as modeling the preclinical and clinical trial process. Since bioanalytical studies evolve around real-world incidents, studies can easily be amended by adding or removing samples as required to reflect protocol amendments or unscheduled events. The Design Reconciliation feature also provides a way for Principal Investigators to document and correct sample manifest discrepancies all within one software system.

Compliance checks and audits are made easier, since a sample is easily identified using barcodes, which can be added from external sources as well as created by the system. Location changes can be tracked using barcodes and electronic signatures. The product facilitates the creation of labels according to study requirements, and storage facilities can be displayed and barcoded to ease identification and traceability. The product also supports the use of 2D barcodes.

Analysts can quickly and easily move samples from a sample manifest into a new storage location. Principal Investigators can recreate the lifecycle of a sample in Watson LIMS software using various entities to see where the sample was stored, who handled the sample, and report freeze/thaw cycles, demonstrating a complete chain of custody from sample receipt to archival and disposal.

Pharmaceutical companies and CROs worldwide adopt Watson LIMS software as it provides a standardized way to work, ensuring seamless data collaboration and reporting.
Delivering value

Fast implementation and expert support
Laboratories installing Watson LIMS software get more than just an industry-proven software package. Our team of experts not only understand the complex requirements of a bioanalytical lab, they also have the knowledge and experience required to ensure every implementation is a success.

Realize value quickly with a purpose-built solution
- Implement and validate in half the time of a traditional analytical LIMS
- Eliminate customization and lengthy configuration
- Save time with documentation that is completed, tested, and ready to go
- Leverage a proven track record of successful implementations

Established processes and templates mean that customers are up and running far faster than you might expect. Our teams’ extensive experience in risk-based validation approaches, as well as minimal product configuration serve as catalysts for faster time to value compared to custom-built solutions.

Watson LIMS Software

Traditional Analytical LIMS
Streamlining method validation and data analysis

Watson LIMS software supports method validation of LCMS and ELISA assays, and analysis of ADA and NaB assays, allowing scientists to perform method validation and data analysis for many different assay types within one system.

**Method Validation** support enables scientists to evaluate their methods for reliability and reproducibility. Predefined reports include precision and accuracy, specificity, selectivity, carryover, dilution integrity, stability (including benchtop, freeze/thaw and long-term stability), recovery and matrix effect.

The configurable **Run Acceptance Template** provides a tool to assess run performance against an SOP with defined acceptance criteria.

The integrated **Pharmacokinetics Module (PK)** allows the user to perform non-compartmental pharmacokinetic and toxicokinetic calculations within Watson LIMS software.

Enabling testing for immunogenicity

Immunogenicity assays protect patients from potentially harmful anti-drug antibodies and provide insights into neutralizing antibodies that may inhibit the biologic activity of a drug. The **Imune Response Module (IRM)** enables a tiered approach to performing immunogenicity assessments. IRM guides its users through the tiered approach of performing screening, confirmatory, and neutralizing assays. Scientists utilize the IRM to calculate assay cut-points, create automated flags for samples outside of the cut-point and to determine if there is a reactive sample. New study-level control reports include intra/inter-run statistics, flag limits, and cut-point values reported, providing valuable data in one location.

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**SCREEN**

- Filter positive screened results
- Report negative result

**CONFIRMATION**

- Filter positive confirmed results
- Report negative result

**TITRATION**

- Report titration result + NAb assay support
Reassays and ISR
Reassays can be queued both from the PK and IRM modules and on review of statistical study data. Results are linked to the original for comparison, including the reason for reassay and reanalysis. The user is easily able to view the impact of the reassay result on the overall data.

The Reassay Decision Matrix enables the user to create a graphical workflow, which emulates a decision tree defined in a reassay SOP.

Built-in calculations and configurable reporting support Incurred Sample Reanalysis. The report can be quickly and easily configured from a set template.

Watson LIMS has a built-in interface with numerous instrument software applications, including but not limited to:
- Thermo Scientific™ Xcalibur™ software
- Thermo Scientific™ Chromeleon™ CDS software
- Thermo Scientific™ TraceFinder™ software
- SCIEX Analyst software
- Waters™ Empower™ software

Instrument and system interfacing
Watson LIMS connects with other enterprise systems, instruments, equipment, and your customers, delivering increased compliance and productivity across your labs.

With an extensive library of bidirectional interfaces to commonly used bioanalytical instruments, no matter what hardware and equipment you use or might add to your lab in the future, Watson LIMS software can speak its language.

Once an analytical run has been acquired, the raw data is transferred from the data acquisition software back into the system for review and processing. Secure connections eliminate transcription errors and preserve data integrity.

Watson LIMS has file-based and/or IM interfacing with common instrument software, including but not limited to:
- Gyros™ Gyrolab™ Workstation
- Luminex™ platform
- Molecular Devices™ SoftMax Pro™ software
- MSD™ DISCOVERY WORKBENCH™ software
- MSD™ Methodical Mind™ software
- Quanterix™ Simoa™ technology
- Secure Open Standard File Transfer (SOFT)
- Shimadzu™ LabSolutions™ software
- Waters™ MassLynx™ software
In the past five years, Watson LIMS software users have had over 4,500 drugs approved for use across North America and Europe.

**Data processing and reports**

Watson LIMS software’s unrivaled data processing capability easily generates a variety of graphs, tables, and statistical calculations from study data. The software allows you to easily sort, find, filter, and reorder grid contents, enabling a quick way to review a particular sample’s data. Watson LIMS also supports CDISC SEND and SDTM data standards.

**Regression Analysis** is centralized and automated supporting linear and non-linear models.

Considerable time is saved in collating and reporting results compared to other LIMS or laboratory data management solutions.

**Watson Web Services Library**

The Watson Web Services Library (WWSL) is a mechanism that allows external systems to seamlessly interact with Watson LIMS using web service technology. This standard approach ensures secure communication through the use of the HTTPS transport protocol. With WWSL, data validation and audit trail generation are automatically handled for any data transferred into the Watson LIMS database. Supported procedures include, but are not limited to, importing study samples, creating analytes and projects, as well as updating study details, subjects, and treatments. WWSL streamlines the process of entering and retrieving information into the Watson LIMS database, providing a seamless integration solution for your lab.

Quality review time is minimized using Watson LIMS software—the gallery of pre-defined assay performance and summary tables are a major benefit since the precision and accuracy of study data is very quickly demonstrated. Any new data added is automatically taken into account—providing a real-time snapshot of data quality. Standard data exchange enables easy transfer of study data between sponsor and CRO.

The powerful **Document Management System** enables you to select the documents, tables, and graphs to quickly build a full study report. All results, raw data, graphs, and reports are held in one database, which is controlled securely by user access and system roles.

Watson Web Services Library (WWSL)

Make WWSL procedure call with parameters

Example: GetStudyDetail(studyID)

WWSL returns study data as XML

Watson LIMS software is now accessible through the Thermo Fisher Cloud.
A proven partner

Experience the power of partnering with Thermo Fisher to transform your bioanalytical challenges into strengths. With over 20 years of experience serving the bioanalytical community, Thermo Fisher possesses the regulatory acumen and domain expertise necessary to drive your success. Unlike the competition, we have the ability to tap into the bioanalytical expertise of our extensive network of over 125,000 colleagues, enabling us to deliver industry-trusted and reliable solutions that bring life-saving drugs to market.

Partner with Thermo Fisher to discover the full potential of your bioanalytical workflow management capabilities.

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