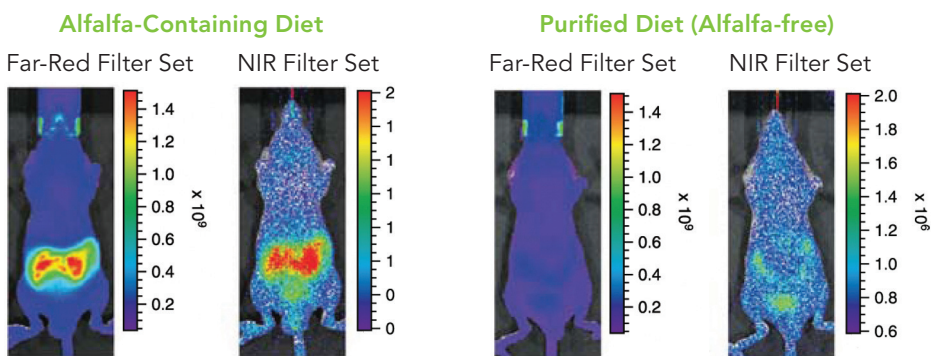


Diet Impacts Fluorescent Imaging

Diets without alfalfa meal greatly improve imaging clarity

Optical imaging studies in live rodents with fluorescent reporters are used to monitor and assess disease in many therapeutic areas. Dietary ingredients such as alfalfa meal result in autofluorescence in the abdominal region due to the chlorophyll, thereby creating background signal.

Alfalfa-free diets minimize autofluorescence and improve imaging clarity



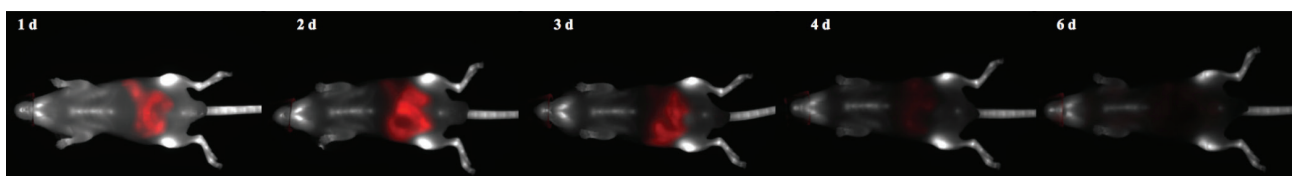
Fluorescent images for the ventral side of a control nu/nu male mouse, showing autofluorescence for the far-red and near-infrared (NIR) filter sets. The images were taken after the animal was fed for a week with alfalfa-containing rodent diet (on left) and purified rodent diet (on right). Units are photons/se/CM2/sr; x10⁹ for far-red and x10⁶ for NIR.

Alfalfa-free diet options

| TEKLAD GLOBAL RODENT DIETS® | | | PURIFIED DIETS | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 2014 | Maintenance | Pelleted | Most purified diets will be suitable. Commonly used ones are versions of AIN diets, such as + TD.94045, AIN-93G + TD.97184, AIN-93G, suitable for irradiation | |
| 2016 | Growth & Maintenance | Pelleted | | |
| 2018 | General Purpose, Breeder | Pelleted | | |
| 2019X | Breeder Diet, Higher Fat | Extruded | | |
| 2020X | General Purpose, Breeder | Extruded | | |

These diets are available in certified, autoclavable and irradiated form.

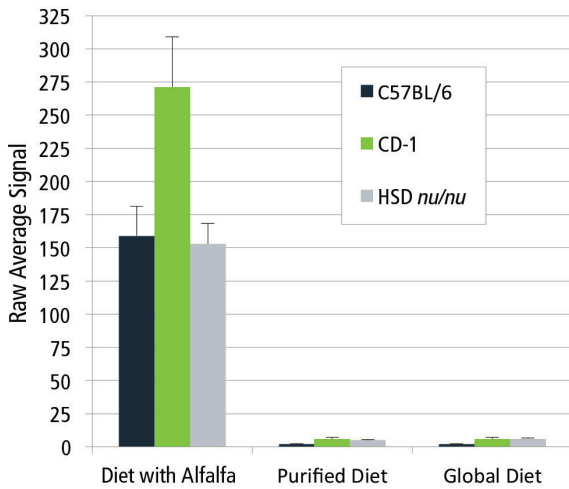
Optimal signal clearance may require washout of up to 4 days



Signal clearance from a nude mouse is visualized with the Pearl™ Imager (LI-COR Biosciences) in a series of images captured over several days. A mouse on Teklad 7012, exhibiting a high level of autofluorescence in the 700 nm channel (red), was switched to a purified diet on Day 1. *Courtesy of LI-COR*

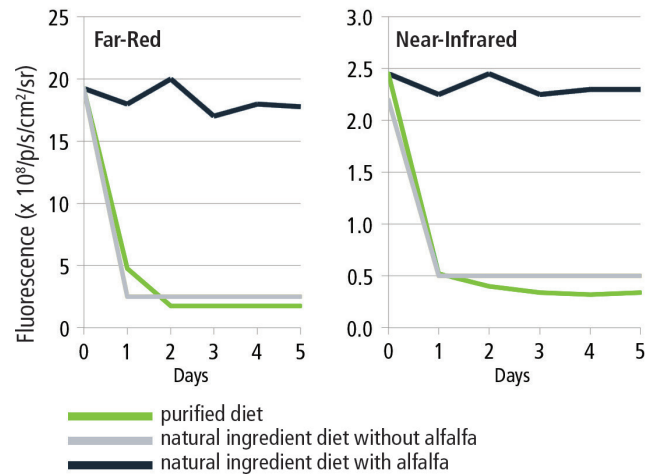
Global and purified diets both reduce abdominal autofluorescence

Signal clearance improves to a similar extent



Adapted from MacLaurin, et al., 2006

Reduction happens within days



Advantages

Teklad Global Rodent Diets

- + Greatly reduce autofluorescence
- + Eliminate disruption in feeding regimen mid study
- + Less expensive than purified diets
- + Readily available globally

Soybean meal-free options available.



Pelleted (2016)



Extruded (2020SX)

Purified Diets

- + Minimize autofluorescence; important when there is a low signal level



Purified (AIN-93G)

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