

# GatorOne v2.18 Release Note

#### Release Oct 2025

## **Introduction**

Version 2.18 of GatorOne is intended to operate the Gator® instrument.

This document is intended for current Gator Bio customers who have a Gator instrument and use the GatorOne software for assay setup and data analysis.

Product Number: 600001

Supported Instruments: Gator® Pilot, Gator® Prime and Gator® Plus (all serial

numbers)

Supported operating systems: Windows 10

<u>Important note:</u> This software supports downward compatibility only. Data collected using Version 2.18 cannot be imported into V2.16 or earlier versions. However, all data from previous versions can be seamlessly imported and analyzed in Version 2.18.

#### **Highlighted Features:**

• Kinetics or EP Data Combination

## **Release Note Contents:**

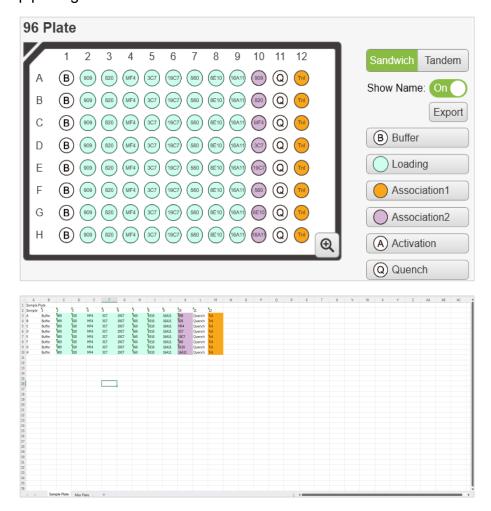
- Changes Since Last Release
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#### 1.0 SELECTED CHANGES SINCE LAST RELEASE

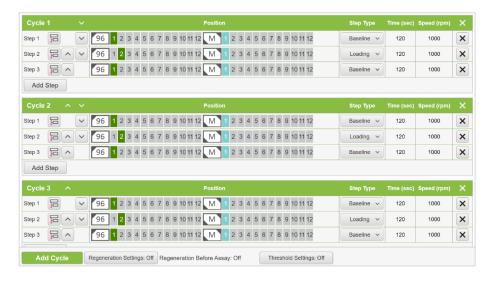
## 1.1 Assay Setup New Features

1.1.1 In the Epitope Binning assay setup, add a toggle option to show sample names in the plate layout. When enabled, export the plate layout as an Excel file that includes sample names and color-coded step types for easy printing and pipetting.



1.1.2 The K experiment setup now supports cycle reordering, giving users greater flexibility and control in experiment design.





## 1.2 Result & Analysis New Features

1.2.1 Combine multiple Kinetics or Epitope Binning assay files for batch analysis in a single report, helping to streamline your workflow and reduce analysis time.

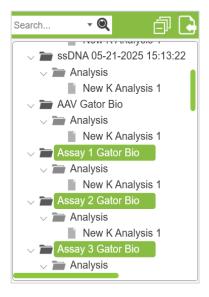
To combine files:

- In the navigation panel, hold Ctrl and click to select multiple files.
- Right-click the selection and choose "Combine".
- GatorOne will generate a new assay file named: CombinedResult\_mm-dd-yyyy\_hh-mm-ss
   The assays will be concatenated in the order in which they are selected.

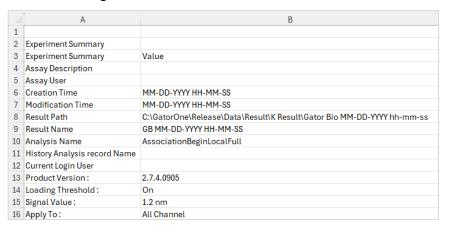
#### Note:

- For Kinetics, we recommend keeping assay steps and step durations consistent across all selected files to ensure better visualization and comparison.
- For Epitope Binning, aligning pairwise settings and assay step durations is also recommended for clearer interpretation.
- All selected assays must use the same plate format, either 96-well only or 384-well only. If mismatched formats are selected, the software will display a warning message and prevent combining.
- GatorOne supports combining 10 or more experiment files, offering unmatched flexibility for large-scale analysis.
- For the best performance and responsiveness, we recommend keeping combined assays under 128, ensuring a balance between power and usability.
- This function is not available for users operating in CFR Part 11 mode.





- 1.2.2 Curve Fitting Improvements in BLI Analysis. For more details, see **Appendix**
- 1.2.3 Reports now display the file location, making it easier for users to find the original data.



## 1.3 Result & Analysis Amendment

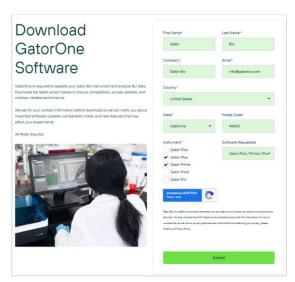
- 1.3.1 Improved accuracy with corrected Chi-square values.
- 1.3.2 Seamless data handling with resolved Excel export warning in Quantitation report.
- 1.3.3 The % recovery calculation is now omitted when no known concentration is provided for quantitation.



#### 2.0 UPGRADE INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 (For US customers only) Visit www.gatorbio.com. In the upperright corner, click "Shop" and log in using a valid email and password, then proceed to Step 2.3.
- If you do not have access through "Shop", navigate to the "Products" tab, click "Software", select "Request Software Download." Complete the form and click "Submit", then proceed to Step 2.5.





- 2.3 Click "Add to Cart" or "Add to Quote", then go to your cart (upper-right corner) to proceed with checkout.
- 2.4 Complete the order form and submit. You will see an "Order Received" confirmation, and a Gator Bio representative will follow up.
- 2.5 For questions about eligibility for a complimentary software upgrade, contact Gator Bio Support at support@gatorbio.com, your regional Gator Bio representative, or your authorized distributor, or use the request form from Step 2.2.
  - 2.5.1 After submitting the request form or receiving order approval, please follow up with your Gator Bio representative and provide the Installation ID displayed



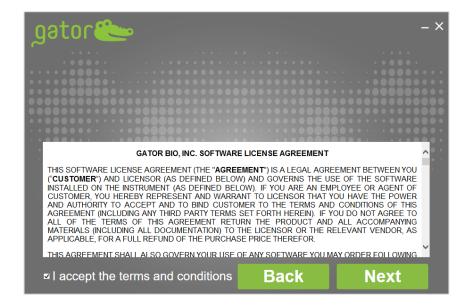
during software installation or upgrade. The representative will verify your eligibility and provide a valid Serial Number, which you can use during the installation or upgrade at Step 2.12.

- **2.6** After submission, you will receive a download link from Gator Bio. Click the link to download the software ZIP package.
- **2.7** Right-click the downloaded ZIP file and select "Extract" to unzip it using the Windows extraction tool.
- **2.8** Move the extracted .exe file to the C:\ Drive on the computer connected to your Gator instrument.
- **2.9** Close the GatorOne software, then right-click the installer (.exe) and select "Run as administrator" to begin the upgrade.
- **2.10** Select one of the five color themes for the software and then click Next.



**2.11** Read through the Software License Agreement and check the box to agree. Click Next.





**2.12** Choose the correct **Gator model** from the drop-down list at the bottom left to upgrade or install the GatorOne Software.

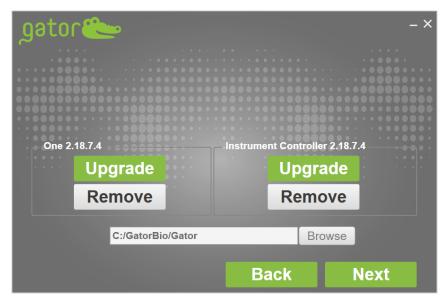
Note: A **new Serial Number is required** for both upgrades and new installations. Please obtain this from your Gator Bio representative after eligibility verification.

- 2.12.1 Click the "Copy" button and share the Serial Number with your Gator Bio representative if requested.
- 2.12.2 Enter the Serial Number in the field provided.
- 2.12.3 Click Next to continue.
- 2.12.4 Important: Do not check the "PART 11" box unless you are installing the CFR Part 11–compliant package.





**2.13** Leave the default setting to Upgrade both GatorOne and GatorController, then click Next.



**2.14** When the installation completes, click Finish to close the installer.





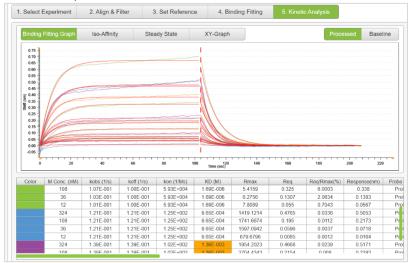
#### 3.0 APPENDIX

The latest updates to our curve fitting algorithms provide greater robustness and reliability across a wide range of experimental conditions. These improvements ensure that users obtain accurate kinetic results even in challenging datasets, while preserving legacy fitting modes for direct comparison and continuity with previous studies.

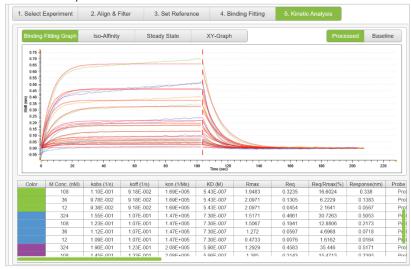
## **Key Enhancements**

Reliable Handling of Fast-Rate Curves
 Calculations are now constrained within a defined confidence range, ensuring stable, consistent, and trustworthy results.
 Example:

#### Fast-Rate, Enhanced Off



#### Fast-Rate, Enhanced On

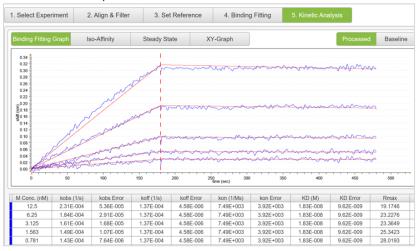




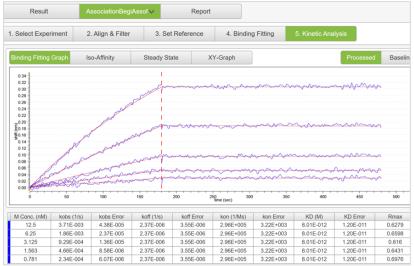
Stability in Underdetermined Systems
 Linear or near-linear curves are managed with controlled limits, avoiding infinite or non-physical outputs.

## Example:

#### Linear Curves, Enhanced Off



#### Linear Curves, Enhanced On



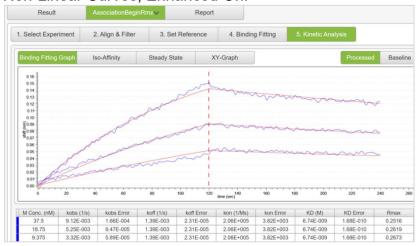


#### Example

#### Non-Linear Curves, Enhanced Off:



## Non-Linear Curves, Enhanced On:



- Improved Global Fitting with Data Screening
   Poorly fitting datasets are automatically flagged and filtered, improving the
   accuracy and reliability of global fitting.
- Legacy Fitting Preserved for Continuity
   Original fitting methods remain available, enabling direct comparison with historical data and a smooth transition to the improved workflow.





#### **Performance Enhancements**

- More reliable kinetic constants across diverse assay conditions.
- Minimized risk of non-physical results in challenging datasets.
- Increased confidence in small molecule and weak binder analysis.
- Improved stability and reproducibility of fitting results.
- More accurate and dependable global fitting for complex datasets.
- Continuity with past results while benefiting from improved fitting accuracy.