

Viruses Purification of Perkinsus spp.

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Abstract

The purpose of this protocol is to isolate and characterize viruses that infect *P.olseni*, *P.marinus*.

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Guidelines

Refs :

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Before start

What you need before you start:

- UV and sterilize the hood with reagent alcohol. Work with gloves to prevent contaminating the hood.
- Your *Perkinsus* spp. grown to exponential phase

Materials

Bottle Assembly, Polypropylene, 500 mL, 69 x 160 mm (qty. 6) [355607](#) by [Beckman Coulter](#)
Avanti J-30I [363118](#) by [Beckman Coulter](#)

Centrifuges 5810 R [View](#) by [Eppendorf Centrifuge](#)
0.5mm diameter glass beads [SI-BG05](#) by [Scientific Industries, Inc.](#)
Disruptor Genie SI-D237 by [Scientific Industries, Inc.](#)
PBS - Phosphate-Buffered Saline (10X) pH 7.4 [AM9625](#) by [Thermo Fisher Scientific](#)
Phenylmethanesulfonyl fluoride [P7626 SIGMA](#) by [Sigma Aldrich](#)

Protocol

Step 1.

First, Fill centrifuge bottles with 450mL *Perkinsus* Culture in the logarithmic growth phase.

Step 2.

Centrifuge bottles at 1500 g; 15 min at room temperature.

Step 3.

Transfer supernatant to a clean tube, and store at 4°C for further analyses.

Step 4.

Resuspend pellet in 10% initial culture volume supernatant in a 50mL Falcon Tube.

Step 5.

Centrifuge tubes at 1500 g; 15 min at room temperature.

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During this centrifugation, prepare 2.5X PBS buffer (2.5mL of 10X PBS Buffer in 10mL mQ water QS) with protease inhibitor cocktail (1mM Phenylmethanesulfonyl fluoride = 1.74 mg for 10mL of solution). This solution must be freshly prepared (the half-life of PMSF is short = 55min at pH = 7.5)

Step 6.

Transfer supernatant to a clean tube, and store at 4°C for further analyses.

Step 7.

Resuspend pellet in 4mL PBS/0.35 M NaCl) containing protease inhibitor cocktail.

Step 8.

Transfer the pellet resuspended in 2mL Eppendorf Tubes (1.5mL/tube).

Step 9.

Sonication at different times (15sec-->10min) with or without ice

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We tried Sonication at different times (15sec-->10min) with or without ice --> NOT worked

Step 10.

Verify cell disruption : place a 20mL under light microscope.

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No cell disruption was observed after 10min sonication.

Step 11.

Centrifugation at 10,000 g; 30 min, 4°C

Step 12.

Removed the supernatant to clean 1.5mL Eppendorf tube, discard the pellet (cell debris)

Step 13.

Conserve the tubes at 4°C

Warnings

- Wear gloves and lab coat at all times during this procedure.
- Before high speed centrifuging, make sure that all tubes are perfectly balanced with a scale before loading them into the rotor.
- 2.5X PBS buffer with protease inhibitor cocktail (1mM Phenylmethanesulfonyl fluoride) must be freshly prepared (the half-life of PMSF is short = 55min at pH = 7.5)