



## Reovirus Viral Purification

Version 3

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## ABSTRACT

Purification of mammalian orthoreovirus by CsCl gradient

## EXTERNAL LINK

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## PROTOCOL STATUS

**Working**

We use this protocol in our group and it is working

## BEFORE STARTING

**Reagents****HO Buffer**

1 mL 1 M Tris, p 7.4  
5 mL 5 M NaCl  
67 uL B-ME  
Water to 100 mL  
Filter sterilize through 0.2 micron membrane

**Dialysis Buffer**

120 mL 5M NaCl  
60 mL 1M MgCl<sub>2</sub>  
40 mL 1M Tris, pH 7.4  
water to 4 L  
Filter sterilize through 0.2 micron membrane

**1.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup> CsCl**

33.3 g CsCl  
Dialysis buffer to 100 mL  
Filter sterilize through 0.2 micron membrane

**1.4 g/cm<sup>3</sup> CsCl**

67 g CsCl  
Dialysis buffer to 100 mL  
Filter sterilize through 0.2 micron membrane

344059 Tube, Thinwall, Ultra-Clear™, 13.2 mL, 14 x 89 mm  
86703 DIALYSISTUBING SP1 8K 10MM 15M  
880111 S/P CLOSURES 35MM GREEN 10/PK  
21009-284 TUBE CENT AUTOCLAV 50ML PK10 3117-0500

1 Pellet 4x10<sup>8</sup> spinner-adapted L929 at 2000 x g for 00:10:00 at 4 °C .


2 Remove supernatant (can be added back to 1 L bottle to be used during infection).

3 Resuspend cells in total volume of

40 ml virus in Joklik's Minimum Essential Media without supplements, JMEM .

- a. Adsorb for **01:00:00** at room temperature with passage 2 or viral prep supernatant at an MOI of 10 PFU/cell with gentle shaking on orbital shaker.
- 4 Add adsorption mixture to **760 ml JMEM supplemented with 5% FBS, 2mM L-Glutamine, 100 U penicillin per ml, 100 ug streptomycin per ml, and 0.25 mg per ml amphotericin B**
- 5 Incubate on a spinner plate at **34 °C** - **37 °C** with environmental CO<sub>2</sub> for **72:00:00**.
- 6 Spin at 2500 x g for **00:10:00** at **4 °C**.
- 7 Remove supernatant and resuspend cells in **7 ml HO buffer**. Suspension may be stored at **-20 °C** - **80 °C** at this step. If using immediately one freeze/thaw cycle is recommended. Supernatants of infections started with passage 2 reovirus can be stored at **80 °C** and used for future viral purifications.
- 8 Thaw HO suspension on ice.
- 9 Add **100 µl 10% DOC** per tube and incubate on ice for > **00:30:00**, vortexing every **00:10:00**.
- 10 Add **2.5 ml Vertrel XF**.
- 11 Sonicate on ice for **00:01:00** to disrupt cells and place on ice.
- 12 Add additional **2.5 ml Vertrel XF**.
- 13 Sonicate on ice for **00:01:00** to disrupt cells and place on ice.
- 14 Centrifuge at 9700 x g for **00:10:00** at **4 °C**.
- 15 Transfer aqueous (top) layer to a clean tube and discard pellets.
- 16 Add **2.5 ml Vertrel XF**.
- 17 Sonicate on ice for **00:01:00** to disrupt cells and place on ice.
- 18 Centrifuge at 9700 x g for **00:10:00** at **4 °C**.
- 19 During second centrifugation step prepare CsCl gradient:  
a. Add **2.5 ml 1.2 g/mL CsCl** and gently underlay with **2.5 ml 1.4 g/mL CsCl** being careful to not mix layers.
- 20 Carefully layer aqueous (top) fraction onto CsCl gradient. Balance tubes with HO buffer.

- 21 Spin at 25000 RPM overnight at **4 °C** .
- 22 Wipe bottom of tube with ethanol.
- 23 Puncture the bottom of the tube with an 18.5-gauge needle.
- 24 Collect virus fraction (bottom band) and top-component (top band) into a clean tube.
- 25 Dialyze exhaustively against **400 ml** - **500 ml cold dialysis buffer** for at least **24:00:00** at **4 °C** .  
(Change buffer after **01:00:00** , **04:00:00** , and next morning).
- 26 Transfer to new tube.
- 27 Determine particle density (1 OD260 = 2.1 x 10<sup>12</sup> particles/mL = 185 ug viral protein/mL).
- 28 Store at **4 °C Storage** .

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