

# Agarose Gel Separation of Reovirus Particles by sigma1 Content

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## Abstract

Separation of reovirus particles by gel electrophoresis

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## Before start

## Materials and Reagents

-1M Tris Acetate pH 7.2

- MW = 121.1g/mol
- Add 60.5 g Tris base to 300 ml ddH<sub>2</sub>O
- pH to 7.2 with glacial acetic acid
- Fill to 500 ml total volume

-10X TAE pH 7.2

- 125 ml 1M Tris acetate pH 7.2
- 50 ml EDTA pH 8.0
- 75 ml ddH<sub>2</sub>O
- Dilute to 1x as needed and filter 0.45  $\mu$ M to remove any potential debris

-UltraPure™ Agarose, Thermo Scientific

-NOVEX® Colloidal Blue Staining Kit (follow directions for [high] Tris Glycine)

-Reovirus 2x Loading Dye

- 5% Ficoll 400 (0.5g)

- 05% Bromophenol blue (50 mg)
- 2 ml 10X TAE pH 7.2
- Fill to 10 ml with ddH<sub>2</sub>O

## Protocol

### Step 1.

Combine 0.4 g of agarose with 40 ml of TAE

### Step 2.

Microwave until agarose is thoroughly melted

### Step 3.

Add water to replace water lost during boiling up to 40 ml and mix well

### Step 4.

Pour 35 ml agarose to clean casting rig (7x10 cm)

### Step 5.

Mix purified reovirus and loading dye 1:1 at 1x10<sup>11</sup> particles per well (25 ul max)

### Step 6.

Run at constant 25V for 18 h

### Step 7.

Stain gel with colloidal blue as directed

### Step 8.

Destain gel in water overnight

### Step 9.

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