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# Tissue Culture (tc) PBS

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This method was developed at the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition for GenomeTrakr's pandemic response project, monitoring SARS-CoV-2 variants in wastewater. Protocols developed for this project cover wastewater collection, concentration, RNA extraction, RT-qPCR detection, library prep, genome sequencing, quality control checks, and data submission to NCBI. This method provides a reagent formula required in the rapid concentration of intact viruses from wastewater using a combination of PEG precipitation and ultracentrifugation.

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**Equipment:**

Scientific Accumet XL 500 pH meter (Fisher Scientific Cat # 16-636-XL500A, or similar)

**Reagents:**

 Sodium Chloride (NaCl) **Sigma**

**Aldrich Catalog #S3014** Step 1.1

, or equivalent

 Potassium Chloride **Sigma**

**Aldrich Catalog #P9541** Step 1.2

, or equivalent

 Potassium Phosphate dibasic (KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) **Sigma**

**Aldrich Catalog #P9791** Step 1.3

, or

equivalent

 Sodium Phosphate dibasic anhydrous (Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>) **Sigma**

**Aldrich Catalog #S5011** Step 1.4

, or equivalent

**1X PBS**

1 Dissolve components in deionized or ultrapure water to 1L.

1.1  Sodium Chloride (NaCl) **Sigma**

 **8.0 g** **Aldrich Catalog #S3014**

1.2  Potassium Chloride **Sigma**

 **0.2 g** **Aldrich Catalog #P9541**

1.3  **0.12 g**

 Potassium Phosphate dibasic (KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) **Sigma**

**Aldrich Catalog #P9791**

1.4  **0.91 g**

 Sodium Phosphate dibasic anhydrous (Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>) **Sigma**

**Aldrich Catalog #S5011**

2 Adjust **pH 7.5**

15m

3 Autoclave 🔧 121 °C ⌚ 00:15:00

4 Store at 🔧 2-8 °C

For 2X tc PBS, double components in 1.1 - 1.4

10X tc PBS

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Alternatively, 1X and 2X PBS can be made by dilution of

🔗 10X PBS Sigma

Aldrich Catalog #P5493

into sterile deionized or ultrapure water.