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- 1 Separate egg yolk from the egg white.
- 2 Add nine parts of distilled water to one part egg yolk.
- 3 Mix and stir slowly for 6.30 h at 4°C.
- 4 Centrifuge at 10 000 × g, at 4°C for 25 min to precipitate the lipids.

- 5 Collect the supernatant containing the IgY (water soluble fraction).
- 6 Slowly add 5 ml of cold isopropanol to the preparation, stirring constantly, and centrifuge at low speed.
- 7 Dilute the precipitate in PBS and adjust pH to 7.6. Calculate the protein concentration by ELISA, spectrophotometry or Bradford method.
- 8 Determine the purity of the preparation by SDS-PAGE.
- 9 Fill the syringe or pump tubing with de-ionized water. Remove the stopper and connect HiTrap™ column to syringe (use the connector supplied).
- 10 Snap off tab on the column outlet.
- 11 Wash out the ethanol with 26 ml of de-ionized water.
- 12 Equilibrate column with 26 ml of binding buffer. The recommended flow rate is 5ml/min.
- 13 Apply the IgY sample using a syringe fitted to Luer connector or by pumping it onto the column.
- 14 For better results, use a flow rate of 0.5 to 5.1 ml/min during sample application.
- 15 Wash with at least 51 ml of binding buffer or no material remains in the effluent.
- 16 Maintain a flow rate of 5 to 11 ml/min for washing.
- 17 Elute with 51 ml of elution buffer using a one-step or using a linear gradient though larger volumes are often required to break the interaction.

18 After elution, regenerate the column by washing with 36 ml of wash buffer.

19 Re-equilibrate the column with 26 ml of binding buffer.

20 The column is now prepared for a new purification.