

Optiprep DG UC

homogenisation buffer (HM)

250 mM sucrose (21,4 g / 250 mL (MW:342,3 g/mol))

1 mM EDTA (500 uL 0,5 M EDTA / 250 mL)

10 mM Tris-HCL (0,394 g /250 mL (MW: 157,6 g/mol))

mix, pH: 7,4, dilute to 250 mL with MQ water, filter sterile in hood. stable at 4 °C for 3 months.

Working buffer (WB)

250 mM sucrose (21,4 g / 250 mL (MW:342,3 g/mol))

6 mM EDTA (3 mL 0,5 M EDTA / 250 mL)

60 mM Tris-HCL (2,36 g /250 mL (MW: 157,6 g/mol))

mix, pH: 7,4, dilute to 250 mL with MQ water, filter sterile in hood. stable at 4 °C for 3 months.

Working solution (WS):

1x WB + 5x Optiprep (Axis Shield, 60 % stock) >> this way you get a 50 % solution.

To run four tubes you need 4 x 1 mL, let's make 5 of each!

5%: 0,5 mL WS + 4,5 mL HM

10%: 1 mL WS + 4 mL HM

20%: 2 mL WS + 3 mL HM

40%: 4 mL WS + 1 mL HM

total 7,5 mL WS needed, let's make 8: 1,33 mL WB + 6,67 mL Optiprep stock (60%)

bottom to top layer into a 4,5 mL polyallomer MLS-50 tube:

1 mL 40%

1 mL 20%

1 mL 10%

1 mL 5%

max 0,5 mL sample on top (isolated, resuspended EXOs)

MLS-50 rotor, 100.000 g, 4°C, min 16 h!!!!!!

accel: 8

decel: COAST!!!!!! (takes almost 45 minutes to stop!)

Next day:

prepare 9 pieces of EPP tubes (1,5 mL) for each gradient Tube (total 4 x9)

label them FR1-9 from top to bottom

measure each tube empty with the scale we use to balance the UC

write down all the weights of the tubes in a table

After stopping the UC collect 9 x 0,5 mL fractions from each tube top to bottom

measure their weight

calculate the density, the curve must be linear!!!!

Fraction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
empty weight (g)									
weight with 0,5 mL sample (g)									
weight of sample (total – empty tube)									
density (sample weight / 0,5 mL)									

Dilute all fractions in one MLA-55 tube each (up to 8,6 mL)

spin again 100,000 g; 4°C; 3 hours, acc:8, dec:8!

collect your pellets