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Protein immuno-blotting, methods and analysis

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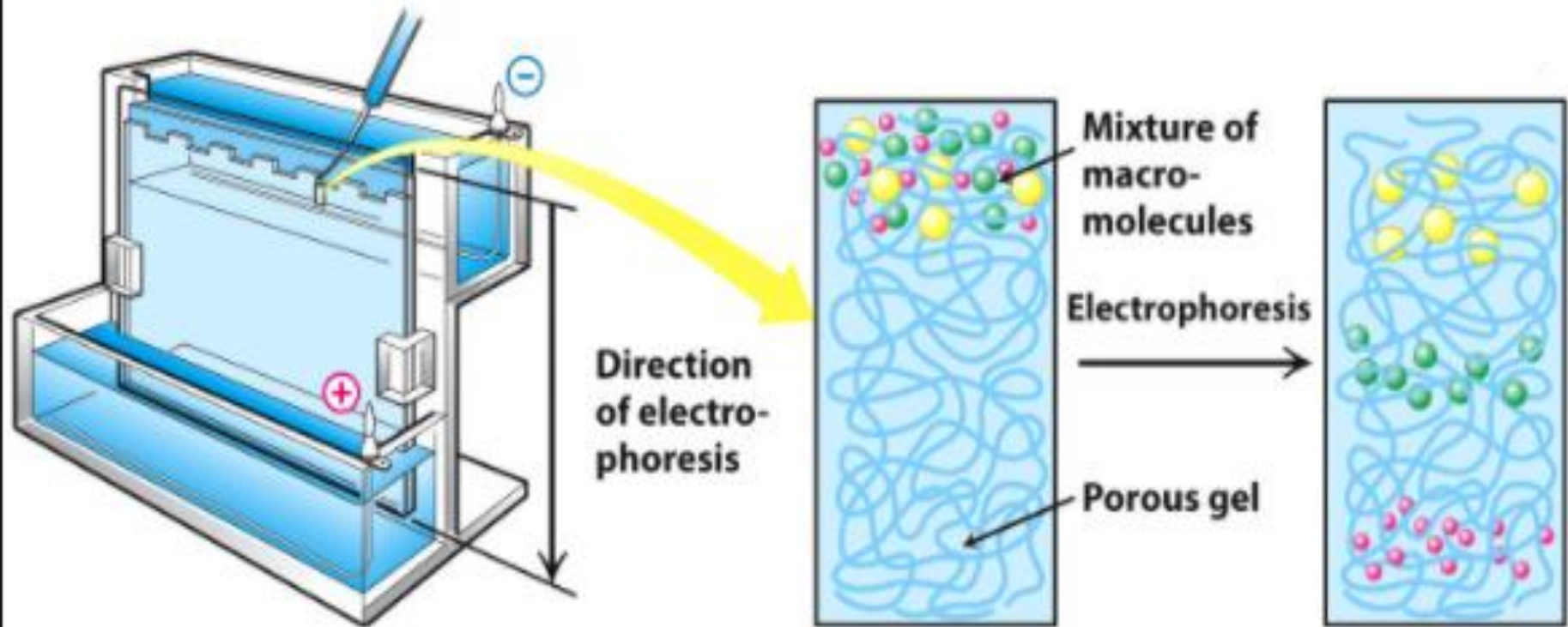
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Electrophoresis

- **Cation** = positively charged ion, it moves toward the cathode (-)
- **Anion** = negatively charged ion, it moves toward the anode (+)
- **Amphoteric substance** = can have a positive/negative/zero charge, it depends on conditions

- **Principle:**

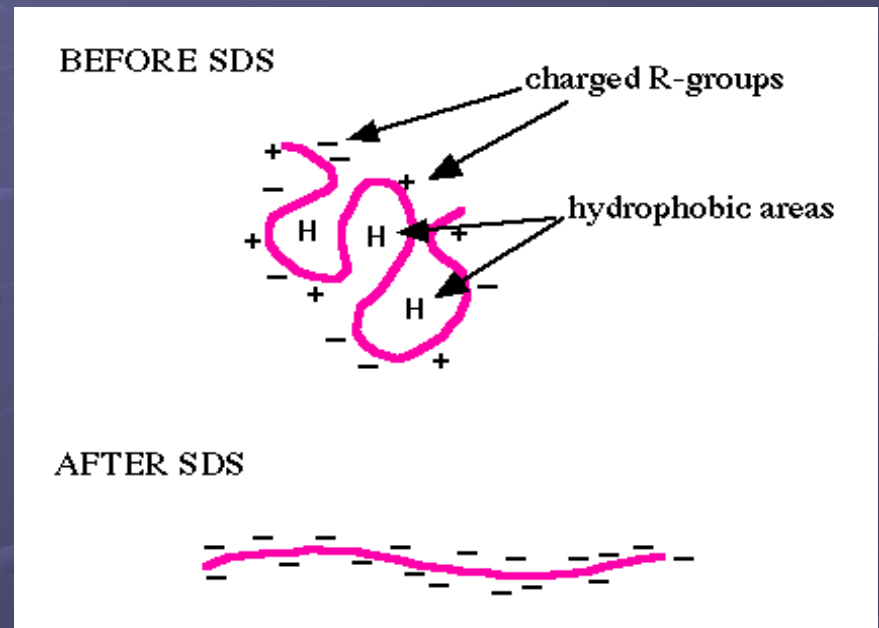
- Some substances have different net charges and can be separated into several fractions in external electric field.
- But velocity of a particle also depends on the:
 - **size, shape of the particle and given applied voltage**



SDS-PAGE, sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (Laemmli 1970)

SDS (sodium dodecyl sulfate) is a detergent (soap) that can dissolve hydrophobic molecules but also has a negative charge

- Therefore, if a cell is incubated with SDS, the membranes will be dissolved, all the proteins will be solubilized by the detergent and all the proteins will be covered with many negative charges.





**Protein gel (SDS-PAGE) stained
with Coomassie Blue.**

Western blot

It is a jock?????



Sir prof. Edwin Southern
Inventor of southern blot

Terminologies..

- The **Western blot** (alternatively, **protein immunoblot**) is an analytical technique used to detect specific proteins in a given sample of tissue homogenate or extract.
- A **Southern blot** is a method routinely used in molecular biology for detection of a specific DNA sequence in DNA samples.
- The **northern blot** is a technique used in molecular biology research to study gene expression by detection of RNA.
- **Southwestern blotting**, based along the lines of Southern blotting (which was created by Edwin Southern) and first described by B. Bowen and colleagues in 1980, is a lab technique which involves identifying and characterizing DNA-binding proteins (proteins that bind to DNA).

Western Blotting (WB)

WB is a protein detection technique that combines the separation power of SDS PAGE together with high recognition specificity of antibodies

An antibody against the target protein could be purified from serum of animals (mice, rabbits, goats) immunized with this protein

Alternatively, if protein contains a commonly used tag or epitope, an antibody against the tag/epitope could be purchase from a commercial source (e.g. anti-6 His antibody)

WB: 4 steps

1. Separation of proteins using SDS PAGE

A-sample lysis by lysis buffer (including proteases inhibitors)

B- mix with loading buffer and boil (makes the proteins solution heavy and colored)

C- SDS PAGE

2. Transfer of the proteins from the gel onto a nitrocellulose or PVDF membrane (blotting)

3. Immune reactions

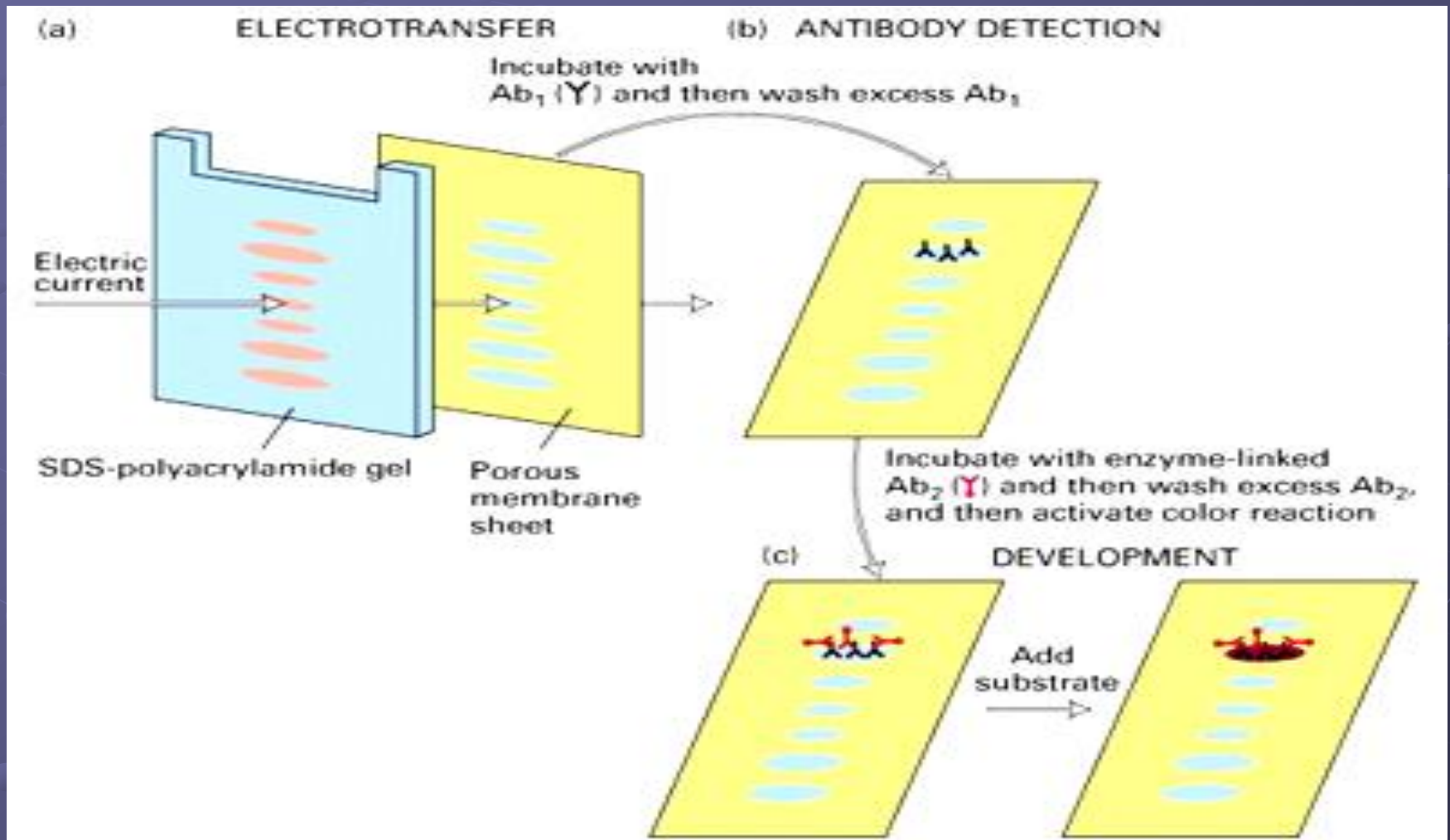
A- blocking the active sites of the membrane by blocking buffer

B- First Ab and then second Ab with enzyme linked

4. Visualization

A- Chemoluminescence method by ECL or colored method by DAB

The essence of Western-blot

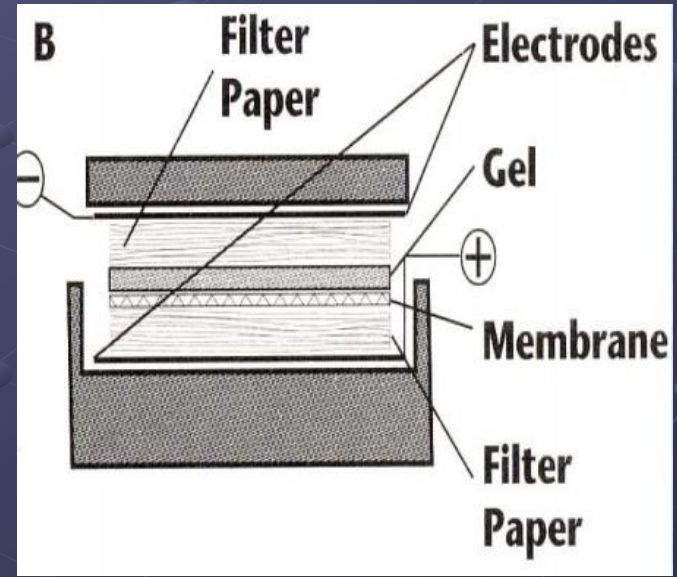
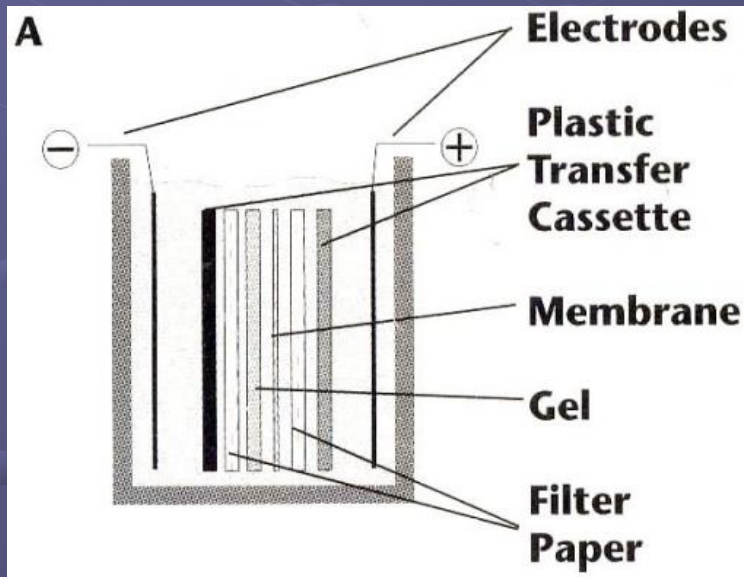


Transfer



Wet

Semi-dry



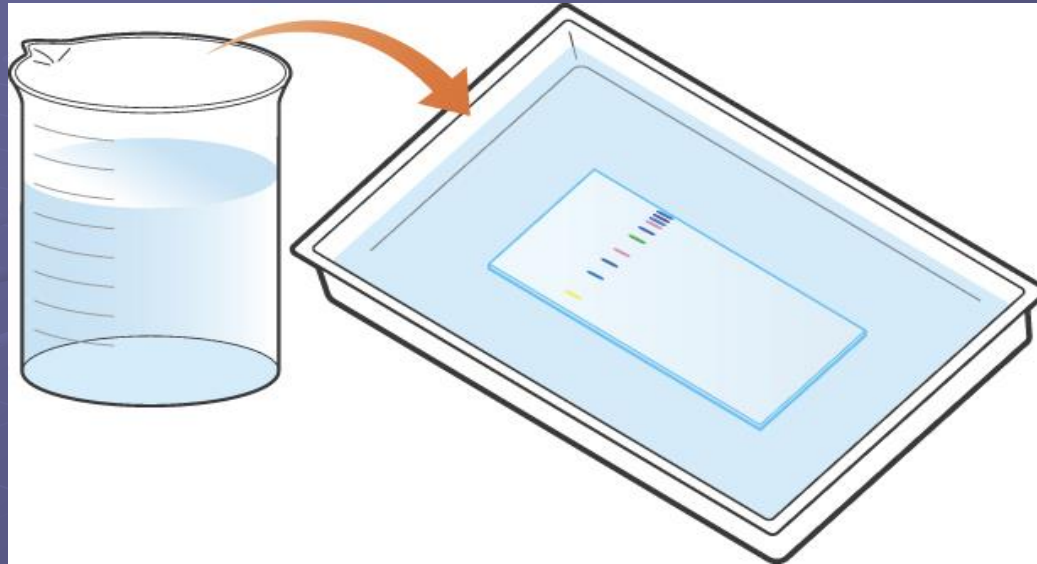
Types of membranes

Nitrocellulose (NC) □ high binding capacity, works well with both protein and DNA not need methanol to preparation.

Polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF) □ high capacity and stable, need methanol for preparation.

These both membranes bind proteins non-covalently.

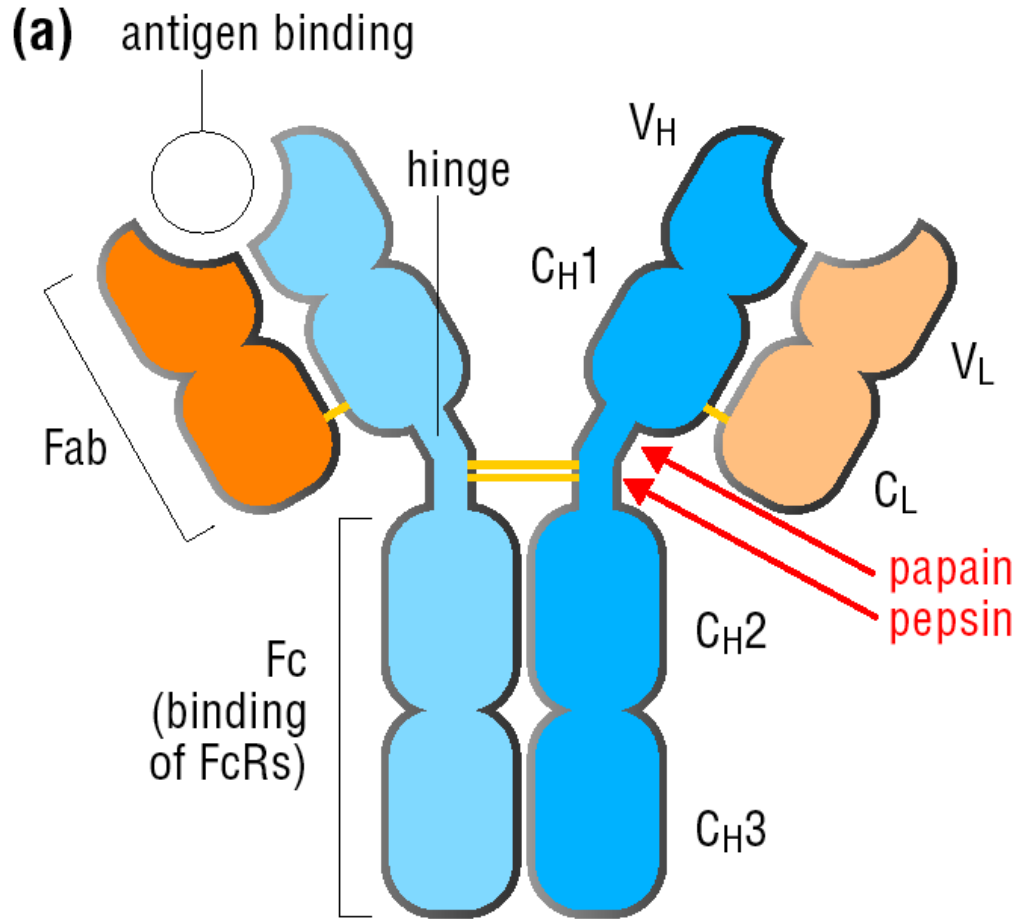
Blocking



5% non-fat milk or BSA with Tween 20: Prevents the primary antibody from binding randomly to the membrane

After blocking apply your first Ab at the specific concentration, learn how...? Wash carefully, apply secondary Ab HRB conjugated, wash carefully, detect your specific protein by detection reagent.

Antibody Structure



Ig domain: 110 amino acids; globular domain used in many proteins.

Variable domains,
Constant domains,
Hinge.

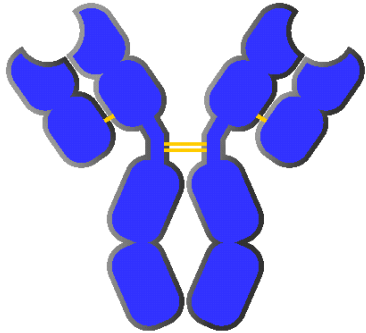
Fab: fragment antigen binding

Fc: fragment crystallizable (effector functions)

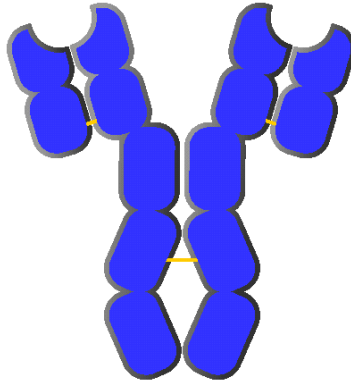
Immunoglobulins (Ig) are glycoproteins made up of **light (L)** and **heavy(H)** polypeptide chains. The simplest antibody molecule has a Y shape and consists of four polypeptide chains: two H chains and two L chains. The four chains are linked by disulfide bonds.

Antibody Classes: Structure

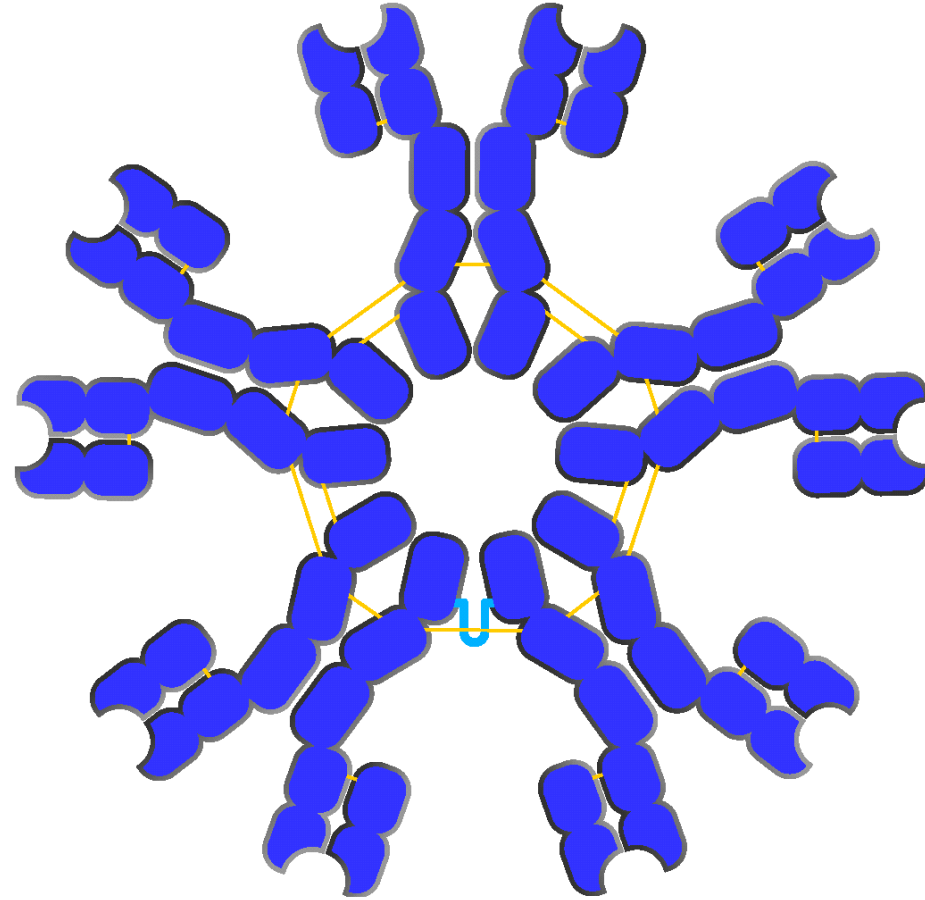
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monomeric IgA



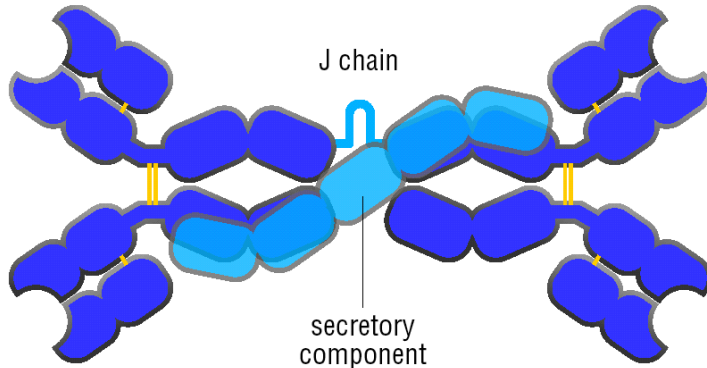
(b) IgE and IgM



(d) IgM pentamer

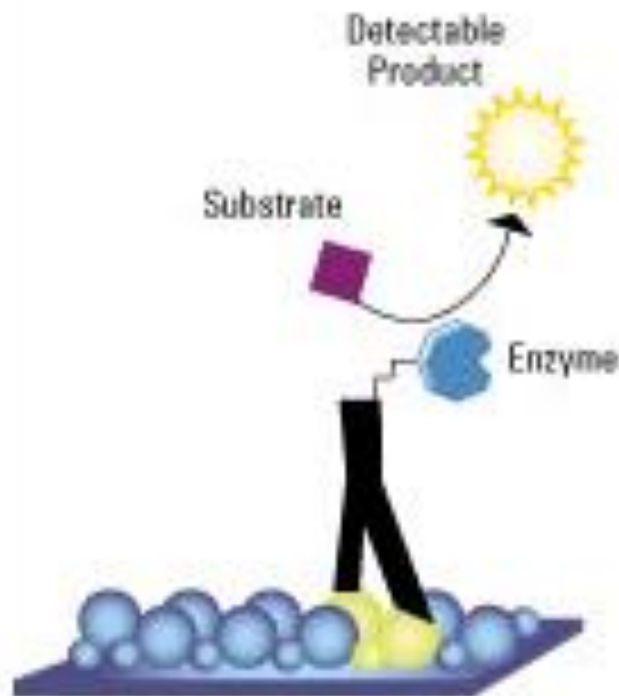


(c) IgA dimer

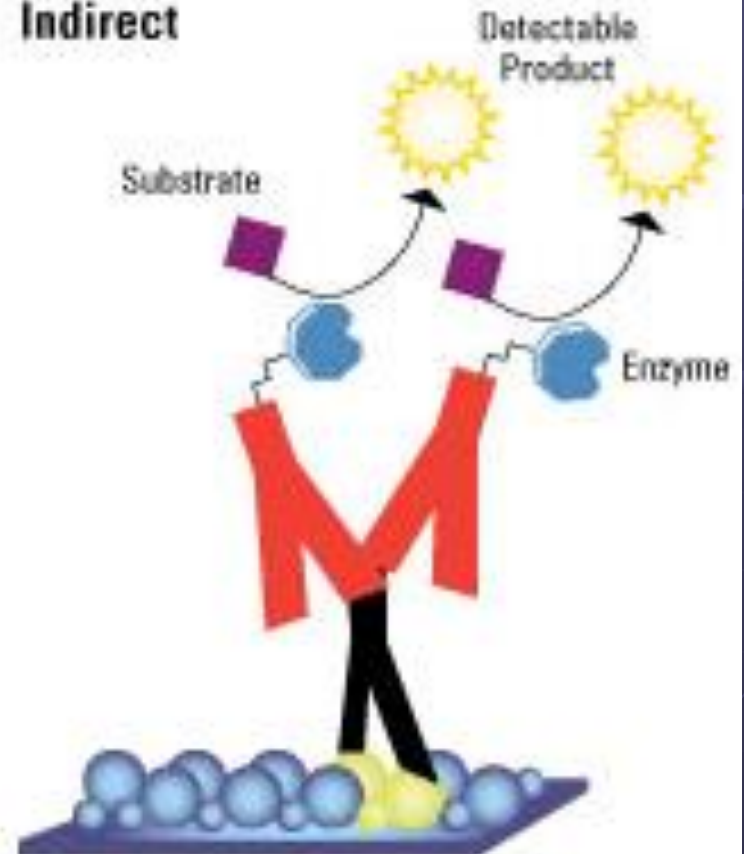


WB, Steps 3-4: Immuno-detection and Visualization

Direct



Indirect



visualization of western blot

Most common methods

1- **colorimetric**, by substrate (ex. DAB) that affected by atomic O resulted from H_2O_2 hydrolysis by HRP enzyme linked to secondary antibody and a colour develops

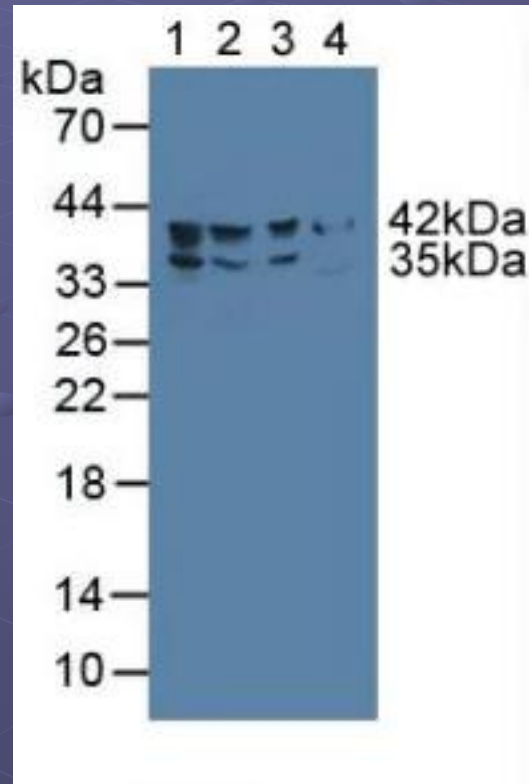
2- **ECL**, a reagents that affected by atomic O and give luminescence that filmed on X ray films in a dark room, more sensitive than colorimetric method

3- **Fluorescent**, Using a fluorescently labeled secondary antibody instead of HRP

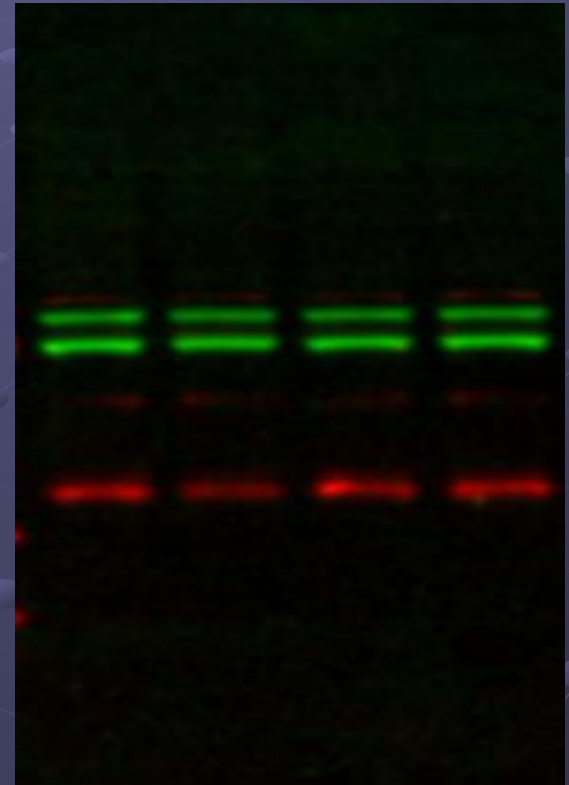
Visualization of reactive bands



DAB



ECL



FLUOR.

Comparison between ECL and DAB detection methods

DAB



ECL



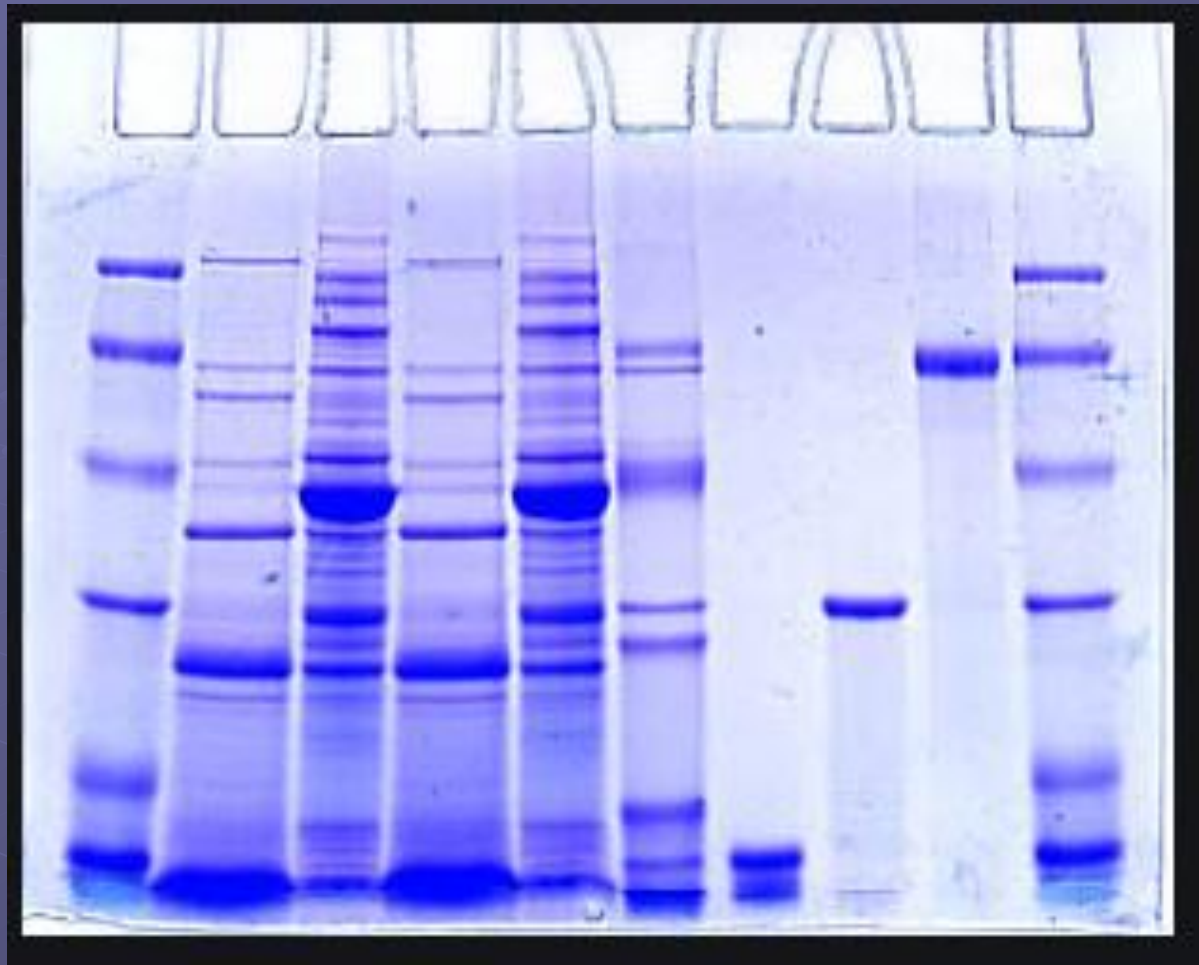
ECL is more sensitive 3-5 folds



Some points for consideration

Stacking gel

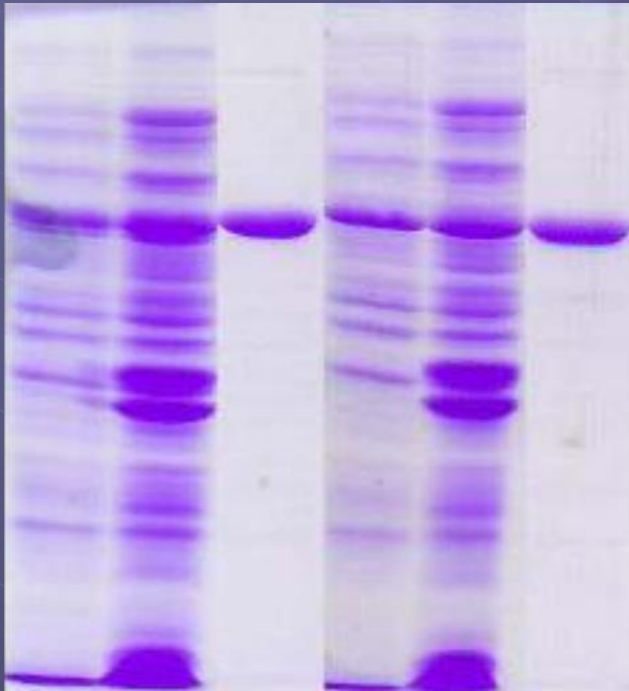
Resolving or
separating gel



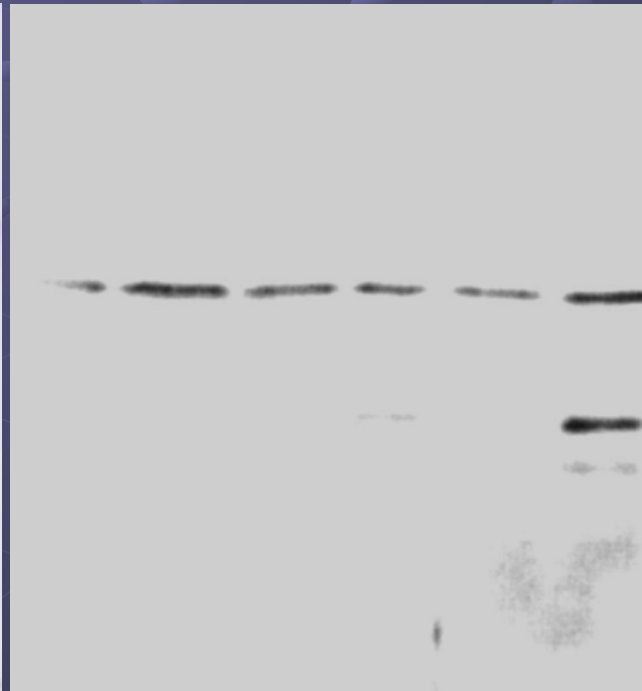
Each band does not represent a single protein, but may be a lot of proteins.

The proteins appear in the gel after staining do not represent all proteins in your sample because of the dye threshold

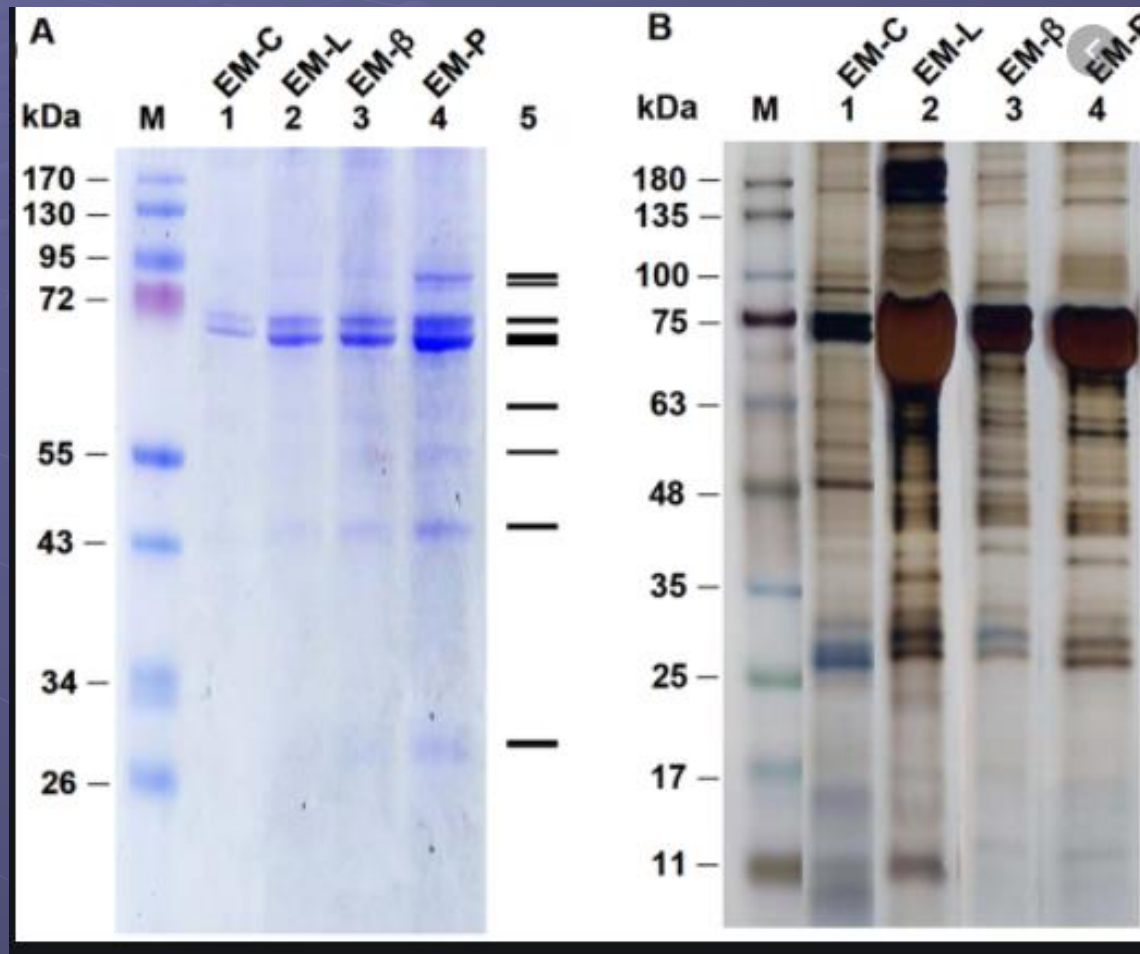
SDS page stained
with coomassie blue



The same but after
Western blot

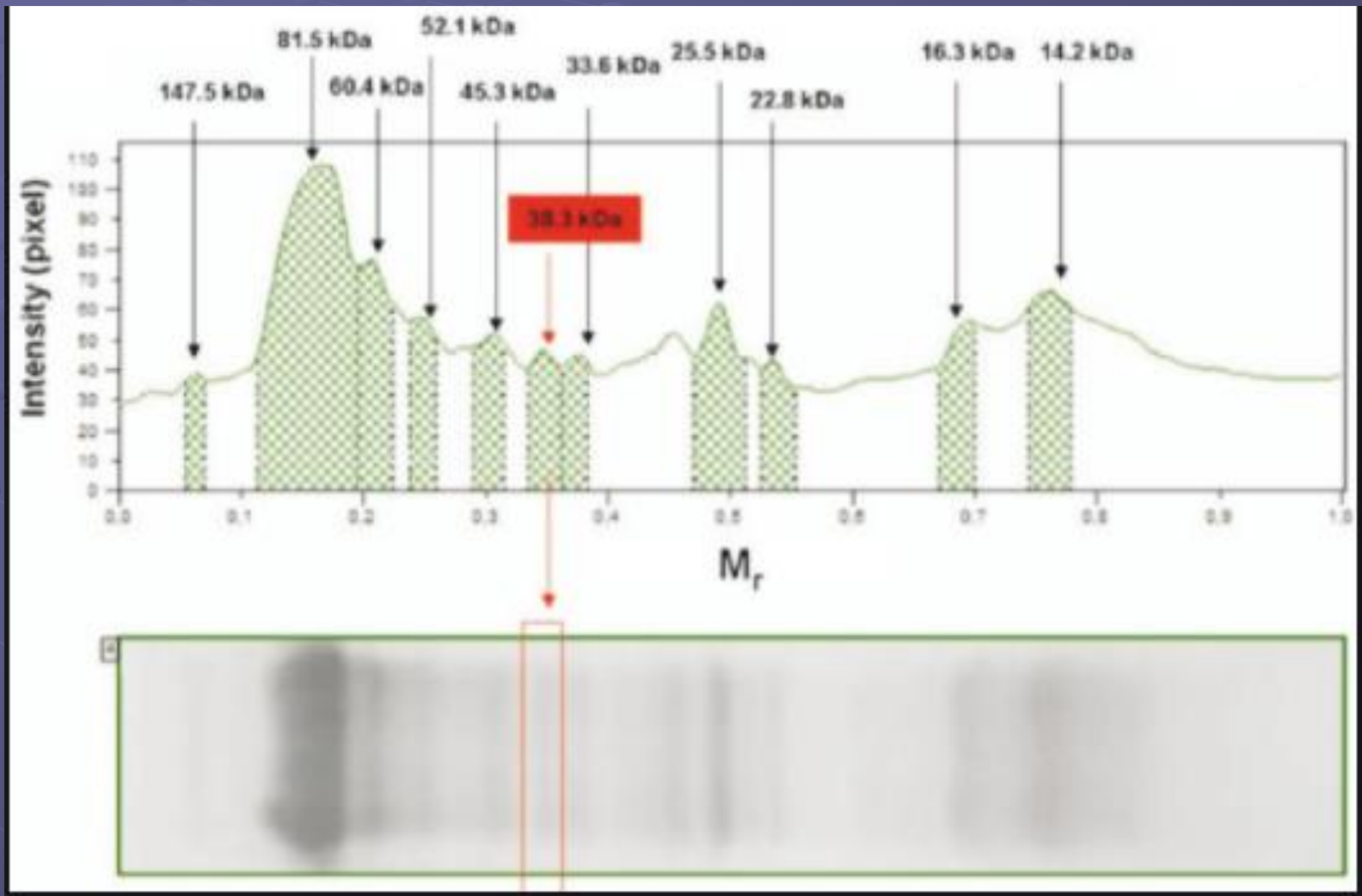


Coomassie blue vs silver stains

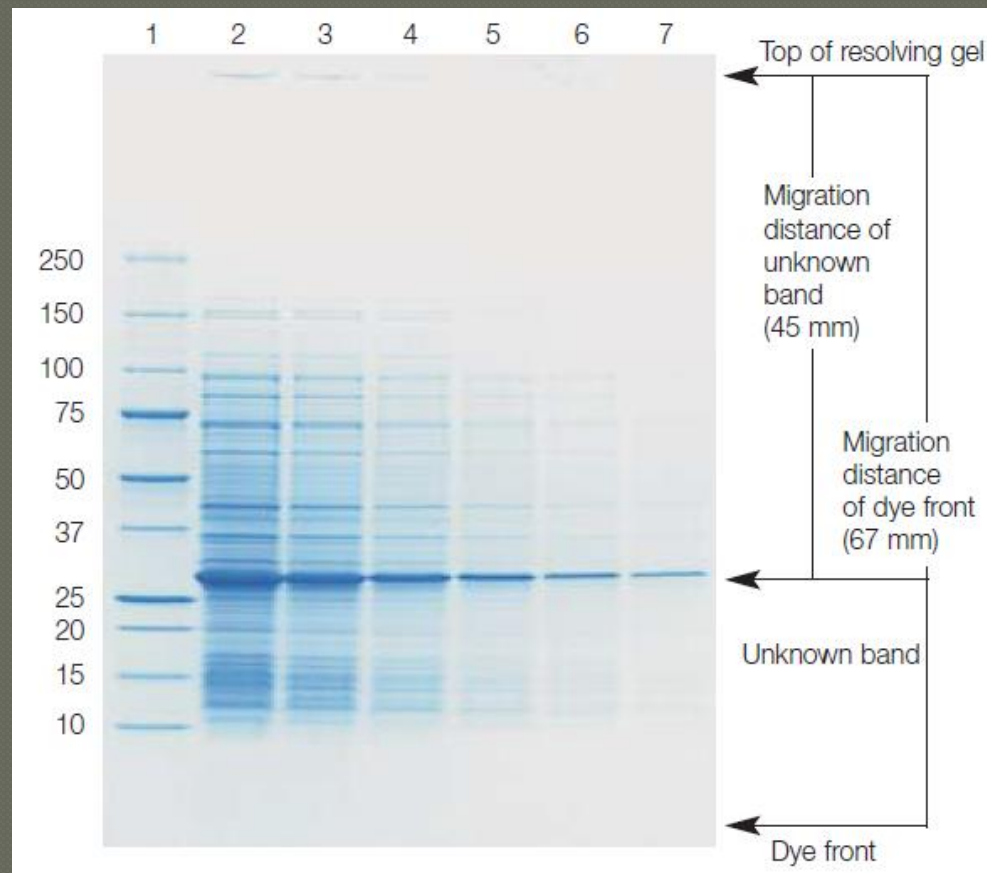


Different threshold

Protein bands analysis software



● Apparent mole. Mass from SDS gel



Determine migration distance of each standard (s)

Determine migration distance of dye front (c)

Determine the R_f (relative migration of each standard) s/c

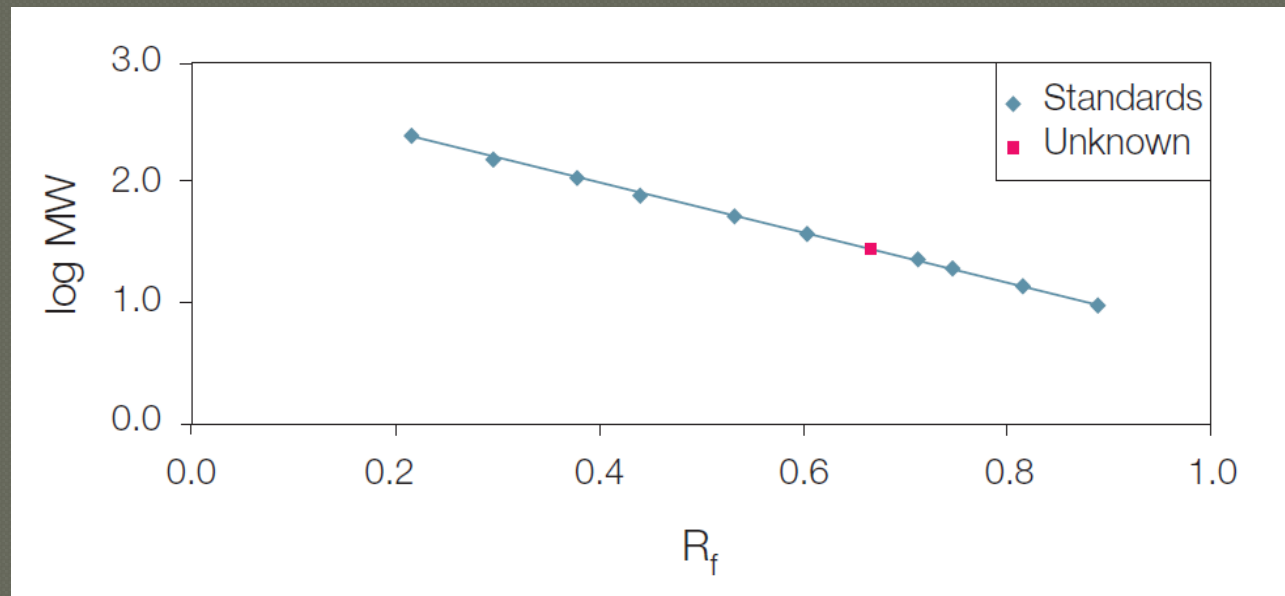
Draw a plot between log mol weight of standards (y) and R_f (X)

Migration distance of unknown protein: 45 mm

Migration distance of dye front: 67 mm

So $R_f = 45 \text{ mm} / 67 \text{ mm} = 0.67$

Determine it in the curve and obtain the corresponding log Mol. W



- Exact mol. Weight calculated from its amino acids residues

M.W. of protein = # amino acids x 110 Da

Or use mol. Weight calculator

- Mol weight of protein from its gDNA
get cDNA from NCBI, and divide it by 3 to
get number of amino acids and multiply
by 110 to get the mol. Weight in Dalton

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p53 human



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Pathways for the TP53 gene 

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variants for the TP53 gene.

More about the TP53 gene

This gene encodes a tumor suppressor protein containing transcriptional activation, DNA binding, and oligomerization domains. The encoded pr...

Also Known As: BCC7, LFS1, P53, TRP53

Homologs of the TP53 gene

The TP53 gene is conserved in chimpanzee, Rhesus monkey, dog, cow, mouse, rat, zebrafish, and frog.

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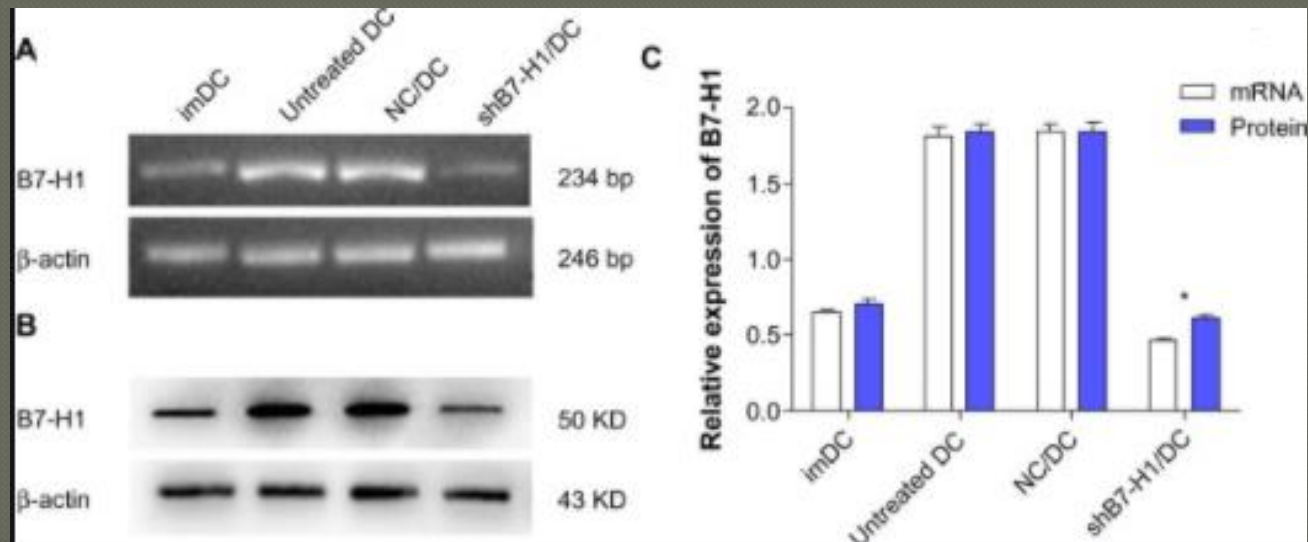
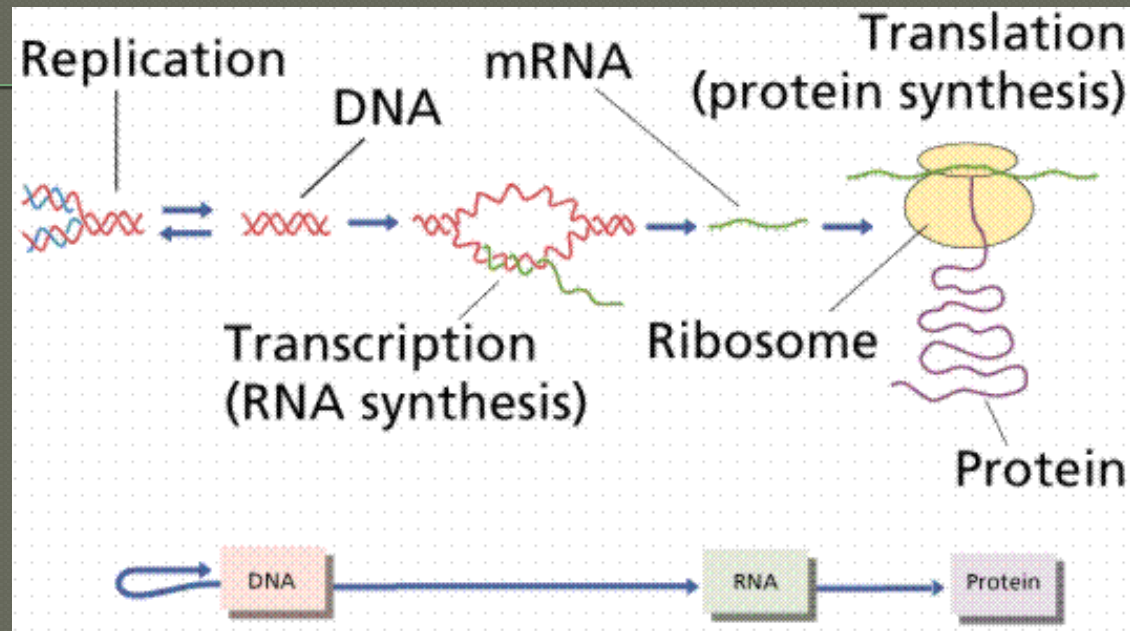
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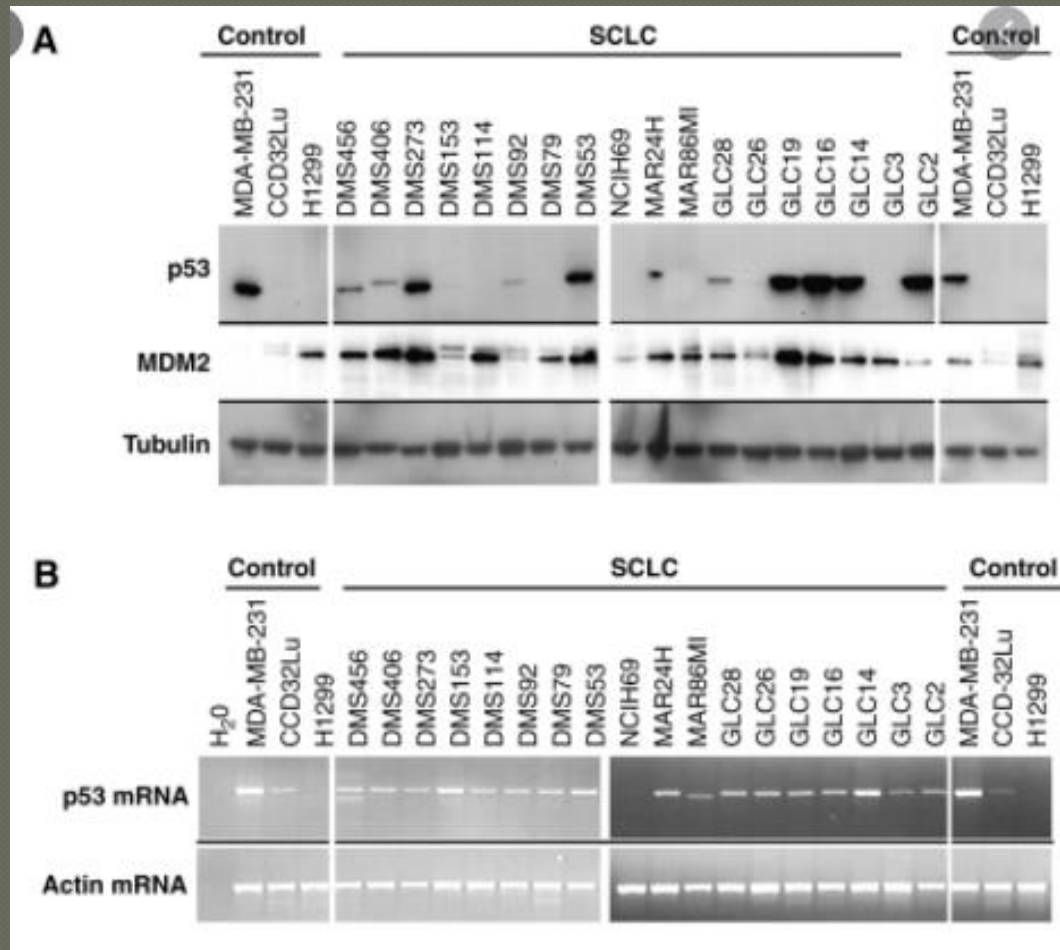
RT-PCR vs western blot



mRNA level does not always match its corresponding protein level



P53 protein and gene expression are not matching



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