

after PEG precipitation is resuspended in 10 mL of buffer C, and then subjected to centrifugation for 10 min at 10,000g. The first supernatant is collected, and the pellet is washed again with 10 mL of buffer C. After centrifugation the supernatants are pooled and subjected to high-speed centrifugation for 2 h at 160,000g in a Beckman 60 Ti rotor. The final virus pellet is then resuspended in 3 mL of buffer C and loaded onto the sucrose gradients (*see Subheading 3.2., step 4*).

4. The method we present for gel analysis of the viral RNA can be substituted by any other molecular biology technique of nucleic acid analysis described by Sambrook et al. (23).

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