**Extraction and Purification of Bacterial Proteins.**

**Experimental protocol:**

**A] Extraction and Isolation of Bacterial Proteins:**

1. Resuspend pellet of 10 ml cell culture in 1 ml lysis buffer.

2. Sonicate in ice bucket for 10 seconds or more if the cells are not completely disrupted [lysis is complete when the cloudy cell suspension becomes translucent].

3. spin 5 min 13000 rpm 4 °C. Separate soluble proteins (supernatant) from insoluble proteins (pellet). Use supernatant for next step. Keep sample of 40 µl of supernatant for PAGE-SDS and western blot. (soluble proteins).

4. Resuspend pellet in another 1 ml lysis buffer and keep sample of 40 µl for PAGE-SDS and western blot. (Insoluble proteins).

**B] Determination of Total Bacterial Proteins Concentration:**

1. Set up 8 test tubes as following: blank, A-E [standard BSA solution] and F-G [soluble and insoluble protein samples]. Concentration of stock solution = 140 µg/µl.

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| **Test tube** | **Distilled water [µl]** | **Stock BSA solution 140 µg/µl .**  **[µl]** | **Sample [µl]** | **Protein concentration [µg/µl]** |
| **Blank** | 250 | - | - | 0 |
| **A** | 200 | 50 | - | 28 |
| **B** | 150 | 100 | - | 56 |
| **C** | 100 | 150 | - | 84 |
| **D** | 50 | 200 | - | 112 |
| **E** | - | 250 | - | 140 |
| **F** | - | - | 250 | ? |
| **G** | - | - | 250 | ? |

2. Incubate all the tubes in water bath at 37°C for five minutes.

3. To each tube, add 1000 µl of Biuret reagent. Mix well and allow standing for 20 minutes in the 37°C water bath.

4.Measure the absorbance of solutions (A-G) at 540 nm.

5. Plot standard curve for absorbance against BSA concentration using results for solutions (A-E).

6. From the standard curve, estimate the concentration of proteins presents in your samples.

**Results:**

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| **Test tube** | **Protein concentration [µg/µl]** | **Absorbance at 540 nm** |
| **Blank** | 0 |  |
| **A** | 28 |  |
| **B** | 56 |  |
| **C** | 84 |  |
| **D** | 112 |  |
| **E** | 140 |  |
| **F** | ……………...? |  |
| **G** | ………..…….? |  |