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Name

Period

Date

Lesson

Lesson focus

SDS-PAGE gel results

Key words and questions

Prepared details and student notes

Essential question
What is today's target?

Read an SDS-PAGE gel to judge the size and purity of your isolated protein. Big idea: SDS-PAGE translates a protein mixture into a pattern of bands that reveals size and contamination level.

My notes, examples, and questions

Key words
What vocabulary unlocks the lesson?

- GFP
- chromatography
- elution
- protein marker
- purity
- QC

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Must-know ideas
What should I understand by the end?

- SDS denatures proteins and gives all of them a uniform negative charge proportional to size.
- Smaller proteins migrate farther through the gel matrix in a given time.
- A pure target fraction shows one dominant band at the expected molecular weight.

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Process notes
What happens during class?

- 0-10: Read gel-interpretation notes; define marker lane and band
- 10-28: Annotate gel image: label marker lane, estimate target protein size
- 28-45: Compare fraction lanes; count extra bands per lane
- 45-58: Identify most-pure fraction; justify with band count
- 58-70: Write QC statement: passed or failed purity goal with evidence
- 70-80: Add annotated gel to tracker; preview Friday lab report

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Steps and evidence What do I do and turn in?

- Read the gel-interpretation notes in the PLTW course shell and define the protein marker lane.
- Compare your fraction lanes to the marker to estimate your protein's size.
- Decide which fraction is most pure based on how few extra bands it shows.
- Write one QC statement on whether the purification met the purity goal.
- Add your annotated gel reading to your Unit 4 PLTW tracker evidence.

Evidence: Data table - Annotated SDS-PAGE gel image with labeled marker lane, estimated protein size, band counts by fraction, most-pure fraction identified, and a QC statement.

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Checks for understanding How do I know I got it?

- You'll be able to estimate protein size against a marker lane.
- You'll be able to judge purity and write a QC statement from a gel.

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Lab or safety notes
What must I handle carefully?

Safety:

- No new chemical hazards today; gel image analysis is a paper or digital exercise.
- If handling a physical stained gel, wear gloves as Coomassie stain is a skin irritant.
- Dispose of any staining waste according to lab guidelines.

Supplies:

- Printed or digital SDS-PAGE gel image from the lab run (or PLTW-provided sample gel)
- Ruler or digital annotation tool for band-position measurement
- Colored pencils or digital markup for lane annotation
- Molecular-weight marker reference chart

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Summary

Today's lesson focused on SDS-PAGE gel results. The main target was: Read an SDS-PAGE gel to judge the size and purity of your isolated protein. The evidence of learning is Data table: Annotated SDS-PAGE gel image with labeled marker lane, estimated protein size, band counts by fraction, most-pure fraction identified, and a QC statement.. In my own words, the most important idea from today is:

My summary

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My final question or connection