

**EMSA (gel shift) Protocol  
(BLACK LAB)**

**TNT Translation**

25  $\mu$ l lysate  
2  $\mu$ l buffer  
1  $\mu$ l T7 pol  
1  $\mu$ l AA-met  
1  $\mu$ l RNAsin  
18  $\mu$ l dH<sub>2</sub>O  
48  $\mu$ l per rxn

To 48  $\mu$ l mix, add 2  $\mu$ l plasmid (0.5  $\mu$ g/ $\mu$ l).  
To 5 $\mu$ l of that add 1 $\mu$ l <sup>35</sup>S Met.  
To the rest add 2 $\mu$ l -LEU  
Incubate 90 min at 30°C

(MAY DO 1/2X REACTION IF NOT MUCH IS NEEDED)

**To analyze <sup>35</sup>S Met labeled TNT products:**

Run 10% acrylamide minigel via SDS-PAGE protocol.

**To anneal oligos:**

5  $\mu$ l top strand (1 mg/ml)  
5  $\mu$ l bottom strand (1 mg/ml)  
10  $\mu$ l 2x anneal (100mM Tris 7.6; 10mM DTT; 20mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>; 2mM Spermidine)

85-90°C      10min  
65°C          10min  
37°C          10min  
RT             10min

**To label probes, do a fill-in rxn (be sure to have some "G" overhangs):**

4  $\mu$ l annealed oligo  
5  $\mu$ l NEB2 Buffer  
4  $\mu$ l 0.5 mM GTP  
4  $\mu$ l 0.5 mM TTP  
4  $\mu$ l <sup>32</sup>P-dCTP  
4  $\mu$ l <sup>32</sup>P-dATP  
24  $\mu$ l water  
1  $\mu$ l Klenow (5 U)  
50  $\mu$ l total volume

60 min at 37°C

**To purify filled-in probes:**

Add 6 $\mu$ l 10% loading dye

Prepare 10% acrylamide, non-denaturing 0.5X TBE gel.

[Use thin spacers and combs]

12.5 ml 40% acrylamide (20% acryl: 1% Bis)

2.5 ml 10x TBE

35.0 ml dH<sub>2</sub>O

Add 500 $\mu$ l 10% APS, 20  $\mu$ l TEMED

Prerun gel for 40 min at 150V

Load with duck-billed tips, run BPB half way down, 150V (~2 1/2 hrs)

Expose 1min

USE FILM TO LINE UP WITH GEL AND CUT OUT GEL SLICE CORRESPONDING TO LABELED FRAG

Place gel slice in 100 $\mu$ l dH<sub>2</sub>O (dep. on the efficiency of labeling)

Allow for elution of probe, 37°C O/N

Remove the eluted probe, spin down 10 min to get rid of any remaining gel bits

Count 2 $\mu$ l (usually of a 1:10 dilution) in scintillation fluid.

**Gel Shift Rxns:**

Prerun gel 2hrs 100V

Add components in this order:

dH<sub>2</sub>O (to 18  $\mu$ l final vol.)

2  $\mu$ l 10X Binding buffer

1  $\mu$ l dIdC (1mg/ml stock)

protein (10  $\mu$ g extract, 2-5  $\mu$ l lysate)

competitor or A/b

10 min RT

    Add 2  $\mu$ l probe diluted to 10,000 cpm/ $\mu$ l

20-30 min RT

    (May add A/b after 5min for supershift)

Add 2 $\mu$ l of BPB-Glycerol dye (Maniatis)

Load with duck-billed tips

Run at constant voltage 150 V for ~3 hrs (BPB one inch from bottom)

Dry gel

Expose O/N -80°C with intensifying screen

## **BUFFERS AND REAGENTS**

### 10x Binding buffer

400 mM KCl  
150 mM HEPES 9pH 7.9)  
10 mM EDTA  
5 mM DTT  
50% Glycerol

### Gel Shift Gel (6% acryl/ 0.5x TBE)

10.0 ml 30% Acrylamide (30% Acryl: 1% Bis)  
2.5 ml of 10X TBE)  
37.5 ml dH<sub>2</sub>O  
600 μl 10% APS  
30 μl TEMED

### 30% Acrylamide Stock solution (30:1 Acrylamide:Bis) 500 ml

145 g Acrylamide  
5 g Bis-acrylamide  
Use mask/ fume hood. Filter – store at 4°C wrapped in foil

### 40% Acrylamide (20:1 Acrylamide:Bis) 200 ml

76 g Acrylamide  
4 g Bis  
Use mask/ fume hood. Filter – store at 4°C wrapped in foil

### 10x Loading dye (for probe purif.)

10 ml 100% Glycerol  
2 ml 0.5 M EDTA pH 8  
Traces of BPB and XC

Buffer 0.5X TBE