Dear Torsten Engelbrecht

I'm Wan Beom Park, first author of this article. I'm writing instead of Dr Oh, because he has been so busy due to COVID-19.

1. Can you please send me the list of ingredients of this "virus transport medium"?

Ans: UTM tube has universal transport medium. It is commercial kit and ingredients are not informed by the company.

2. In your paper you write "culture supernatant of Vero cells infected was used for RNA extraction". Was RNA obtained from the density at which CoV particles band?

Ans: We used blindly culture supernatant in order to extract RNA.

3. What is that density and did you obtain an EM showing the degree of purification?

Ans: No, we did not obtain an EM showing the degree of purification.

4. Do the EM shots show ultracentrifuged, sedimented virus particles? And do images C and D show the purified virus?

Ans: Yes, the EM shots show ultracentrifuged, sedimented virus particles rather than the purified virus.

Thank you for your interest in our article.

Best,

Wan Beom Park