## S1 SDS-PAGE analysis of heparin chromatography for different HBcAg VLP constructs

**Table S1.1:** Overview samples investigated by SDS-PAGE for the different HBcAg VLP constructs during heparin chromatography. M: marker, I: initial sample, FT: flow-through, E: elution

Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cp149	М	Ι	FT 1	FT 2	FT 3	E 1	E 2	E 3	E 4	-	-	-
Cp154	М	Ι	FT 1	FT 2	FT 3	E 1	E 2	E 3	E 4	-	-	-
Cp157	М	Ι	E 1	E 2	E 3	E 4	E 5	FT 1	FT 2	FT 3	FT 4	FT 5
Cp164	М	Ι	FT 1	FT 2	FT 3	FT 4	E 1	E 2	E 3	E 4	-	-
Cp167	М	Ι	FT 1	FT 2	FT 3	FT 4	E 1	-	E 2	-	E 3	E 4
Cp183	М	FT 1	FT 2	FT 3	FT 4	E 1	E 2	E 3	E 4	E 5	Ι	-

**Table S1.2:** Gel scans of SDS-PAGE analysis of flow-through and elution fractions of heparin chromatography of HBcAg VLP constructs Cp149, Cp154, Cp157, Cp164, Cp167, and Cp183.





## S2 SDS-PAGE analysis of heparin and sulfate chromatography with and without prior nuclease treatment

**Table S2.1:** Overview of samples investigated by SDS-PAGE for HBcAg VLP constructs Cp157 and Cp183 and heparin and sulfate chromatography with and without prior nuclease treatment. M: marker, I: initial sample, FT: flow-through, E: elution, +: with nuclease treatment

Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cp157 Heparin with nuclease	М	Ι	E 1	E 2	E 3	E 4	E5	FT 1	FT 2	FT 3	FT 4	FT 5
Cp157 Sulfate without nuclease	М	Ι	FT 1	FT 2	FT 3	FT 4	E 1	E 2	E 3	E 4	W	-
Cp157 Sulfate with nuclease	М	Ι	FT 1	FT 2	FT 3	E 1	E 2	E 3	E 4	-	W	-
Cp183 Heparin without nuclease	М	FT 1	FT 2	FT 3	FT 4	E 1	E 2	E 3	E 4	E 5	Ι	-
Cp183 Heparin with nuclease	М	FT 1	FT 2	FT 3	FT 4	E 1	E 2	E 3	E 4	E 5	Ι	-
Cp183 Sulfate with (+) / without nuclease	М	FT 1	FT 2	FT 3	E 1	E 2	E 3	FT 1 +	FT 2 +	FT 3 +	E 1 +	Ι

**Table S2.2:** Gel scans of SDS-PAGE analysis of flow-through and elution fractions of heparin and sulfate chromatography with and without prior nuclease treatment and HBcAg VLP constructs Cp157 and Cp183.

Cp157; heparin with nuclease	Cp157; sulfate without nuclease
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
kDa	kDa
55.4 —	55.4
36.5	36.5
21.5	21.5
14.4	
6	0
Cp157; sulfate with nuclease	Cp183; Heparin without nuclease
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
kDa	kDa
55.4 =	55.4
36.5	36.5
21.5	21.5
14.4	14.4
8	0
Cp183; heparin with nuclease	Cp183; sulfate without/with (+) nuclease
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
kDa —	kDa
55.4	55.4
36.5	36.5
21.5	21.5
14.4	6
6	

## S3 SEC chromatograms and gel electrophoresis analysis of LiCl precipitation



**Figure S3.1:** Chromatograms of the final SEC and fraction segmentation for analysis of host cell-derived nucleic acid removal by LiCl precipitation for (a) Cp157 and (b) Cp183.

**Table S3.1:** Overview of samples investigated by SDS-PAGE for HBcAg VLP constructs Cp157 and Cp183 during LiCl precipitation. M: marker, I: initial sample, C: after centrifugation, SEC: size-exclusion chromatography pools

Lane	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cp157	М	Ι	Ι	C	SEC 1	SEC 2	SEC 3	SEC 4	-	-	-	-
Cp183	М	Ι	Ι	C	SEC 1	SEC 2	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table S3.2:** Gel scans of SDS-PAGE analysis of HBcAg VLP constructs Cp157 and Cp183 during LiCl precipitation.



**Table S3.3:** Overview of samples investigated by NAGE for HBcAg VLP constructs Cp157 and Cp183 during LiCl precipitation. M: marker, I: initial sample, C: after centrifugation, SEC: size-exclusion chromatography pools

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Cp157	-	Cp183	Cp183	Cp183	Cp183	Cp183						
I	I	C	SEC 1	SEC 2	SEC 3	SEC 4		I	I	C	SEC 1	SEC 2



**Figure S3.2:** Gel scans of NAGE analysis of HBcAg VLP constructs Cp157 and Cp183 during LiCl precipitation by midori green (left) and Coomassie (right).

## S4 SEC and gel electrophoresis analysis of alkaline treatment

**Table S4.1:** Overview of samples after dialysis in neutralization buffer investigated by SDS-PAGE for HBcAg VLP constructs Cp157 and Cp183 during alkaline treatment. M: marker, I: initial sample, w: with preliminary dialysis, w/o without preliminary dialysis

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
М	Cp157 I	Cp157 w treatment	Cp157 w/o treatment	-	Cp183 I	Cp183 w treatment	Cp183 w/o treatment	-



**Figure S4.1:** Gel scan of SDS-PAGE analysis of HBcAg VLP constructs Cp157 and Cp183 after dialysis in neutralization buffer during alkaline treatment.

**Table S4.2:** Overview of samples after dialysis in neutralization buffer investigated by NAGE for HBcAg VLP constructs Cp157 and Cp183 during alkaline treatment. M: marker, I: initial sample, w: with preliminary dialysis, w/o without preliminary dialysis

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Cp157 I	Cp157 w treatment	Cp157 w/o treatment	-	Cp183 I	Cp183 w treatment	Cp183 w/o treatment	-



**Figure S4.2:** Gel scans of NAGE analysis of Cp157 and Cp183 samples after dialysis in neutralization buffer during alkaline treatment by midori green (left) and Coomassie (right).



**Figure S4.3:** Chromatograms of the final SEC and fraction segmentation for analysis of host cell-derived nucleic acid removal by alkaline treatment for Cp157 with (a) and without (b), and Cp183 with (c) and without (d) preliminary dialysis.

**Table S4.3:** Overview of samples after redissolution and SEC fractions investigated by SDS-PAGE and NAGE for HBcAg VLP constructs Cp157 and Cp183 during alkaline treatment. M: marker, I: initial sample, w: with, w/o without, PT: preliminary treatment, RD: redissolution

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cp157 I	Cp157 w PT RD	Cp157 w/o PT RD	Cp157 w PT SEC 1	Cp157 w/o PT SEC 1	-	Cp183 I	Cp183 w PT RD	Cp183 w/o PT RD	-



**Figure S4.4:** Gel scan of SDS-PAGE analysis of Cp157 and Cp183 samples after redissolution and SEC fractions during alkaline treatment.



**Figure S4.5:** Gel scans of NAGE analysis Cp157 and Cp183 samples after redissolution and SEC fractions during alkaline treatment by midori green (left) and Coomassie (right).