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Electrophoresis Analysis

# Background

To better understand how sickle cell anemia is caused, scientists have used molecular biology techniques, like gel electrophoresis. This is a technique that uses electricity to cause samples to move and sometimes separate.

## Video Questions

Watch the video “[Mystery of the Crooked Cell: Investigating the Heredity of a Blood Disorder](https://vimeo.com/405925057)” and answer the questions below.

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| **Question/Prompt** | **Your Response** |
| 1. Why is it important to include normal and sickle hemoglobin in our patient’s test? | **[Answers are intentionally BLUE]** |
| 1. Which end of the electrophoresis chamber will the hemoglobin be attracted to? (Highlight your response.) | 1. **Positive** 2. **Negative** 3. **Neither** 4. **Both** |
| 1. How will we be able to differentiate between the hemoglobin samples if they are all migrating to the same end of the gel? (Highlight your response.) | 1. **You can’t** 2. **Varying charges** 3. **Size fragments** 4. **Voltage** |
| 1. What type of hemoglobin do you expect to be more attracted to the positive end of the gel? (Highlight your response.) | 1. **Normal** 2. **Sickle** 3. **They will be attracted equally** |

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## Drawing Conclusions

View the following patient result and answer the following question.



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| **Question/Prompt** | **Your Response** |
| 1. Based on the given result, is the patient sample (in the third well) healthy or sickle cell anemic? How do you know | **[Answers are intentionally BLUE]** |