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## RNA Isolation from Plant Tissue Protocol 7: pBIOZOL-LiCl Method

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### ABSTRACT

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This protocol is part of a collection of eighteen protocols used to isolate total RNA from plant tissue. (RNA Isolation from Plant Tissue Collection: <https://www.protocols.io/view/rna-isolation-from-plant-tissue-439gyr6>)

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### MATERIALS TEXT

#### Reagents




- Acid phenol (pH 4.5)
- Chloroform
- Isopropyl alcohol
- 75 % ethanol (DEPC treated)
- 100 % ethanol
- 2 M NaAc (pH 4.2)
- 3 M NaAc (pH 5.2)
- 5 M NaCl
- 10 M LiCl
- pBIOZOL Reagent (Beijing Bai billion New Technology Co., Beijing, China)
- RNase-free water

#### SSTE Buffer:

- 1 M NaCl
- SDS (0.5 % w/v)
- 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0)
- 1 mM EDTA

### SAFETY WARNINGS

Please see SDS (Safety Data Sheet) for hazards and safety warnings.

- 1 Grind tissue to a powder in liquid nitrogen.
- 2 Add  1.3 ml of cold (  4 °C ) pBIOZOL reagent for up to  100 mg gram of frozen, ground tissue.
- 2.1 Mix by briefly vortexing or flicking the bottom of the tube until the sample is thoroughly suspended.

3 Incubate the tube for 🕒 00:05:00 at 🌡 Room temperature.



Lay the tube down horizontally to maximize surface area during RNA extraction.

4 Centrifuge at 🌀 12000 x g for 🕒 00:02:00 .

5 Transfer the supernatant to a new 1.5 ml RNase-free tube.

6 Add 📏 50 µl of [M] 2 Molarity (M) NaAc (pH 4.2) to the extract.

6.1 Tap tube to mix.

6.2 Then add 📏 100 µl [M] 5 Molarity (M) NaCl and 📏 300 µl chloroform.

6.3 Vortex vigorously.

7 Centrifuge the mixture at 🌡 4 °C for 🕒 00:10:00 at 🌀 12000 x g to separate the phases.

7.1 Transfer the top aqueous phase (about 📏 400 µl – 📏 500 µl) to a new 1.5 ml RNase-free tube.

8 Add to the aqueous phase 1/3 volume of [M] 10 Molarity (M) LiCl.

8.1 Mix and let stand at 🌡 4 °C overnight.

9 Centrifuge the mixture at  **4 °C** for  **00:20:00** at  **>12000 x g**.

10 Decant the supernatant, taking care not to lose the pellet.

10.1 Add  **1 ml** of 75 % ethanol to the pellet.

10.2 Stand the tube at  **Room temperature** for  **00:03:00**.




Pellet may be difficult to see.

11 Centrifuge at  **4 °C** for  **00:03:00** at  **>12000 x g**.

11.1 Decant the liquid carefully, taking care not to lose the pellet.


11.2 Briefly centrifuge to collect the residual liquid and remove it with a pipette.


12 Repeat the previous two steps.








13 Add  **50 µl** RNase-free water to dissolve the RNA pellet.

13.1 Pipette the water up and down over the pellet to dissolve the RNA.



If you extract more than  **100 mg** plant tissues, combine different extractions to one tube.

14 Add [SSTE buffer](#) to RNA to a total volume of  **600 µl**.

- 14.1 Then add equal volume of 25:24:1 acid phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol to the tube.
- 15 Vortex the tube until the phases mix and appears cloudy.
- 15.1 Then incubate at  **20 °C** for  **00:05:00**.
- 16 Centrifuge at  **12000 x g** for  **00:10:00** in a microcentrifuge.
- 17 Transfer the top, aqueous phase to a new 1.5 ml RNase-free tube.
- 17.1 Add equal volume of 24:1 chloroform:isoamyl alcohol to the tube.
- 18 Vortex the tube until the phases mix and appear cloudy.
- 18.1 Then incubate at  **20 °C** for  **00:05:00**.
- 19 Centrifuge at  **12000 x g** for  **00:10:00**.
- 20 Transfer the top aqueous phase to a new 1.5 ml RNase-free tube.
- 20.1 Add to the aqueous phase 2 volumes of 100 % ethanol, 1/10 volume of  **3 Molarity (M)** NaAc (pH 5.2) and  **2 µl**  **5 mg/ml** glycogen.
- 20.2 Invert tube to mix.
- 20.3 Store at  **-20 °C** for  **02:00:00**.

21 Centrifuge at  **4 °C** for  **00:20:00** at **>  12000 x g**.

21.1 Decant the supernatant carefully to avoid losing the pellet.

22 Add  **1 ml** of 75 % ethanol to the pellet.


22.1 Incubate at  **20 °C** for  **00:03:00**.


23 Centrifuge at  **4 °C** for  **00:05:00** at ** 12000 x g**.

23.1 Decant the liquid carefully, taking care not to lose the pellet.

23.2 Briefly centrifuge to collect the residual liquid and remove it with a pipette.

24 Repeat step 18 and 19.

25 Open cap and air-dry the pellet no more than  **00:05:00**.

26 Add  **30 µl** RNase-free water to dissolve the pellet.

27 Before library construction, treat RNA with DNase I.



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