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RNA Isolation from Plant Tissue Protocol 6: pBIOZOL and Qiagen RNeasy Plant Mini Kit Method

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ABSTRACT

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>) and was originally published as part of Appendix S1 of "Evaluating Methods for Isolating Total RNA and Predicting the Success of Sequencing Phylogenetically Diverse Plant Transcriptomes" Marc T. J. Johnson et al. PLOS ONE, November 21, 2012. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0050226>

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MATERIALS

NAME ▾	CATALOG # ▾	VENDOR ▾
RNeasy Plant Mini Kit	74904	Qiagen






MATERIALS TEXT

Reagents

- Acid phenol (pH 4.5)
- Chloroform
- Isopropyl alcohol
- 75 % ethanol (DEPC treated)
- 100 % ethanol
- 5 M NaCl
- pBIOZOL Reagent (Beijing Bai billion New Technology Co., Beijing, China)
- RNeasy Plant Mini Kit (Qiagen)
- RNase-free water








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 of frozen ground tissue.
- 2.1 Mix by briefly vortexing or flicking the bottom of the tube until the sample is thoroughly re-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 for  00:10:00 at  12000 x g in a microcentrifuge at  Room temperature.
- 4.1 Transfer the supernatant to a new  1.5 ml RNase-free tube.
- 5 Add  100 µl of  5 Molarity (M) NaCl and  300 µl chloroform.
- 5.1 Vortex vigorously.

- 6 Centrifuge at  **12000 x g** for  **00:10:00**.
- 7 Transfer the top aqueous phase to a new 1.5 ml RNase-free tube.
- 7.1 Add an equal volume of 5:1 acid phenol:chloroform to the tube.
- 8 Vortex the tube until the phases mix and appear cloudy.
- 8.1 Incubate at  **20 °C** for  **00:05:00**.
- 9 Centrifuge at  **12000 x g** for  **00:10:00**.
- 10 Transfer the top aqueous phase to a new 1.5 ml RNase-free tube.
- 10.1 Add to the aqueous phase equal volume of 24:1 chloroform:isoamyl alcohol.
- 10.2 Vortex the tube until the phases mix and appear cloudy.
- 10.3 Then incubate at  **Room temperature** for  **00:05:00**.
- 11 Centrifuge at  **12000 x g** for  **00:10:00**.
- 12 Transfer the top aqueous phase to a new 1.5 ml RNase-free tube.
- 12.1 Add 1/2 volume of 100 % ethanol.
- 13 Pour the contents of the tube into a Qiagen mini RNA spin column (pink), until the column is almost filled with liquid.
- 14 Cap the tube.

14.1 Centrifuge at  **12000 x g** for  **00:00:15**.




The column should be empty at the end of this spin.

15 Discard the flow-through from the collection tube.

16 Repeat the previous two steps with the same mini RNA spin column, until all of the liquid in the tube(s) has been passed through the column.



The nucleic acid is now bound to the silica membrane in the spin column.

17 Apply  **700 µl** of solution RW1 to the spin column.


18 Cap the tube.

18.1 Centrifuge at  **12000 x g** for  **00:00:15**.



The column should be empty at the end of this spin.

19 Discard the flow-through from the collection tube.

20 Apply  **500 µl** of solution RPE to the spin column.

20.1 Cap the tube

20.2 Centrifuge at  **12000 x g** for  **00:00:15**.



The column should be empty at the end of this spin.



21 Discard the flow-through.

22 Repeat previous two steps one time. [↺ go to step #20.2](#)

23 Spin at maximum speed for  **00:02:00** to remove remaining liquid from the silica membrane.

24 Transfer the spin column to a new 1.5 ml conical bottom microcentrifuge tube.

25 Add  **30 µl** –  **50 µl** of RNase-free water to the column.

25.1 Then let tube incubate at  **20 °C** for  **00:03:00**.

26 Spin at maximum speed for  **00:01:00** to collect RNA solution.



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