

Cyanobacteria Total Lipid Extraction

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Abstract

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Modified from Guan, Riezman, Wenk & Riezman, 2010

Please note that there are two versions of this protocol. Use the one that corresponds to your sample.

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Protocol

Version 1 - Lab Grown Cultures and Liquid Environmental Cultures

Step 1.

Prepare lipid extraction solvent (step 2) with a 1:1 ratio of butanol and lab purified water (water-saturated butanol, and lab purified water



REAGENTS

Butanol 71-36-3 by [Fischer Scientific](#)



ANNOTATIONS

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This is written incorrectly. Should state: "Prepare lipid extraction solvent (step 2), 1:1 ratio butanol and lab purified water (water-saturated butanol), and lab purified water."

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Step 2.

Extraction solvent is a 15:15:5:1:0.18 ratio by volume solvent composed of 95% ethanol, water, diethyl ether, pyridine, and 4.2 N ammonium hydroxide



REAGENTS



Ethanol [BE-BDH1156](#) by [P212121](#)

Diethyl ether 60-29-7 by [Fisher Scientific](#)

Pyridine 110-86-1 by [Fisher Scientific](#)

Ammonium hydroxide 7664-41-7 by [Fisher Scientific](#)

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Step 3.

Grow cultures to log phase and collect 2 mL in 2 mL microfuge tube.



AMOUNT

2 ml Additional info:



NOTES

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If the sample is a liquid environmental sample, simply proceed without grow up period. A minimum of 500 μ L of sample is needed.

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Step 4.

Optional step: Remove a small aliquot (100 μ L) of culture and fix with 5% by volume glutaraldehyde for later cell counts for normalizing lipid amounts. Store at 20°C.



REAGENTS

✓ 25% Glutaraldehyde by Contributed by users

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Step 5.

Pellet culture at 10,000 xg, 2 min



DURATION

00:02:00

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Step 6.

Remove supernatant

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Step 7.

Add 1 mL extraction solvent to resuspend pellet



AMOUNT

1 ml Additional info:

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Step 8.

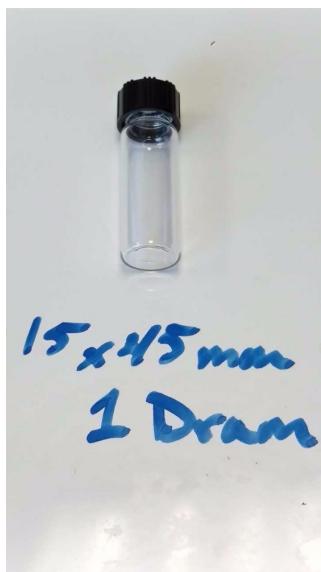
Add 100 μ L of 150 μ m glass beads in a 1 dram vial

📄 AMOUNT

100 µl Additional info:

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Step 9.

Vortex sample, 5 sec

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Step 10.

Incubate sample in a 60°C water bath for 20 min

🕒 DURATION

00:02:00

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Step 11.

Centrifuge sample at 10,000 xg for 10 min in a benchtop microcentrifuge

🕒 DURATION

00:10:00

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Step 12.

Remove supernatant to a glass vial

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All extractions for a single sample will be added to the same sample glass vial.

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Step 13.

Repeat steps 7 and 9-12; DO NOT add more glass beads

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Step 14.

Add 150 µL water to microfuge tube

AMOUNT

150 µL Additional info:

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Step 15.

Vigorously shake water-saturated butanol (1:1 ratio) to mix and add 300 µL to microfuge tube

AMOUNT

300 µL Additional info:

REAGENTS

Butanol 71-36-3 by [Fischer Scientific](#)

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Step 16.

Vortex sample, 5 sec

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Step 17.

Remove top butanol phase to sample glass vial

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Step 18.

Repeat steps 15-17

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Step 19.

Either immediately dry sample under N₂ for LCMS or store overnight at -20°C or longer term storage at -80°C

Version 2 - Sterivex Filtered Environmental Sample

Step 20.

Prepare lipid extraction solvent as in steps 1-2 of version 1 above

Version 2 - Sterivex Filtered Environmental Sample

Step 21.

Use a Sterivex cutter to open the plastic unit. Using a sterile razor blade, cut filter off of unit and cut into small pieces. Place filter pieces in a 2 mL microfuge tube.

Version 2 - Sterivex Filtered Environmental Sample

Step 22.

Add 1 mL of extraction solvent to resuspend pellet

 **AMOUNT**

1 ml Additional info:

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Step 23.

Add 100 µL of 150 µm glass beads

 **AMOUNT**

100 µl Additional info:

Version 2 - Sterivex Filtered Environmental Sample

Step 24.

Vortex sample very vigorously, 5 sec -- do not want filter pieces to settle at the bottom of microfuge tube

Version 2 - Sterivex Filtered Environmental Sample

Step 25.

Incubate sample in a 60°C water bath for 20 min

 **DURATION**

00:03:00

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Step 26.

Centrifuge sample at 10,000 xg, 10 min in a benchtop microcentrifuge

 **DURATION**

00:10:00

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Step 27.

Remove supernatant to a glass vial

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All extractions for a single sample will be added to the same glass vial.

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Step 28.

Repeat steps 22 and 24-27; DO NOT add more glass beads

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Step 29.

Add 150 µL water to microfuge tube

 AMOUNT

150 µl Additional info:

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Step 30.

Vigorously shake water-saturated butanol to mix (1:1 ratio) and add 300 µL to microfuge tube

 AMOUNT

300 µl Additional info:

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Step 31.

Vortex sample

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Step 32.

Remove top butanol phase to sample glass vial

Version 2 - Sterivex Filtered Environmental Sample

Step 33.

Repeat steps 30-32

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Step 34.

Either immediately dry sample under N₂ for LCMS or store overnight at -20°C or longer term storage at -80°C