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RNA Isolation from Plant Tissue Protocol 15: Hot Acid Phenol Method for Algae

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ABSTRACT

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This RNA isolation method is modified from that described by Köhrer and Domdey⁵.

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>)

⁵ Köhrer, K. & Domdey, H. Preparation of high molecular weight RNA. Methods in Enzymology 194, 398-405 (1991).

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MATERIALS TEXT

Reagents

Extraction Buffer:

- 1 % SDS (v/v, starting from 10 % SDS stock solution)
- 51 mM sodium acetate pH 5.5
- 10 mM EDTA
- DEPC treated water



The final reaction buffer was filter purified using Nalgene 0.22 µM filter.

Other reagents:

- Acid phenol (pH 4.3)
- Phenol:chloroform (5:1) acid equilibrated to pH 4.7 from Sigma
- Isopropanol
- 70 % ethanol (diluted in DEPC treated water H₂O)
- 3 M Sodium acetate pH 5.5

SAFETY WARNINGS

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

- 1 Preheat phenol and phenol:chloroform to 65 °C. Heated phenol should not be re-used.

- 2 Collect algae cells via centrifugation for 🕒00:10:00 at 🌀16100 x g at 🌡Room temperature.
- 2.1 Flash freeze pellets with liquid nitrogen and keep at 🌡-80 °C until extractions are carried out.
- 3 Re-suspend frozen pellet in 📏800 µl of preheated [extraction buffer](#).
- 4 Immediately add 📏800 µl of hot acid phenol.
- 4.1 Vortex the tubes for 🕒00:00:15.
- 5 Incubate at 🌡65 °C for 🕒00:10:00. Vortex every 1 min for 🕒00:00:10.
- 6 Centrifuge at 🌀16100 x g at 🌡4 °C for 🕒00:05:00.
- 7 The aqueous phase was transferred to fresh 1.5 ml micro-centrifuge tube.
- 8 Repeat steps 5 - 7. Repeat 3x (depending on the amount of cells used). [🔄 go to step #5](#)
- 9 Extract with equal volume of phenol:chloroform (5:1).
- 9.1 Vortex for 🕒00:01:00 at 🌡Room temperature.
- 9.2 Spin for 🕒00:05:00 in a microcentrifuge at top speed.
- 9.3 Repeat step 9 three times. [🔄 go to step #9](#)
- 10 Transfer aqueous phase to a new 1.5 ml microfuge tube. Volume should be ~ 📏700 µl.

11 Add 1/10 volume of **3 Molarity (M)** sodium acetate, pH 5.5, and 1 volume of isopropanol.

11.1 Hold at **4 °C** for **00:30:00** or more.

12 Spin in micro-centrifuge at **4 °C** at top speed for **00:20:00**.

13 Remove the supernatant without dislodging the pellet.

14 Wash the pellet with 70 % ethanol.

15 Invert and air dry tubes at room temperature.

15.1 The pellet was re-suspended in **50 µl** DEPC treated H₂O.

15.2 The RNAs were stored at **-20 °C**.



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