

# CTAB genomic DNA extraction from Arabidopsis leaf material

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## Abstract

Extraction of genomic DNA from Arabidopsis leaf material.

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## Guidelines

Gives reasonable quality and yield of gDNA, typically would use for PCRs, sequencing, and cloning but not for next-generation sequencing.

## Before start

Make CTAB buffer:

- 2% (w/v) CTAB
- 1.4 M NaCl
- 0.1 M Tris-HLC pH 8

Grind leaf tissue into fine powder using mortar and pestle or Qiagen tissue lyser (place 1/8" steel ball bearing into tube with tissue sample).

## Materials

- ✓ RNase A [19101](#) by [Qiagen](#)
- ✓ EDTA by Contributed by users
- ✓ 1.5 mL Eppendorf tubes by Contributed by users
- ✓ water by Contributed by users

- ✓ Ethanol by Contributed by users  
NaCl [53014](#) by [Sigma Aldrich](#)  
Hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide H6269 by [Sigma Aldrich](#)  
Tris-HCl (Tris-Hydrochloride), 100gm H5121 by [Promega](#)  
2-Propanol (IsoPropanol) [PC8601.SIZE.4L](#) by [Bio Basic Inc.](#)  
Tris-EDTA, pH 8.0 AM9849 by [Ambion](#)  
Chloroform 366919-1L by [Sigma](#)
- ✓ Centrifuge by Contributed by users
- ✓ Water bath set to 65°C by Contributed by users

## Protocol

Pre-heat 2% CTAB buffer at 65 °C in water bath

### Step 1.

Heat only desired volume for use (300 µl/100mg leaf tissue)

Add 300 µl CTAB buffer to each sample and mix well (vortex)

### Step 2.

- Adjust CTAB volume = 300 µl/100mg tissue
- Can add 3 µl RNase A solution (100 µg/µl) to each sample if desired.

Incubate samples at 65°C (water bath) for at least 30 mins with occasional mixing by inversion of tubes.

### Step 3.

Can be up to several hours or as needed based on input tissue and desired yields.

Remove samples from water bath and allow to cool to room temp.

### Step 4.

- Can place on ice/in fridge to speed up.

Add 300 µl chloroform to each sample. Mix well (vortex or shaking).

### Step 5.

- Perform in fume hood.

Centrifuge 5 - 15 min at 20,000g and transfer upper aqueous layer to new tube.

### Step 6.

- Transfer 100 - 200 µl (lower volume = less chance of contamination from organic layer).
- Depending on gDNA use, yield/cleanliness required, can repeat steps 5-6.

Add equal volume ice cold 2-propanol and incubate for 30 min @ -20 °C

**Step 7.**

- Can incubate longer or at -80 °C depending on yield required.

Centrifuge @ 20,000g for 5 - 15 min to form a pellet and discard supernatant using pipette.

**Step 8.**

Add 500 µl 70 - 80 % Ethanol to sample and centrifuge @ 9,000 - 10,000g for 5 min. Pipette off ethanol (as much as possible) and air dry for 1-2 min.

**Step 9.**

Resuspend gDNA in desired volume of water or Tris-EDTA buffer. Determine concentration by Nanodrop or Qubit or run on agarose gel to check quality.

**Step 10.**

## Warnings

Perform chloroform steps in fume hood.