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RNA extraction from hairy roots of common bean (Phaseolus vulgaris L.) and cDNA synthesis

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ABSTRACT

Extracting RNA for subsequent quantification of transcript levels by RT-qPCR requires high purity and concentration. When the amount of tissue is not abundant, as is the case with hairy roots, the concentration of RNA is frequently low. Here we present an optimized protocol for TRIzol-mediated RNA extraction from hairy roots of common bean. This protocol is based on the manufacturer's instructions

◯ TRIzol Reagent **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #15596026**

MATERIALS

Extraction of total RNA

- 1 Macerate root tissue using liquid nitrogen.

Note

If the amount of root tissue is less than 100 mg, add the equivalent amount of Trizol.

3 Mix by vortexing 00:00:15 and incubate for 00:05:00 at room temperature.

5m 15s

- Add Add 200 µL chloroform:isoamyl alcohol 24:1, mix by vortexing 00:00:15 and incubate fo 3m 15s 00:03:00 at room temperature.
- 5 Centrifuge 11800 rpm, 4°C, 00:15:00

15m

- **6** Transfer the aqueous phase to a new 1.5 mL Eppendorf tube.
- 7 Add A 500 µL of isopropanol, mix by immersion, and incubate 🚫 Overnight

Note

The original protocol indicates incubating for 10 min at room temperature; however, we have had a low RNA concentration using these conditions. We strongly recommend incubating for at least 6 h at -20°C to get a higher concentration of RNA.

8 Centrifuge (11800 rpm, 4°C, 00:10:00

10m

- 9 Transfer the aqueous phase to a new 1.5 mL Eppendorf tube.
- Add A 500 µL of 4 M LiCl and rise the pellet, do not resuspend, vortex slowly.

Note

LiCl increased the RNA concentration; thereby, this is an important step to reaching a high concentration of RNA.

11 Centrifuge 5900 rpm, 4°C 00:20:00

20m

12 Discard the LiCl phase.

Note

LiCl is difficult to remove; so, try to remove all remanents using a micropipette or syringe.

Add \perp 500 μ L of tris-EDTA buffer \bigcirc 8 . Resuspend RNA by vortexing.

- 14 Add 🗸 500 µL chloroform:isoamyl alcohol 24:1 v/v and mix by vortexing. 15 10m 16 Transfer the aqueous phase to a new 1.5 mL Eppendorf tube. 17 Add Д 500 μL of isopropanol and 🗸 66 µL of 3 M sodium acetate 🅞 5.2 immersion and incubate Overnight Note The original protocol does not include an overnight incubation step, but we strongly recommend incubating for at least 6 h at -20°C to get a higher concentration of RNA. 18 Centrifuge 11800 rpm, 4°C, 00:10:00 10m 19 Discard the aqueous phase and vacuum or air dry the RNA pellet.
 - 20 Resuspend RNA pellets using nuclease-free water. Preferably, use DEPC-treated water.

Preparation of RNA samples for cDNA synthesis

35m

21 Check the integrity of RNA in a 1% agarose gel treated with bleach.

CITATION

Aranda PS, LaJoie DM, Jorcyk CL (2012). Bleach gel: a simple agarose gel for analyzing RNA quality..

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- Prepare a dilution (1/10) of each RNA sample and quantify the concentration using a

 NanoDrop™ 2000c Spectrophotometer Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #ND-2000C

 or an equivalent instrument.
- Prepare one aliquot Δ 10 μL of each RNA sample at [M] 10 ng/μl
- **24** Add Δ 1 μL of
 - DNase I recombinant RNase-free Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #04716728001

Note

To reduce pipetting errors, prepare a mix of the DNase and the incubation buffer 1:1 v/v (total volume according to the number of samples) and add $2 \mu L$ of this mix to each RNA sample.

25 Incubate samples 00:30:00 \$ 37 °C

30m

Note

After this step, a qPCR assay should be performed to check if traces of genomic DNA are remaining. According to our experience,

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efficiently remove all traces of genomic DNA by performing this step.

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Synthesis of cDNA

1h 40m

5m

- Prepare a mix containing \perp 1 μ L of
 - RevertAid Reverse Transcriptase (200 U/ μ L) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #EP0442** A μ L of the corresponding buffer (5X), and μ 2 μ L dNTP mix . Add μ 4 μ 1 of the mix to each RNA sample.
- 29 Incubate 01:30:00 at 142 °C and 00:10:00 15 70 °C

1h 40m

30 Store cDNA samples at 3 -20 °C