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TCA protein extraction from diatoms V.2

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ABSTRACT

Protein extraction from diatoms using TCA

MATERIALS TEXT

3X SDS Laemmli Buffer:

- 240 mM Tris HCl (pH 6.8)
- 6% SDS
- 30% Glycerol
- 2.28 M β-mercaptoethanol
- 0.06% Bromophenol blue

Storerd: short term at 4°C long term at -20°C

- Pellet of around 50 ml of culture in exponential phase (2 million of cells)
- Wash pellet with 1 ml of TCA 20% 2
- Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute 3
- Pour off the supernatant and dilute in 100 µl of TCA 20%
- Add Glass-Beads till meniscus and vortex for 7 minutes 5
- Add 400 µl of TCA 5% and transfer the supernatant in new eppendorf (1.5 ml)
- Centrifuge at 3000 rpm for 10 minutes (chiarification phase)
- Pour off supernatant by aspiration 8
- (now quickly!) Add 100 µl of 3X SDS Laemmli Buffer (see Materials) and vortex very well to dissolve
- Add 50 µl Tris Base and vortex very well to dissolve 10
- Boil at 100°C for 3 minutes 11
- Centrifuge at maximum speed for 5 minutes 12

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- 13 Transfer supernatant containing proteins in a new eppendorf
- 14 Put tubes on ice
- 15 Stock at -20°C

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