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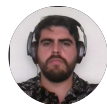
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RNA isolation protocol from unwilling plant tissue

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ABSTRACT

This protocol is intended for HIGH quality RNA extraction from plant tissues. We used this protocol after several attempts with Trizol, Qiagen RNeasy plant kit and other protocols with no results.

This procedure rendered us between 300 to 1000 ng with good RNA

MATERIALS

Extraction buffer:

2% CTAB (hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide)
 2% PVP (polyvinylpyrrolidone K 30)
 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0)
 25 mM EDTA
 2.0 M NaCl
 0.5g/L spermidine
(mix and autoclave) Alt. microwave heat
 2% [B-mercaptoethanol] (add just before)

Ethanol 100%
 LiCl 2 10M
 Chloroform:IAA 24:1

1.5 mL tubes
 2 mL tubes

SSTE buffer:

1M NaCl
 0.5% SDS
 10mM TrisHCl (pH 8)
 1mM EDTA (pH 8)

RNA isolation protocol

- 1 This protocol is an adaptation of <https://doi.org/10.1007/BF02670468> designed for extraction of RNA from pine needles with high polyphenolic compounds or high sugar content.

For all buffers use DEPC treated water or Nuclease free ddH₂O

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Procedure, Extraction


- 3 For  200 mg sample use  3 mL of extraction buffer.

10m

Grind the sample with liquid nitrogen until to a fine powder. Add the 3 ml of Extraction buffer, the frozen paste will become softer in time, use the cold paste to finish grinding any remanent plant tissue.


Separate the mixture in 3 separated 2mL tubes

Keep the tubes on ice

 On ice

- 4 Add an equal volumen of ChCl:IAA and vortex x 30 sec

10m

 Room temperature

Extract the WHOLE aquose phase, do not leave any of it from each tube.

ignore any coloration of the aqueus phase

**Optional : Gycogen can be added at this point*

Transfer the phase to 1.5 ml tubes and add 1/4 volume of 10M LiCl and mix by inverting


- 5 Precipitate overnight at 4°C 

12h

Phases can be formed due to cold SDS in the buffers, **ignore** every phase or precipitation and go on.

RNA cleaning

2h 30m

- 6  13000 rpm, Room temperature, 00:10:00

10m

Centrifuge 10m at 13000 at RT, discard the liquid, mind the pellet!


- 7 **If the SSTE buffer is below 25°C SDS on it will form flecks, warm until sds is completely dissolved*

Dissolve the pellet with  500 µL of SSTE buffer.

Join the pellet from the 3 initial tubes using the same 500 ul of SSTE.

- 8 Extract with an equal volumen of CHCl:IAA by vortexing for 30 sec

10m

 13000 rpm, Room temperature, 00:10:00 Centrifuge at 13000 rpm x 10m at RT

- 9 Recover the upper phase completely, do not leave ANY traces, a *white smudge between the phases must be retrieved. dont worry if SOME chcl2 is tranfered.*

2h

Add 2 volumes of cold ETOH100% and precipitate for at least  02:00:00 at  -20 °C

- 10 After precipitation centrifuge at  13000 rpm, 4°C, 00:10:00

10m

Discard the ethanol, DRY the rna pellet (might be invisible!)

Resuspend the pellet on  30-50 µL of ddH2O nuclease free or TE buffer

