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RNA extraction from E. coli

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ABSTRACT

RNA extraction is a fundamental step in multiple experiments, for example, qPCR. This protocol helps conduct a simple RNA extraction procedure.

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MATERIALS TEXT

Buffer LY (added 1% volume of dithiothreitol), Buffer RB, RNA Wash Buffer, DEPC-Treated ddH_2O , RNA Columns, DNA Clearance Column, Collection Tubes, 1.5 mL RNase-free microfuge tube, Lysozyme buffer (0.4 mg/mL)

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Preparation for experiment

- 1 Grow an overnight bacterial culture in the appropriate media at an appropriate temperature.
- 2 In the following day, take **1 mL** from overnight culture and add into **10 mL** LB media. Grow until the OD600 reads at 0.6-1.0.

RNA extraction

17m 30s

Harvest 1.5 mL culture (< 5x10%) by centrifugation at **3.000 rpm, 00:10:00** for 10 min in a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube.

Discard all supernatant.

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You may use a pipette to remove the remaining liquid at the bottom of the tube.

- 5 Resuspend the pellet in **100** μL freshly prepared Elution Buffer (10mM Tris-HCL pH 8.5) containing lysozyme (0.4 mg/mL lysozyme for Gram negative bacteria). Mix by tapping gently.
- 6 Incubate the resuspended pellet at room temperature for 3-5 min for Gram-negative bacteria.
- 7 Add 400 μL Buffer LY. Mix gently.
- 8 Transfer the cleared lysate to a DNA Clearance column pre-inserted in a 2 mL Collection Tube. Centrifuge at \$\mathbb{3}.000 \text{ rpm, 00:02:00}\$. Discard the DNA Clearance column and save the flow-through.
- 9 Transfer flow-through to the RNA binding column. Add 0.5 volume 100% ethanol to the lysate.

For example: 250 μ L 100% ethanol for 500 μ L.

- Centrifuge at **3000 rpm, 00:01:00**. Discard the collection tube with the flow through and put the column back to a new collection tube.
- Add \Box 500 μ L Buffer RB to the column and centrifuge at 313.000 rpm, 00:00:30 . Discard the flow-through.
- 12 Add another **300 μL** RNA Wash Buffer to the column and centrifuge at **3000 rpm, 00:00:30**. Discard the flow-through.

30s

Ethanol should be first added into RNA Wash Buffer before use.

Add another

500 μL RNA Wash Buffer to the column and centrifuge at

13 (30s)

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Centrifuge the column at **313000 rpm**, with the lid open, for another **00:01:00**.

Place the column to a RNase-free 1.5 mL tube, add 50-100 μL DEPC treated ddH₂O to the column and centrifuge at 3000 rpm, 00:02:00.

The RNA is in the flow-through.

16 Store the RNA solution at δ -20 °C.