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Pollen metabarcoding V.3

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GUIDELINES

Perform reactions in small batches until you are confident that there is no cross-contamination among the samples. Including isolation blanks and PCR blanks is crucial for the quality control.

MATERIALS

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Q5 Hot Start High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase - 100 units **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0493S**

Water, nuclease free **Contributed by users**

dNTP mix (25 mM of each) **Contributed by users**

Phire Plant Direct PCR Kit **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #F130WH**

BEFORE START INSTRUCTIONS

Prepare 5 µM primer solutions:

ITS2 primers used in the 1st PCR:

ITS2-4R

GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTNNNNNNNTCCTCCGCTTATTGATATGC

ITS2-S2F

ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCTNNNNNNNATGCGATACTTGGTGTGAAT

Indexing primers used in the 2nd PCR (xxxxxxx - index):

AATGATACGGCGACCAACGAGATCTACACxxxxxxxACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGC

CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATxxxxxxxGTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGC

Pollen extraction

- 1 Vortex the butterfly in 50 µl of water with 0.1% SDS.

Safety information

Add blank sample at this step (= "isolation blank")

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- 2 Evaporate water in speedvac.

- 3 Add 5 µl of the Phire Plant Direct sample buffer.

- 4 Spin max speed for 2 min.

1st PCR

- 5 Prepare the mix:

🧴 14 µL molecular grade water

🧴 25 µL Phire Plant Direct PCR mix

🧴 5 µL ITS2-S2F primer

🧴 5 µL ITS2-4R primer

- 6 Add 1 µl of the sample to 49 µl of the mix. Use water instead of the sample for the blanks.

Safety information

Add another blank sample at this step (= "PCR blank")

- 7 Run the PCR program: initial denaturation at 98°C for 5 min; 20 cycles of denaturation at 98°C for

40 s, annealing at 49°C for 40 s and elongation at 72°C for 40 s; followed by a final extension step at 72°C for 5 min.

Purification

- 8 Perform AMPure purification with ratio 1x. Elute in 10 µl.

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- 8.1 Remove beads from the fridge, equilibrate to the room temperature, mix thoroughly but do not vortex.
- 8.2 Add desired ratio of AMPure beads to the DNA to be purified and mix well by pipetting.
- 8.3 Incubate 5 minutes.
- 8.4 Place on the magnetic rack.
- 8.5 Let it stand for 5 minutes on the rack, aspirate and discard supernatant.

- 8.6** Add 200 µl of freshly prepared 70% EtOH, incubate 30 seconds, aspirate and discard EtOH.
- 8.7** Repeat the wash: add 200 µl of freshly prepared 70% EtOH, incubate 30 seconds, aspirate and discard EtOH.
- 8.8** Wait until the pellet dries out completely. DO NOT remove the plate/tubes from the magnetic rack, as the dried AMPure might pop out from the tubes!
- 8.9** Add desired volume of Tris 10 mM or water, wetting the dried AMPure pellets (add 1 µl to the final volume to avoid pipetting out the beads)
- 8.10** Remove from the magnetic rack.
- 8.11** Resuspend by pipetting or vortexing.
- 8.12** Incubate 10 minutes, incubating in 37°C can improve DNA yield.
- 8.13** Place on the magnetic rack.

- 8.14** Let it stand for 5 minutes, pipette out and save supernatant. The eluted DNA is in the supernatant, do not discard it!

2nd PCR

- 9** Prepare the mix:
- 🧴 4.82 μ L molecular grade water
 - 🧴 2 μ L Q5 reaction buffer
 - 🧴 0.08 μ L dNTPs (25 mM each)
 - 🧴 0.1 μ L Q5 Hot Start polymerase
- 10** Add 1 μ L of the template to 7 μ L of the mix.
- 11** Add 1 μ L of each 5 μ M primer (forward and reverse).
- Safety information**

Use different pair of indexed primers for each sample.
- 12** Run the PCR program: 30 s denaturation at 98°C; 12 cycles of denaturation at 98 °C for 10 s, combined annealing and extension at 72°C for 30 s (shuttle PCR); the final extension at 72°C for 5 min.
- 13** Check profiles on a gel.

Expected result

Pooling

- 14 Pool all the samples together.
- 15 Perform AMPure purification with ratio 1x. Elute in 100 μ l.

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- 16** Check the concentration using Qubit and the profile using TapeStation/Fragment Analyzer. Calculate molarity from that and proceed to the sequencing. Add 15% PhiX to the sequencing run.