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Protein Extraction of Symbiodiniaceae freshly isolated from *Anthopleura elegantissima*

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We use this protocol in our group and it is working.

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Before start

Get ice.

Mix extraction buffer

1 Recipe (adjust volumes as needed):

50 mL - 100 mM Tris

50 mL - 10 mM EDTA

50 mL - 100 mM NaCl

Adjust pH of the buffer to 7.4.

The day of use, add 1 aliquot of Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (PIC) to 10 mL of buffer.

A few options for PIC:

1. <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/product/sigma/p9599?lang=en&ion=US>

P9599 from Sigma-Aldrich (extraction from plant tissue)

2. <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/product/sigma/s8820?lang=en&ion=US>

S8820 from Sigma-Aldrich (general use)

Gather materials

2 1. 2% Triton X100 in FSW

2. FSW

3. Acid washed glass beads (400-600µm in diameter):

<https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/product/sigma/g8772?lang=en&ion=US>

G8772 from Sigma-Aldrich

3 If you are working with an algae culture, skip to step 12.

Isolation of algal pellet from whole animal

4 Obtain 25 frozen small *Anthopleura elegantissima* (You could use 10 medium or 3 large animals also). Adjust the number of animals as needed.

5 Partially defrost and cut off pedal discs with a razor blade (keep the algal-rich tentacle crown).



- 6 Grind animals in mini-food processor or glass-teflon grinder in 30 ml FSW.
- 7 Divide into 4-50 ml tubes, rinse processor and include rinsate.
- 8 Spin for 6 min at 2500 xg at 4°C.
- 9 Rinse and re-spin approximately 5 times. Vigorously resuspend pellet via vortex each time.
- 10 Filter each tube of algae through 2 layers of cheesecloth to remove large chunks of tissue
- 11 This procedure should yield about 6 ml of algal pellet for *A. elegantissima*.

Extraction of algal protein

- 12 Work with 1.5 ml of above algal pellet. Freeze the remainder.
- 13 To this 1.5 ml, add 10 ml of FSW with 2% triton X100. Resuspend algae via vortex.
- 14 Spin at 2,500 xg for 6 min at 4°C. Supernatant should have greenish-yellow tint. Remove and discard supernatant.
- 15 Rinse pellet once with 10 ml of FSW with 2% triton X100 and spin again at 2,500 xg for 6 min at 4°C.
- 16 Remove and discard supernatant and add 3.75 ml of extraction buffer (with PIC). Resuspend algae and place suspension in a **glass** culture tube.
- 17 Add 1-2 ml of glass beads (acid washed).
- 18 Vortex suspension for 30 sec and then place on ice for 30 sec.



- 19 Repeat vortex and icing a total of 20 times
- 20 Remove suspension, away from glass beads and place in microfuge tubes.
- 21 Spin at 15,000 rpm in microfuge for 5 min at 4°C. Resulting supernatant should be a deep, clear orange.
- 22 Determine protein concentration with Bradford or other protein quantification assay.