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Protocol status: Working

These protocols were used for RNA extraction from plant tissues in order to support the One Thousand Plants initiative's work to produce RNA-Seq transcriptomes from a diverse collection of plant samples.

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Abstract

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This RNA isolation method is modified from that described by Köhrer and Domdey⁵.

This protocol is part of a collection of eighteen protocols used to isolate total RNA from plant tissue. (RNA Isolation from Plant Tissue Collection: <u>https://www.protocols.io/view/rna-isolation-from-plant-tissue-439gyr6</u>)

⁵ Kohrer, K. & Domdey, H. Preparation of high molecular weight RNA. Methods in Enzymology 194, 398-405 (1991).

Attachments



Materials

Reagents

Extraction Buffer:

- 1 % SDS (v/v, starting from 10 % SDS stock solution)
- 51 mM sodium acetate pH 5.5
- 10 mM EDTA
- DEPC treated water

Note

The final reaction buffer was filter purified using Nalgene 0.22 μM filter.

Other reagents:

- Acid phenol (pH 4.3)
- Phenol:chloroform (5:1) acid equilibrated to pH 4.7 from Sigma
- Isopropanol
- 70 % ethanol (diluted in DEPC treated water H₂O)
- 3 M Sodium acetate pH 5.5

Safety warnings

Please see SDS (Safety Data Sheet) for hazards and safety warnings.

- 1 Preheat phenol and phenol:chloroform to **§** 65 °C. Heated phenol should not be reused.
- 2 Collect algae cells via centrifugation for 🐑 00:10:00 at 😯 16100 x g at Room temperature .
- 2.1 Flash freeze pellets with liquid nitrogen and keep at ***** -80 °C until extractions are carried out.
- 3 Re-suspend frozen pellet in $4800 \,\mu\text{L}$ of preheated extraction buffer.
- 4 Immediately add $\underline{4}$ 800 μ L of hot acid phenol.
- 4.1 Vortex the tubes for 🚫 00:00:15 .
- 5 Incubate at 8 65 °C for 🚫 00:10:00 . Vortex every 1 min for 🚫 00:00:10 .
- 6 Centrifuge at 😯 16100 x g at 🖁 4 °C for 🚫 00:05:00 .
- 7 The aqueous phase was transferred to fresh 1.5 ml micro-centrifuge tube.
- 8 Repeat steps 5 7. Repeat 3x (depending on the amount of cells used). => go to step #5
- 9 Extract with equal volume of phenol:chloroform (5:1).

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- 9.1 Vortex for 🚫 00:01:00 at 🖁 Room temperature .
- 9.2 Spin for 🚫 00:05:00 in a microcentrifuge at top speed.
- 9.3 Repeat step 9 three times. => go to step #9
- 10 Transfer aqueous phase to a new 1.5 ml microfuge tube. Volume should be $\sim 4.2700 \,\mu L$
- 11 Add 1/10 volume of [M] 3 Molarity (M) sodium acetate, pH 5.5, and 1 volume of isopropanol.
- 11.1 Hold at **4** °C for O0:30:00 or more.
- 12 Spin in micro-centrifuge at 4 °C at top speed for 😒 00:20:00.
- 13 Remove the supernatant without dislodging the pellet.
- 14 Wash the pellet with 70 % ethanol.
- 15 Invert and air dry tubes at room temperature.
- 15.1 The pellet was re-suspended in $450 \,\mu\text{L}$ DEPC treated H₂O.

15.2 The RNAs were stored at ***** -20 °C .