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We use this protocol and it's working

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Abstract

This protocol is adapted from two publications describing fluorescent staining for ROS - [Shin et al., 2005](#) and [Orman-Ligeza et al. 2016](#) (citing Shin)

Materials

MATERIALS

 Murashige & Skoog medium including B5 vitamins **Duchefa Biochemie Catalog #M0231**

 Costar® 6 Well Clear TC-Treated Multiple Well Plates, Individually Wrapped, Sterile **Westnet Catalog #3516**

 CM-H2DCFDA **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #C6827**

Before start

prepare sterile MS medium:

- 1/2 MS
- 0.5% sucrose
- 0.1% MES buffer
- pH 5.8 with KOH

Autoclave

prepare CM-H2DCFDA according to the supplier instructions



- 1 Sterilize the seedlings, germinate and transfer to for e.g. salt stress medium as described in the "Quantification of salt-induced changes in Root System Architecture in Arabidopsis" protocol - dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.zkqf4vw
- 2 Transfer the seedlings from agar plates into nutrient solution that is the same as agar plate composition (but without Dashin agar). You can use 24/12/6 well-plates - this will depend on your final seedlings size
- 3 After transferring the seedlings to liquid medium add DCF-DA so that the final concentration of the DCF-DA in the incubation medium is 50 μ M
- 4 Wrap the well plate in aluminium foil (DCF-DA is light sensitive) and let the samples incubate for 30 min with gentle shaking.
- 5 Wash the seedlings with medium without DCF-DA
- 6 Image the stain using fluorescence microscopy:
 - 460–500 nm bandpass excitation
 - 510– 560 nm bandpass emission