# Protocol

# **Total RNA Isolation Kit (Plant)**

Cat No. PDC07-0100(S) Size: 100 Reactions

Sample: 100 mg of fresh plant tissue or 25 mg of dry plant tissue

Format: Spin column

Operation time: within 1 hour Elution volume: 50~100 µl

Yield: up to 30 µg



#### Description

The **Total RNA Isolation Kit** provides a fast, simple, and cost-effective method for isolation of total RNA from plant samples. Detergents and chaotropic salt are used to lyse cells and inactivate RNase. The specialized high-salt buffering system allows RNA species longer than 100 bases to bind to the glass fiber matrix of the spin column. The Total RNA Isolation Kit is suitable for a variety of routine applications including RT-PCR, cDNA Synthesis, Northern Blotting, Differential display, Primer Extension and mRNA selection. The entire procedure can be completed within 60 minutes.

#### **Kit Contents**

| Contents                | PDC07-0100    | PDC07-0100S           |  |  |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Buffer RP               | 110 ml        | 4 ml                  |  |  |
| Buffer W1               | 45 ml         | 2 ml                  |  |  |
| Buffer W2 (Add ethanol) | 15 ml (60 ml) | 300 µl x2 (1.2 ml x2) |  |  |
| Buffer RE               | 10 ml         | 1 ml                  |  |  |
| Columns RP              | 100 pcs       | 4 pcs                 |  |  |
| Collection Tubes        | 100 pcs       | 4 pcs                 |  |  |

#### **Feature**

- > Delivering high-quality total RNA with the fast procedure
- > Ready-to-use RNA for high performance in any downstream application
- > Consistent RNA yield from the starting material with a small amount

#### **Quality Control**

The quality of the Dual Genomic DNA Isolation Kit is tested on a lot-to-lot basis to ensure consistent product quality.

#### **Required Materials**

- ➤ Ethanol (96~100%)
- > RNase-free pipet tips and 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tubes
- ➤ 14.3 M ß-mercaptoethanol ➤ Liquid nitrogen
- > For Optional Step (DNA Residue Degradation): Add 2 μl of DNase I (2 KU/ml) mixed a reaction buffer {50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 10 mM MnCl₂, 50 μg/ml BSA at 25°C} to the final elution sample. Let it stand for 10 minutes at room temperature
- > For Paraffin-Embeded Tissue: xylene, absolute ethanol

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#### **Step 1 Sample Preparation**

- 1. Cut off 100 mg of fresh plant tissue or 50 mg of dry plant tissue.
- 2. Grind the sample under liquid nitrogen to a fine powder using a mortar and pestle.

#### Step 2 Lysis

- 1. Add 1 ml of Buffer RP and 10 µl of ß-mercaptoethanol to the sample in the mortar and grind the sample until it is completely dissolved.
- 2. Transfer the dissolved sample to a RNase-free 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube.
- 3. Incubate at 75°C for 30 minutes. (invert the tube every 10 minutes)
- 4. Centrifuge at 2-8°C at 14-16,000 x g for 10 minutes.
- 5. Transfer carefully the clear supernatant to a new 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube.

#### Step 3 RNA Binding

- 1. Add the half volume of Isopropanol to the sample from Step 1 and shake vigorously (e.g. add 250 µl of Isopropanol to 500 µl of sample).
- 2. Place a Column RP in a 2 ml Collection Tube.
- 3. Transfer the sample mixture to the Column RP.
- 4. Centrifuge at 14-16,000 x g for 30 seconds.
- 5. Discard the flow-through and transfer the remaining mixture to the same Column RP.
- 6. Centrifuge at 14-16,000 x g for 30 seconds.
- 7. Discard the flow-through and place the Column RP back in the same Collection Tube.

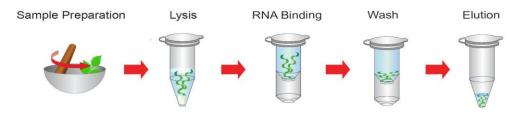
#### Step 4 Wash

- 1. Add 400 µl of Buffer W1 into the Column RP.
- 2. Centrifuge at 14-16,000 x g for 30 seconds.
- 3. Discard the flow-through and place the Column RP back into the same Collection Tube.
- 4. Add 600 µl of Buffer W2 (ethanol added) into the Column RP.
- 5. Centrifuge at 14-16,000 x g for 30 seconds.
- 6. Discard the flow-through and place the Column RP back into the same Collection Tube.
- 7. Centrifuge at 14-16,000 x g again for 3 minutes to dry the column matrix.

#### **Step 5 Elution**

- 1. To elute RNA, place the Column RP in a new RNase-free 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube.
- 2. Add 50-100  $\mu$ l of Buffer RE to the center of each Column RP, let it stand for 2 minutes, and centrifuge at 14-16,000 x g for 2 minutes.

#Optional DNase treatments can be followed to remove the unwanted DNA residue







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## **Troubleshooting**

Refer to the table below to troubleshoot problems that you may encounter when purifying total RNA with the kit.

| Problem                                      | Cause                                   | Solution  |
|--|---|---|
| Degraded RNA / low integrity                 | RNases contaminant                      | Clean everything, use barrier tips, wear gloves and a lab coat, and use RNase-free enzymes, EX: RNase Inhibitor.  |
| Low yields of RNA                            | Incomplete lysis and homogenization     | Use the appropriate method for the lysate preparation based on the amount of the starting materials immersed in the Buffer RP to achieve the optimal lysis. |
|  | Incorrect elution conditions            | Add 50 µl of the Buffer RE to the center of each Column RP, let it stand for 2 minutes, and centrifuge at 14,000 x g for 2 minutes.                         |
| Inhibition of downstream enzymatic reactions | Presence of ethanol in the purified RNA | Repeat the wash step: Centrifuge at 14,000 x g again for 2 minutes to remove the residual Buffer W2.  |

### Caution

- > During the operation, always wear the latex or vinyl gloves while handling reagents and RNA samples to prevent the RNase contamination.
- > Buffers RP and W1 contain irritants. Wear gloves when handling these buffers.
- > Add 60 ml of the ethanol to the Buffer W2 before use.
- > Check Buffers before use for salt precipitation. Re-dissolve any precipitate by warming up to 37°C.
- > Research Use Only. Not intended for any animal or human therapeutic or diagnostic uses.

