

E.Z.N.A.® Plant DNA DS Mini Kit

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Introduction and Overview

The E.Z.N.A.[®] Plant DNA DS Mini Kit is designed for efficient recovery of genomic DNA up to 30 kb in size from fresh, frozen, or dried plant tissue samples rich in polysaccharides, polyphenols, or those having a lower DNA content. Up to 50 mg wet tissue can be processed in less than 1 hour. The system combines the reversible nucleic acid-binding properties of the HiBind[®] matrix with the speed and versatility of spin column technology to eliminate polysaccharides, phenolic compounds, and enzyme inhibitors from plant tissue lysates. Purified DNA is suitable for PCR, restriction digestion, and hybridization applications.

This procedure relies on the well established properties of the cationic detergent, cetyltrimethyl ammonium bromide (CTAB), in conjunction with the unique binding system to increase yields and provide high-quality DNA. The system eliminates the need for chloroform extractions traditionally associated with CTAB-based lysis methods. Samples are homogenized and lysed in a high salt buffer containing CTAB, binding conditions are adjusted, and DNA is purified using a HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column. Salts, proteins, and other contaminants are removed to yield high-quality genomic DNA suitable for downstream applications such as endonuclease digestion, thermal cycle amplification, and hybridization applications.

Kit Contents

Product	D2411-00	D2411-01
Purifications	5	50
HiBind® DNA Mini Columns	5	50
Homogenizer Mini Columns	5	50
2 mL Collection Tubes	10	100
CSPL Buffer	5 mL	40 mL
Proteinase K Solution	150 µL	1.5 mL
RBB Buffer	5 mL	30 mL
XP2 Buffer	5 mL	30 mL
RNase A (25 mg/mL)	30 µL	300 µL
HBC Buffer	4 mL	25 mL
DNA Wash Buffer	1.5 mL	25 mL
Elution Buffer*	1.5 mL	15 mL
User Manual	✓	✓

* 10 mM Tris HCl pH 8.5

Storage and Stability

All of the E.Z.N.A.® Plant DNA DS Mini Kit components are guaranteed for at least 12 months from the date of purchase when stored as follows. RNase A must be stored at 2-8°C. All remaining components should be stored at room temperature. During shipment or storage in cool ambient conditions, precipitates may form in HBC Buffer. Dissolve such deposits by warming the solution at 37°C and gently shaking.

Preparing Reagents

1. Dilute DNA Wash Buffer with 100% ethanol as follows and store at room temperature.

Kit	100% Ethanol to be Added
D2411-00	6 mL
D2411-01	100 mL

2. Dilute HBC Buffer with 100% isopropanol as follows and store at room temperature.

Kit	100% Isopropanol to be Added
D2411-00	1.6 mL
D2411-01	10 mL

Disruption of Plant Tissues

1. Grind samples with pestle

A) Dry Specimens

Drying allows storage of field specimens for prolonged periods of time prior to processing. Samples can be dried overnight in a 45°C oven, powdered, and stored dry at room temperature. To prepare dried samples, place ~15 mg of dried tissues into a microcentrifuge tube (1.5 mL tubes are recommended) and grind using a pellet pestle. Disposable Kontes pestles work well and are available from Omega Bio-tek (Cat# SSI-1014-39 & SSI-1015-39). For critical work such as PCR and cloning, pestles are best used a single time then soaked in a dilute bleach solution immediately after use until clean. Disposable pestles may be autoclaved several times. A fine powder will ensure optimal DNA extraction and yield.

B) Fresh/Frozen Specimens

Due to the tremendous variation in water and polysaccharide content of plants, sample size should be limited to ~30 mg for first time users. It is very important to not overload the HiBind® DNA Mini Column. Too much starting material will decrease the yield and purity due to inefficient lysis. However, for some plant species, increasing the starting material can increase DNA yield. We recommend starting with 30 mg tissue. If results obtained are satisfactory, then increase amount of starting material. Best results are obtained with young leaves or needles.

To prepare samples, collect tissue in a 1.5 mL or 2 mL microcentrifuge tube and dip the tube in liquid nitrogen with a pair of tweezers to fill the tube. Grind the tissue using disposable Kontes pellet pestles, which are available from Omega Bio-tek (Cat# SSI-1015-39). Alternatively, allow the liquid nitrogen to evaporate and store the samples at -70°C for later use. For critical work such as PCR and cloning, pestles are best used a single time then soaked in a dilute bleach solution immediately after use until clean. Disposable pestles may be autoclaved several times. For standard Southern analysis, the same pestle can be reused several times to grind multiple tissue samples by rinsing with ethanol and carefully wiping the surfaces clean between samples. Transfer the ground sample into a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube.

Note: Do not allow the sample to thaw during handling and weighing. To prevent the sample from thawing, keep the samples on a bed of dry ice.

Disruption of Plant Tissues

1. Disrupt Samples With Commercial Homogenizers

Fresh, frozen, and dried plant tissue can be effectively disrupted and homogenized by rapid agitation in the presence of beads.

For Fresh, Frozen and Lyophilized/Dried Tissue

1. Add two 3-4 mm stainless steel beads or ceramic beads to each vial.
2. Close the individual vial.
3. Place the racks or plates into the clamps of the homogenizer.
4. Homogenize for 60-90 seconds at 30 Hz. Tissue samples are disrupted and simultaneously homogenized with the shearing and crushing action of the beads.

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Materials and Equipment to be Supplied by User:

- Microcentrifuge capable of at least 12,000 x *g*
- Waterbath capable of 65°C
- Vortexer
- Nuclease-free 1.5 and 2 mL microcentrifuge tubes
- 100% isopropanol
- 100% ethanol
- Sample Disruption Method (See Pages 5-6)

Before Starting:

- Prepare the DNA Wash Buffer and HBC Buffer according to the instructions on Page 4.
- Heat the Elution Buffer to 65°C.

1. Prepare 10-50 mg wet/frozen tissue or 2-10 mg dry tissue in a 1.5 or 2 mL microcentrifuge tube/vial (not provided) according to Pages 5-6. For best results use a commercial homogenizer if available.
2. Add 700 μ L CSPL Buffer and 20 μ L Proteinase K Solution. Vortex vigorously to mix. Make sure to disperse all clumps.
3. Incubate at 65°C for 30 minutes.
4. Centrifuge at 12,000 x *g* for 3 minutes.
5. Insert a Homogenizer Mini Column into a 2 mL Collection Tube.
6. Transfer 550 μ L cleared supernatant to the Homogenizer Mini Column.
7. Centrifuge at 12,000 x *g* for 1 minute.
8. Transfer the filtrate to a new 2 mL microcentrifuge tube (not provided).

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9. Add 5 μ L RNase A. Let sit at room temperature for 5 minutes.
10. Add 525 μ L RBB Buffer and 525 μ L XP2 Buffer. Vortex to mix thoroughly.
11. Insert a HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column into a 2 mL Collection Tube.
12. Transfer 750 μ L lysate from Step 9 to the HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column.
13. Centrifuge at 12,000 $\times g$ for 1 minute.
14. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.
15. Repeat Steps 12-14 to transfer the remaining lysate.
16. Add 500 μ L HBC Buffer.

Note: HBC Buffer must be diluted with 100% isopropanol before use. Please see Page 4 for instructions.

17. Centrifuge at 12,000 $\times g$ for 1 minute.
18. Discard the filtrate and reuse collection tube.
19. Add 700 μ L DNA Wash Buffer.

Note: DNA Wash Buffer must be diluted with 100% ethanol prior to use. Please see Page 4 for instructions.

20. Centrifuge at 12,000 $\times g$ for 1 minute.
21. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.
22. Repeat Steps 19-21 for a second DNA Wash Buffer wash step.

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23. Centrifuge the empty HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column for 2 minutes at 12,000 x *g* to dry the column matrix.

Note: It is important to dry the HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column matrix before elution. Residual ethanol may interfere with downstream applications.

24. Transfer the HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column to a clean 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube (not provided).

25. Add 50-100 μ L Elution Buffer heated to 65°C directly to the center of the column membrane.

26. Let sit at room temperature for 1 minute.

27. Centrifuge at 12,000 x *g* for 1 minute.

28. Transfer the filtrate to the center of the HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column membrane.

29. Let sit at room temperature for 1 minute.

30. Centrifuge at 12,000 x *g* for 1 minute.

31. Store filtrate containing DNA at -20°C.

Troubleshooting Guide

Please use this guide to troubleshoot any problems that may arise. For further assistance, please contact the technical support staff, toll free, at **1-800-832-8896**.

Problem	Cause	Solution
Clogged column	Carryover of debris	Following transfer from Step 7, cell debris may have transferred.
	Sample too viscous	Do not exceed suggested amount of starting material.
Problem	Cause	Solution
Low DNA yield	Incomplete disruption of starting material	For both dry and fresh samples, obtain a fine homogeneous powder before adding CSPL Buffer.
	Poor lysis of sample	Decrease amount of starting material or increase amount of CSPL Buffer and Proteinase K Solution.
	DNA remains bound to column	Increase elution volume to 200 μ L and incubate on column at 65°C for 5 minutes before centrifugation.
	DNA washed off	Dilute DNA Wash Buffer by adding appropriate volume of 100% ethanol prior to use.
	Difficulty transferring sample after lysis	If you are unable to transfer 550 μ L after lysis with CSPL Buffer increase the buffer amount so that 550 μ L can be successfully transferred.
Problem	Cause	Solution
Problems in downstream applications	Salt carryover	DNA Wash Buffer must be at room temperature.
	Ethanol carryover	Following the second wash spin, ensure that the column is dried by centrifuging 2 minutes at maximum speed.

Ordering Information

The following components are available for purchase separately.
(Call Toll Free at 1-800-832-8896)

Product	Part Number
DNase/RNase-free microcentrifuge tubes, 1.5 mL, 500/pk, 10 pk/cs	SSI-1210-00
DNase/RNase-free microcentrifuge tubes, 2.0 mL, 500/pk, 10 pk/cs	SSI-1310-00
HiBind® DNA Mini Columns (200)	DNACOL-02
Homogenizer Mini Columns (200)	HCR003
Elution Buffer (100 mL)	PDR048
DNA Wash Buffer (100 mL)	PS010
RNase A (400 µL)	AC117

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