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## Quick-Start Protocol

# CarbonPrep Trizol/Phenol - Plant

### Shelf-life

- Carbon beads have a shelf-life of at least two years.
- RNA pre-binding solution (RPS), RPS wash buffer (RPSWB) and wash buffer (WB) have a shelf life of one year.

### Further Information

- Full manual: coming soon.
- Safety Data Sheets: See product page.
- Technical assistance: [support@magnetics.life](mailto:support@magnetics.life)

### Before Starting

- Add ethanol to bottles which require it. The amount to add is listed on the bottle. After adding ethanol, mark the bottle in the space provided on the label.
- The complete kit will have seven solutions, RPS, Wash buffer (WB), RPS Wash buffer (WB), Carbon beads, and elution buffer (EB).
- Add 70  $\mu\text{L}$  carbon-beads to a tube, apply a magnet and remove the liquid after 2 mins (use this in step 3)

### Procedure

- 1) Reagent volumes in this protocol are based off of the amount of starting TRIzol. The recommended volume is 250  $\mu\text{L}$  of Trizol for 50 mg of plant tissues. If you wish to use other volumes see the table below to adjust the protocol accordingly.

Add 250  $\mu\text{L}$  of Trizol and lyse the sample using a syringe and/or pipetting up and down. Difficult tissues like plant tissues may require you to heat the samples at 65 C for up to 20 min with periodic vortex after every 10 min for 10-15 seconds. Work to lyse the sample until it is no longer viscous.

*Optional: If you are using the layer separation protocol with chloroform, perform the procedure as normal and when you've collected the aqueous layer continue with step 2.*

- 2) Let samples cool down at RT and then add 250  $\mu\text{L}$  of RPS buffer (equal volume) and mix thoroughly and incubate for 4 mins at RT.
- 3) Transfer the above solution to the carbon-bead tube and mix and incubate for 1 min at RT.
- 4) Add 375  $\mu\text{L}$  of pure ethanol to the above solution (1.5x the volume of the aqueous solution/TRIZOL reagent). Mix well by pipetting up and down at least 6 times, pipette up and down at least 6 times in every step below that requires "mixing well." Place

on a magnetic stand for 45 secs or until black aggregates are collected, and then remove supernatant

- 5) Wash the beads by adding 750  $\mu$ L of RPS wash buffer (RPSWB) and mixing well. Place on a magnetic stand for 45 secs or until black aggregates are collected, and then remove supernatant.
  
- 6) Wash the beads two more times with wash buffer (WB). Wash the first time by adding 500  $\mu$ L of wash buffer and mixing well. Transfer the suspension to a fresh Eppendorf tube to ensure all impurities are removed, then place on a magnetic stand for 45 secs or until black aggregates are collected and remove the supernatant. Wash again by adding 500  $\mu$ L of wash buffer and mixing well. Place the vial on the magnetic stand and wait until the black aggregates are collected then aspirate out the supernatant.
  
- 7) Dry the bead for 10 mins (will dry faster if placed in a hood)
  
- 8) After drying add 30 - 100  $\mu$ L of elution buffer, 50  $\mu$ L is recommended, mix and heat samples for 5 min at 65 degree to promote RNA release.
  
- 9) After heating, mix/flick samples. Then centrifuge at 10,000 g for 2 min to separate beads from RNA elute.
  
- 10) After centrifugation step, place tube on magnetic stand and collect the clear liquid which contains pure RNA.

### Reagent Volume Quick Reference

	H <sub>2</sub> O Phase	RPS	Carbon Beads	Ethanol	RPSWB	WB	Elution
Example*	250 $\mu$ L	250 $\mu$ L	70 $\mu$ L	375 $\mu$ L	750 $\mu$ L	500 $\mu$ L	30-100 $\mu$ L
Ratio**	1	1	0.28	1.5	750 $\mu$ L	500 $\mu$ L	30-100 $\mu$ L

**\*250  $\mu$ L of Trizol as an example.**

**\*\*For other amounts of tissue and aqueous phase, use the table. RPS, Carbon beads, and RBS volumes should be scaled to the amount of aqueous phase.**