

## **Important Notes**

- 1. Make sure everything is RNase-free when handling RNA.
- 2. Buffers provided in this system contain irritants. Wear gloves and lab coat when handling these buffers.
- 3. Pipet a required volume of FARB-1 Buffer to another RNase-free container and add 10 ul of B-mercaptoethanol (B-ME) per 1ml FARB-1 Buffer before use.
- 4. Add required amount of ethanol(96-100%) as bottle indicated to Wash Buffer 2 when first open.
- 5. Dilute RNase-free DNase 1 in reaction buffer (1M NaCl, 10mM MnCl2, 20mM Tris-HCl, pH7.0 at 25 °C) to final conc.= 0.5U/ul.

## **General Protocol:**

Please Read Important Notes Before Starting Following Steps.

- 1.Grind up to 100 mg plant sample under liquid nitrogen to a fine powder and transfer to a new microcentrifuge tube (not provided).
- 2.Add 500 ul of FARB-1 Buffer (B-ME added) to the sample powder and vortex vigorously.
- 3.Add 50 ul of FARB-2 Buffer and incubate at 70 °C for 10 min, vortex every 3 min during incubation.
- 4. Centrifuge at 12,000 rpm for 5 min at 5  $^{\circ}$ C.
- 5. Transfer the clarified supernatant to a new microcentrifuge tube (not provided) and adjust the volume of the clear lysate.

--Avoid pipett any debris and pellet from the Collection Tube.

6.Add 0.9 volume of ethanol (96-100%) to the clear lysate and mix well.

--For example, add 450 ul of ethanol to 500 ul of clear lysate.

7.Place a FARB Mini Column into a Collection Tube, And transfer 750 ul of the ethanol added sample mixture (including any precipitate) to FARB Mini Column. Centrifuge at full speed (14,000 rpm or 10,000 x g) for 1 min and discard the flow-through.

8.Repeat step 7 for rest of the sample mixture.

- 9.(Optional):To eliminate genomic DNA contamination of RNA, follow the steps from 9a. Otherwise, proceed to step 10 directly.
  - 9a. Add 250 ul of Wash Buffer 1 to FARB Mini Column, Centrifuge at full speed (14,000 rpm or 10,000 x g) for 1 min then discard the flow-through.
  - 9b. Add 100 ul of RNase-free DNase 1 solution (0.5 U/ul, not provided) to the membrane center of FARB Mini Column. Place the Column on the benchtop for 15 min.
  - 9c. Add 250 ul of Wash Buffer 1 to FARB Mini Column. Centrifuge at full speed (14,000 rpm or 10,000 x g) for 1 min then discaard the flow-through.
  - 9d. After DNase 1 treatment, proceed to step 11.

10. Add 500 ul of Wash Buffer 1 to wash FARB Mini Column, Centrifuge for 1 min then discard the flow-through.

11.Wash FARB Mini Column twice with 750 ul of Wash Buffer 2 by centrifuge at full speed (14,000 rpm or 10,000 x g) for1 min then discard the flow-through.

--Make sure that ethanol has been added into Wash Buffer 2 when first open.

**12.Centrifuge at full speed (14,000 rpm or 10,000 x g) for an additional 3 min to dry the column.** --Important Step! This step will avoid the residual liquid to inhibit subsequent enzymatic reaction.

## 13.Place FARB Mini Column to Elution Tube.

14. Add 50 ul of RNase-free ddH2O to the membrane center of FARB Mini Column. Stand FARB Mini Column for 1 min.

--Important Step! For effective elution, make sure that the elution solution is dispensed of the membrane center and is absorbed completely.

## 15. Centrifuge at full speed (14,000 rpm or 10,000 x g) for 2 min to elute RNA.

16. Store RNA at -70 °C.