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High quality DNA from *Fusarium oxysporum* conidia suitable for library preparation and long read sequencing with PacBio V.4

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ABSTRACT

This protocol is for isolation of high quality, high molecular weight DNA (20 kb and larger) that is suitable for PacBio library preparation. This protocol has been tested on lyophilized conidia from multiple isolates of *Fusarium oxysporum*, including f. sp. *apii*, f. sp. *ciceris*, and f. sp. *lycopersici*.

GUIDELINES

- When pipetting solutions with high molecular weight DNA, use low retention pipet tips with ca. 2 mm of the ends removed, i.e., wide-bore tips.
- Use low DNA-binding microfuge tubes.

Mixing is critical for purification, but avoid vigorous vortexing (which shears DNA)

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BEFORE STARTING

Buffered Phenol Chloroform Isoamyl alcohol (P:C:I) ((25:24:1, saturated with 10 mM Tris, pH 8.0 and 1 mM EDTA) (Sigma P2069) [Note: use stocks that are less than 3 months old. Store at 4C. Purchase in small volumes.]

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Sterilize all dry supplies by autoclaving.

Preparation of conidia for DNA extraction.

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Spread a *Fusarium oxysporum* conidial suspension onto 10 to 20, 100-mm-diam Petri dishes with potato dextrose agar.

The goal is to obtain ca. 0.5 ml packed conidial volume, which yields ca. 250 mg lyophilized conidia.

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Produce conidia by incubating dishes under fluorescent lights at ca. 25°C for 6 to 7 days.

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To harvest the conidia, from each dish, pour 5 ml water on the culture, and gently rub the culture with a metal “hockey stick.” Repeat conidial collection with an additional 5 ml water.

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Pour the dislodged conidia through two layers of Miracloth into 50 ml tubes.

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Centrifuge the conidia at 4 °C at 3620 g for 15 min.

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Remove the supernatant (SN), resuspend and re-pellet.

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Suspend the pellet in 3 to 5 ml water.

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Transfer the conidial suspensions in 1 ml aliquots, each in a 2 ml microfuge tube.

The goal is ca. 50 mg conidia dry wt/tube.

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Centrifuge at 3620 g for 15 min.

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Remove water, freeze the conidial pellet at -70 °C overnight (ON) and lyophilize it dry.

Lyophilized conidia can be stored at -70 °C before grinding and extraction.

DNA extraction buffer for approx. 250 mg of lyophilized conidia.

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Use 1 ml of freshly prepared extraction buffer with RNase A per 50 mg of lyophilized *Fusarium oxysporum* conidia.

Prepare fresh just before extraction. Note that TIPS may not be available, and apparently can be deleted from the recipe.

For 5 ml extraction buffer add sequentially:

4 ml Milli-Q nuclease-free water

1 ml 5xRNB

240 mg PAS (Sodium 4-aminosalicylate dihydrate). Mix and then vortex until dissolved.

40 mg TIPS (Triisopropylmethylsulfonic acid sodium) Mix and then vortex until dissolved.

Wait until the foam disappears. Add 5µl (50 µg) of RNase A (10mg/ml stock)

Conidial grinding.

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Cool a mortar (9 cm upper diam) with liquid N₂.

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Add additional liquid N₂ to cool the sand.

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Grind quickly with force for 15 to 20 sec. (1/3)

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Then add more liquid N₂.

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Grind again.

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Add more liquid N₂.

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Grind again.

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Transfer the ground conidia and sand mixture to a 2 ml microfuge tube (T#1) containing 1 ml of extraction buffer with RNase A from step 12.

To optimize your grinding procedure, examine ground lyophilized conidia microscopically (Fig. 1); you need to grind sufficiently so that most of the conidia are cracked open. Any more grinding than that only shears the DNA.]

We typically prepare 4 tubes, each with 50 mg lyophilized conidia per preparation. The tubes are pooled at the end of the preparation.

DNA extraction and purification.

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Label 3 additional tubes (T#2, T#3, & T#4) per 50 mg conidia.

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Mix the T#1 tube from step 31 on a horizontal low speed (200 rpm) vortex mixer for 2 min.

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Incubate at room temperature (RT) for 30 min, with mixing by inverting tubes every 5 min.

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Add 6 μ l (120 μ g) of proteinase K to T#1.

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Mix well on the low speed horizontal vortex mixer for 20 min at RT.

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Cool tubes on ice for 5 min.

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Add an equal volume of ice-cold, buffered P:C:I (25:24:1)

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Mix on the horizontal vortex mixer for 15 sec.

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Centrifuge at 15000g for 6 min at 4°C.

The buffer is on top. Only use the lower PCI, here and in the subsequent step.

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Transfer supernatant (SN) to a new 2 ml microfuge tube (T#2).

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Add an equal volume of ice-cold, buffered P:C:I.

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Mix on the horizontal vortex mixer for 2 min at 4°C.

Always avoid transferring any of the interfaces.

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Centrifuge at 15000g for 10 min at 4°C.

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Transfer SN (Vol = 800 to 900 μ l) to a new 2 ml tube (T#3).

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Add an equal volume of ice-cold chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (C:I) (24:1).

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Mix on the horizontal vortex mixer for 15 sec at 4°C.

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Centrifuge at 15000g for 5 min at 4°C.

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Very carefully, remove the SN without disturbing the interface to a new 2 ml tube (T#4).

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Add 0.1 volume of ice-cold 4M NaCl to T#4 and mix by inverting the tube several times. DNA strings should be visible.

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Add 1 volume of ice-cold isopropyl alcohol (IPA).

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Mix well by inverting tubes gently at least 20 times.

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Incubate on ice for 10 min.

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Centrifuge at 10,000g for 30 min at 4°C.

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Discard SN and centrifuge for 1 min at 13000g at RT. Remove residual ethanol with a fine Pippetor tip (e.g. P10 or P20).

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Air dry the pellet for 15 to 20 min until there is no visible ethanol residue. Add 100 ul of EB (10mM Tris pH 8.5, Qiagen). Incubate at RT overnight. Next morning, incubate at 28 C on a platform orbit shaker at 150 rpm for 1 h.

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Determine the DNA concentration with a Nanodrop (ND) and by Qubit. The Nanodrop 260/280 ratio should be 1.8-1.9 and the 260/230 ratio should be >2. Based on Qubit, the DNA quantity should be >200ng/ul. At this point, the concentrations of Qubit /ND is often ca. 0.1.

[Note: further cleanup is required until the Qubit/ND ratio ≥ 0.7 .]

AMpure Bead Cleanup

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Perform an AMPure bead cleanup using either a 0.45X or 0.5X volume of beads as indicated below. Elute in 50 to 100 ul EB.

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Bring AMPure beads suspension to RT. Pipet out the beads slowly. Add 0.45X or 0.5X volume of the AMPure beads to the DNA.

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Mix the beads in the DNA solution thoroughly by flicking the tube. Do not vortex.

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Collect but do not pellet the beads at 7,000 g for 2 to 3 sec.

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Allow the DNA to bind to the beads by shaking at 200 rpm on a horizontal vortex mixer for 10 min.

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Incubate the tubes on a rotating wheel at 22 rpm for 20 min.

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Centrifuge tubes at 7000 g for 10 sec to pellet the beads.

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Place the tubes in a magnetic rack to hold the pellet on the side of the tube.

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Slowly pipette off the SN. As a precautionary measure, save the SN in a new tube, but only as a backup—your DNA should be bound to the beads. Avoid disturbing the bead pellet.

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With the beads in the magnetic rack, add 70% ethanol to the side of tube, i.e., avoid the pellet. Fill the 70% ethanol to the rim of the tube.10. Pipette off the ethanol and wash again with 70% ethanol as above. Remove all the ethanol without disturbing the bead pellet.

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Remove tubes from the magnetic rack and centrifuge briefly at 7000 g for 30 sec to collect the residual ethanol. Place tubes on the magnetic rack and remove the ethanol with a fine tip Pipette (P20 or P10).

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Check for any ethanol droplets. If present, repeat the previous step.

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Remove the tubes from the magnetic rack. Open the caps. Add the amount of EB for >100ng/ul DNA (by Qubit). Mix the EB and beads gently by flicking until the suspension is homogenous. Centrifuge the tubes briefly at 7000 g for 30 sec. Place the tubes in the magnetic rack and let the DNA elute off the beads for 5 to 10 minutes. When all the brown beads are on the side with the magnet, carefully and slowly remove the gDNA into a clean 1.5 ml microfuge tube. Do not pipet out any of the magnetic beads.

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Quantify DNA concentration and quality on Nanodrop and Qubit. For sufficient quality, with Nanodrop, the 260/280 ratio should be between 1.7 to 1.9 and the 260/230 ratio should be higher than 2.0. The Qubit/Nanodrop concentration ratio should be > 0.7X.