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Extraction and trypsin in-solution digestion for leaves

Reagents (all reagents are freshly prepared and ready to use)

- Extraction buffer: 8 M Urea in 50 mM HEPES pH 7.8
- Precooled Aceton + 0.5% ß-Mercaptoethanol (ME)
- Digestion buffer: 50 mM NH₄HCO₃ (AmBic), 10% ACN, 20 mM CaCl₂
- Alkylation buffer: 1 mL stock (5 µg/µL iodoacetamide (IAA) in 100 mM AmBic pH 8)
- 200 mM Dithiotreitol (DTT) stock
- Bradford (ready to use)
- Trypsin beads (ready to use)
- MS sample buffer: 0.1% FA in 2% ACN

Method

Extraction

- 1. Labelling and weighing of 2 mL Eppi's note down!
- 2. Harvest samples (2 leaves per plant), transfer into the 2 mL Eppi and freeze

immediately in liquid N

- 3. Weight Eppis with samples (FW) note down!
- 4. Grind Samples in Retsch Mill
- 5. Add 0.5 mL extraction buffer and homogenize
- 6. Centrifuge at 10,000 x g, 10 min, 4°C
- 7. Transfer the supernatant to 15 mL tube, mix thouroughly and aliquot to two replicates
 - in 15 ml tubes

Precipitation

- 8. Precipitate supernatant in ice-cold acteton,0.5% mercaptoethanol
 - (5 x urea buffer volume), -20°C, over night
- 9. Vortex shortly
- 10. Centrifuge at 4000 g (max speed), 4°C, 15 min



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- 11. Discard the supernatant
- 12. Wash the pellet once with 2 ml ice-cold 100% methanol
- 13. Centrifuge at 4000 g, 4°C, 10 min
- 14. Wash with 2 ml ice-cold 100% acetone
- 15. Let Falcon tubes dry under the hood for ~5-10 min
- 16. Dissolve precipitated protein in 700µl urea buffer

Bradford analysis: Calculation of Protein concentration

The protein concentration will be a photometric analysis at 595nm in 96 well-plate.

- 1. Pipette 2 μ L of sample to 18 μ L H₂O (three replicates per sample)
- 2. Add 200 µL Bradford reagent to each sample well
- 3. Measure well plate after 5-10 minutes in a photometer at 595 nm.
- 4. Use BSA Calibration Curve for protein concentration calculation
- 5. Prepare two fractions; one for In-solution and one for In-gel digestion (Figure1). In gel digestion see SDS-PAGE protocol

Digestion

- 1. Transfer a sample volume corresponding to 50 μ g to a 2 mL safelock Eppi
- 2. Reduction: add DTT to final concentration of 5 mM (Stock 200 mM)
- 3. Incubate at 37 °C 700 rpm for 30 min
- 4. Add **alkylation buffer** (1 μ L per 50 μ g of 1M stock) and incubate 45 min at RT in DARK
- Nutralize remaining IAA by adding 20 µL DTT stock, vortex, incubate 30 min at RT in DARK
- 6. Add trypsin buffer (3 times the sample volume) and trypsin (2 µl per 50 µg protein)
- 7. Run digestion for over night at 30°C in an rotating incubator.





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<u>Table 1:</u> Digestion buffer (prepare fresh 1 M stock: AmBic (ammonium bicarbonate (NH4HCO3)

Trypsin Buffer	stock	5 ml	10 ml
H₂O		4.2	8.4
ACN (10%)	100%	0.5	1
AmBic (50 mM)	1 M	0.25	0.5
CaCl (2 mM)	200 mM	0.05	0.1
Dithiothreitol (5 mM)	200 mM	0.125	0.25

Peptide desalting

For desalting, digests are added to a SPEC18 System as follows (always 100µl):

- 1. Wash C18 columns with 5% ACN, 0.1% FA
- 2. Equilibrate with water (0.1% FA) twice
- 3. Add sample –dispense and aspirtate sample 5-10 times \rightarrow Vacuum
- 4. Wash with water (0.1% FA) twice \rightarrow Vacuum

Elute peptides:

- 5. Exchange collecting tray!
- 6. 70% ACN (0.1% FA) twice →Vacuum
- 7. Transfer flowthrough to siliconized tube (0.5 mL Eppendorf low binding).
- 8. Dry in speed vac

Samples can be stored at -20°C until MS analysis.

Prior to MS analysis: desolve peptide pellet in MS sample buffer (0.5µg/5µl).



Figure 1 After Bradford Analysis, split sample(s) in 2 Fractions: a) 50 μ g for in-solution digestion b) 10 μ g for gel-analysis; store rest at -20°C.