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# Title: Evaluating Leaf Responses to Microbial Secondary Metabolites Using a High-Throughput Format

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### **Current Protocol Length**

Number of Steps: 14 Number of Shots: 30



# Introduction

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#### **INTRODUCTION:**

- 1.1. <u>Elizabeth Brauer:</u> My lab is trying to understand how plants respond to microbes with the ultimate goal of improving cereal crops.
  - 1.1.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera.
- 1.2. <u>Elizabeth Brauer:</u> Recent work shows that microbial secondary metabolites have a key role in promoting either plant host resistance or susceptibility.
  - 1.2.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

- 1.3. <u>Elizabeth Brauer:</u> Our high-throughput assay enables researchers to measure three plant stress responses from the same leaf to make the most of limited amounts of microbial secondary metabolites.
  - 1.3.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera.
- 1.4. <u>Elizabeth Brauer:</u> The ability to compare up to 96 samples within the same plate enables genetic mapping in plants and systems-level approaches for understanding microbial secondary metabolites and their effects on plants.
  - 1.4.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera.
- 1.5. <u>Elizabeth Brauer:</u> We will continue to find the plant genes that underlie QTL regions associated with secondary metabolite responses in barley and to characterize the molecular mechanisms involved in these responses.



1.5.1. INTERVIEW: Named talent says the statement above in an interview-style shot, looking slightly off-camera.

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## Protocol

#### 2. Sample Preparation and Treatment

**Demonstrator:** Whynn Bosnich

- 2.1. To begin, use a cork borer with a 4-millimeter diameter to collect three leaf disks per plant while avoiding the midvein [1-TXT]. With the sharp end, apply a twisting motion to prevent macerating the tissue [2].
  - 2.1.1. WIDE: Talent positioning a 4-millimeter cork borer on a leaf disc. **TXT:**Arabidopsis and Barley were used here
  - 2.1.2. Close-up of the twisting motion as the sharp cork borer avoids damaging the tissue.
- 2.2. Add secondary metabolites or solvent treatments at the desired concentration into individual wells of a 96-well plate to reach a final volume of 200 microliters [1]. Gently place the leaf disks into the wells [2-TXT].
  - 2.2.1. Talent pipetting treatment solution into wells of the 96-well plate, adjusting to a final volume of 200 microliters.
  - 2.2.2. Talent gently placing freshly collected leaf disks into one well of a 96-well plate filled with solution. TXT: Keep adding disks until the required samples are collected
- 2.3. Place the 96-well plate, with the lid removed, into a bell jar equipped with a vacuum nozzle [1].
  - 2.3.1. Talent placing the open 96-well plate inside the bell jar.
- 2.4. Then, attach the vacuum hose to the bell jar nozzle [1] and turn on the vacuum pressure at 9.8 pounds per square inch for 10 seconds [2]. Turn off the vacuum for 10 seconds, then repeat the vacuum cycle once more [3].
  - 2.4.1. Talent connecting the vacuum hose to the nozzle of the bell jar.
  - 2.4.2. Talent switching on the vacuum and monitoring pressure.
  - 2.4.3. Talent turning off the vacuum after 10 seconds.
- 2.5. Now, place the lid back on the 96-well plate [1] and incubate it on an orbital shaker



under a light source, positioned 23 centimeters above the shaker for 4 hours [2].

- 2.5.1. Talent covering the 96-well plate with its lid.
- 2.5.2. Talent placing the plate on the orbital shaker beneath the light source.

#### 3. Ion Leakage Measurements

**Demonstrator:** Natalie Hoffman

- 3.1. Wash the probe in Ultrapure water [1] and dab it lightly on a lint free wipe to dry [2]. Note the conductivity reading of the water for future reference [3].
  - 3.1.1. Talent rinsing the probe in a container of Ultrapure water.
  - 3.1.2. Talent gently dabbing the clean probe on a lint free wipe to dry.
  - 3.1.3. Show the conductivity reading of the Ultrapure water displayed on the device screen.
- 3.2. Between 4 to 6 hours after treatment, measure and record conductivity in individual wells by immersing the probe into the liquid surrounding the leaf disk [1]. Hold the plate at a 45-degree angle to ensure the probe is fully immersed [2].
  - 3.2.1. Talent inserting the probe into a well to measure conductivity.
  - 3.2.2. Talent tilting the 96-well plate to a 45-degree angle during measurement.
- 3.3. After rinsing the probe as demonstrated earlier, occasionally test the conductivity of the water to confirm probe stability [1].
  - 3.3.1. Show the conductivity reading of the Ultrapure water to confirm consistent values.
- 3.4. Then, place a plastic sealing film over the 96-well plate [1] and return it to the orbital shaker for overnight incubation [2].
  - 3.4.1. Talent sealing the plate with a plastic film.
  - 3.4.2. Talent placing the sealed plate back on the orbital shaker.

#### 4. Peroxidase Activity Measurements

**Demonstrator:** Siddharthan Lakshmanan



- 4.1. To prepare the peroxidase substrate, heat 40 milliliters of distilled sterile water to 70 degrees Celsius in a beaker with a stir bar [1]. Dissolve 50 milligrams of 5-aminosalicylic acid in heated water [2]. Then, add additional water to bring the total volume to 50 milliliters [3] and adjust the pH to 6 using sodium hydroxide [4]. Protect the light-sensitive solution by covering the container with aluminum foil [5].
  - 4.1.1. WIDE: Talent heating 40 milliliters of distilled water to 70 degrees Celsius in a beaker with a stir bar.
  - 4.1.2. Talent adding 50 milligrams of 5-aminosalicylic acid to the heated water and stirring.
  - 4.1.3. Talent topping up the beaker to 50 milliliters with additional distilled water.
  - 4.1.4. Talent adjusting the pH to 6 using sodium hydroxide.
  - 4.1.5. Talent covering the beaker with aluminum foil.
- 4.2. In a 50-milliliter amber conical tube, prepare a 1 percent hydrogen peroxide solution in Ultrapure water [1].
  - 4.2.1. Talent pipetting 1.7 milliliters of 30 percent hydrogen peroxide into a 50-milliliter amber conical tube containing 48.3 milliliters of Ultrapure water.
- 4.3. At the desired time point, take 50 microliters from each well [1] and transfer to a clear, flat-bottomed 96-well plate [2]. Add 50 microliters of the assay medium, mix by pipetting five times, and incubate at room temperature for 3 minutes [3].
  - 4.3.1. Talent pipetting 50 microliters of liquid from each well of the treatment plate.
  - 4.3.2. Talent transferring the samples to a clear 96-well plate.
  - 4.3.3. Talent adding 50 microliters of assay medium to each well and pipetting up and down five times to mix.
- 4.4. Then, add 10 microliters of the 1 percent hydrogen peroxide solution per milliliter of 5-aminosalicylic acid solution required to generate the assay medium [1].
  - 4.4.1. Talent pipetting 10 microliters of the 1 percent hydrogen peroxide solution and mixing to prepare the assay medium.
- 4.5. To stop the reaction, add 20 microliters of 2 normal sodium hydroxide to each well [1] and use a plate reader to measure the absorbance of each well at 595 nanometers [2].
  - 4.5.1. Talent adding 20 microliters of 2 normal sodium hydroxide to each well to stop the reaction.



4.5.2. Talent placing the plate into a plate reader and initiating the absorbance measurement at 595 nanometers.



# Results

#### 5. Results

- 5.1. Water and 0.1 percent dimethyl sulfoxide produced similar ion leakage and peroxidase activity levels, validating their use as negative controls [1].
  - 5.1.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 2. Video editor: Highlight the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bars from the left for "flg22 + / DMSO / MeOH -" and "flg22 + / DMSO + / MeOH -" in the left and right graphs.
- 5.2. Treatment with 1 micromolar flg22 significantly induced ion leakage [1], peroxidase activity [2], and callose production, confirming it as a robust positive control [3].
  - 5.2.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. Video editor: Highlight the box labeled "flg22" under the "Ion Leakage" panel.
  - 5.2.2. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. Video editor: Highlight the box labeled "flg22" under the "POX Activity" panel.
  - 5.2.3. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. *Video editor: Highlight the box labeled "flg22" under the "Callose" panel.*
- 5.3. Gramillin treatment induced significant ion leakage [1] and callose production [2] but had variable effects on peroxidase activity [3].
  - 5.3.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. Video editor: Highlight the box labeled "Gramillin" under the "Ion Leakage" panel.
  - 5.3.2. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. Video editor: Highlight the box labeled "Gramillin" under the "Callose" panel.
  - 5.3.3. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. Video editor: Highlight the box labeled "Gramillin" under the "POX Activity" panel.
- 5.4. Surfactin at 10 micromolar induced both peroxidase activity [1] and callose production [2], while ion leakage remained unchanged [3].
  - 5.4.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. Video editor: Highlight the box labeled "Surfactin" under the "POX Activity" panel.
  - 5.4.2. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. Video editor: Highlight the box labeled "Surfactin" under the "Callose" panel.



- 5.4.3. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. Video editor: Highlight the box labeled "Surfactin" under the "Ion Leakage" panel.
- 5.5. T-2 toxin treatment suppressed peroxidase activity [1] while inducing callose production [2] and having no impact on ion leakage [3].
  - 5.5.1. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. Video editor: Highlight the box labeled "T-2 toxin" under the "POX Activity" panel, showing a low value.
  - 5.5.2. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. Video editor: Highlight the box labeled "T-2 toxin" under the "Callose" panel.
  - 5.5.3. LAB MEDIA: Figure 3. Video editor: Highlight the box labeled "T-2 toxin" under the "Ion Leakage" panel.

#### Cork borer

Pronunciation link: https://www.howtopronounce.com/cork-borer How To Pronounce+1

IPA: /ˈkɔːrk bɔːrə/

Phonetic Spelling: KORK-bor-er

#### • Midvein

Pronunciation link: No confirmed link found

IPA: /'mid\_vein/

Phonetic Spelling: MID-vayn

#### • Orbital shaker

Pronunciation link: <a href="https://youglish.com/pronounce/orbital%2Bshaker/english.com/pronoun

IPA: /ˈɔːr.bɪ.təl ˈʃeɪ.kə/

Phonetic Spelling: OR-bi-tul SHAY-ker

#### • Vacuum

Pronunciation link: <a href="https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/pronunciation/english/vacuum">https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/pronunciation/english/vacuum</a>

<u>Cambridge Dictionary</u> (for "borer" but similar vowel pattern)

IPA: /'væk.ju:m/

Phonetic Spelling: VAK-yoom

#### • Microliter

Pronunciation link: No confirmed link found

IPA: /ˈmaɪ.kroʊˌliːtər/

Phonetic Spelling: MY-kroh-LEE-ter



• Ultrapure

Pronunciation link: No confirmed link found

IPA: /'\landal.tra\_pjor/

Phonetic Spelling: UL-truh-pure

Peroxidase

Pronunciation link: <a href="https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/peroxidase">https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/peroxidase</a> merriam-

webster.com

IPA: / per.ə ksi.deis/

Phonetic Spelling: puh-ROKS-ih-days

• 5-aminosalicylic (acid)

Pronunciation link: No confirmed link found

IPA: / faiv-ə mai.nov sæli silik/

Phonetic Spelling: five-uh-MY-noh-sal-ih-SIL-ik

• Dimethyl sulfoxide

Pronunciation link: No confirmed link found

IPA: / daɪˈmɛθ.əl sʌlˈfɒk.saɪd/

Phonetic Spelling: dye-METH-uhl sul-FOK-syde

• Callose

Pronunciation link: No confirmed link found

IPA: /ˈkæl.ous/

Phonetic Spelling: KAL-ohs