

8. It may be difficult to resuspend large amounts of plant total nucleic acids in such a small volume of buffer P1. If larger volumes are required, scale up the amounts of P2 and P3 used, proportionally.
9. A high concentration of residual plant DNA after the alkaline lysis procedure may congest the column. To remedy this problem, precipitate the supernatant from **step 5** with 0.8 vol of isopropanol, pellet the DNA in a microcentrifuge and repeat the alkaline denaturation procedure (**steps 1–5**).
10. Trace amounts of contamination with genomic DNA are unavoidable; however, the RF-DNA preparation is usually clean enough for standard molecular manipulations like restriction mapping, cloning, and even direct DNA sequencing.

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