

**PLANT VIROLOGY PROTOCOLS***From Virus Isolation to Transgenic Resistance*

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*Plant Virology Protocols: From Virus Isolation to Transgenic Resistance* offers for the first time a comprehensive collection of state-of-the-art techniques for generating transgenic plants that are resistant to plant viruses via the cloning and expression of the coat protein gene. Its unfailingly reproducible methods, perfected by hands-on masters, cover the entire process from virus isolation, RNA extraction, and cloning coat protein genes, to the introduction of the coat protein gene into the plant genome and the testing of transgenic plants for resistance. Methods for testing for transformation by PCR and Southern blotting, the detection of RNA transcripts by Northern blotting, and the production of protein by Western analysis are provided, as are methods for challenging the transgenic plants produced and for detecting and measuring the levels of virus. The authoritative contributors also discuss the history and mechanisms of coat protein-mediated protection and the key ethical issues surrounding transgenic technology.

Unprecedented in its comprehensiveness and its many time-proven methods, *Plant Virology Protocols: From Virus Isolation to Transgenic Resistance* is certain to become the authoritative standard reference for plant scientists who want to tap the enormous benefits this technology has to offer.

**FEATURES**

- Comprehensive collection of plant virus purification protocols
- State-of-the-art protocols for cloning coat protein genes
- Easily reproducible methods for plant transformation and primary analysis
- Up-to-date review of plant resistance and current opinions about its mechanisms
- Techniques equally applicable to other viral genes and nucleotide sequences
- Methods for generating and identifying cDNA clones representing the coat protein gene

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