





Aphid (Rose aphid) Marcosiphium rosae

Applications - Insects

Insects are one of the most difficult samples to prepare for Scanning Electron Imaging (SEM). During the preparation process, extra care must be taken when handling samples, as insects' fragile bodies can be damaged.

Insect tissue preparation protocol

Fixation and Dehydration				
2.5% Glutaraldehyde in 0.1 M Sodium Phosphate Buffer, pH 7.2 T = 4 C t = 24 h 0.1 M Sodium Phosphate Buffer, pH 7.2 T = 4 C 3x 1 h				
Ethanol series 25%, 50%, 75%, 95%, 100% T = 4 C 2x 20 min Acetone series 25%, 50%, 75%, 95%, 100% T = 4 C 2x 20 min Acetone 100% T ambient 20 min				
QDry Recipe: Insects				
Number of exchange cycles	12			
Stirring speed	fast			
Stirring time	300 s			
Equilibrium time	120 s			
Heating	slow			
Venting	slow			
QDry Holder				
Porous pot placed in porous potholder				
Recommended lining	lens tissue circle for easy transfer			
Recommendations				
Coating	AuPd 10-12 nm Pt 10 nm			









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Mint leaf Mentha piperita

Applications - Plants

Rapid advances in agricultural and botanical studies require usage of reliable and repeatable preparation of plant tissue. Critical Point Drying (CPD) is a method to prepare samples for SEM examination. After tissue fixation and dehydration, samples can be stored in the intermediate liquid and dried before SEM imaging.

Plant tissue preparation protocol

Fixation and Dehydration				
2.5% Glutaraldehyde in 0.1 M Sodium Phosphate Buffer, pH 7.2 T = 4 C t = 24 h 0.1 M Sodium Phosphate Buffer, pH 7.2 T = 4 C 3x 1 h				
Ethanol series 25%, 50%, 75%, 95%, 100% T = 4 C 2x 20 min				
QDry Recipe: Plant				
Number of exchange cycles	12			
Stirring speed	slow			
Stirring time	240 s			
Equilibrium time	120 s			
Heating	slow			
Venting	slow			
QDry Holder				
Bulk sample holder				
Recommendations				
Coating	AuPd 10-12 nm Pt 10 nm			









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Stinging nettle leaf Urtica dioica

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Plant tissue preparation protocol

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2.5% Glutaraldehyde in 0.1 M Sodium Phosphate Buffer, pH 7.2 T = 4 C t = 24 h 0.1 M Sodium Phosphate Buffer, pH 7.2 T = 4 C 3x 1 h				
Ethanol series 25%, 50%, 75%, 95%, 100% T = 4 C 2x 20 min Ethanol 100% T ambient 20 min				
QDry Recipe: Insects				
Number of exchange cycles	12			
Stirring speed	slow			
Stirring time	180 s			
Equilibrium time	120 s			
Heating	slow			
Venting	slow			
QDry Holder				
Bulk sample holder				
Recommendations				
Coating	AuPd 10-12 nm Pt 10 nm			









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Tomato leaf Solanum Lycopersicum

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Plant tissue preparation protocol

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2.5% Glutaraldehyde in 0.1 M Sodium Phosphate Buffer, pH 7.2 T = 4 C t = 16 h 0.1 M Sodium Phosphate Buffer, pH 7.2 T = 4 C 3 x 1 h				
Ethanol series 25%, 50%, 75%, 95%, 100% T = 4 C 2x 20 min Ethanol 100% T ambient 20 min				
QDry Recipe: Plants				
Number of exchange cycles	12			
Stirring speed	slow			
Stirring time	240 s			
Equilibrium time	120 s			
Heating	slow			
Venting	slow			
QDry Holder				
Bulk sample holder				
Recommendations				
Coating	AuPd 10-12 nm Pt 10 nm			









Raphides in orchid air root



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