

Biolistic Protocol

Organism: Maize

In vivo/in vitro/in situ: in vitro

Target tissue: Callus

Instrument: PDS-1000/He System

Tissue preparation:

Maize, callus 28°C (N6 salts). Callus is initiated on high proline + silver nitrate + N6 salts medium from scutellum of immature zygotic embryos.

DNA	Size:	4–12 kb
	Quantity per bombardment (shot):	0.2 µg / 3 mg gold (= 8 shots)
	Preparation:	Standard
Microcarriers	Gold/tungsten:	Gold
	Size:	0.6 micron
	Quantity per bombardment (shot):	3 mg / 8 shots
	Concentration of PVP:	Not used
Experimental details	Pressure used:	650 psi
	Target distance (PDS only):	6 cm; 1/4 inch gap between rupture disk retaining cap and macrocarrier cover

Transformation assay:

Marker gene, generally GUS

Additional information:

Technical tips:

It is possible to dilute the gold particles and still achieve the same degree of success.

Relevant publication reference(s):

Frame et al., In Vitro Cell Dev Biol Plant 36, 21–29 (2000)

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