Lipid staining in plant material with Sudan Red 7B*

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★ Sudan Red 7B (= Fat Red 7B)* stains neutral lipids, and it can be used for histochemical staining of triacylglycerols (TAG) stored in the oil body.

1) Reagents

- 1. Fat Red 7B: MP Biomedicals 158036
- 2. PEG-300: Wako 164-09055

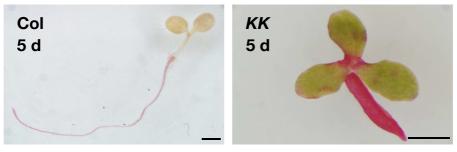
2) Staining solution (0.1% (w/v) Sudan Red 7B) Brundrett et al. (1991)

- 1. Dissolve 50mg Fat Red 7B in 25mL PEG-300.
- 2. Incubate for 1 hr at 90°C and cool down.
- 3. Add equal volume of 90% glycerol.
- 4. Store at room temperature.

3) Procedure

- 1. Soak plant tissues in staining solution for 1 hr to overnight.
- 2. Rinse several times with water.

Example)



Five-day-old seedlings of Col-0 wild-type (left) and *KK* mutant (right) were stained with Fat Red 7B. In seedlings of the *KK* mutant, in which two genes for B3-EAR transcriptional repressors were disrupted, seed maturation genes are de-repressed and large quantities of seed storage materials are synthesized. Tsukagoshi *et al.* (2007)

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* Sudan Red 7B

Diazo dye. C.I. 26050. Synonyms: Fat Red 7B, Solvent Red 19, Oil violet.

C₂₄H₂₁N₅ M.W. 379.5