

Plant Optical Clearing Reagent

ClearSee™

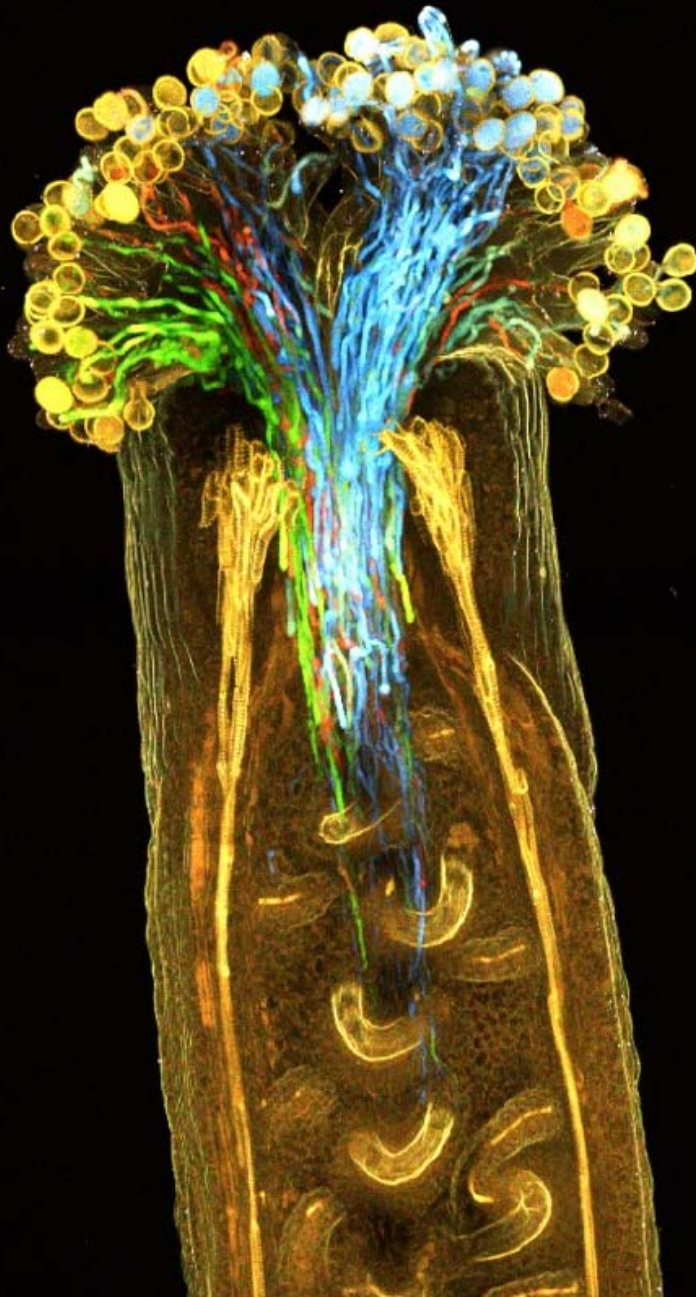


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Protocol of ClearSee™ treated sample

Dr. Daisuke Kurihara (Nagoya University) developed the clearing solution, termed ClearSee™, to diminish chlorophyll autofluorescence while maintaining fluorescent protein stability and tissue structures of plant samples. ClearSee™ is applicable to multicolor deep imaging of various plant samples without sectioning.

【Features】

- Procedures are only 3 steps.
- Every fluorescence microscope can be used.
- ClearSee™-treated samples can be stored for long term (at least 6 months).
- The ClearSee™-treated samples can be observed for many times.

1. Fixation

1. Put plant samples in a microtube and add 1.3 ml of fixative solution

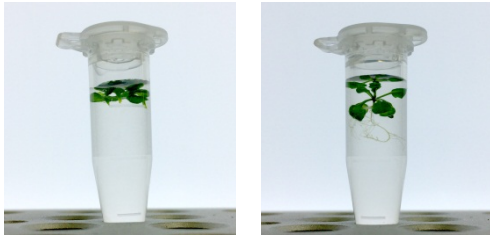


Fig.1 *Arabidopsis* leaves and seedling in fixative solution

2. Put the samples in the desiccator and turn on the vacuum pump. After closing a desiccator and turn off the vacuum pump, fix for 30 minutes at room temperature.



Fig.2 Bubbles from the samples in a microtube

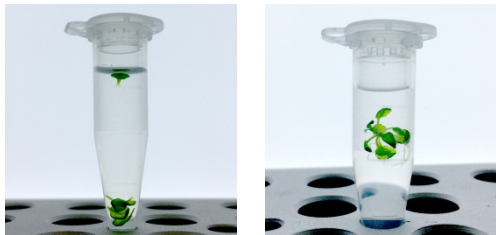


Fig.3 *Arabidopsis* leaves and seedling after fixative treatment

2. Wash

3. Slowly open the desiccator. After removing the fixative solution, add 1 ml of 1x PBS and store for 1 minute (in the draft chamber).
- 4 After removing 1x PBS, add new 1 ml of 1x PBS and store for 1 minute.

3. Clearing

5. After removing 1x PBS, add 1.3 ml of ClearSee™.
6. Seal the microtube with parafilm and open holes by a needle. Put the samples in the desiccator and turn on the vacuum pump. After closing a desiccator and turn off the vacuum pump, store for 1 hour at room temperature.

4. Clearing process

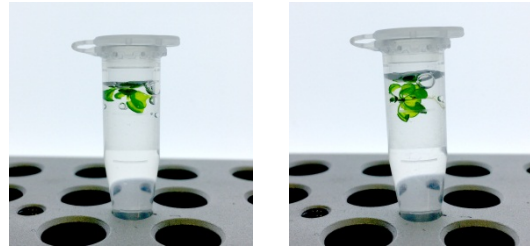


Fig. 4 *Arabidopsis* leaves and seedling in ClearSee™ solution

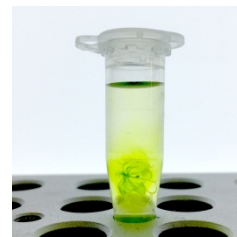


Fig. 5 Chlorophyll are observed around the samples (1~2 days incubation)

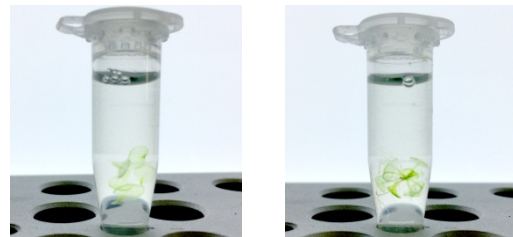


Fig. 6 Substitute new ClearSee™

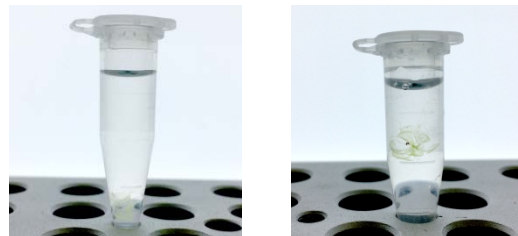


Fig. 7 Cleared *Arabidopsis* leaves and seedling (3~5 days incubation)

Data of ClearSee™ treated samples

5. Observation

7. Put vaseline on a slide glass.
8. Transfer the ClearSee™-treated samples into ClearSee™ on a slide glass.
9. Cover with a cover glass and seal with the cover glass with vaseline.
10. Observe the ClearSee™-treated samples under a fluorescent microscope.

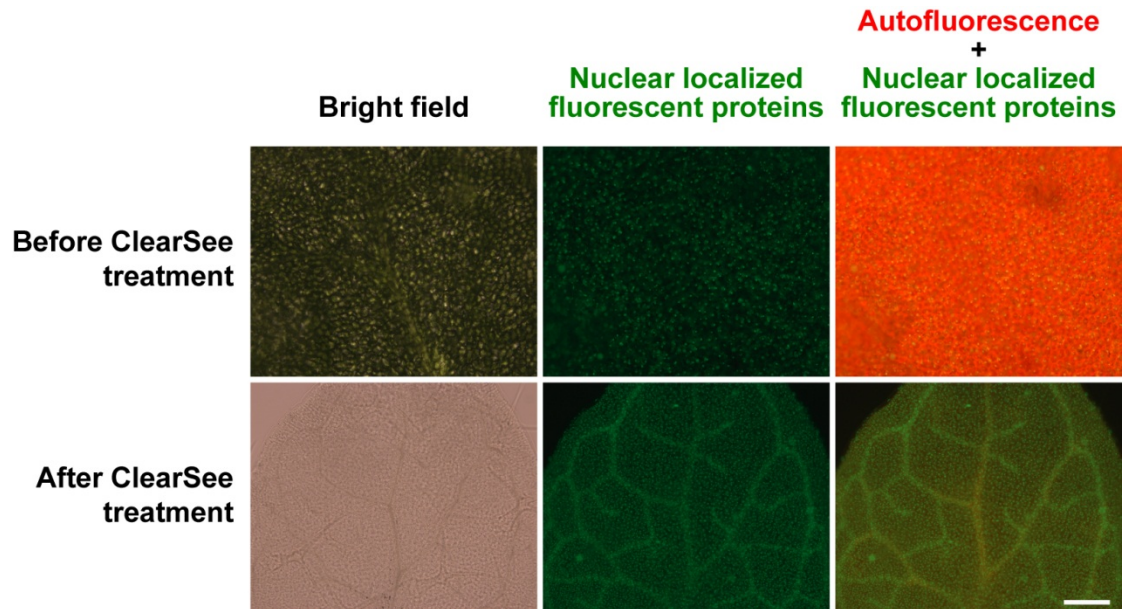


Fig. 8 The ClearSee™-treated samples are cleared under a bright field. Autofluorescence of chlorophyll are diminished. The fluorescent proteins are detected even in the vascular bundles. Bar : 200 μ m.

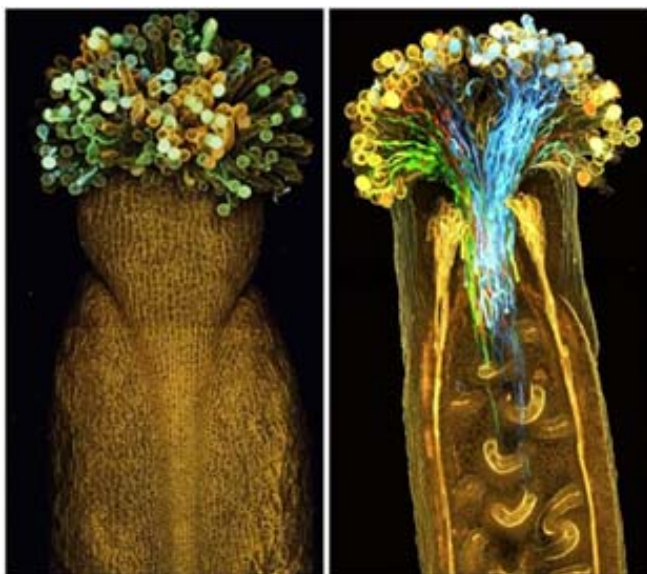
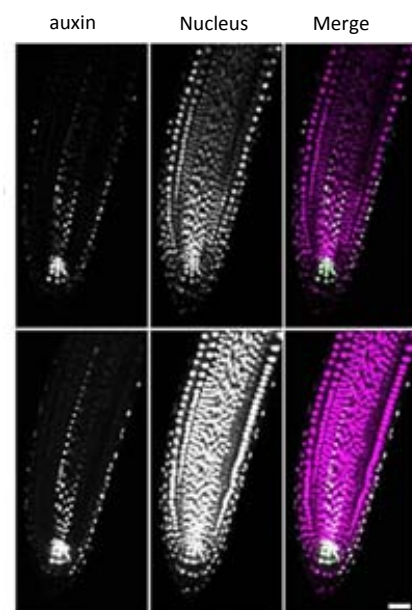


Fig 9 Image of ClearSee™ for multi color imaging of the whole pistil

Left: a whole pistil before ClearSee™ process Right: a whole pistil after ClearSee™ process



Bar:30 μ m

Fig.10 Image of ClearSee™ treated *Arabidopsis* root

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ClearSee™ is applicable to various plant species other than Arabidopsis. Fig. 11 shows ClearSee™-treated leaves of torenia, petunia, tobacco, tomato, cucumber, and rice after 6-days incubation. In the case of rice, removal of cuticular wax are required for penetration of solution. Immerse the rice samples into organic solvents such as chloroform for 10~30 seconds and then fix with a fixative solution.

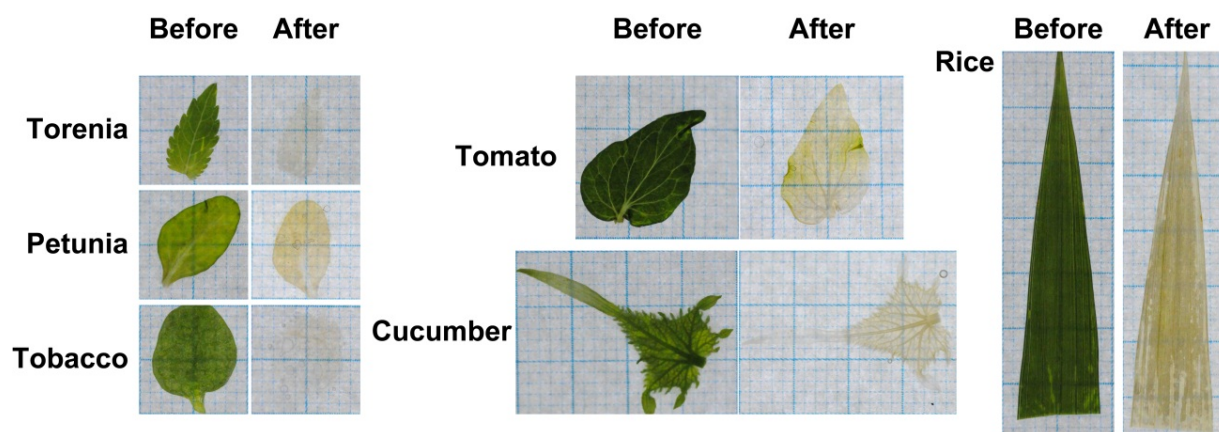


Fig. 11 ClearSee™-treated leaves of various plant species (6-days incubation).

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Reagent List

Wako cat. No.	Product name	Grade	Package Size	Storage Condition
031-25151	ClearSee	Plant Optical Clearing Reagent	50ml	Keep at room temperature

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