Supplementary Material (ESI) for RSC Advances

Mass-producible disposable needle-type ion-selective electrodes for

plant research

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1. Introduction of the electrolyte solution into the syringe needle

Fig. S1 shows how the electrolyte solution was introduced into the syringe needle. In brief, the polyimide stripe with the Ag/AgCl electrode was inserted into the syringe needle. Then, the syringe needle was vertically inserted into the centrifuge tube with the ISM orientated towards the bottom. Next, the centrifuge tube was placed in a vacuum chamber, and the electrolyte solution was introduced into the needle by vacuum evacuation.

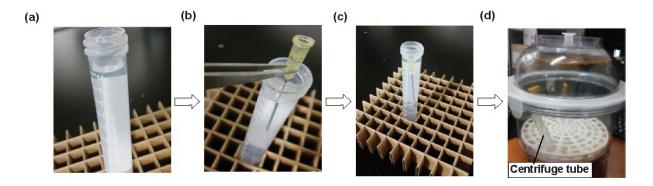


Fig. S1 Introduction of the electrolyte solution into the syringe needle. (a) A centrifuge tube is filled with the electrolyte solution. (b) The syringe needle with the ISM is inserted vertically into the solution. (c) The syringe needle is completely immersed in the solution. (d) The tube is placed in a desiccator and the solution is introduced into the syringe needle by evacuation.

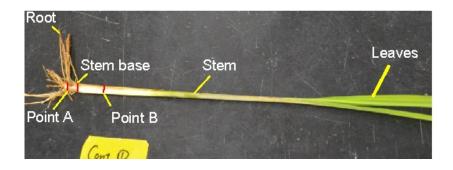


Fig. S2 Rice plant parts and locations used for measurements the type I and II ISEs.