Vortex mixers

A vortex mixer is a laboratory device used to mix samples in a variety of ways, including in botany labs, to:

- Mixing solutions and suspensions: Vortex mixers are used to mix solutions and suspensions, such as buffers, enzymes, and plant extracts. This is essential for many biochemical and molecular biology techniques.
- Resuspending cells and organelles: Vortex mixers can be used to resuspend cells and organelles, such as chloroplasts, mitochondria, and nuclei, after they have been pelleted by centrifugation.



- Extracting plant metabolites: Vortex mixers can be used to extract plant metabolites, such as alkaloids, flavonoids, and terpenoids, from plant tissues.
- **Preparing samples for analysis:** Vortex mixers can be used to prepare plant samples for various analytical techniques, such as HPLC, GC-MS, and NMR.

Overall, vortex mixers are versatile tools that can be used for a variety of tasks in botany labs. They are relatively inexpensive and easy to use, making them a valuable asset for any plant biology laboratory.