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Summary: Nitrogen (N) in the form of nitrate (NO₃⁻) can move radially from roots to the vascular tissue from where it is transported to the above-ground organs. Roots are the first to sense the scarcity of nitrogen in the soil. The following protocol describes the step-wise procedure for performing unidirectional root NO₃⁻ influx with the use of ¹⁵N labelled NO₃⁻ at a concentration that stimulates the inducible high-affinity nitrate transporters. Stable isotopes such as ¹⁵N can be used to trace the movement of NO₃⁻ through the plant. This protocol uses a split-root design where only embryonic roots are treated with the ¹⁵N label. The remaining, non-embryonic roots are not labelled but similarly treated. this split-root design can be modified to select and label specific root types based on your interest.

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