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Before start checklist		
Materials	Consumables	Equipment
50 ng gDNA per sample for >4 samples	1.5 ml Eppendorf DNA LoBind tubes	lce bucket with ice
☐ OR 200 ng gDNA per sample for ≤4 samples	2 ml Eppendorf DNA LoBind tubes	Microplate centrifuge, e.g. Fisherbrand™ Mini Plate Spinner Centrifuge (Fisher Scientific, cat # 11766427)
Rapid Barcoding Kit 24 V14 (SQK-RBK114.24) OR Rapid Barcoding Kit 96 V14 (SQK-RBK114.96)	0.2 ml thin-walled PCR tubes	☐ Timer
	Eppendorf twin.tec® PCR plate 96 LoBind, semi-skirted (Eppendorf™, cat # 0030129504) with heat seals	☐ Thermal cycler or heat block at 30°C and 80°C
	Nuclease-free water (e.g. ThermoFisher, cat # AM9937)	Magnetic rack
	Freshly prepared 80% ethanol in nuclease- free water	Hula mixer (gentle rotator mixer)
	Optional) Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA) (50 mg/ml) (e.g Invitrogen™ UltraPure™ BSA 50 mg/ml, AM2616)	Qubit fluorometer (or equivalent for QC check)
	Qubit dsDNA HS Assay Kit (Invitrogen, Q32851)	Pipettes and pipette tips P2, P20, P100, P200, P1000
	Qubit™ Assay Tubes (Invitrogen, Q32856)	
INSTRUCTIONS		NOTES/OBSERVATIONS
Library preparation		
Program the thermal cycler: 30°C for 2 minutes, then 80°C for 2 minutes.		
below: Rapid Barcodes (RB01-24) or Rapid Barcode Rapid Adapter (RA) 2 @ Not frozen (P cycles) AMPure XP Beads (AXP) 2 @ 2 (Mix by pipetti	g a microfuge and mix by pipetting as indicated by the Plate (RB01-96) 2 @ Not frozen (P cycles) ng or vortexing immediately before use cycles)	e table
☐ Elution Buffer (EB) ② ② ② (V or P cycles) ☐ Adapter Buffer (ADB) ② ② ② (V cycles)		

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Prepare the DNA in Nuclease-free water. ☐ Transfer your gDNA into 0.2 ml thin-walled PCR tubes or an Eppendorf twin.tec® PCR plate 96 LoBind: For >4 samples transfer 50 ng genomic DNA per sample into each tube/well For ≤4 samples transfer 200 ng genomic DNA per sample into each tube/well ☐ Adjust the volume to 10 µl with Nuclease-free water ☐ Pipette mix the tubes for 10-15 times to avoid unwanted shearing ☐ Spin down briefly in a microfuge	
In the 0.2 ml thin-walled PCR tubes or an Eppendorf twin.tec® PCR plate 96 LoBind, mix the following: 10 μl Template DNA (50 ng or 200 ng from previous step) 1 μl Rapid Barcodes (RB01-24 or RB01-96, one for each sample)	
☐ Ensure the components are thoroughly mixed by pipetting and spin down in a centrifuge.	
☐ Incubate the tubes or plate at 30°C for 2 minutes and then at 80°C for 2 minutes. Briefly put the tubes or plate on ice to cool.	
☐ Pool all barcoded samples in a clean 1.5 ml Eppendorf DNA LoBind tube, noting the total volume.	
Resuspend the AMPure XP Beads (AXP) by vortexing.	
☐ To the entire pooled barcoded sample from Step 7, add an equal volume of resuspended AMPure XP Beads (AXP) and mix by flicking the tube.	
☐ Incubate on a Hula mixer (rotator mixer) for 5 minutes at RT.	
Prepare at least 3 ml of fresh 80% ethanol in Nuclease-free water.	
Spin down the sample and pellet on a magnet. Keep the tube on the magnet, and pipette off the supernatant.	
☐ Keep the tube on the magnet and wash the beads with 1.5 ml of freshly prepared 80% ethanol without disturbing the pellet. Remove the ethanol using a pipette and discard.	
☐ Repeat the previous step.	
☐ Briefly spin down and place the tube back on the magnet. Pipette off any residual ethanol. Allow to dry for 30 seconds, but do not dry the pellet to the point of cracking.	
\square Remove the tube from the magnetic rack and resuspend the pellet in 15 μ l Elution Buffer (EB). Incubate for 10 minutes at RT.	
Pellet the beads on a magnet until the eluate is clear and colourless, for at least 1 minute.	
Remove and retain 15 µl of eluate into a clean 1.5 ml Eppendorf DNA LoBind tube. Remove and retain the eluate which contains the DNA library in a clean 1.5 ml Eppendorf DNA LoBind tube Dispose of the pelleted beads	
Quantify 1 µl of eluted sample using a Qubit fluorometer.	
☐ Transfer 11 µl of the sample into a clean 1.5 ml Eppendorf DNA LoBind tube.	

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In a fresh 1.5 ml Eppendorf DNA LoBind tube, dilute the Rapid Adapter (RA) as follows and pipette mix: 1.5 µl Rapid Adapted (RA) 3.5 µl Adapter Buffer (ADB)	
☐ Add 1 µl of this diluted Rapid Adapter (RA) to the barcoded DNA.	
☐ Mix gently by flicking the tube, and spin down.	
☐ Incubate the reaction for 5 minutes at RT.	
The prepared library is used for loading into the flow cell. Store the library on ice until ready to load.	
Priming and loading the SpotON flow cell	
IMPORTANT Please note, this kit is only compatible with R10.4.1 flow cells (FLO-MIN114).	
Thaw the Sequencing Buffer (SB), Library Beads (LIB) or Library Solution (LIS, if using), Flow Cell Tether (FCT) and one tube of Flow Cell Flush (FCF) at RT. Mix by vortexing and spin down.	
IMPORTANT For optimal sequencing performance and improved output on MinION R10.4.1 flow cells (FLO-MIN114), we recommend adding Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA) to the flow cell priming mix at a final concentration of 0.2 mg/ml.	
IMPORTANT	
We do not recommend using any other albumin type (e.g. recombinant human serum albumin).	
To prepare the flow cell priming mix with BSA, combine the following reagents and mix by inverting the tube and pipette mix at RT:	
□ 1,170 μl Flow Cell Flush (FCF)	
☐ 5 μl Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA) at 50 mg/ml	
☐ 30 μl Flow Cell Tether (FCT)	
1,205 μl Final total volume in Flow Cell Flush (FCF) tube	
Open the MinION or GridION device lid and slide the flow cell under the clip. Press down firmly on the flow cell to ensure correct thermal and electrical contact.	
☐ Slide the flow cell priming port cover clockwise to open the priming port.	
IMPORTANT	
☐ Take care when drawing back buffer from the flow cell. Do not remove more than 20-30 µl, and make sure that the array of pores are covered by buffer at all times. Introducing air bubbles into the array can irreversibly damage pores.	

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After opening the priming port, check for a small air bubble under the cover. Draw back a small volume to remove any bubbles:	
☐ Set a P1000 pipette to 200 µl	
☐ Insert the tip into the priming port	
☐ Turn the wheel until the dial shows 220-230 ul, to draw back 20-30 ul, or until you can see a small volume of buffer entering the pipette tip	
Note: Visually check that there is continuous buffer from the priming port across the sensor array.	
Load 800 µl of the priming mix into the flow cell via the priming port, avoiding the introduction of air bubbles. Wait for 5 minutes. During this time, prepare the library for loading by following the steps below.	
☐ Thoroughly mix the contents of the Library Beads (LIB) by pipetting.	
IMPORTANT	
☐ The Library Beads (LIB) tube contains a suspension of beads. These beads settle very quickly. It is vital that they are mixed immediately before use.	
In a new tube, prepare the library for loading as follows:	
☐ 37.5 μl Sequencing Buffer (SB)	
25.5 μl Library Beads (LIB) mixed immediately before use, or Library Solution (LIS), if using	
☐ 12 µl DNA library	
Complete the flow cell priming:	
Gently lift the SpotON sample port cover to make the SpotON sample port accessible.	
Load 200 µl of the priming mix into the flow cell priming port (not the SpotON sample port), avoiding the introduction of air bubbles.	
☐ Mix the prepared library gently by pipetting up and down just prior to loading.	
Add 75 µl of the prepared library to the flow cell via the SpotON sample port in a dropwise fashion. Ensure each drop flows into the port before adding the next.	
Gently replace the SpotON sample port cover, making sure the bung enters the SpotON port, close the priming port and replace the MinION or GridION device lid.	
Ending the experiment	
After your sequencing experiment is complete, if you would like to reuse the flow cell, please follow the Wash Kit instructions and store the washed flow cell at 2-8°C, OR	
\square Follow the returns procedure to flush out the flow cell ready to send back to Oxford Nanopore.	
IMPORTANT	
If you encounter issues or have questions about your sequencing experiment, please refer to the	
Troubleshooting Guide that can be found in the online version of this protocol.	

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