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# **NEXTFLEX<sup>®</sup> Rapid XP DNA-Seq Kit** **(1 ng – 1 µg)**

(For Illumina<sup>®</sup> Platforms)

Catalog #NOVA-5149-01 (Kit contains 8 reactions)



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## Product Overview

The NEXTFLEX® Rapid XP DNA-Seq Kit is designed for ~2.5 hour DNA library construction from 1 ng – 1 µg of DNA. The kit can be used to prepare single, paired-end, and multiplexed DNA libraries for sequencing using Illumina® platforms. The NEXTFLEX® 1-step Fragmentation, End-Repair, and Adenylation simplifies workflow and shortens hands-on library construction time. An optional bead-based size selection protocol eliminates the need for agarose gel size selection. In addition, the availability of up to 384 unique adapter barcodes facilitates high-throughput applications.

There are three main steps involved in preparing DNA for sequencing: DNA fragmentation/end repair/adenylation, adapter ligation, and PCR amplification. The NEXTFLEX® Rapid XP DNA-Seq Kit contains the necessary material to take the user's purified DNA through preparation and amplification for loading onto flow cells for sequencing.

Automation-friendly, pre-arrayed, single-use reagent plates are now available for use in conjunction with the single-use NEXFLEX® Unique Dual Index barcodes (Set A through Set D) on PerkinElmer® Sciclone NGS workstation. Please inquire at [NGS@PerkinElmer.com](mailto:NGS@PerkinElmer.com) for additional details.

## Contents, Storage, and Shelf Life

The NEXTFLEX® Rapid XP DNA-Seq Kit contains enough material to prepare 8 DNA samples for Illumina® compatible sequencing. The shelf life of all reagents is at least 6 months when stored properly. The Nuclease-free Water, Resuspension Buffer, and Conditioning Solution can be stored at room temperature. The NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP should be stored at 4°C, and all other components should be stored at -20°C.

Kit Contents	Amount
CLEAR CAP	
NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Buffer	40 µL
NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Enzyme Mix	88 µL
PURPLE CAP	
NEXTFLEX® Ligase Buffer Mix XP	356 µL
NEXTFLEX® Ligase Enzyme XP	24 µL
GREEN CAP	
NEXTFLEX® PCR Master Mix XP	200 µL
NEXTFLEX® Primer Mix XP (50 µM)	16 µL
BROWN CAP	
NEXTFLEX® Conditioning Solution	8 µL

WHITE CAP	
Nuclease-free Water	1.5 mL
Resuspension Buffer	1.5 mL
NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP	1.5 mL

## Required Materials Not Provided

- 1 ng - 1 µg of DNA in up to 34 µL nuclease-free water.
- If multiplexing: NEXTFLEX® DNA Barcodes – 6 / 12 / 24 / 48 (Cat # 514101, 514102, 514103, 514104) or NEXTFLEX-96™ DNA Barcodes (Cat # 514106) or NEXTFLEX® ChIP-Seq Barcodes – 6 / 12 / 24 / 48 (Cat # 514120, 514121, 514122, 514123) or NEXTFLEX-96™ ChIP-Seq Barcodes (Cat # 514124) or NEXTFLEX-HT™ Barcodes (Cat # 514170, 514174, 514175, 514176, 514177) or NEXFLEX® Unique Dual Index Barcodes (Cat # 514150, 514151)
- Ethanol 80% (room temperature)
- 96 well PCR Plate Non-skirted (Phenix Research, Cat # MPS-499) or similar
- 96 well Library Storage and Pooling Plate (Fisher Scientific, Cat # AB-0765) or similar
- Adhesive PCR Plate Seal (BioRad, Cat # MSB1001)
- Magnetic Stand -96 (Ambion, Cat # AM10027) or similar
- Thermal Cycler
- 2, 10, 20, 200 and 1000 µL pipettes / multichannel pipettes
- Nuclease-free barrier pipette tips
- Vortex

## Warnings and Precautions

We strongly recommend that you read the following warnings and precautions. Periodically, optimizations and revisions are made to the components and manual. Therefore, it is important to follow the protocol included with the kit. If you need further assistance, you may contact your local distributor, or contact us at [bioo.ngs@perkinelmer.com](mailto:bioo.ngs@perkinelmer.com).

- Do not use the kit past the expiration date.
- DTT in buffers may precipitate after freezing. If precipitate is seen, vortex buffer for 1-2 minutes or until the precipitate is in solution. The performance of the buffer is not affected once the precipitate is in solution.
- Ensure pipettes are properly calibrated as library preparations are highly sensitive to pipetting error.
- Do not heat the DNA-Seq Adapter above room temperature.
- This kit does not contain Barcoded Adapter. To enable multiplexing, please use the appropriate concentration of the NEXTFLEX® barcoded adapters during the Adapter Ligation step.
- It is highly recommended that NEXTflex® Primer Mix XP be used during PCR amplification. Inadvertent use of an incorrect primer sequence can potentially result in elimination of the index.
- The NEXTflex® Primer Mix that is included in the NEXTflex® NGS Barcodes are NOT compatible with this kit and should NOT be used in place of the Primer Mix XP.
- Maintain a laboratory temperature of 20°–25°C (68°–77°F).
- DNA sample quality may vary between preparations. It is the user's responsibility to utilize high quality DNA. DNA that is heavily nicked or damaged may cause library preparation failure. Absorbance measurements at 260 nm are commonly used to quantify DNA and 260 nm / 280 nm ratios of 1.8 - 2.0 usually indicate relatively pure DNA. Other quantification methods using fluorescent dyes may also be used. The user should be aware that contaminating RNA, nucleotides and single-stranded DNA may affect the amount of usable DNA in a sample preparation.
- Note: The presence of EDTA in the DNA sample can result in larger sized fragments in the final library. We strongly recommend the removal of EDTA from the sample prior to fragmentation. However, if removal is not possible, this effect can be partially mitigated by increasing the fragmentation time.

NEXTFLEX® RAPID XP DNA Sample Preparation Flow Chart

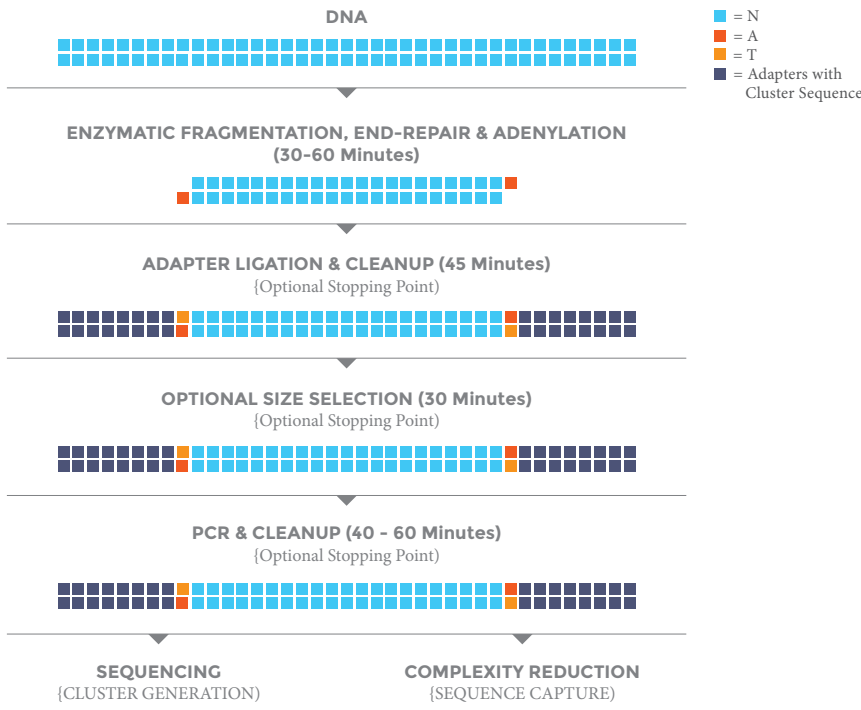


Figure 1: Sample flow chart with approximate times necessary for each step.

## Starting Material

The NEXTFLEX® Rapid XP DNA-Seq Kit has been optimized and validated using high quality genomic DNA inputs ranging from 1 ng - 1 µg. For FFPE samples, please contact [NGS@perkinelmer.com](mailto:NGS@perkinelmer.com) for additional guidance as kit performance is dependent on quality of DNA. This kit will allow you to perform at least 8 reactions (see page 4, Warnings and Precautions).

## There are two Rapid XP DNA-Seq protocol options to choose from:

Option 1 is intended for users who do not wish to size select their libraries. Clean up steps throughout are designed to eliminate only unwanted low molecular weight material.

Option 2 is designed for users who wish to size select their libraries. The user can choose from five size selection ranges, found in Step C2: Bead Size Selection. Size Selection may not be optimal for inputs less than 10 ng. Please consider the amount of starting material that will be excluded by size selection when choosing input amount and desired size range.

## Reagent Preparation

1. Briefly spin down each component to ensure material has not lodged in the cap or side of tube. Keep on ice and vortex each NEXTFLEX® component **except** the NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Enzyme Mix just prior to use. Nuclease-free Water and Resuspension Buffer should be stored at room temperature. NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP should be stored at 4°C, but equilibrated to room temperature prior to use.
2. DTT in buffers may precipitate after freezing. If precipitate is seen, vortex buffer for 1-2 minutes or until the precipitate is in solution. The performance of the buffer is not affected once the precipitate is in solution.
3. Allow NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP to come to room temperature and vortex the beads until homogenous.



## OPTION 1: LIBRARY PREPARATION WITHOUT SIZE SELECTION



*Option 1 is designed for users who do not wish to size-select their libraries. Clean-up steps throughout are designed to eliminate only unwanted low-molecular weight material. If you wish to size select your libraries, please follow Option 2.*

### STEP A1: FRAGMENTATION, END-REPAIR & ADENYLATION

#### Materials

##### Bioo Scientific Supplied

CLEAR CAP - NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Buffer, NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Enzyme Mix

WHITE CAP - Nuclease-free Water

##### User Supplied

DNA in 34 µL (or less) nuclease-free water

Thermal Cycler

96 well PCR Plate

Adhesive PCR Plate Seal

Microcentrifuge

Ice

Note: The presence of EDTA in the DNA sample can result in larger sized fragments in the final library. We strongly recommend the removal of EDTA from the sample prior to fragmentation. However, if removal is not possible, this effect can be partially mitigated by increasing the fragmentation time or following the recommendations in Appendix A.

1. For each sample, combine the following reagents on ice in a nuclease-free 96 well PCR plate:

_ µL	Nuclease-free Water
_ µL	DNA (1 ng - 1 µg)
5 µL	NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Buffer
39 µL	TOTAL

Ensure thorough mixing by pipetting up and down. Proceed with adding the enzyme.

39 µL	DNA + NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Buffer mixture
11 µL	NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Enzyme Mix (DO NOT VORTEX)
50 µL	TOTAL

Note: Do **NOT** vortex the final NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation reaction. Mix by pipette only. It is important to mix the reaction on ice.

2. Apply adhesive PCR plate seal and incubate on a thermal cycler using the following program:

1 min	4 °C
See fragmentation table	35 °C
30 min	65 °C
end	4 °C

Note: The initial 4 °C step is to pre-chill the instrument temperature. Place samples into thermal cycler after the temperature reaches 4 °C and follow the program. A full one-minute incubation at 4 °C is not necessary.

The following table lists the recommended incubation times as a guideline for fragmentation. The mode fragment size can be adjusted by changing the duration of incubation at this 35 °C step. These times are recommendations only, and incubation time may need to be optimized for different sample inputs and types to obtain desired mode fragment size.

Input DNA	Target Fragment Peak Size			
	200 - 300	300 - 400	400 - 500	500 - 600
	Fragmentation Time (min) at 35 °C			
1 ng	24	15	8	4
10 ng	18	8	5	3
100 ng	15	8	5	3
500 ng	15	8	5	3
1000 ng	14	7	5	3

Note: The final library size will be approximately 120 bp larger than the fragment size.

3. The procedure may be safely stopped at this step with samples stored at -20 °C if needed. To restart the protocol, thaw frozen samples on ice before proceeding to **Step B1**.

# STEP B1: Adapter Ligation

## Materials

### Bioo Scientific Supplied

**PURPLE CAP** - NEXTFLEX® Ligase Buffer Mix XP, NEXTFLEX® Ligase Enzyme XP

**WHITE CAP** - Nuclease-free Water, Resuspension Buffer, NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP

### User Supplied

50 µL of Fragmented, End Repaired, and Adenylated DNA (from STEP A1)

Thermal Cycler

Adhesive PCR Plate Seal

80% Ethanol, freshly prepared (room temperature)

Magnetic Stand

NEXTFLEX® Unique Dual Index Barcodes – 96 (Cat # 514150, 514151) or

NEXTFLEX® Dual Index Barcodes – 96 (Cat # 514160, 514161) or

NEXTFLEX-HT™ Barcodes – 6 / 96 (Cat # 514170, 514174, 514175, 514176, 514177) or

NEXTFLEX® DNA Barcodes – 6 / 12 / 24 / 48 (Cat # 514101, 514102, 514103, 514104) or

NEXTFLEX-96™ DNA Barcodes (Cat # 514106) or

NEXTFLEX® ChIP-Seq Barcodes – 6 / 12 / 24 / 48 (Cat # 514120, 514121, 514122, 514123) or

NEXTFLEX-96™ ChIP-Seq Barcodes (Cat # 514124)

1. Thaw NEXTFLEX® Ligase Buffer Mix XP to room temperature, and vortex for 5-10 seconds. Do not spin down tube, as this may cause components of the mix to separate and affect performance.
2. The following table lists recommended barcoded adapter concentration dilutions for various input amounts for all listed barcoded adapter except ChIP-Seq barcoded adapters::

Input DNA	Desired Adapter	Adapter Dilution Concentration
1 ng	0.3 µM	1 / 80
10 ng	0.6 µM	1 / 40
100 ng	6.25 µM	1 / 4
250 ng	25 µM	None
500 ng	25 µM	None
1 µg	25 µM	None

\* ChIP-Seq barcoded adapter are at 0.6 µM concentrations. They are recommend to be used for only 1ng or 10ng inputs either as is (0.6 µM desired adapter concentration) or diluted 1/2 (0.3 µM desired adapter concentration). Please inquire for additional details if necessary.

Each sample will require 2.5 µL of barcoded adapter to be added. Perform barcoded adapter dilutions if necessary with Nuclease-free Water, depending on input amount and starting barcoded adapter concentration.

The following reaction must be mixed thoroughly. The NEXTFLEX® Ligase Buffer Mix XP is very viscous. Thorough mixing of the reaction below is critical to obtaining optimal results.

Suggestion: To mix, pipette up and down 15 times; visually inspect tubes to ensure proper homogenization. Combine the following in the PCR plate and mix thoroughly by pipette:

50 µL	Fragmented, End Repaired & Adenylated DNA (from Step A1)
44.5 µL	NEXTFLEX® Ligase Buffer Mix XP*
2.5 µL	NEXTFLEX® Barcoded Adapter
3 µL	NEXTFLEX® Ligase Enzyme Mix XP*
100 µL	TOTAL

\*These components can be premixed and added in a single step. Adapter should not be premixed in order to prevent excess adapter dimer formation.

3. Apply adhesive PCR plate seal and incubate in a thermal cycler with heated lid turned off or open for 15 minutes at 20 °C, followed by a 4 °C hold.
4. Add 65 µL of Nuclease-free Water and 35 µL of NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP to each sample. Mix thoroughly until homogenized. The NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP and Nuclease-free Water can be premixed and added in a single step.
5. Incubate sample at room temperature for 5 minutes.
6. Place the 96 well PCR plate on the magnetic stand at room temperature for 5 minutes or until the supernatant appears completely clear.
7. Remove and discard clear supernatant taking care not to disturb beads. Some liquid may remain in well.
8. With the plate on the stand, add 200 µL of 80% ethanol to each magnetic bead pellet and incubate plate at room temperature for 30 seconds. Carefully remove ethanol by pipette.
9. Repeat previous step for a total of 2 ethanol washes. Ensure all ethanol has been removed.
10. Remove the 96 well plate from the magnetic stand and let dry at room temperature for 3 minutes.
11. Resuspend dried beads with 28 µL of Resuspension Buffer. Mix thoroughly until homogenized.
12. Incubate sample at room temperature for 2 minutes.
13. Place the 96 well PCR plate on the magnetic stand at room temperature for 2 minutes or until the supernatant appears completely clear.
14. **Do not discard the sample in this step.** Transfer 23 µL of clear sample to a new well. Remove the 96 well PCR plate from the magnetic stand.

15. The procedure may be safely stopped at this step with samples stored at -20 °C if needed. To restart the protocol, thaw frozen samples on ice before proceeding to **Step C1**. If input DNA amount was 500 ng or greater, PCR Amplification may not be necessary, depending on the application. Users starting with greater than 500 ng of input DNA are advised to quantify their unamplified libraries by qPCR at this point to determine if PCR Amplification is necessary. This can be performed using any qPCR quantification kit compatible with Illumina® platforms.

# STEP C1: PCR Amplification

## Materials

### Bioo Scientific Supplied

GREEN CAP - NEXTFLEX® PCR Master Mix XP, NEXTFLEX® Primer Mix XP

WHITE CAP - Nuclease-free Water, Resuspension Buffer, NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP

### User Supplied

23 µL of Adapter Ligated DNA (from STEP B1)

Thermal Cycler

Adhesive PCR Plate Seal

96 Well PCR Plate

80% Ethanol, freshly prepared (room temperature)

Magnetic Stand

**Note:** The NEXTflex® Primer Mix that is included in the NEXTflex® NGS Barcodes are NOT compatible with this kit and should NOT be used in place of the Primer Mix XP.

\*The following table lists recommended PCR cycles:

Input DNA	Number of PCR cycles to produce	
	100 ng libraries	1 µg libraries
1 ng	10 - 12	13 - 15
10 ng	6 - 8	9 - 11
100 ng	2 - 3	6 - 7
250 ng	1 - 2	4 - 5
500 ng	0	3 - 4
1000 ng	0	2 - 3

1. For each sample, combine the following reagents on ice in the PCR plate. Mix thoroughly.

23 µL     Adapter Ligated DNA (from Step B1)

25 µL     NEXTFLEX® PCR Master Mix XP\*

2 µL        NEXTFLEX® Primer Mix XP\*

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50 µL     TOTAL

\* These components can be premixed and added in a single step.

2. Apply adhesive PCR plate seal and place in thermal cycler for the following PCR cycles:

30 sec	98°C	Repeat as suggested in above table
15 sec	98°C	
30 sec	65°C	
30 sec	72°C	
2 min	72°C	

3. Add 45 µL of NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP to each sample. Mix thoroughly until homogenized.
4. Incubate at room temperature for 5 minutes.
5. Place the 96 well PCR plate on the magnetic stand at room temperature for 5 minutes or until the supernatant appears completely clear.
6. Remove and discard clear supernatant taking care not to disturb beads. Some liquid may remain in wells.
7. With plate on stand, add 200 µL of 80% ethanol to each magnetic bead pellet and incubate plate at room temperature for 30 seconds. Carefully remove ethanol by pipette.
8. Repeat previous step for a total of 2 ethanol washes. Ensure all ethanol has been removed.
9. Remove plate from magnetic stand and let dry at room temperature for 3 minutes.
10. Resuspend dried beads with 33 µL of Resuspension Buffer. Mix thoroughly until homogenized.
11. Incubate resuspended beads at room temperature for 2 minutes.
12. Place the 96 well PCR plate on the magnetic stand at room temperature for 2 minutes or until the supernatant appears completely clear.
13. **Do not discard the supernatant in this step.** Transfer 30 µL of clear sample to a new well. Remove the 96 well PCR plate from the magnetic stand.
14. Examine your library by electrophoresis to ensure proper library sizing and to verify exclusion of contaminating small and large fragments [recommended: LabChip® GXII Touch™ HT instrument (PerkinElmer®)].
15. qPCR is recommended to quantify DNA library templates for optimal cluster density. This can be performed using any qPCR quantification kit for Illumina® platforms and the NEXTflex® Primer Mix XP as needed.
16. The library is now ready for cluster generation per the standard Illumina® protocol. Proceed to cluster generation or seal with adhesive PCR plate seal and store at - 20 °C.

## OPTION 2: LIBRARY PREPARATION WITH SIZE SELECTION



*Option 2 is designed for users who wish to size-select their libraries. The user can choose from five selection ranges, found in Step C2: Bead Size Selection. If you do not wish to size select your libraries, please follow Option 1.*

### STEP A2: FRAGMENTATION, END-REPAIR & ADENYLATION

#### Materials

##### Bioo Scientific Supplied

CLEAR CAP - NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Buffer, NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Enzyme Mix

WHITE CAP - Nuclease-free Water

##### User Supplied

DNA in 34 µL (or less) nuclease-free water

Thermal Cycler

96 well PCR Plate

Adhesive PCR Plate Seal

Microcentrifuge

Ice

Note: The presence of EDTA in the DNA sample can result in larger sized fragments in the final library. We strongly recommend the removal of EDTA from the sample prior to fragmentation. However, if removal is not possible, this effect can be partially mitigated by increasing the fragmentation time or following the recommendations in Appendix A.

1. For each sample, combine the following reagents on ice in a nuclease-free 96 well PCR plate:

_ µL	Nuclease-free Water
_ µL	DNA (1 ng - 1 µg)
5 µL	NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Buffer
39 µL	TOTAL

Ensure thorough mixing by pipetting up and down. Proceed with adding the enzyme.

39 µL	DNA + NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Buffer mixture
11 µL	NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Enzyme Mix (DO NOT VORTEX)
50 µL	TOTAL

Note: Do **NOT** vortex the final NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation reaction. Mix by pipette only. It is important to mix the reaction on ice.



2. Apply adhesive PCR plate seal and incubate on a thermal cycler using the following program:

1 min	4 °C
See fragmentation table	35 °C
30 min	65 °C
end	4 °C

Note: The initial 4 °C step is to pre-chill the instrument temperature. Place samples into thermal cycler after the temperature reaches 4 °C and follow the program. A full one-minute incubation at 4 °C is not necessary.

The following table lists the recommended incubation times as a guideline for fragmentation. The mode fragment size can be adjusted by changing the duration of incubation at this 35 °C step. These times are recommendations only, and incubation time may need to be optimized for different sample inputs and types to obtain desired mode fragment size.

Input DNA	Target Fragment Peak Size			
	200 - 300	300 - 400	400 - 500	500 - 600
	Fragmentation Time (min) at 35 °C			
1 ng	24	15	8	4
10 ng	18	8	5	3
100 ng	15	8	5	3
500 ng	15	8	5	3
1000 ng	14	7	5	3

Note: The final library size will be approximately 120 bp larger than the fragment size.

3. The procedure may be safely stopped at this step with samples stored at -20 °C if needed. To restart the protocol, thaw frozen samples on ice before proceeding to **Step B2**.

# STEP B2: Adapter Ligation

## Materials

### Bioo Scientific Supplied

**PURPLE CAP** - NEXTFLEX® Ligase Buffer Mix XP, NEXTFLEX® Ligase Enzyme XP

**WHITE CAP** - Nuclease-free Water, Resuspension Buffer, NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP

### User Supplied

50 µL of Fragmented, End Repaired, and Adenylated DNA (from STEP A2)

Thermal Cycler

Adhesive PCR Plate Seal

80% Ethanol, freshly prepared (room temperature)

Magnetic Stand

NEXTFLEX® Unique Dual Index Barcodes – 96 (Cat # 514150, 514151) or

NEXTFLEX® Dual Index Barcodes – 96 (Cat # 514160, 514161) or

NEXTFLEX-HT™ Barcodes – 6 / 96 (Cat # 514170, 514174, 514175, 514176, 514177) or

NEXTFLEX® DNA Barcodes – 6 / 12 / 24 / 48 (Cat # 514101, 514102, 514103, 514104) or

NEXTFLEX-96™ DNA Barcodes (Cat # 514106) or

NEXTFLEX® ChIP-Seq Barcodes – 6 / 12 / 24 / 48 (Cat # 514120, 514121, 514122, 514123) or

NEXTFLEX-96™ ChIP-Seq Barcodes (Cat # 514124)

1. Thaw NEXTFLEX® Ligase Buffer Mix XP to room temperature, and vortex for 5-10 seconds. Do not spin down tube, as this may cause components of the mix to separate and affect performance.
2. The following table lists recommended barcoded adapter concentration dilutions for various input amounts for all listed barcoded adapter except ChIP-Seq barcoded adapters::

Input DNA	Desired Adapter	Adapter Dilution Concentration
1 ng	0.3 µM	1 / 80
10 ng	0.6 µM	1 / 40
100 ng	6.25 µM	1 / 4
250 ng	25 µM	None
500 ng	25 µM	None
1 µg	25 µM	None

\* ChIP-Seq barcoded adapter are at 0.6 µM concentrations. They are recommend to be used for only 1ng or 10ng inputs either as is (0.6 µM desired adapter concentration) or diluted 1/2 (0.3 µM desired adapter concentration). Please inquire for additional details if necessary.

Each sample will require 2.5 µL of barcoded adapter to be added. Perform barcoded adapter dilutions if necessary with Nuclease-free Water, depending on input amount and starting barcoded adapter concentration.

The following reaction must be mixed thoroughly. The NEXTFLEX® Ligase Buffer Mix XP is very viscous. Thorough mixing of the reaction below is critical to obtaining optimal results.

Suggestion: To mix, pipette up and down 15 times; visually inspect tubes to ensure proper homogenization. Combine the following in the PCR plate and mix thoroughly by pipette:

50 µL	Fragmented, End Repaired & Adenylated DNA (from Step A2)
44.5 µL	NEXTFLEX® Ligase Buffer Mix XP*
2.5 µL	NEXTFLEX® Barcoded Adapter
3 µL	NEXTFLEX® Ligase Enzyme Mix XP*
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100 µL	TOTAL

\*These components can be premixed and added in a single step. Adapter should not be premixed in order to prevent excess adapter dimer formation.

3. Apply adhesive PCR plate seal and incubate on a thermal cycler with heated lid turned off or open for 15 minutes at 20 °C, followed by a 4 °C hold.
4. Add 65 µL of Nuclease-free Water and 35 µL of NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP to each sample. Mix thoroughly until homogenized. The NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads and Nuclease-free Water can be premixed and added in a single step.
5. Incubate sample at room temperature for 5 minutes.
6. Place the 96 well PCR plate on the magnetic stand at room temperature for 5 minutes or until the supernatant appears completely clear.
7. Remove and discard clear supernatant taking care not to disturb beads. Some liquid may remain in well.
8. With the plate on the stand, add 200 µL of 80% ethanol to each magnetic bead pellet and incubate plate at room temperature for 30 seconds. Carefully remove ethanol by pipette.
9. Repeat previous step for a total of 2 ethanol washes. Ensure all ethanol has been removed.
10. Remove the 96 well plate from the magnetic stand and let dry at room temperature for 3 minutes.
11. Resuspend dried beads with 55 µL of Resuspension Buffer. Mix thoroughly until homogenized.
12. Incubate sample at room temperature for 2 minutes.
13. Place the 96 well PCR plate on the magnetic stand at room temperature for 2 minutes or until the supernatant appears completely clear.
14. **Do not discard the sample in this step.** Transfer 50 µL of clear sample to a new well. Remove the 96 well PCR plate from the magnetic stand.
15. The procedure may be safely stopped at this step with samples stored at -20 °C if needed. To restart the protocol, thaw frozen samples on ice before proceeding to **Step C2**.

## STEP C2: Bead Size Selection

### Materials

#### Bioo Scientific Supplied

WHITE CAP - Resuspension Buffer, NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP

#### User Supplied

50 µL of Adapter Ligated DNA (from STEP B2)

80% Ethanol, freshly prepared (room temperature)

96 well PCR Plate

Magnetic Stand

Size Selection may not be optimal for inputs less than 10 ng. The size ranges listed in tables below reflect the total library size, including the insert and NEXTFLEX® Barcode Adapters. NEXTFLEX® Barcode Adapters add ~120bp to the insert length.

The following chart is a general recommendation for certain sizes. Yield and specificity of size selection is affected by size distribution of starting material. It is important to select for an insert size that is compatible with the size range of the starting material. The user should use this chart as a guideline with the expectation that optimization may be required for their specific application.

Note: During optimization, the user should keep in mind that adding more NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP at the 1st cleanup step “Bead Volume #1” would decrease the library size for the upper size selection and as a result, the lower size selection as well. Adding more NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP at the 2nd cleanup step “Bead Volume #2” would decrease the library size of the lower size selection only.

The following table lists the appropriate volume of NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP required to size select for library peak sizes (approximated) below:

Approximate Insert Peak Size (bp)	150 - 250	250 - 350	300 - 500	400 - 600	500 - 700
Approximate Library Peak Size (bp)	270 - 370	370 - 470	420 - 620	520 - 720	620 - 820
Bead Volume #1	35	32	30	27	24
Bead Volume #2	12	9	8	8	8

Ensure all reagents are at room temperature. Vortex the NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP thoroughly prior to use. Use a fresh dilution of 80% ethanol during wash steps.

1. Add Bead Volume #1 to sample as indicated in the column corresponding to your desired size range in the chart above. Mix thoroughly until homogenized.
2. Incubate sample at room temperature for 5 minutes.
3. Place the 96 well PCR plate on the magnetic stand at room temperature for 5 minutes or until the supernatant appears completely clear.

4. **Do not discard the supernatant in this step.** Transfer the clear supernatant to a new well. Be careful not to disrupt the magnetic bead pellet or transfer any magnetic beads with the sample.
5. Add Bead Volume #2 to sample as indicated in the column corresponding to your desired size range in the chart above. Mix thoroughly until homogenized.
6. Incubate sample at room temperature for 5 minutes.
7. Place the 96 well PCR plate on the magnetic stand at room temperature for 5 minutes or until the supernatant appears completely clear.
8. Remove and discard clear supernatant, taking care not to disturb beads. Some liquid may remain in wells.
9. With the plate on the stand, add 200  $\mu$ L of 80% ethanol to each magnetic bead pellet and incubate plate at room temperature for 30 seconds. Carefully remove ethanol by pipette.
10. Repeat previous step for a total of 2 ethanol washes. Ensure all ethanol has been removed.
11. Remove the 96 well PCR plate from the magnetic stand and let dry at room temperature for 3 minutes
12. Resuspend dried beads with 25  $\mu$ L of Resuspension Buffer. Mix thoroughly until homogenized.
13. Incubate sample at room temperature for 2 minutes.
14. Place the 96 well PCR plate on the magnetic stand at room temperature for 2 minutes or until the supernatant appears completely clear.
15. Transfer 23  $\mu$ L of clear sample to a new well.
16. The procedure may be safely stopped at this step with samples stored at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , if needed. To restart, thaw the frozen samples on ice before proceeding with **Step D2**. If input DNA amount was 500 ng or greater, PCR amplification may not be necessary depending on the sequencing application. Users starting with greater than 500 ng of input DNA are advised to quantify their unamplified libraries by qPCR at this point to determine if PCR amplification is necessary. This can be performed using any qPCR quantification kit compatible with Illumina® platforms.

# STEP D2: PCR Amplification

## Materials

### Bioo Scientific Supplied

GREEN CAP - NEXTFLEX® PCR Master Mix XP, NEXTFLEX® Primer Mix XP

WHITE CAP - Nuclease-free Water, Resuspension Buffer, NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP

### User Supplied

23 µL of Adapter Ligated DNA (from STEP C2)

Thermal Cycler

Adhesive PCR Plate Seal

96 Well PCR Plate

80% Ethanol, freshly prepared (room temperature)

Magnetic Stand

**Note:** The NEXTflex® Primer Mix that is included in the NEXTflex® NGS Barcodes are NOT compatible with this kit and should NOT be used in place of the Primer Mix XP.

\*The following table lists recommended PCR cycles:

Input DNA	Number of PCR cycles to produce	
	100 ng libraries	1 µg libraries
10 ng	9 - 10	11 - 13
100 ng	4 - 5	8 - 9
250 ng	4 - 5	6 - 7
500 ng	0 - 4	4 - 5
1000 ng	0 - 4	4 - 5

1. For each sample, combine the following reagents on ice in the PCR plate. Mix thoroughly.

23 µL     Adapter Ligated DNA (from Step C2)

25 µL     NEXTFLEX® PCR Master Mix XP\*

2 µL       NEXTFLEX® Primer Mix XP\*

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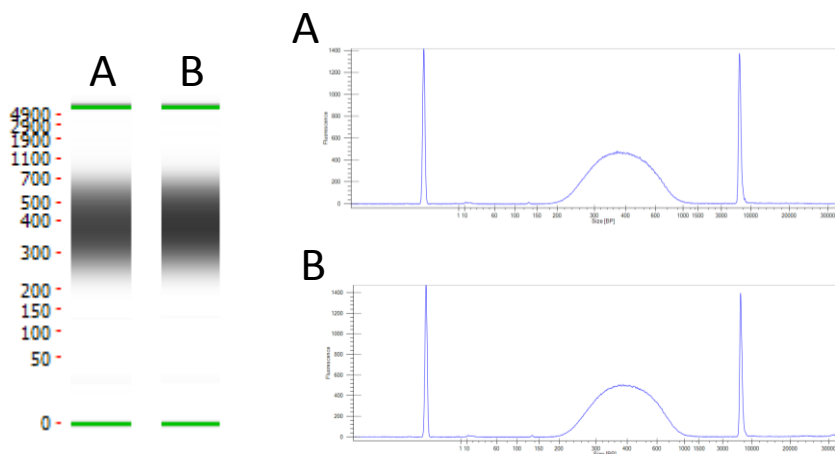
50 µL     TOTAL

\* These components can be premixed and added in a single step.

2. Apply adhesive PCR plate seal and place in thermocycler for the following PCR cycles:

30 sec	98°C	Repeat as suggested in above table
15 sec	98°C	
30 sec	65°C	
30 sec	72°C	
2 min	72°C	

3. Add 45 µL of NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP to each sample. Mix thoroughly until homogenized.
4. Incubate at room temperature for 5 minutes.
5. Place the 96 well PCR plate on the magnetic stand at room temperature for 5 minutes or until the supernatant appears completely clear.
6. Remove and discard clear supernatant taking care not to disturb beads. Some liquid may remain in wells.
7. With plate on stand, add 200 µL of 80% ethanol to each magnetic bead pellet and incubate plate at room temperature for 30 seconds. Carefully remove ethanol by pipette.
8. Repeat previous step for a total of 2 ethanol washes. Ensure all ethanol has been removed.
9. Remove plate from magnetic stand and let dry at room temperature for 3 minutes.
10. Resuspend dried beads with 33 µL of Resuspension Buffer. Mix thoroughly until homogenized.
11. Incubate resuspended beads at room temperature for 2 minutes.
12. Place the 96 well PCR plate on the magnetic stand at room temperature for 2 minutes or until the supernatant appears completely clear.
13. **Do not discard the supernatant in this step.** Transfer 30 µL of clear sample to a new well. Remove the 96 well PCR plate from the magnetic stand.
14. Examine your library by electrophoresis to ensure proper library sizing and to verify exclusion of contaminating small and large fragments [recommended: LabChip® GXII Touch™ HT instrument (PerkinElmer®)].
15. qPCR is recommended to quantify DNA library templates for optimal cluster density. This can be performed using any qPCR quantification kit for Illumina® platforms and the NEXTflex® Primer Mix XP as needed.
16. The library is now ready for cluster generation per the standard Illumina® protocol. Proceed to cluster generation or seal with adhesive PCR plate seal and store at - 20 °C.



*Figure 2: Library Validation*

5ng of libraries were loaded onto the LabChip® GXII Touch™ HT instrument (PerkinElmer®)

A) 1 µg input of Human Jurkat, 2-cycle PCR product with 7 minutes fragmentation

B) 1 ng input of Human Jurkat, 12-cycle PCR product with 15 minutes fragmentation



## Oligonucleotide Sequences

NEXTFLEX™	Sequence
NEXTFLEX™ DNA-Seq Adapter 1	5'AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT 5'GATCGGAAGAGCACACGTCTGAACTCCAGTCACCGATGATCTCGTATGCCGTCTTCTGCTTG
Primer 1	5'AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACAC
Primer 2	5'CAAGCAGAAGACGGGCATACGAGAT

## Mitigation of EDTA Contamination

Fragmentation can be sensitive to the presence of EDTA. EDTA is usually introduced when input DNA is stored in TE buffer (10 mM Tris and 1 mM EDTA). We observe that 1 mM of EDTA can increase peak size by 400-800 bp. (Figure 3) To help labs mitigate this issue, we suggest two options.

Option 1: For consistent results, removal of EDTA from DNA samples prior to the library preparation is strongly recommended. This may be achieved by performing a 3X bead cleanup using the NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP. This cleanup, however, is not recommended for samples less than 10 ng. Note: The amount of NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP provided in the kit may not be sufficient for these additional cleanups. Please inquire at [NGS@perkinelmer.com](mailto:NGS@perkinelmer.com) for additional details.

An example of 3X bead cleanup from 50 µL DNA samples:

1. Add 3 times the volume of NEXTFLEX® Cleanup Beads XP (150 µL) to each sample (50 µL) in a nuclease-free 96 well PCR plate. Mix thoroughly until homogenized.
2. Incubate sample at room temperature for 5 minutes.
3. Place the 96 well PCR plate on the magnetic stand at room temperature for 5 minutes or until the supernatant appears completely clear.
4. Remove and discard clear supernatant, taking care not to disturb beads. Some liquid may remain in the wells.
5. With the plate on the magnetic stand, add 200 µL of 80% ethanol to each magnetic bead pellet and incubate plate at room temperature for 30 seconds. Carefully remove ethanol by pipette.
6. Repeat the previous step for a total of 2 ethanol washes. Ensure all ethanol has been removed.
7. Remove the 96 well PCR plate from the magnetic stand and let dry at room temperature for 3 minutes.
8. Resuspend dried beads with 38 µL of water. Mix thoroughly until homogenized.

9. Incubate sample at room temperature for 2 minutes.
10. Place the 96 well PCR plate on the magnetic stand at room temperature for 2 minutes or until the supernatant appears completely clear.
11. **Do not discard the sample in this step.** Transfer 36  $\mu\text{L}$  of clear sample to a new well. Remove the 96 well PCR plate from the magnetic stand. Use 1-2  $\mu\text{L}$  to check the concentration of the DNA samples prior to starting the library prep using your preferred method.

Option 2: Alternatively, if precise control of the target fragment size is not required, or the input is less than 10 ng, 1  $\mu\text{L}$  of Conditioning Solution can be added to the fragmentation reaction of DNA samples containing up to 1 mM EDTA. Adding 1  $\mu\text{L}$  of Conditioning Solution will result in libraries within 200 bp of the desired fragment size (Figure 3 ). To achieve a more precise library size, further optimization of fragmentation time be required.

Furthermore, the amount of EDTA in a sample may not always be known, and the Conditioning Solution's effectiveness can also depend on the desired library size. Therefore, we do not recommend or offer suggestions for dilution of the Conditioning Solution based on final EDTA concentrations. Further optimization, however, of the amount of Conditioning Solution can be performed by the lab if desired. Addition of Conditioning Solution may decrease yield up to 20 %.

An example of adding Conditioning Solution into Step A1 or Step A2:

1. For each sample, combine the following reagents on ice in a nuclease-free 96 well PCR plate:

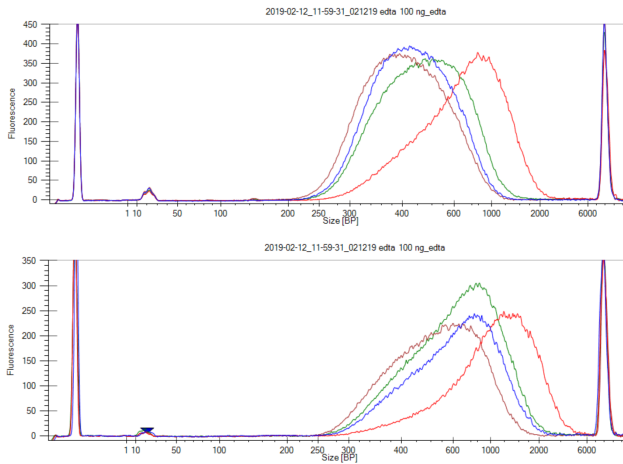
_ $\mu\text{L}$	Nuclease-free Water
_ $\mu\text{L}$	DNA (1 ng - 1 $\mu\text{g}$ )
1 $\mu\text{L}$	Conditioning Solution
5 $\mu\text{L}$	NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Buffer
39 $\mu\text{L}$	TOTAL

Ensure thorough mixing by pipetting up and down. Proceed with adding the enzyme.

39 $\mu\text{L}$	DNA + NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Buffer mixture
11 $\mu\text{L}$	NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation Enzyme Mix (DO NOT VORTEX)
50 $\mu\text{L}$	TOTAL

Note: Do **NOT** vortex the final NEXTFLEX® Fragmentation reaction. Mix by pipette only. It is important to mix the reaction on ice.

2. Continue with the recommended protocol from Step A1, step 2 or Step A2, step 2.



*Figure 3: Library Traces*

Libraries prepared from 100 ng of *E. coli* genomic DNA with 25 min (top) or 4 min (bottom) fragmentation time. No EDTA/no Conditioning Solution (Blue), 1 mM EDTA/no Conditioning Solution (Red), No EDTA/1 µL Conditioning Solution (Brown), and 1 mM EDTA/1 µL Conditioning Solution (Green).

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