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## 🌐 Cost-reducing Nanopore Library Preparation for R10 Native Barcoding Kit

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### ABSTRACT

Cost-reducing protocols for Nanopore R10 flow cell Native Barcoding library construction.

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## Step1. End-prep

1h

1 Make sure you have high concentration of DNA (>100 ng/μL, quantified by Qubit).

2 In 200 μL tube(s), combine the following chemicals per tube:

Reagent	Volume
DNA	6.4 μL
KAPA HyperPrep End Repair & A-tailing Buffer	0.77 μL
KAPA HyperPrep End Repair & A-tailing Enzyme	0.33 μL

### Note

Make sure the E&A buffer does not contain white precipitates before aspirate it.

### Note

Mix the chemicals by flicking the tube with your finger. Spin down the tube.

2.1 Incubate in a thermocycler at 20 °C for 00:30:00 and 65 °C for 00:30:00 . 1h  
Hold at 4 °C

## Step3. Native barcode ligation

- 3 Thaw the Native Barcodes (NB) required for your number of samples at room temperature on a cooling block.

**Note**

Individually mix the barodes by vortexing, spin down, and place them on ice.

- 4 In a clean 200  $\mu$ L tube, add the reagents in the following order per tube:

Reagent	Volume
End-prep Product	7.5 $\mu$ L
Native Barcode	2.5 $\mu$ L
ddH <sub>2</sub> O	1.1 $\mu$ L
Ligation Buffer	6.6 $\mu$ L
Ligase	2.2 $\mu$ L

**Note**

Ensure the reaction is thoroughly mixed by flicking the tube with your finger. Spin down the tube briefly.

- 5 Incubate for 20 minutes at 🌡️ Room temperature.

- 6 Thaw EDTA at 🌡️ Room temperature on a cooling block, mix by vortexing, spin down, and place on ice.

- 7 Add 2  $\mu$ L of EDTA to each tube and mix thoroughly by flicking the tube and spin down briefly.

8 Pool all the barcoded samples in a 1.5 mL microtube.


Note

Check the base of your tubes are all the same volume before pooling. For sure, you can aspirate 20 µL for each sample.

9 Prepare fresh 80% ethanol in ddH<sub>2</sub>O.

10 Resuspend the AMPure XP beads by vortexing.

11 Add 0.45X AMPure XP Beads (AXP) to the tube and mix by flicking the tube.

12 Incubate for 10 minutes at  Room temperature .

13 Spin down the sample and pellet on a magnet for 5 minutes. Keep the tube on the magnet until the elute is clear and colorless, and pipette off the supernatant.

14 Keep the tube on the magnetic rack and wash with 700 µL of freshly prepared 80% ethanol without disturbing the pellet. Flip the magnetic rack for 30 seconds. Remove the ethanol using a pipet and discard.


15  Repeat previous step .

- 16 Spin down and place the tube back on the magnet. Pipette off any residual supernatant. Allow to dry for 5~30 seconds.

#### Note

Do not dry the pellet to the point of cracking.

- 17 Remove the tube from the magnetic rack and resuspend the pellet in 35  $\mu$ L ddH<sub>2</sub>O by gently flicking.

- 18 Incubate for 10 minutes at  37 °C on an incubator .

- 19 Pellet the beads on a magnet until the eluate is clear and colourless.

- 20 Remove and retain 35  $\mu$ L of elute into a clean 1.5 mL microtube.

## Step2. Adapter ligation

30m

- 21 Thaw the Native Adapter (LA) and KAPA HyperPrep Ligation Buffer. Vortex and spin down the tubes, and place on ice immediately afterwards.

#### Note

Although the recommended 3rd party ligase is supplied with its own buffer, the ligation efficiency of Adapter Mix (AMX) is higher when using Ligation Buffer supplied within the Ligation Sequencing Kit.

#### Note

Ensure the Ligation Buffer is thoroughly vortexing until the droplets or any precipitations were dissolved.


**21.1** Spin down the KAPA HyperPrep Ligase and place on ice immediately.

**21.2** In a 1.5 mL tube, add the following chemicals:

Reagent	Volume
Pool Barcoded Sample	30 $\mu$ L
Native Adapter	5 $\mu$ L
ddH <sub>2</sub> O	1.67 $\mu$ L
Ligation Buffer	9.99 $\mu$ L
Ligase	3.33 $\mu$ L

#### Note

Mix the chemicals by flicking the tube with your finger. Spin down the tube.

**21.3** Incubate overnight at  Room temperature .


## Step3. Cleanup

30m

**22** Thaw either Long Fragment Buffer (LFB) or Short Fragment Buffer (SFB) at room temperature on a cooling block, mix by vortexing, spin down and place on ice.

**23** Resuspend the AMPure XP beads by vortexing.

**24** Add 0.45X AMPure XP Beads (AXP) to the tube and mix by flicking the tube.

**25** Incubate for 10 minutes at  Room temperature .

**26** Spin down the sample and pellet on a magnet. Keep the tube on the magnet, and pipette off the supernatant.

**Note**


Pellet the beads on a magnet until the eluate is clear and colorless, for at least 1 minute.

**27** Wash the beads by adding either 125  $\mu$ L Long Fragment Buffer (LFB). Flick the beads to resuspend, spin down, then return the tube to the magnetic rack and allow the beads to pellet.

**Note**

Pellet the beads on a magnet until the eluate is clear and colorless, for at least 1 minute.


**27.1** Remove the supernatant using a pipette and discard.

**28**  Repeat previous step .

- 29** Spin down and place the tube back on the magnet. Pipette off any residual supernatant. Allow to dry for 5~30 seconds.

**Note**

Do not dry the pellet to the point of cracking.

- 30** Remove the tube from the magnetic rack and resuspend the pellet in 15 µL Elution Buffer (EB). Spin down and incubate for 10 minutes at  37 °C on an incubator .

- 31** Pellet the beads on a magnet until the eluate is clear and colourless, for at least 1 minute.

- 32** Leave the tube aside, and go to the priming steps.

**Note**

If you are not going to sequence the prepared library in an hour later, remove and retain 14 µL of eluate containing the DNA library into a clean 1.5 mL microtubes.  
For short-term storage or reloading flow cells between washes, you can keep the prepared library at 4°C. While for long-term storage of more than 3 months, storing libraries at -80°C is recommended.

## Step4. Priming and loading the SpotON flow cell

- 33** Thaw the flow cell, Sequencing Buffer (SQB), Loading Solution (LIS), and one tube of Flush mixture (FB & FLT) at room temperature on cooling block.

**Note**

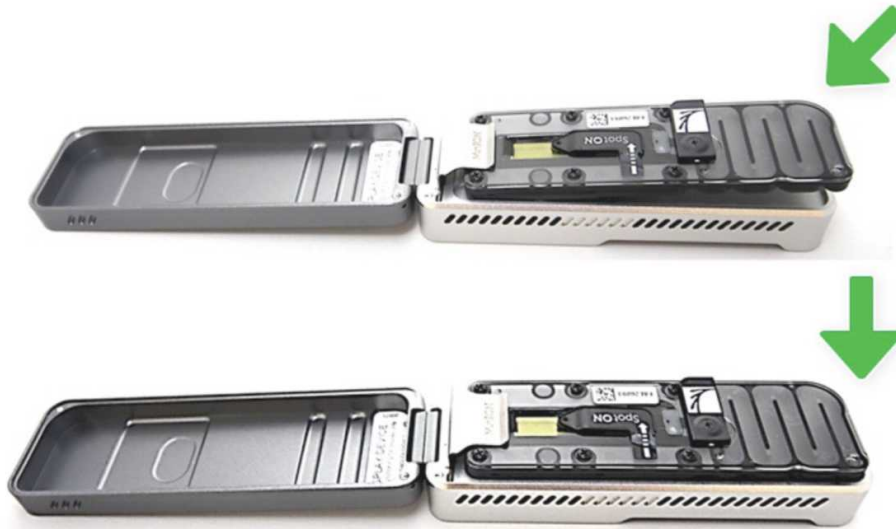
The Flush Buffer (FB) and Flush Tether (FLT) is needed to be premixed for the first time opening the tube.



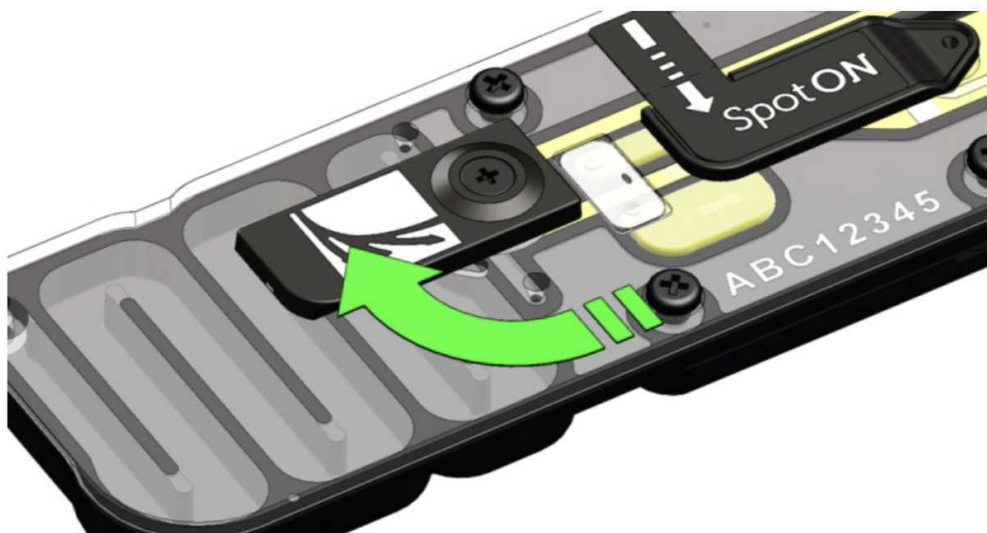
- 34 Open the MinION device lid and slide the flow cell under the clip. Press down firmly on the flow cell to ensure correct thermal and electrical contact.

#### Note

Make sure there is no bubbles in the flow cell.



- 35 Slide the flow cell priming port cover clockwise to open the priming port.



- 36** After opening the priming port, check for a small air bubble under the cover. Draw back a small volume to remove any bubbles:
1. Set a P1000 pipette to 800  $\mu$ L.
  2. Insert the tip into the priming port.
  3. Turn the wheel until the dial shows 820–230  $\mu$ L, 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.

- 37** Load 800  $\mu$ L of the priming mix into the flow cell via the priming port by turning the pipet wheel, avoiding the introduction of air bubbles. Wait for 5 minutes. During this time, prepare the library for loading by following the steps below.
- 38** Aspirate 14  $\mu$ L of the eluted prepared library into a new 1.5 mL microtube.

**38.1** In that new tube, prepare the library for loading as follows:

Reagent	Volume
Sequencing Buffer (SB)	37.5 µL
Library Solution (LIS)	25.5 µL

**Note**

Add all the chemicals directly into the liquid.

**39** Complete the flow cell priming:

1. Gently lift the SpotON sample port cover to make the SpotON sample port accessible.
2. Load 200 µl of the priming mix into the flow cell via the priming port (not the SpotON sample port), avoiding the introduction of air bubbles.

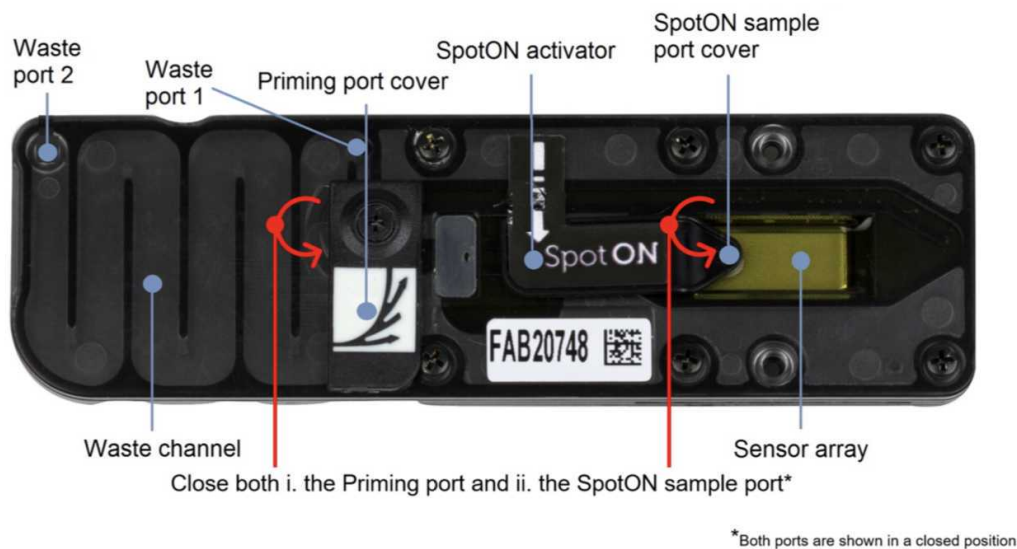
**Note**

Load the library as soon as possible after this step.

**40** Mix the prepared library gently by pipetting up and down in the tip using a P200 pipet just prior to loading.

**41** Add the 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.

**42** Gently close the SpotON sample port cover, making sure the bung enters the SpotON port, close the priming port, cover the sensor array with the sensory cover, and close the MinION device lid.



- 43 Quantify 1  $\mu$ L of pooled barcoded sample and eluted sample using Qubit.

## Step5. Flow Cell Wash and Storage

30m

- 44 Stop or pause the sequencing experiment in MinKNOW, and leave the flow cell in the device.

### Note

If you are not going to wash it immediately. Keep in 4°C.

- 45 Place the tube of Wash Mix (WMX) on ice. Do not vortex the tube.  
Thaw one tube of Wash Diluent (DIL) at room temperature on a cooling block.

### Note

Mix the contents of Wash Diluent (DIL) thoroughly by vortexing, spin down briefly and place on ice.

**45.1** In a clean 1.5 mL microtube, prepare the following Flow Cell Wash Mix:

Reagent	Volume
Wash Mix (WMX)	1 $\mu$ L
Wash Diluent (DIL)	199 $\mu$ L

**Note**

Mix well by pipetting, and place on ice. Do not vortex the tube.

**45.2** Lift the sensory cover.

**Note**

Ensure that the priming port cover and SpotON sample port cover are in the positions indicated in the figure below.

**45.3** Rotate the flow cell priming port cover clockwise so that the priming port is visible.

**45.4** After opening the priming port, check for a small air bubble under the cover. Draw back a small volume to remove any bubbles:

1. Set a P1000 pipette to 800  $\mu$ L.
2. Insert the tip into the priming port.
3. Turn the wheel until the dial shows 820–830  $\mu$ L, or until you can see a small volume of liquid entering the pipette tip.

**Note**

Visually check that there is continuous buffer from the priming port across the sensor array.

**45.5** Load 200  $\mu$ L of the prepared Flow Cell Wash Mix into the flow cell via the priming port, avoiding the introduction of air.

**45.6** Close the priming port and keep into 4°C for 2 days.

**45.7**  [go to step #45](#) Repeat this step.

**46** Take out the MinION device from 4°C fridge.

**47** Thaw one tube of Storage Buffer (S) at room temperature on a cooling block.

**47.1** Mix contents thoroughly by pipetting and spin down briefly.

**48** Rotate the flow cell priming port cover clockwise so that the priming port is visible. Open the device lid.

**49** After opening the priming port, check for a small air bubble under the cover. Draw back a small volume to remove any bubbles:

1. Set a P1000 pipette to 800 µl.
2. Insert the tip into the priming port.
3. Turn the wheel until the dial shows 820–830 µl, or until you can see a small volume of liquid entering the pipette tip.

Note

Visually check that there is continuous buffer from the priming port across the sensor array.

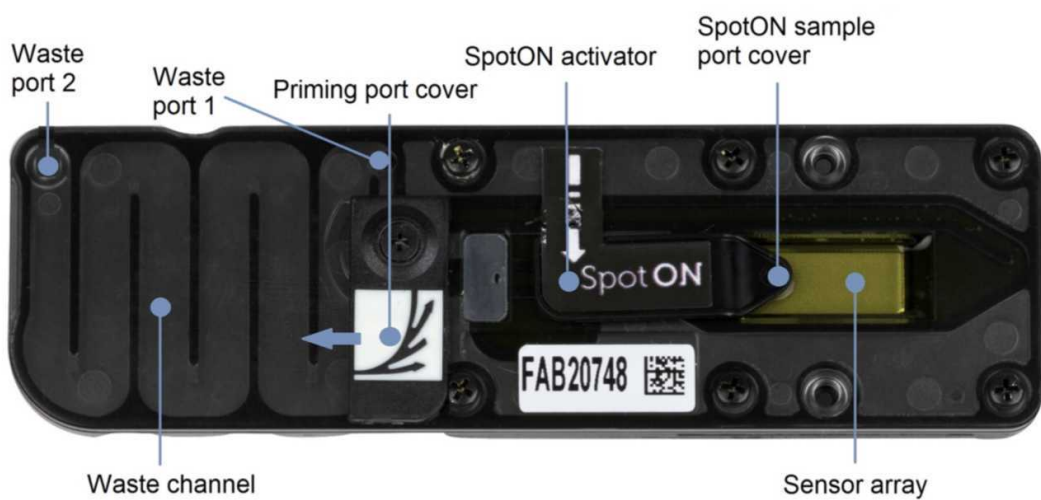
**50** Add 500 µl of Storage Buffer (S) through the priming port of the flow cell by turning the pipet wheel.

**50.1** Close the priming port.

**51** Using a P1000, remove all fluids from the waste channel through Waste port 2. As both the priming port and SpotON sample port are closed, no fluid should leave the sensor array area.

Note

It is vital that the flow cell priming port and SpotON sample port are closed to prevent air from being drawn across the sensor array area, which would lead to a significant loss of sequencing channels.



**52** Perform a Flow Cell Check.

**53** The flow cell can now be stored at 4°C.