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Abstract

Poly(A)-ClickSeq is a library preparation method used to target the 3' ends of polyadenylated RNA, such as eukaryotic mRNAs. This technique offers an alternative to conventional RNA-seq methods that provide the user with sequencing reads that cover entire transcripts. Instead, the 3' end targeting protocol of Poly(A)-ClickSeq enables a more cost efficient and straightforward method for measuring differential gene expression and simultaneously the mapping of poly(A) sites which can be used for alternative polyadenylation studies.

The process takes advantage of the chain-terminating properties of 3'-azido-nucleotides, which are included the initial *in vitro* reverse-transcription reactions uniformly required for RNAseq. In Poly(A)-ClickSeq (PAC-Seq), priming occurs from poly(A)-tails using an unanchored oligo-dT primer and only AzATP, AzGTP and AzCTP (collectively known as AzVTPs) are supplemented in the RT reaction. As a result, cDNA synthesis does not terminate in the poly(A)-tail, but rather continues until the 3'UTR is reached. Thereafter, the modified nucleotides (AzVTPs) are stochastically incorporated into the nascent cDNA at a programmable distance upstream of the 3'UTR/Poly(A)-tail junction, yielding cDNA fragments blocked at their 3'ends with azido groups. The 3'-azido-blocked cDNA fragments are 'click-ligated' onto alkyne-functionalized sequencing adaptors, which can subsequently be PCR-amplified to yield a sequencing-ready NGS library.

PAC-Seq offers unique advantages over common RNA sequencing and 3'end mapping protocols in that it does not require the purification, selection, or fragmentation steps typically required in RNA-seq approaches. Sample preparation is started directly from crude total cellular RNA. Furthermore, click-chemistry is utilized to attach the required sequencing adapter, rather than commonly-used enzymatic reactions. Overall, this results in increased efficiency of the protocol, fewer processing steps, and reduced time from RNA to sequencing-ready libraries.

Guidelines

Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) is a highly sensitive technique that generates millions of data points. The quality of your input material can be translated to the final quality of your libraries at the end of this protocol, and in turn, the sequencing data. Use common laboratory precautions to minimize introducing contamination to your samples and follow procedures as written to ensure good yields.

RNA Handling

- Work in an RNase-free environment; use RNase inhibitors to decontaminate your workspace. Follow standard aseptic techniques.
- Wear PPE (gloves, lab coat, eye protection, etc) to protect your workstation and reagents from RNases that are present on your skin. Change gloves often.
- Use RNase-free plasticware by purchasing certified materials or by treating consumables with RNase Inhibitors.

RNA Input Guidelines

- Most standard RNA extraction protocols are compatible with this method. Take care during the final steps of the extraction method to ensure that no salts, metal ions, or organic solvents are carried over into the final elution step. For example, ethanol contamination can reduce the efficiency of all reactions in this protocol.
- During the RNA extraction elute your sample in RNase-free water or Tris buffer (10mM, pH 7.4). **Do NOT use carrier RNA during the extraction process.** Commonly, carrier RNA is poly(A) oligos. Do not use these, they will negatively impact your final sequencing data as you will only sequence this RNA
- We recommend using protocols that do not co-purify genomic DNA, since A-rich genomic DNA may also be captured by the Poly(A)-ClickSeq approach. If available, complete the specified DNase I treatment during RNA extraction.
- RNA can be quantified by any of the user's preferred methods (UV-vis, spectrophotometer, Qubit fluorometer, etc.)
- This protocol has been demonstrated to work with as little as 30ng up to 4µg of total cellular RNA. That quantity should be in a max of 10µl water or Tris- buffer. While it is possible to use the specified range of starting material, we have found that the optimal amount to start with is generally 1µg of total cellular RNA.
- A260/A280 values should be between 1.9 and 2.2
- RIN values should be >6.0

Bead Handling

- Follow manufacturers recommendations but generally, SPRI purification beads should be stored at +4°C. Beads tend to settle during storage so they should be resuspended thoroughly before use (by vortexing or pipetting vigorously). Beads are resuspended properly when the solution is uniform in color (light brown) and there are no visible clumps on the bottom or sides of the tube.
- SPRI beads are magnetic and are collected by placing the sample tube on a magnetic rack. The time it takes for the beads to pellet will depend on the strength of the magnet you are using; adjust the incubation time accordingly by waiting until the solution is completely clear. Waiting longer to ensure that all the beads have pelleted will not affect overall quality of your libraries but will ensure adequate efficiency of the purification steps.
- When discarding the supernatant of pelleted beads, take care to not disturb the beads by keeping the sample tube on the magnetic rack and do not touch the pellet with a pipette tip.

- Ethanol carryover after the second wash step during bead purification can inhibit subsequent reactions. Visually inspect each well to ensure all ethanol has been removed.
- Do not allow beads to over-dry, exhibited by visible cracking. This can damage the beads and reduce overall yields.

General

- Read an entire section of the protocol before beginning to familiarize yourself with all steps. To minimize any issues, collect the necessary equipment, prepare the appropriate reagents, and pre-load the appropriate incubation temperatures on your thermocycler.
- Enzymes should be thawed and kept on ice while in use. All other reagents can be thawed at room temperature and kept on ice while not in use. SPRI beads equilibrate to room temperature prior to use.
- Spin down all reagent tubes prior to opening to prevent loss and to minimize cross-contamination.
- Use calibrated pipettes and fresh tips between samples and reagents.
- Pipette reagents and mixes carefully and in a controlled manner. Viscous reagents (such as enzyme mixes) should be pipetted slowly to ensure accuracy and the complete transfer of the reagent. Avoid frothing and the introduction of air bubbles while mixing.

Master Mixes

Steps #4 and #17 require the generation of master mixes. In order to have enough solution for all samples, include a 10% surplus per reaction when calculating the master mix.

PCR Cycle Optimization

The number of PCR cycles to perform will depend on the sample type (species, tissue, quality, etc.) so optimizations should be completed prior to processing all samples of the same type. This protocol has been extensively tested using total cellular RNA extracted from *D. melanogaster* (S2) cells. The provided values should be used as a reference only.

A	B
Total RNA Input	PCR Cycle Number
100ng	17-19
500ng	16-18
1µg	13-15
2µg	12-14

Sequencing Guidelines





- Final Poly(A)-ClickSeq libraries are compatible with the Illumina sequencing platforms (NextSeq, NovaSeq, MiSeq, HiSeq, etc.) or with Element Biosciences Aviti™ systems/flowcells that are compatible with the same Illumina adaptors.

- Final ClickSeq libraries can also be sequenced on Oxford Nanopore Technology's flowcell by straight-forward ligation of the ONT DNA sequencing (e.g. LSK109) adaptors.
- Read 1 will include 4nt of the UMI followed by the cDNA fragment.
- The 8nt i7 index sequences are provided in the table below.



A	B
Index	Sequence
D701	ATTACTCG
D702	TCCGGAGA
D703	CGCTCATT
D704	GAGATTCC
D705	ATTCAGAA
D706	GAATTCGT
D707	CTGAAGCT
D708	TAATGCGC
D709	CGGCTATG
D710	TCCGCGAA
D711	TCTCGCGC
D712	AGCGATAG

Materials

Required Reagents

-  Poly(A)-ClickSeq Kit **ClickSeq Technologies LLC**
-  SuperScript® III Reverse Transcriptase **Thermo Fisher Catalog #18080093**
-  OneTaq 2X Master Mix with Standard Buffer - 100 rxns **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0482S**
-  SPRIselect reagent kit **Beckman Coulter Catalog #B23317** or equivalent DNA/RNA Purification Beads
- Nuclease-free water
- 80% ethanol (made fresh)

Optional Reagents

-  RNaseOUT™ Recombinant Ribonuclease Inhibitor **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #10777019**
-  RNase H - 250 units **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0297S**

Protocol materials

-  RNase H - 250 units **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0297S** Materials, Step 7
-  Poly(A)-ClickSeq Kit **ClickSeq Technologies LLC** Materials
-  SuperScript® III Reverse Transcriptase **Thermo Fisher Catalog #18080093** Materials
-  RNaseOUT™ Recombinant Ribonuclease Inhibitor **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #10777019** Materials
-  SPRIselect reagent kit **Beckman Coulter Catalog #B23317** In Materials and [4 steps](#)
-  OneTaq 2X Master Mix with Standard Buffer - 100 rxns **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0482S** Materials, Step 26

Safety warnings

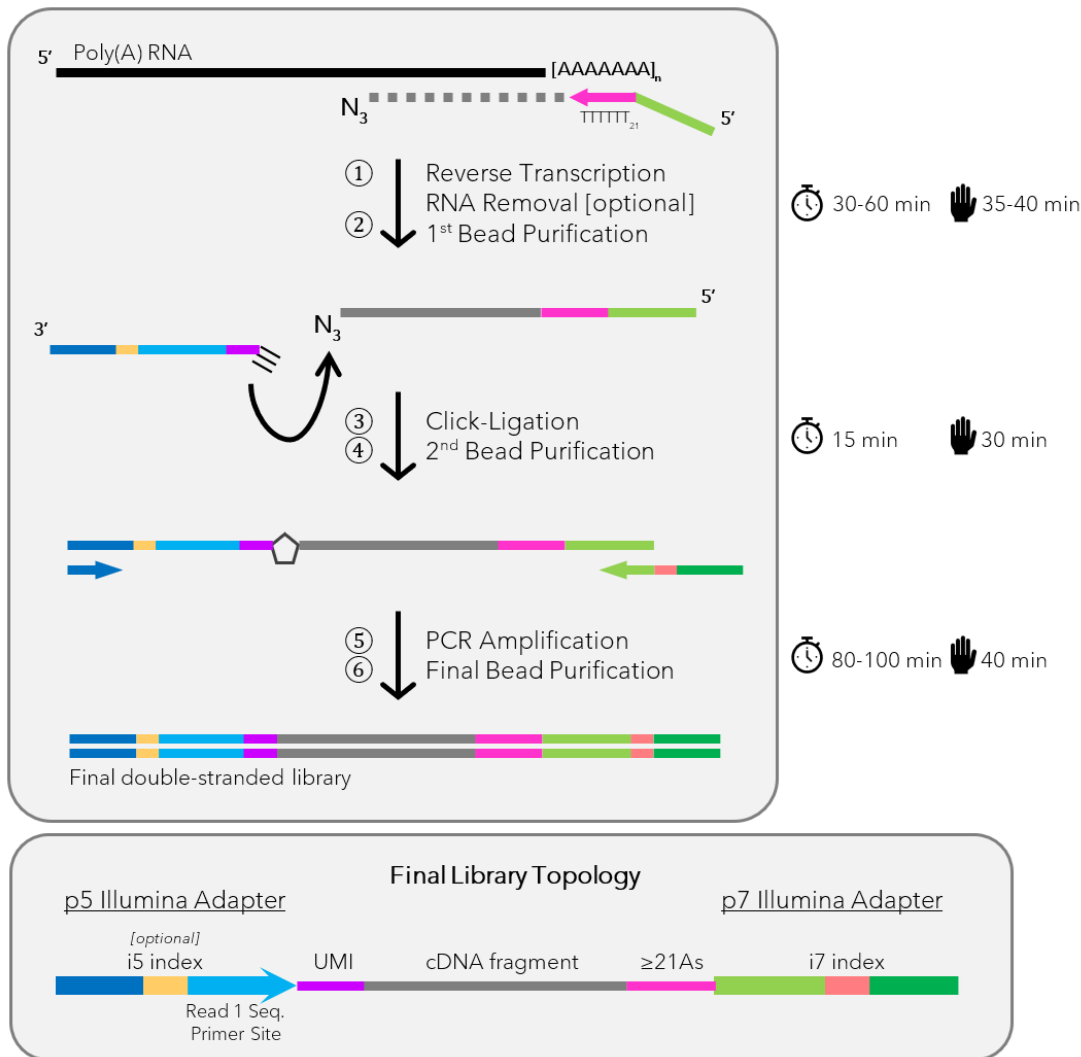
- ! Standard molecular lab precautions should be adhered to, including standard PPE (gloves, lab coat, eye protection, etc).

Before start

Check to ensure that you have all the necessary components, materials, and equipment before beginning this protocol. The protocol can be grouped into 6 broad steps/sections:

1. **Reverse Transcription and RNA Removal:** Total RNA is reverse transcribed by priming from the poly(A) tail of mRNA and other transcripts. The presence of AzVTPs stochastically terminates the reaction upstream of the 3'UTR/Poly(A)-tail junction, generating a distribution of randomly sized cDNA fragments.
2. **First Bead Purification:** Magnetic beads are used to remove all components of the reverse transcription reaction leaving the cDNA fragments for further processing.
3. **Click-Ligation:** During this step, a sequencing adapter is attached to the azido-terminated 3' ends of the cDNA fragments using a Click-Chemistry reaction.
4. **Second Bead Purification:** SPRI beads are used to remove components of the click-ligation reaction leaving cDNA fragments that are flanked by sequencing adapters.
5. **PCR Library Amplification:** At this step, PCR is used to convert the single stranded cDNA fragments to dsDNA fragments, amplify the fragments to generate enough material for sequencing, and to add the sequencing indices/barcodes (Illumina i7 adapters).
6. **Final Bead Purification:** Magnetic bead purification is used to remove components of the PCR amplification reaction from the completed barcoded libraries and return size-selected (~200-400bp) sequencing-ready libraries. If you are using this protocol for alternative polyadenylation studies, please reference Appendix C for an additional size selection step.

⌚ 2 – 3 hrs Wait Time 🖐️ <2 hrs Hands On







Poly(A)-ClickSeq Schematic



Reverse Transcription and RNA Removal

50m

- 1 In a 0.2ml tube, dilute  100 ng -  2 µg of input RNA to  10 µL using nuclease free water. 

Note

This protocol has been demonstrated to work with as little as 30ng up to 4µg of total cellular RNA. That quantity should be in a max of 10µl water or Tris-buffer. While it is possible to use the specified range of starting material, we have found that the optimal amount to start with is generally 1µg of total cellular RNA. Below this value, additional PCR cycles are required that will result in PCR duplication and increased adaptor-dimers in the final library.





Total cellular RNA can be used as the input material. There is no need to poly(A)-select or ribo-deplete your samples, since the Poly(A)-ClickSeq process primes from the poly(A)-tail of mRNA transcripts.

- 2 Add  3 µL of PAC Primer Mix (PPM) to the diluted RNA. Mix well.  

Note



The primer used in this step is:

GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTNNNNTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT

- 3 Incubate the mixture at  65 °C for  00:05:00 to melt any RNA secondary structure and immediately snap cool the reaction by placing the tubes on ice for  00:01:00 to anneal the reverse primer. 

6m

Note

Alternative annealing conditions may improve the yield and on-target priming of the reverse-transcription reaction. For example, incubating the sample at  65 °C for  00:05:00 may be followed by slow cooling by placing on tube racks at room temperature.

- 4 After snap cooling, generate an RT master mix in a separate tube by combining the following components, pipette well to mix:




A	B	C
	Per Rxn	Master Mix
5X First Strand Buffer	4µl	
DTT (100mM)	1µl	
[optional] Recombinant Ribonuclease Inhibitor [or nuclease-free water]	1µl	
SSIII Reverse Transcriptase	1µl	

Generate a Master Mix of these components when preparing more than one sample at a time

Note

Recombinant Ribonuclease Inhibitor is not essential in cases where RNA quality or abundance is not a concern and can be replaced with nuclease-free water to save on reagent costs

- 5 Add  7 µL of the RT master mix to each reaction and pipette to mix.



- 6 Incubate the reaction in a thermocycler using the following conditions:

 25 °C for  00:10:00

 50 °C for  00:10:00


 75 °C for  00:10:00

 4 °C for ∞

30m





Note



Skipping the  25 °C incubation step may improve specificity/on-target priming.

At this point it is recommended to remove the SPRI Bead reagents from 4°C storage to allow them to equilibrate to room temperature.



- 7 [optional] To remove template RNA, add  0.5 μL of  RNase H - 250 units **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0297S** . Pipette to mix.
- Incubate the reaction in a thermocycler using the following conditions:





30m

 37 °C for  00:20:00 80 °C for  00:10:00 4 °C for ∞ **Note**

Removal of the RNA template using RNaseH is not essential but may improve library yield in some cases. In cases where library yield is not a concern, step #7 may be omitted to save on reagent costs and prep time.

First Bead Purification


15m

- 8 Add  36 μL of thoroughly resuspended  SPRIselect reagent kit **Beckman Coulter Catalog #B23317** beads to the reaction mix.
- Mix well by pipetting. Incubate for  00:05:00 at  Room temperature .

5m

**Note**

SPRI beads tend to settle during storage and should be thoroughly resuspended by vortexing briefly prior to use. Additionally, it is important to allow the SPRI beads to equilibrate to room temperature for 30 min.



- 9 Pellet beads by placing the sample tubes on a magnetic rack. Allow the beads to collect for  00:05:00 or until the supernatant is completely clear.

5m



- 10 Leaving the sample tubes on the magnetic rack, discard clear supernatant taking care to not disturb the pelleted beads.






- 11 Leaving the sample tubes on the magnetic rack, wash pelleted beads by adding  200 μL of freshly prepared 80% EtOH. Do not resuspend beads. After  00:00:30 incubation remove


30s



and discard the supernatant.


12 Repeat the EtOH washing step (#11) for a total of two washes. After the second wash make sure to remove all traces of EtOH as ethanol can impair the efficiency of subsequent steps. Visually inspect tubes for trace amounts of EtOH left over on the sides of the tubes. Tubes should be removed off the magnet and pulse spun to collect extra EtOH at the bottom of the sample tube. Place tubes back on a magnetic stand and pipette off any remaining EtOH.

13 Remove the sample tubes from the magnetic rack and resuspend the beads by adding  21 μL of Elution Buffer 1 (**EB1**). Incubate resuspended beads for  00:02:00 at  Room temperature

14 Place the sample tubes back on the magnetic rack and allow beads to pellet. Transfer  20 μL of the supernatant to a fresh 0.2ml sample tube.

Safe stopping point: samples can be stored at  -20 °C

Click-Ligation

15 Add  15 μL of Click Mix (**CM**) to each sample. Pipette to mix, taking care to not introduce air bubbles.

Note

The Click-Adaptor present in the Click Mix (**CM**) is:

5' Hexynyl-

NNNAGATCGGAAGAGCGTCGTGTAGGGAAAGAGTGTAGATCTCGGTGGTCGCCGTATCAT
T

16 **In a separate tube**, prepare the Click Ligation master mix, pipetting up and down 3-5 times to mix, taking care to not introduce any air bubbles. **CC** is blue in color and should turn clear/colorless when mixed properly. This is a time sensitive reaction so **proceed immediately to the next step.**

A	B	C
	Per Rxn	Master Mix
Click Accelerant (CA)	4 μL	





A	B	C
Click Catalyst (CC)	1 μ L	

Generate a Master Mix of these components when preparing more than one sample at a time

Note

The tube containing **CA** should only be used one time to limit exposure to atmospheric oxygen. Discard the tube once it has been used. The ClickSeq kit provides two CA tubes.





- 17 Add  5 μ L of the Click Ligation master mix to each sample tube. Once the mix has been added to all sample tubes, pipette or flick to mix, and spin down contents of the tube. Incubate the reaction at room temperature for  00:15:00 .

15m




Second Bead Purification

15m

- 18 Add  64 μ L of thoroughly resuspended  SPRIselect reagent kit **Beckman Coulter Catalog #B23317** beads to the reaction mix. Mix well by pipetting. Incubate for  00:05:00 at  Room temperature

5m





- 19 Pellet beads by placing the sample tubes on a magnetic rack. Allow the beads to collect for  00:05:00 or until the supernatant is completely clear.

5m



- 20 Leaving the sample tubes on the magnetic rack, discard clear supernatant. Take care to not disturb the pelleted beads.



- 21 Leaving the sample tubes on the magnetic rack, wash pelleted beads by adding  200 μ L of freshly prepared 80% EtOH. Do not resuspend beads. After  00:00:30 incubation remove and discard the supernatant.




30s



- 22 Repeat the EtOH wash step (#21) for a total of two washes. After the second wash make sure to remove all traces of EtOH as ethanol can impair the efficiency of subsequent steps. Visually inspect tubes for trace amounts of EtOH left over on the sides of the tubes. Tubes should be removed off the magnet and pulse spun to collect extra EtOH at the bottom of the tube. Place tubes back on a magnetic stand and pipette off any remaining EtOH.






23 Remove the sample tubes off the magnetic rack and resuspend the beads by adding  21 μL of Elution Buffer 2 (**EB2**). Incubate resuspended beads for  00:02:00 at  Room temperature .

2m




24 Place the sample tubes back on the magnetic plate and allow beads to pellet. Transfer  20 μL of the supernatant to a fresh 0.2ml PCR tube.



Safe stopping point: samples can be stored at  -20 °C **overnight**

PCR Library Amplification


2h 10m

25 Transfer  10 μL of the sample volume to a new PCR tube.
(Note: Retain the other 10 μL of your sample. It can be used to repeat the PCR amplification step in the case of over- or under-cycling or for technical replicates).




26 Add  25 μL of



 OneTaq 2X Master Mix with Standard Buffer - 100 rxns **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0482S**

to each sample tube.

27 Using a unique Index Primer per sample, add  15 μL of each respective i7 index primer (Index Primer **N001-N012**) to each sample tube. Pipette to mix. Take note of which index was used for each sample.



**Note**

The 'forward' primer in the PCR step is:

AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAG

The 'reverse' primer (i7 indexing primer) is:

CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATxxxxxGTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGT

where 'xxxxxx' denotes the barcode used. Any indexing primers that conform to this 'structure' can be used here.

The 8nt i7 index sequences are provided in the table below:

A	B
D701	ATTACTCG
D702	TCCGAGAG
D703	CGCTCATT
D704	GAGATTCC
D705	ATTCAGAA
D706	GAATTCGT
D707	CTGAAGCT
D708	TAATGCGC
D709	CGGCTATG
D710	TCCGCGAA
D711	TCTCGCGC
D712	AGCGATAG

i7 Indexes included in the ClickSeq Technologies Primer Box (12 Indexes)

28 Place the sample tubes in a thermocycler using the following PCR cycling program:

- 94 °C 00:01:00 ; 53 °C 00:00:30 ; 68 °C 00:10:00 ;
- [94 °C 00:00:30 ; 53 °C 00:00:30 ; 68 °C 00:02:00] x 12-21 cycles;
- 68 °C 00:05:00 ;
- 4 °C f ∞

19m 30s



Note

The number of PCR cycles to perform will depend on the sample type (species, tissue, quality, etc.) so optimizations should be completed prior to processing all samples of the same type. This protocol has been extensively tested using total cellular RNA extracted from *D. melanogaster* (S2) cells. The provided values should be used as a reference only. We recommended starting with 18 cycles when generating libraries from >100ng of high quality RNA and adjusting as needed.

A	B
Total RNA Input	PCR Cycle Number
100ng	17-19+
500ng	16-18
1µg	13-15
2µg	12-14







Suggested PCR cycle numbers depending upon the amount of RNA provided in Step #1.

Note

In the case of over- or under-cycling, starting at step #25, the protocol may be repeated using the retained 10µl of your sample from step #24. Under-cycling will result in low yield and the PCR amplification should be repeated with a higher cycle number. Over-cycling can result in excessive PCR duplication and will result in excess library.

Final Bead Purification




15m

- 29 Add  30 µL of thoroughly resuspended  SPRSelect reagent kit **Beckman Coulter Catalog #B23317** to the reaction mix. Mix well by pipetting. Incubate for 5 min at room temperature. 
- 30  SPRSelect reagent kit **Beckman Coulter Catalog #B23317** Pellet beads by placing the sample tubes on a magnetic rack. Allow the beads to collect for  00:05:00 or until the supernatant is completely clear. 




31 Leaving the sample tubes on the magnetic rack, **transfer the supernatant to fresh 0.2ml tubes.** Take care to not disturb the pelleted beads. Pelleted beads may be discarded. **Do NOT discard the supernatant.**



32 Add  15 μL of thoroughly resuspended SPRI beads to the retained supernatant from step #31. Mix well by pipetting. Incubate for  00:05:00 at  Room temperature .

5m





33 Pellet beads by placing the sample tubes on a magnetic rack. Allow the beads to collect for  00:05:00 or until the supernatant is completely clear.

5m



34 Leaving the sample tubes on the magnetic rack, discard clear supernatant. Take care to not disturb the pelleted beads.






35 Leaving the sample tubes on the magnetic rack, wash pelleted beads by adding  200 μL of freshly prepared 80% EtOH. Do not resuspend beads. After  00:00:30 incubation remove and discard the supernatant.

30s




36 Repeat the EtOH wash step (#35) for a total of two washes. After the second wash make sure to remove all traces of EtOH as ethanol can impair the efficiency of subsequent steps. Visually inspect tubes for trace amounts of EtOH left over on the sides of the tubes. Tubes should be removed off the magnet and pulse spun to collect extra EtOH at the bottom of the tube. Place tubes back on a magnetic stand and pipette off any remaining EtOH.



37 Remove the sample tubes off the magnetic rack and resuspend the beads by adding  18 μL of Elution Buffer 2 (EB2). Incubate resuspended beads for  00:02:00 at  Room temperature .

2m



38 Place the sample tubes back on the magnetic plate and allow beads to pellet. Transfer  17 μL of the supernatant to a fresh tube.



39 Samples are now ready for quality control, quantification, pooling, and sequencing.



Safe stopping point: samples can be stored at  -20 °C

**Note**

Following the protocol as directed will retain fragments ~200-400bp. This is the optimal size fragment size range for the Poly(A)-ClickSeq protocol for most purposes. The final fragments consist of: ~140nt of sequencing adapters, ≥ 21 nt of A's, and ~40-240nt of the cDNA fragment. The 'R1' forward sequencing read will be derived from the p5 Illumina adaptor (click-ligated in step #17), and read through the UMI the cDNA fragment, and finally into the poly(A)-tail if the cDNA fragment is short than the number of sequencing cycles. Since the oligo-dT primer used in the reverse transcription is not 'anchored' to the junction of the 3' end and poly(A)-tail or a given mRNA, the number of A's found in the R1 read can (and should) exceed the length of the oligo-dT primer. Indeed, this feature allows for the computational differentiation between 'real' poly(A)-tails and aberrant poly(A)-tails that are the result of priming internally within an mRNA transcript. Furthermore, for alternative polyadenylation analyses it is critical to capture the poly(A) sequence. Therefore, we have found that it is beneficial to do an additional size selection step to ensure that the cDNAs are uniformly short enough that the majority of 'R1' forward sequencing reads reach the poly(A)-tail.

[Optional] Agarose Gel DNA Extraction Protocol (if tighter fragment size distribution is required)

- 40 Quantify samples using the Qubit dsDNA High Sensitivity Kit or with a BioAnalyzer High Sensitivity DNA kit. *
- 41 Make an equimolar pool(s) of your samples (or however you would like to distribute the pool). You may pool all your samples into one pool, or you may make a few pools with fewer samples per pool. When pooling, consider the capacity of your gel electrophoresis system. *
- 42 Following the protocol for the agarose system of your choosing; assemble your gel electrophoresis system, mix your sample with loading dye (if necessary), load your samples and ladder into the wells of your gel, and run the gel to separate your samples. *
- 43 Using a clean gel knife and referencing the DNA ladder, excise a gel fragment between 200 and 400bp (or as required per the user's assay). *
- 44 Following the user defined agarose DNA extraction protocol, dissolve and extract the DNA from the excised agarose. Elute/resuspend your sample in 10-20 μ l of Elution Buffer 2 (**EB2**). *
- 45 Samples are now ready for quality control, quantification, pooling, and sequencing. *

Safe stopping point: samples can be stored at  -20 °C



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