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ABSTRACT

ARTIC amplicon MinION sequencing protocol for nCoV-2019 starting from environmental samples

This protocol is a modification of the nCoV-2019 sequencing protocol v2 (Gunlt) V.2, a one-pot native barcoding protocol was developed by Josh Quick in conjunction with Oxford Nanopore Technologies, New England Biolabs and BCCDC.

This version modifies a few steps from the above protocol to obtain a better yield from low concentration samples.

This protocol was implemented in the manuscript: "Environmental Surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 at the UC Davis Medical Center" by David Coil et al. Code for data analysis here:

https://github.com/sociovirology/sars_cov2_environmental_seq

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MATERIALS TEXT

Primers 25nm, desalted, ideally LabReady formulation from IDT ARTIC nCoV-2019 V3 Panel, 500rxn

Extraction kits; Zymo Quick-RNA Viral Kit Zymo R1034 or QIAamp Viral RNA Mini Qiagen 52904 SuperScript IV (50 rxn) Thermo 18090050 dNTP mix (10 mM each) Thermo R0192 Random Hexamers (50 µM) Thermo N8080127 RNase OUT (125 rxn) Thermo 10777019 NEB Q5 Hot Start HF Polymerase M0493S NEBNext Ultra II End-prep NEB E7546S NEB NEBNext Quick Ligation Module E6056S Native Barcoding Expansion Kit 1-12 Nanopore EXP-NBD104 Native Barcoding Expansion Kit 13-24 Nanopore EXP-NBD114 Sequencing Auxiliary Vials Nanopore EXP-AUX001 Short Fragment Buffer Expansion kit Nanopore EXP-SFB001 Flow Cell Priming Kit Nanopore EXP-FLP002 R9.4.1 flow cells Nanopore FLO-MIN106

Volume

cDNA preparation

Component

1 Mix the following components in an 0.2mL 8-strip tube;

Component	Volume
50μM random hexamers	□ 1 μl
10mM dNTPs mix (10mM each)	□1 μl
Template RNA	⊒11 μl
Total	□13 ul

Viral RNA input from a clinical sample should be between Ct 18-35. If Ct is between 12-15, then dilute the sample 100-fold in water, if between 15-18 then dilute 10-fold in water. This will reduce the likelihood of PCR-inhibition.

A mastermix should be made up in the **mastermix cabinet** and aliquoted into PCR strip tubes. Tubes should be wiped down when entering and leaving the mastermix cabinet.

- 2 Gently mix by pipetting and pulse spin the tube to collect liquid at the bottom of the tube.
- 3 Incubate the reaction as follows:

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§ 65 °C for ⋄ 00:05:00 Place on ice for ⋄ 00:01:00
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4 Add the following to the annealed template RNA:

A mastermix should be made up in the **mastermix cabinet** and added to the denatured RNA in the **extraction and sample addition cabinet**. Tubes should be wiped down when entering and leaving the mastermix cabinet.

- 5 Gently mix by pipetting and pulse spin the tube to collect liquid at the bottom of the tube.
- 6 Incubate the reaction as follows:

Primer pool preparation

7 If required resuspend lyophilised primers at a concentration of 100μM each. The ARTIC nCoV-2019 V3 Panel can be ordered pre-mixed from IDT.

<u>nCov-2019/V3</u> primers for this protocol were designed using <u>Primal Scheme</u> and generate overlapping 400nt amplicons. Primer names and dilutions are listed in the table below.

Generate primer pool stocks by adding $\mathbf{5} \mu \mathbf{l}$ of each odd region primer to a $\mathbf{1.5} \mu \mathbf{l}$ Eppendorf labelled "Pool 1 (100 μ M)" and each even region primer to a $\mathbf{1.5} \mu \mathbf{l}$ Eppendorf labelled "Pool 2 (100 μ M)". The pool is also given in the .TSV files in the primalscheme output. These are your 100 μ M stocks of each primer pool.

Primers should be diluted and pooled in the **mastermix cabinet** which should be cleaned with decontamination wipes and UV sterilised before and after use.

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9 Dilute this primer pool 1:10 in molecular grade water, to generate 10µM primer stocks. It is recommend that multiple aliquots of each primer pool are made to in case of degradation or contamination.

Primers need to be used at a final concentration of $0.015\mu M$ per primer. In this case V3 pools have 110 primers in pool 1 and 108 primers in pool 2. so the requirement is ~4 μL primer pool (10 μM) per 25 μL reaction. For other schemes, adjust the volume added appropriately.

Multiplex PCR

10 In the mastermix hood set up the multiplex PCR reactions as follows in 0.2mL 8-strip PCR tubes:

Component	Pool 1		Pool 2
5X Q5 Reaction Buffer	⊒ 5 μl	⊒ 5 μl	
10 mM dNTPs	□ 0.5 μl	□ 0.5 μl	
Q5 Hot Start DNA Polymerase	□ 0.25 μl	□0.25	μl
V3 Primer Pool 1 or 2 (10 μ M)	⊒4.0 µl	□4.0	μl
Nuclease-free water	⊒ 12.75 µl	12.75	μl
Total	⊒22.5 µl	⊒22.5 µl	

A PCR mastermix for each pool should be made up in the **mastermix cabinet** and aliquoted into PCR strip tubes. Tubes should be wiped down when entering and leaving the mastermix cabinet.

11 In the extraction and sample addition cabinet add \blacksquare 2.5 μ I cDNA to each tube and mix well by pipetting.

The **extraction and sample addition cabinet** should should be cleaned with decontamination wipes and UV sterilised before and after use.

- 12 Pulse centrifuge the tubes to collect the contents at the bottom of the tube.
- 13 Set-up the following program on the thermal cycler:

Step	Tempe	rature Time		Cycles
Heat Activation	§ 98 ℃	© 00:00:30	1	
Denaturation	8 98 °C	© 00:00:15	25-35	
Annealing	8 65 °C	©00:05:00	25-35	
Hold	8 4 °C	Indefinite	1	

14 Determine and record the concentrations of the PCR products: Qubit, nanodrop, etc.

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Optional: If the post-PCR concentrations are low, run a second PCR reaction with both pool 1 and pool 2 primers on each sample, as above, and combine the products. This should yield more DNA going into the clean and concentrate step.

Pool PCRs & Concentrate Products

16 Label new PCR strip tubes by sample. For guidance on low concentration samples, see 16.1.

Add 20ul of each Pool 1 PCR reaction into the new tubes, being careful to ensure sample identity.

Add 20ul of each Pool 2 PCR reaction into the new tubes, being careful to ensure sample identity. 40ul total volume.

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16.1



If low PCR product concentrations are a concern, the complete volume of the Pool 1 and Pool 2 reactions may be combined to proceed with into the clean and concentrate steps. If a second PCR reaction for each sample has been performed, the complete volume of these may be pooled to yield a total volume of ~ 100 ul per sample going into clean and concentrate reaction.

17 Follow the directions for size selection and purification using the Zymo Research Select a Size DNA Concentrator Kit. 5m

* Use the \geq 100 bp cutoff.

Elute in 10 µl Elution buffer and incubate for 00:05:00 at room temperature before final spin.

18 Determine and record the concentrations of the cleaned and concentrated PCR products: Qubit, nanodrop, etc.

Quantification and normalisation

19 Label another **1.5 mL** Eppendorf tube for each sample.

Input to the one-pot native barcoding reaction is 50ng per sample. Process at least 6 samples plus one negative control per library in order to have sufficient material to load on the sequencer at the end.

Native barocoding

Barcode the amplicon pools using the one-pot native barcoding approach. *For guidance on low concentration samples, see 20.1, labeled with an '*"



20.1 Set up the following reaction for each sample:

Component	Volume	
PCR dilution from previous step	⊒ 5 μl	
Nuclease-free water	⊒ 7.5 μl	
Ultra II End Prep Reaction Buffer	□ 1.75 μl	
Ultra II End Prep Enzyme Mix	□ 0.75 μl	
Total	⊒15 μl	

20.2 Incubate at room temperature for © 00:10:00

Incubate at $~ \mbox{\ensuremath{\emptyset}} ~ \mbox{\ensuremath{65} \ensuremath{\mbox{\ensuremath{\raisebox{0.5ex}{\circ}}}\mbox{\ensuremath}\mbox{\ensuremath}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\raisebox{0.5ex}{\circ}}}\mbox{\ensuremath}}\mbox{\ensuremath}\mbox{\ensuremath}}\mbox{\ensuremath}\mbox{\ensuremath}}\mbox{\ensuremath}\mbox{\ensuremath}}\mbox{\ensuremath}\mbox{\ensuremath}}\mbox{\ensuremath}\mbox{\ensuremath}}\mbox{\ensuremath}\mbox{\ensuremath}}\mbox{\ensuremath}\mbox{\ensuremath}}\mbox{\ensurem$

Incubate on ice for © 00:01:00

20.3 In a new 1.5mL Eppendorf tube set up the following reaction:

Component Volume Previous reaction mixture □1.5 μl Nuclease-free water □5.7 μl NBXX barcode □2.5 μl Ultra II Ligation Master Mix □10 μl Ligation Enhancer □0.3 μl Total □20 μl

Use one native barcode from the EXP-NBD104 (1-12) or EXP-NBD114 (13-24) per sample. Use from 6 to 24 barcodes in a library, any fewer and there will be insufficient total material to achieve good yields.

20.4 Incubate at room temperature for © 00:20:00

Incubate at $\ \mbox{\ensuremath{\emptyset}}\ 65\ \mbox{\ensuremath{\circ}}\ \mbox{\ensuremath{C}}\ \ \mbox{\ensuremath{for}\ }\ \mbox{\ensuremath{\circ}}\ \mbox{\ensuremath{\circ}\ \mbox{\ensuremath{\circ}}\ \mbox{\ensuremath{\circ}$

Incubate on ice for **© 00:01:00**

The 65° C incubation is to inactivate the DNA ligase to prevent barcode cross-ligation when reactions are pooled in the next step.

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20.15	Pulse centrifuge and remove any residual SFB.
20.14	Repeat steps 11-13 to perform a second SFB wash.
20.13	Remove supernatant and discard.
20.12	Pulse centrifuge to collect all liquid at the bottom of the tube.
	SFB will remove excess adapter without damaging the adapter-protein complexes. Do not use 70% ethanol as in early clean-ups.
20.11	Add 700 μl SFB and resuspend beads completely by pipette mixing.
20.10	Carefully remove and discard the supernatant, being careful not to touch the bead pellet.
20.9	Place on magnetic rack and incubate for $© 00:02:00$ or until the beads have pelleted and the supernatant is completely clear.
20.8	Incubate for © 00:05:00 at room temperature.
20.7	Pulse centrifuge to collect all liquid at the bottom of the tube.
	0.4x volume of SPRI will only bind 400 bp amplicons in the presence of ligation buffer as in a one-pot reaction, do not use 1x as this will result in excessive native barcode carryover.
20.6	Add 0.4x volume of SPRI beads to the sample tube and mix gently by either flicking or pipetting. For example add \$\subseteq 96 \mu I \ SPRI beads to \$\subseteq 240 \mu I \ 12-plex pooled one-pot native barcoding reactions.
20.5	In a new 1.5 ml Eppendorf tube pool all 20 μl one-pot barcoding reactions together.

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You do not need to allow to air dry with SFB washes.

20.16 Add $200 \,\mu$ l of room-temperature 70 % volume ethanol to bathe the pellet.

20.17 Carefully remove and discard ethanol, being careful not to touch the bead pellet.

Only perform 1x 70% ethanol wash

- 20.18 Pulse centrifuge to collect all liquid at the bottom of the tube and carefully remove as much residual ethanol as possible using a P10 pipette.
- 20.19 With the tube lid open incubate for 00:01:00 or until the pellet loses it's shine (if the pellet dries completely it will crack and become difficult to resuspend).
- 20.21 Place on magnet and transfer sample to a clean 1.5mL Eppendorf tube ensuring no beads are transferred into this tube

20.1

Optional: For low concentration samples, a second barcoding reaction may be performed for each sample, using the End Prepped sample as template. In the protocol referenced in step 20, 'One-pot barcoding of amplicons v2', this is step 3 (or step 20.3 of this protocol). *Be careful adding the barcodes and template to ensure sample identity is retained!*

Combine the 2 barcoding reactions to yield a total volume of ~ 40ul per barcoded sample.

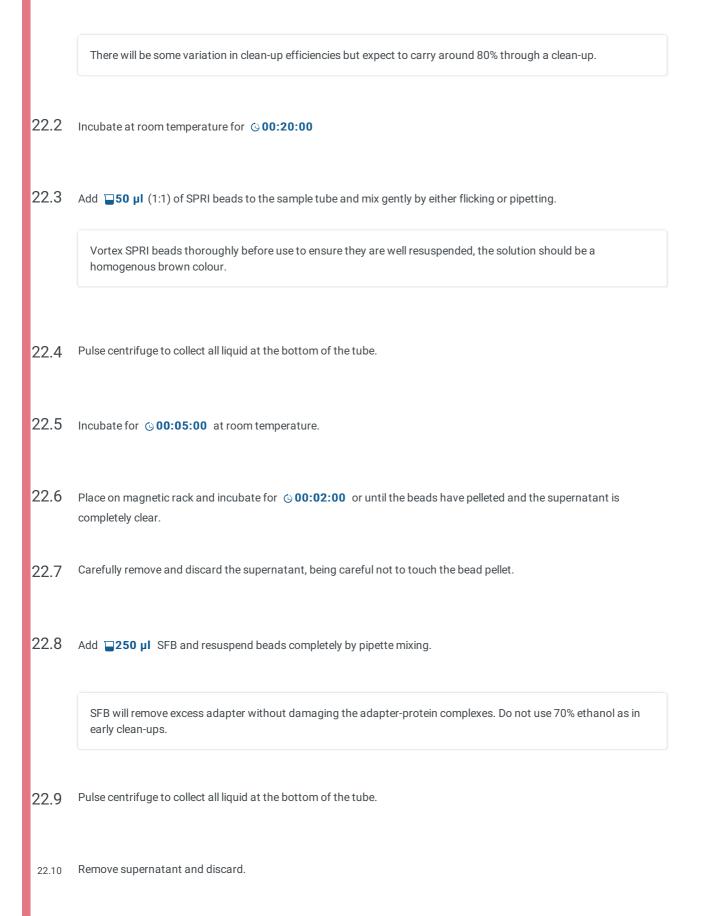
21 Quantify 1 µl of the barcoded amplicon pool using the Quantus Fluorometer using the ONE dsDNA assay.

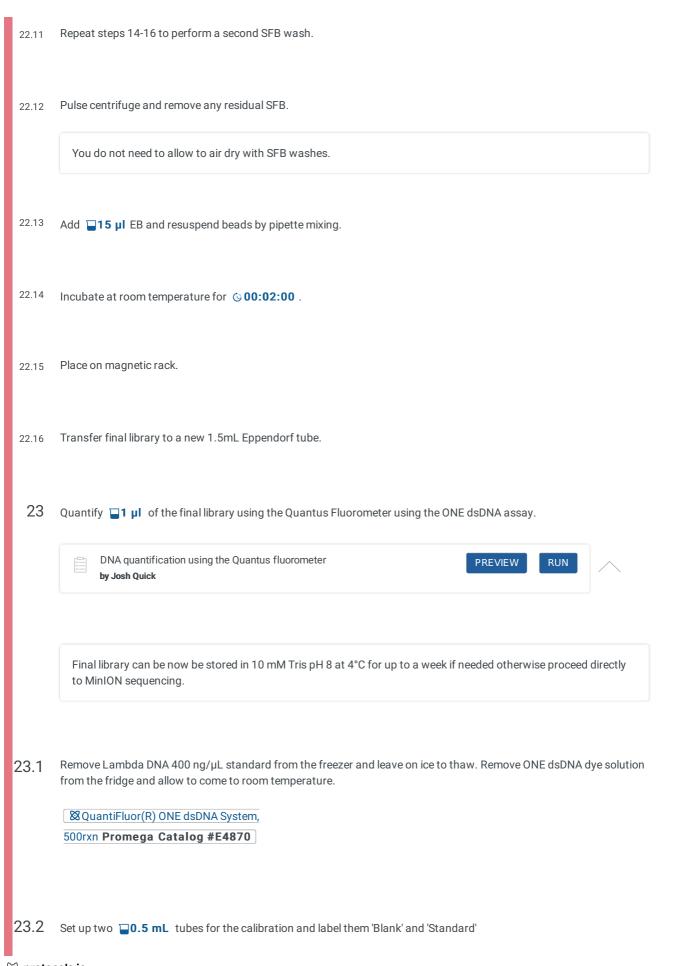


Remove Lambda DNA 400 ng/μL standard from the freezer and leave on ice to thaw. Remove ONE dsDNA dye solution from the fridge and allow to come to room temperature.

500rxn Promega Catalog #E4870 21.2 Set up two **D.5 mL** tubes for the calibration and label them 'Blank' and 'Standard' 21.3 Add 200 µl ONE dsDNA Dye solution to each tube. 21.4 Mix the Lambda DNA standard 400 ng/µL standard by pipetting then add □1 µI to one of the standard tube. 21.5 Mix each sample vigorously by vortexing for © 00:00:05 and pulse centrifuge to collect the liquid. 21.6 Allow both tubes to incubate at room temperature for **© 00:02:00** before proceeding. 21.7 Selection 'Calibrate' then 'ONE DNA' then place the blank sample in the reader then select 'Read Blank'. Now place the standard in the reader and select 'Read Std'. 21.8 Set up the required number of **DNA** samples to be quantified. Use only thin-wall, clear, 0.5mL PCR tubes such as Axygen #PCR-05-C Label the tubes on the lids, avoid marking the sides of the tube as this could interfere with the sample reading. 21.9 21.10 Add 199 µl ONE dsDNA dye solution to each tube. 21.11 Add 11 ul of each user sample to the appropriate tube. Use a P2 pipette for highest accuracy.

21.12	Mix each sample vigorously by vortexing for	☼ 00:00:05 and pulse centrifuge to collect the liquid.	
21.13	Allow all tubes to incubate at room temperat	ure for ③ 00:02:00 before proceeding.	
21.14	On the Home screen of the Quantus Fluorom	neter, select `Protocol`, then select `ONE DNA` as the assay type.	
		n for the selected assay you can continue, there is no need to perform ore diluted dye solution. If you want to use the previous calibration, skip 9.	
21.15	On the home screen navigate to 'Sample Volu	ume' and set it to 및1 μl then 'Units' and set it to ng/μL.	
21.16	Load the first sample into the reader and clost the lid.	se the lid. The sample concentration is automatically read when you close	
21.17	Repeat step 16 until all samples have been read.		
21.18	The value displayed on the screen is the dsDN laboratory notebook.	NA concentration in ng/μL, carefully record all results in a spreadsheet or	
22	22 Set up the following AMII adapter ligation and clean-up with SFB.		
	Adapter ligation with AMII by Josh Quick	PREVIEW RUN	
22.1	Set up the following AMII adapter ligation rea	action:	
	Component	Volume	
	End-repaired amplicon pools	⊒ 30 μl	
	NEBNext Quick Ligation Reaction Buffer (5X) ⊒10 μl	
	Adapter Mix (AMII)	⊒ 5 μl	
	Quick T4 DNA Ligase	⊒ 5 μl	
	Total	⊒50 μl	
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 23.13
        Allow all tubes to incubate at room temperature for © 00:02:00 before proceeding.
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24.3	If required place a new MinION flowcell onto the MinION by flipping open the lip and pushing one end of the flowcell under the clip and pushing down gently.			
24.2	Add 30 μl FLT to the FLB tube and mix well by vortexing.			
	Sequencing buffer (SQB) Loading beads (LB) Flush buffer (FLB) Flush tether (FLT)			
24.1	Thaw the following reagents at room temperature before placing on ice:			
	From experience we know 20 ng is optimum loading input for short amplicons.			
	Priming and loading a MinION flowcell by Josh Quick RUN			
MinION 24	Prime the flowcell and load □20 ng sequencing library onto the flowcell.			
23.18	The value displayed on the screen is the dsDNA concentration in $ng/\mu L$, carefully record all results in a spreadsheet or laboratory notebook.			
23.17	Repeat step 16 until all samples have been read.			
23.16	Load the first sample into the reader and close the lid. The sample concentration is automatically read when you close the lid.			
23.15	On the home screen navigate to 'Sample Volume' and set it to $\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$			
	If you have already performed a calibration for the selected assay you can continue, there is no need to perform repeat calibrations when using ONE DNA pre diluted dye solution. If you want to use the previous calibration, skip to step 11. Otherwise, continue with step 9.			
23.14	On the Home screen of the Quantus Fluorometer, select `Protocol`, then select `ONE DNA` as the assay type.			

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- 24.4 Rotate the inlet port cover clockwise by 90° so that the priming port is visible.
- 24.5 Take a P1000 pipette and tip and set the volume to 3800 μl . Place the tip in the inlet port and holding perpendicularly to the plane of the flowell remove any air from the inlet port by turning the volume dial anti-clockwise.

Be careful not to remove so much volume that air is introduced onto the rectangular array via the outlet.

- 24.6 Load **300 μl** of FLB (plus FLT) into the flow cell via the inlet port, dispense slowly and smoothly trying to avoid the introduction of any air bubbles.
- 24.7 Wait for © 00:05:00.
- 24.8 Gently lift the SpotON cover to open the SpotON port.
- Load another $\square 200 \,\mu I$ of FLB (plus FLT) into the flow cell via the inlet port, this will initiate a siphon at the SpotON port to allow you to load the library dilution.
- 24.10 In a new tube prepare the library dilution for sequencing:

Component Volu	
SQB	⊒ 37.5 μl
LB	⊒ 25.5 μl
Final library	□12 μl
Total	⊒75 μl

Mix LB immediately before use as they settle quickly.

Dilute library in EB if required.

24.11 Mix the prepared library gently by pipetting up and down just prior to loading.

- Add the 375 μl library dilution to the flow cell via the SpotON sample port in a dropwise fashion. Ensure each drop siphons into the port before adding the next.
 Gently replace the SpotON sample port cover, making sure the bung enters the SpotON port, close the inlet port and close the MinION lid.
 - 25 Start the sequencing run using MinKNOW.

Starting a MinION sequencing run using MinKNOW	PREVIEW	RUN	
by Josh Quick			

- 25.1 If required plug the MinION into the computer and wait for the MinION and flowcell to ben detected.
- 25.2 Choose flow cell 'FLO-MIN106' from the drop-down menu.
- 25.3 Then select the flowcell so a tick appears.
- 25.4 Click the 'New Experiment' button in the bottom left of the screen.
- 25.5 On the New experiment popup screen, select the running parameters for your experiment from the individual tabs:

Experiment: Name the run in the experiment field, leave the sample field blank.

Kit: Selection: Select LSK109 as there is no option for native barcoding (NBD104).

Run Options: Set the run length to 6 hours (you can stop the run once sufficient data has been collected as determined using RAMPART).

Basecalling: Leave basecalling turned but select 'fast basecalling'.

Output: The number of files that MinKNOW will write to a single folder. By default this is set to 4000 but can be reduced to make RAMPART update more frequently.

Click 'Start run'.

25.6 Monitor the progress of the run using the MinKNOW interface.

