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Universal, amplicon-based sequencing method for Canine Distemper Virus (CDV)

nCoV-2019 sequencing protocol v2 (GunIt)

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Canine distemper virus is a multihost pathogen which mostly affects family Canidae (dog, fox, coyote, wolf) but it also occurs in other carnivorous families like Mustelidae (ferret, skunk, badger, mink, weasel, otter), Procyonidae (raccoon, lesser panda, kinkajou), Hyaenidae (hyenas) or Ursidae (bear).

Increasing surveillance needed to identify new CDV variants and to understand the dynamics of CDV epidemiology. There are available vaccines against the virus, but it is important to assess the efficacy of the vaccine against these novel strains. To maintain these follow up efforts we developed an universal amplicon based sequencing method which is capable to generate data from the previously described CDV strains.

The protocol was forked and designed by the original work of Josh Quick (https://www.protocols.io/view/ncov-2019-sequencing-protocol-v2-bdp7i5rn?version_warning=no).

Now this method is in experimental phase therefore it should be widely tested to evaluate its efficiency.

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Primers	IDT	
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
Q5 Hot Start HF Polymerase	NEB	M0493S
NEBNext Ultra II End-prep	NEB	E7546S
NEBNext Quick Ligation Module	NEB	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

cDNA preparation

- 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 µL

Viral RNA input from a 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:

🔥 65 °C for ⌚ 00:05:00

Place on ice for ⌚ 00:01:00

- 4 Add the following to the annealed template RNA:

Component	Volume
SSIV Buffer	🧴 4 µL
100mM DTT	🧴 1 µL
RNaseOUT RNase Inhibitor	🧴 1 µL
SSIV Reverse Transcriptase	🧴 1 µL
Total	🧴 20 µL

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:

🔥 50 °C ⌚ 00:50:00

🔥 70 °C ⌚ 00:10:00

Hold at 🔥 5 °C

Primer pool preparation

- 7 If required resuspend lyophilised primers at a concentration of 100µM each

Universal CDV primers for this protocol were designed using [Primal Scheme](#) and generate overlapping 1000 and 2000 nucleotide amplicons. Primer names and dilutions are listed in

the table below.

The list of high quality genomes which were used to design the primers:




 **CDV_full_genomes.xlsx**





Universal CDV primers for 1000 basepair long amplicon set:

 **CDV_1000_primers.csv**



Universal CDV primers for 2000 basepair long amplicon set:

 **CDV_2000_primers.csv**

- 8 Generate primer pool stocks by adding  **5 µL** of each odd region primer to a  **1.5 mL** Eppendorf labelled “Pool 1 (100µM)” and each even region primer to a  **1.5 mL** Eppendorf labelled “Pool 2 (100µM)”. These are your 100µM stocks of each primer pool.

	Number of primers:	Final volume:
CDV_1000_pool_1:	63	 315 µL
CDV_1000_pool_2:	50	 250 µL
CDV_2000_pool_1:	32	 160 µL
CDV_2000_pool_2:	27	 135 µL

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

- 9 Dilute this primer pool 1:10 in molecular grade water, to generate 10µM primer stocks. It is recommended that multiple aliquots of each primer pool are made to in case of degradation or contamination. Our recommendation is that you should use  **50 µL** from the stock solution and add  **450 µL** nuclease-free water to generate the working solution of the primers.

Primers need to be used at a final concentration of 0.015µM per primer.

Multiplex PCR

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

Reactions with the 1000 bp amplicon set:

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 (10µM)	2.5 µL	2.0 µL
Nuclease-free water	14.25 µL	14.75 µL
Total	22.5 µL	22.5 µL

Reactions with the 2000 bp amplicon set:

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 (10µM)	2.0 µL	2.0 µL
Nuclease-free water	14.75 µL	14.75 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 2.5 µL cDNA to each tube and mix well by pipetting.

The **extraction and sample addition cabinet** should should be cleaned with

The extraction and sample reaction vessels 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	Temperature	Time	Cycles
Heat Activation	98 °C	00:00:30	1
Denaturation	98 °C	00:00:15	25-35
Annealing	64 °C	00:05:00	25-35
Hold	4 °C	Indefinite	1

Cycle number should be 25 for Ct 18-21 up to a maximum of 35 cycles for Ct 35

Clean up

14 Label a 1.5 mL Eppendorf tube for each sample and assemble the following PCR dilution for each sample:

Component	Volume
Pool 1 PCR reaction	25 µL
Pool 2 PCR reaction	25 µL
SPRI Beads	25 µL
70% EtOH	2X 100 µL
Nuclease-free water	25 µL

14.1 In a new 1.5 ml Eppendorf tube pool all 25 µl PCR product from the same primer set (1000 pool 1-2 or 2000 pool 1-2) reactions together.

14.2 Add 0.5x volume of SPRI beads to the sample tube and mix gently by either flicking or pipetting. If you were performed 25 µL reactions it should be


also  25 µL .

14.3 Pulse centrifuge to collect all liquid at the bottom of the tube.

14.4 Incubate for  00:05:00 at room temperature.

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14.5 Carefully remove and discard the supernatant, being careful not to touch the bead pellet.


14.6 Add  100 µL 70% EtOH and resuspend beads completely by pipette mixing.

14.7 Pulse centrifuge to collect all liquid at the bottom of the tube.

14.8 Remove supernatant and discard.


14.9 Repeat steps 14.6-14.9 to perform a second EtOH wash.

14.10 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.

14.11 With the tube lid open incubate for  00:02:00 or until the pellet loses its^{2m} shine (if the pellet dries completely it will crack and become difficult to resuspend).

14.12 Resuspend pellet in  25 µL nuclease-free water, mix gently by either



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flicking or pipetting and incubate for  00:02:00 .

- 14.13 Place on magnet and transfer sample to a clean 1.5mL Eppendorf tube ensuring no beads are transferred into this tube.

Quantification and normalisation

- 15 Label another  1.5 mL Eppendorf tube for each sample.




Input to the one-pot native barcoding reaction is  125 ng per sample in the case of 1000bp set and  250 ng with the 2000bp set . 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.

You should measure the concentration and dilute the sample to appropriate concentration for the end-prep and barcoding reactions.

1000bp_set:  25 ng /  1 µL

2000bp_set:  50 ng /  1 µL

If the concentration is under the targeted one, you can increase the input volume pcr product in the End-prep reaction if you replacing the water.

PCR prduct:  5 µL + Nuclease free water:  7.5 µL =  12.5 µL

Native barcoding

- 16 Barcode the amplicon pools using the one-pot native barcoding approach.



One-pot native barcoding of amplicons v2
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16.1 Set up the following reaction for each sample:

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

16.2 Incubate at room temperature for 00:10:00

Incubate at 65 °C for 00:10:00

Incubate on ice for 00:01:00

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

Component	Volume
Previous reaction mixture	1.5 μ L
Nuclease-free water	5.7 μ L
NBXX barcode	2.5 μ L
Ultra II Ligation Master Mix	10 μ L
Ligation Enhancer	0.3 μ L
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.

16.4 Incubate at room temperature for 00:20:00



Incubate at 65 °C for 00:10:00

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.

16.5 In a new 1.5 ml Eppendorf tube pool all  **20 µL** one-pot barcoding reactions together.

16.6 Add 0.4x volume of SPRI beads to the sample tube and mix gently by either flicking or pipetting. For example add  **96 µL** SPRI beads to  **240 µL** 12-plex pooled one-pot native barcoding reactions.

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.

16.7 Pulse centrifuge to collect all liquid at the bottom of the tube.

16.8 Incubate for  **00:05:00** at room temperature.

16.9 Place on magnetic rack and incubate for  **00:02:00** or until the beads have pelleted and the supernatant is completely clear.

6.10 Carefully remove and discard the supernatant, being careful not to touch the bead pellet.

6.11 Add 700 µl SFB and resuspend beads completely by pipette mixing.

SFB will remove excess adapter without damaging the adapter-protein complexes. Do not use 70% ethanol as in early clean-ups.

Pulse centrifuge to collect all liquid at the bottom of the tube.

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6.13 Remove supernatant and discard.

6.14 Repeat steps 11-13 to perform a second SFB wash.

6.15 Pulse centrifuge and remove any residual SFB.

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



6.16 Add 200 µl of room-temperature 70 % volume ethanol to bathe the pellet.

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


Only perform 1x 70% ethanol wash

6.18 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.

6.19 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).

6.20 Resuspend pellet in  30 µL Elution Buffer (EB), mix gently by either flicking or pipetting and incubate for  00:02:00 .

6.21 Place on magnet and transfer sample to a clean 1.5mL Eppendorf tube ensuring no beads are transferred into this tube.

17 Quantify  **1 μ L** of the barcoded amplicon pool using the Quantus Fluorometer using the ONE dsDNA assay.



DNA quantification using the Quantus fluorometer
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17.1 Remove Lambda DNA 400 ng/ μ L 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.


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[500rxn Promega Catalog #E4870](#)

17.2 Set up two  **0.5 mL** tubes for the calibration and label them 'Blank' and 'Standard'

17.3 Add  **200 μ L** ONE dsDNA Dye solution to each tube.

17.4 Mix the Lambda DNA standard 400 ng/ μ L standard by pipetting then add  **1 μ L** to one of the standard tube.

17.5 Mix each sample vigorously by vortexing for  **00:00:05** and pulse centrifuge to collect the liquid.

17.6 Allow both tubes to incubate at room temperature for  **00:02:00** before proceeding.

17.7 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'.

- 17.8 Set up the required number of  **0.5 mL** tubes for the number of DNA samples to be quantified.


Use only thin-wall, clear, 0.5mL PCR tubes such as Axygen #PCR-05-C

- 17.9 Label the tubes on the lids, avoid marking the sides of the tube as this could interfere with the sample reading.

- 7.10 Add  **199 µL** ONE dsDNA dye solution to each tube.

- 7.11 Add  **1 µL** of each user sample to the appropriate tube.


Use a P2 pipette for highest accuracy.

- 7.12 Mix each sample vigorously by vortexing for  **00:00:05** and pulse centrifuge to collect the liquid.

- 7.13 Allow all tubes to incubate at room temperature for  **00:02:00** before proceeding.

- 7.14 On the Home screen of the Quantus Fluorometer, select `Protocol`, then select `ONE DNA` as the assay type.

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.

7.15 On the home screen navigate to 'Sample Volume' and set it to  1 μL then 'Units' and set it to ng/ μL .

7.16 Load the first sample into the reader and close the lid. The sample concentration is automatically read when you close the lid.

7.17 Repeat step 16 until all samples have been read.

7.18 The value displayed on the screen is the dsDNA concentration in ng/ μL , carefully record all results in a spreadsheet or laboratory notebook.

18 Set up the following AMII adapter ligation and clean-up with SFB.








Adapter ligation with AMII
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18.1 Set up the following AMII adapter ligation reaction:

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

There will be some variation in clean-up efficiencies but expect to carry around 80% through a clean-up.

18.2 Incubate at room temperature for  00:20:00

18.3 Add  **50 µL** (1:1) of SPRI beads to the sample tube and mix gently by either flicking or pipetting.

Vortex SPRI beads thoroughly before use to ensure they are well resuspended, the solution should be a homogenous brown colour.

18.4 Pulse centrifuge to collect all liquid at the bottom of the tube.

18.5 Incubate for  **00:05:00** at room temperature.

18.6 Place on magnetic rack and incubate for  **00:02:00** or until the beads have pelleted and the supernatant is completely clear.

18.7 Carefully remove and discard the supernatant, being careful not to touch the bead pellet.

18.8 Add  **250 µL** SFB and resuspend beads completely by pipette mixing.

SFB will remove excess adapter without damaging the adapter-protein complexes. Do not use 70% ethanol as in early clean-ups.

18.9 Pulse centrifuge to collect all liquid at the bottom of the tube.

8.10 Remove supernatant and discard.

8.11 Repeat steps 14-16 to perform a second SFB wash.

8.12 Pulse centrifuge and remove any residual SFB.


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

8.13 Add  15 µL EB and resuspend beads by pipette mixing.

8.14 Incubate at room temperature for  00:02:00 .

8.15 Place on magnetic rack.

8.16 Transfer final library to a new 1.5mL Eppendorf tube.

19 Quantify  1 µL of the final library using the Quantus Fluorometer using the ONE dsDNA assay.



DNA quantification using the Quantus fluorometer
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Final library can be now be stored in 10 mM Tris pH 8 at 4°C for up to a week if needed otherwise proceed directly to MinION sequencing.


19.1 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.


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19.2 Set up two  **0.5 mL** tubes for the calibration and label them 'Blank' and 'Standard'

19.3 Add  **200 μL** ONE dsDNA Dye solution to each tube.

19.4 Mix the Lambda DNA standard 400 ng/μL standard by pipetting then add  **1 μL** to one of the standard tube.

19.5 Mix each sample vigorously by vortexing for  **00:00:05** and pulse centrifuge to collect the liquid.

19.6 Allow both tubes to incubate at room temperature for  **00:02:00** before proceeding.

19.7 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'.

19.8 Set up the required number of  **0.5 mL** tubes for the number of DNA samples to be quantified.


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19.9 Label the tubes on the lids, avoid marking the sides of the tube as this could interfere with the sample reading.

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