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GUIDELINES

- For troubleshooting help, feel free leave your question in the comments section, or message us directly.
- The complete list of reagents with order numbers can be found in the 'Materials' section.
- Make sure to mix the magnetic beads thoroughly before use and not to disturb the pellet when removing liquid
- Hula mixer can be replaced by gently moving/shaking the sample by hand if needed

MATERIALS TEXT

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[Q5 Hot Start High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase - 500 units](#) **New England**

Biolabs Catalog #M0493L

[Blunt/TA Ligase Master Mix - 250 rxns](#) **New England**

Biolabs Catalog #M0367L

[NEBNext Ultra II End Repair/dA-Tailing Module - 96 rxns](#) **New England**

Biolabs Catalog #E7546L

[Qubit dsDNA HS Assay kit](#) **Thermo Fisher**

Scientific Catalog #Q32854

[Agencourt Ampure XP](#) **Beckman**

Coulter Catalog #A63AA0

[Magnetic rack/stand](#) **Contributed by users**

[SuperScript First-Strand Synthesis System](#) **Thermo Fisher**

Scientific Catalog #18091200

[Native Barcoding Expansion 1-12 \(PCR-free\)](#) **Contributed by**

users Catalog #EXP-NBD104

[Ligation Sequencing Kit](#) **Contributed by**

users Catalog #SQK-LSK109

[MinION Flow Cell R9.4.1](#) **Contributed by**

users Catalog #R9.4.1

[HighPrep™ PCR Clean-up System](#) **MagBio Genomics**

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RNA extraction

- 1 Extract RNA using preferred method, spin column or magnetic beads.

Amplicon preparation

- 2 Set up the following reaction

Random hexamers (50 ng/μl)	1 μl
dNTP mix (10 mM)	1 μl
RNA	1 - 11 μl
DEPC	to reach 13 μl

Total	13 µl
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Mix and centrifuge, then heat to anneal primers

 **65 °C**

 **00:05:00**

- 3 Put directly on ice for at least 1 minute

 **00:01:00**

- 4 Prepare the following reaction

5x SuperScript IV buffer	4 µl
DTT (100 mM)	1 µl
Ribonuclease Inhibitor	1 µl
SuperScript IV Reverse Transcriptase	1 µl

Mix and centrifuge, then add to the annealed RNA (13 µl)

Set up the following thermocycling settings

23 °C	10 min
55 °C	15 min
80 °C	10 min

- 5 Add 1 µl RNase H to each tube to degrade left over RNA

 **37 °C**

 **00:20:00**

Primer design

- 6 Primers designed using the Zibra project: <http://primal.zibraproject.org/>

For PPRV we used an amplicon length of 800 bp and 100 bp overlap.

Prepare two primers pools (10µM), one with even numbered primer pairs and one with odd number primer pairs (<https://www.nature.com/articles/nprot.2017.066>)

Amplicon preparation

- 7 Prepare the following reaction

Q5 reaction buffer (5x)	5 µl
dNTP mix (10 mM)	0.5 µl
Q5 DNA polymerase	0.25 µl
Primer pool 1 or 2 (10 µM)	variable*
DEPC	Up to 22.5 µl
Total	22.5 µl

* final concentration of each primer: 0.015 µM per primer <https://www.nature.com/articles/nprot.2017.066>

Add 2.5 µl of cDNA from step 4

- 8 Set up the following thermocycling settings

1	98 °C	30 sec
2-40	98 °C	15 sec
2-40	65 °C	5 min

- 9 Pool each sample, so both primer pools per sample are in the same tube

Optional: Gel eletrophoresis

- 10 (Optional step to check PCR reaction)

Run 3-5 µl of sample on a 1 % agarose gel, 6-7 V/cm, 50-60 min.

Expected outcome: A clear band at amplicon size (e.g. 800 bp) and possibly a second band at x3 amplicon size (e.g. ~2400 bp)

Amplicon purification

- 11 Add AMPure/HighPrep magnetic beads to PCR reaction tube according to the following equation

Volume of beads per reaction = 1.8 x Reaction Volume

For example:

PCR reaction volume 50 µl + 90 µl AMPure beads

- 12 Mix the beads and PCR reaction thoroughly by pipetting up and down 10 times.

Incubate in RT for 3-5 minutes

🕒 **00:03:00 Incubate at RT**

- 13 Place tube in magnetic rack for 5-10 minutes to seperate beads

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Aspirate the now clear solution from the reaction and discard

- 14 Add 200 µl newly prepared 70% ethanol to reaction tube when still on magnetic rack. Incubate for 30 sec at room temperature (RT).

🕒 **00:00:30 Incubate at RT**

Aspirate the etahnol and discard. Repeat wash once more.

🕒 **00:00:30 Incubate at RT**

- 15 Allow reaction tubes to air-dry in RT until completly dry and total evaporation of residual ethanol. 10-20 min

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- 16 Add 40 µl of elution buffer (TE buffer, 10 mM Tris-Acetate pH 8.0, or reagent grade water) to each reaction tube. Mix thoroughly by vortex or pipetting up and down.
- Replace tube back to magnetic rack. When solution is cleared, remove and save for downstream reactions.

Quantification

- 17 Quantify 1 µl purified DNA using Qubit fluorometer.

End Repair / dA-tailing

- 18 Dilute 0.12 pmol PCR products in nuclease free water to 25 µl
- For our amplicons of 800 bp this means 60 ng of PCR product in 25 µl water.
- To convert mass/moles: <https://nebiocalculator.neb.com/#!/dsdnaamt>

- 19 For each sample, set up the following end-repair /dA-tailing reaction

Ultra II End Prep Reaction Buffer	3.5 µl
Ultra II End Prep Enzyme Mix	1.5 µl
DNA from previous step	25 µl
Total	30 µl

Gently mix reaction by pipetting up and down at least 10 times, then quickly centrifuge to collect all liquid.

- 20 In thermocycler (heated lid at >75 °C) set up the following protocol

20 °C	5 minutes
65 °C (inactivate enzyme)	5 minutes

- 21 Put directly on ice for at least 30 seconds
- 🕒 00:00:30

Magnetic bead purification

- 22 Add 30 µl of AMPure/HighPrep beads to reaction and mix by flicking tube
- 23 Incubate on Hula mixer for 5 min at RT
- 🕒 00:05:00

- 24 Centrifuge tube and place on magnetic rack to pellet the magnetic beads. When solution is clear, pipet of supernatant and discard
- 25 While on magnetic rack, add 200 µl of freshly prepared 70 % ethanol to the tube. Remove ethanol without disturbing the bead pellet. Repeat wash one more time.
- 26 Spin down beads and then place again on magnetic rack. Pipette of any residual ethanol. Allow to air dry for 3-5 min at RT
- 🕒 00:05:00
- 27 Remove tube from magnetic rack and resuspend pellet in 15 µl nuclease-free water and mix by flicking the tube. Incubate for 2 min at RT.
- 🕒 00:02:00
- 28 Place tube on magnetic rack and allow beads to pellet.

Quantification

- 29 Quantify 1 µl of end-prepped DNA using Qubit flourometer.
- Recovery aim: 50-70 % of input

Barcoding

- 30 Thaw Native Barcodes at RT, individually mix by pipetting, and then place on ice.
- 31 Pepare the following barcoding reaction.

Native barcode	1 µl
Blunt/TA Ligase master mix	10 µl
End-prepped DNA*	9 µl
Total	20 µl

* at least 0.04 pmol, but as much as possible <https://nebiocalculator.neb.com/#/dsdnaamt>

- 32 Mix gently by flicking the tube, spin down.
- Incubate the reaction at RT for 10 min.

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Magnetic bead purification

- 33 Add 20 µl of AMPure/HighPrep beads to reaction and mix by flicking tube
- 34 Incubate on Hula mixer for 5 min at RT
- 🕒 00:05:00
- 35 Centrifuge tube and place on magnetic rack to pellet the magnetic beads. When solution is clear, pipet of supernatant and discard
- 36 While on magnetic rack, add 200 µl of freshly prepared 70 % ethanol to the tube. Remove ethanol without disturbing the bead pellet. Repeat wash one more time.
- 37 Spin down beads and then place again on magnetic rack. Pipette of any residual ethanol. Allow to air dry for 3-5 min at RT
- 🕒 00:05:00
- 38 Remove tube from magnetic rack and resuspend pellet in 10 µl nuclease-free water and mix by flicking the tube. Incubate for 2 min at RT.
- 🕒 00:02:00
- 39 Place tube on magnetic rack and allow beads to pellet.

Quantification

- 40 Quantify 1 µl of end-prepped DNA using Qubit fluorometer.
- Recovery aim: > 0.011 pmol /sample (equal to ~5.5 ng per sample for 800 bp amplicons).

Adaptor ligation

- 41 Pool samples in equimolar concentration in DNA LoBind 1,5 ml Eppendorf tubes to get a total of 0.15 pmol.
- Dilute pooled sample to 20 µl (or as much as needed if volume needed exceeds 20 µl) in Nuclease-free water.

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Barcoded and pooled DNA from previous step
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20 µl

Barcode Adapter Mix II (AMII)	5 µl
Blunt/TA Ligase master mix	25
Total	50 µl

If DNA exceeds 20 µl, keep AMII at 5µl and increase Ligase master mix so that it is 50 % of total volume.

43 Incubate for 10 min at RT

🕒 00:10:00

Purification and wash

44 Add 20 µl of AMPure/HighPrep beads to reaction and mix by flicking tube.

If you needed to increase sample volume in previous step, calculate 0.4X beads per reaction volume.

45 Incubate on Hula mixer for 5 min at RT

🕒 00:05:00

46 Centrifuge tube and place on magnetic rack to pellet the magnetic beads. When solution is clear, pipet of supernatant and discard

47 Add 250 µl of S Fragment Buffer (SFB). Flick the tube to resuspend beads, then return tube to magnetic rack to pellet the beads. Pipet of supernatant. Repeat this step once more. Make sure to get all of the SFB out. Spin down and pipet out again if needed.

48 Remove tube from magnetic rack and resuspend pellet in 15 µl nuclease-free water and mix by flicking the tube.

Incubate for 10 min at RT.

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49 Place tube on magnetic rack and allow beads to pellet. Remove the now clear solution and add to new 1.5 ml DNA LoBind eppendorf tube. Store on ice.

Loading samples to flow cell

50 Thaw Sequencing Buffer (SQB), Loading Beads (LB), Flush Tether (FLT), and one tube of Flush Buffer (FLB) at RT, then place on ice as soon as thawed.

51 Take out flow cell. Open lid and slide the priming port cover clockwise to make the priming port visible.

52 Check for small bubbles under the cover. Draw back a small volume of buffer to remove possible bubbles (Set P1000 pipette to 200 µl, insert tip in port, turn until pipette set to 220-230 µl)

53 Prepare the flow cell priming mix.

Add 46 µl of thawed FLT directly to tube of thawed and mixed FLB. Mix by pipetting up and down.

54 Load 800 µl of priming mix into flow cell via priming port, avoid introducing air. Wait for 5 minutes.

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55 Prepare the following reaction

Sequencing Buffer (SQB)	37.5 µl	
Loading Beads (LB)	25.5 µl	
DNA Library	12 µl	
Total	75 µl	

56 Gently lift the SpotON sample port cover to make the SpotON sample port accessible.

Load 200 µl of priming mix into the flow cell via the **priming port** (not SpotOn port), do not introduce air.

57 Mix the prepared library gently by pipetting up and down just before loading.

Add 75 µl of sample to the flow cell via the SpotON sample port dropwise, making sure that each drop flows into the port before adding the next.

Gently replace the SpotON sample port cover, close priming port and replace the MinION lid.

58 Start sequence run