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## CutRun (Histone Modification) Library Preparation

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#### Abstract

This is a modified NEB library protocol for CutRun DNA. This protocol has been tested on H3K4Me3, H3K27Ac, H3K27Me3 CutRun. For the transcription factors CutRun, you may check: https://www.protocols.io/view/library-prep-for-cut-amp-runwith-nebnext-ultra-ii-kxygxm7pkl8j/v2?version\_warning=no

#### **Materials**

CutRun assay was performed using Epicypher CutRun kit (CUTANATM ChIC/CUT&RUN Kit, SKU: 14-1048) follow the instructions

Library preparation kit and indexed primers were purchased from NEB (NEBNext ® Ultra™ II DNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina®, E7645S; Index, E7335S)

SPRIselect beads

Magnet stand for PCR tubes



## End Repair (Green)

30m

1 Add the following components to a sterile nuclease-free tube:

20m

	Α	В
	NEBNext Ultra II End Prep En zyme Mix	3 µl
	NEBNext Ultra II End Prep Re action Buffer	7 μl
	CutRun DNA (5-10 ng)	50 μΙ
	Total Volume	60 µl

Set a 100  $\mu$ l or 200  $\mu$ l pipette to 50  $\mu$ l and then pipette the entire volume up and down at least 10 times to mix thoroughly.

10m

Perform a quick spin to collect all liquid from the sides of the tube

Place in a thermal cycler, with the heated lid set to  $\geq 75^{\circ}$ C, and run the following program:

1h

30 minutes @ 20°C

30 minutes @ 65°C

Hold at 4°C

Safe Stop Point.

## Adaptor Ligation (Red)

30m

Adaptor dilution. Dilute the adaptors in dilution buffer (10mM pH7.5-8.0 Tris-HCl with 10 mM NaCl) at 25-fold (1:25).

7m

Dilution buffer: 10 uL 1M Tris-HCl, 2 uL 5M NaCl, 998 uL H2O

Add 2.5 uL adaptor to 60 uL End-Repair reaction mix from step3. Mix through by pipetting up and down 10 times.

8m

Add 30 uL Ultra II Ligation Mater Mix (viscous), add 1 iL Ligation Enhancer. Mix through by pipetting up and down 10 times, total volume is 93.5 uL. Quick spin down.

15m

6 Incubate at 20°C for 15 minutes in a thermal cycler with the heated lid off

## Cleanup of Adaptor-ligated DNA without Size Selection

7 Vortex SPRIselect Beads to resuspend.

5m



Add 93.5 µl (1X) resuspended beads to the Adaptor Ligation reaction. Mix well by pipetting up and down at least 10 times. Be careful to expel all of the liquid out of the tip during the last mix. Vortexing for 3-5 seconds on high can also be used. If centrifuging samples after mixing, be sure to stop the centrifugation before the beads start to settle out.

8 Incubate samples on bench top for at least 5 minutes at room temperature

5m

9 Place the tube/plate on an appropriate magnetic stand to separate the beads from the supernatant. If necessary, quickly spin the sample to collect the liquid from the sides of the tube or plate wells before placing on the magnetic stand.

5m

10 After 5 minutes (or when the solution is clear), carefully remove and discard the supernatant. Be careful not to disturb the beads that contain DNA targets (Caution: do not discard beads).

3m

11 Add 200 µl of 80% freshly prepared ethanol to the tube/ plate while in the magnetic stand. Incubate at room temperature for 30 seconds, and then carefully remove and discard the supernatant. Be careful not to disturb the beads that contain DNA targets

5m

12 Repeat Step 11 once for a total of two washes. Be sure to remove all visible liquid after the second wash. If necessary, brieflyspin the tube/plate, place back on the magnet and remove traces of ethanol with a p10 pipette tip.

5m

13 Air dry the beads for up to 5 minutes while the tube/plate is on the magnetic stand with the lid open.

5m

Caution: Do not over-dry the beads. This may result in lower recovery of DNA target. Elute the samples when the beads are still dark brown and glossy looking, but when all visible liquid has evaporated. When the beads turn lighter brown and start to crack, they are too dry.

1m

14 Remove the tube/plate from the magnetic stand. Elute the DNA target from the beads by adding 17 µl of 10 mM Tris-HCl or 0.1X TE.

3m

15 Mix well by pipetting up and down 10 times, or on a vortex mixer. Incubate for at least 2 minutes at room temperature. If necessary, quickly spin the sample to collect the liquid from the sides of the tube or plate wells before placing back on the magnetic stand.

16 Place the tube/plate on the magnetic stand. After 5 minutes (or when the solution is clear), transfer 15 µl to a new PCR tube.

5m

Samples can be stored at  $-20^{\circ}$ C.

## PCR Enrichment of Adaptor-ligated DNA (Blue)

17 Add the following components to a sterile strip tube: Adaptor ligated DNA fragment from step 16, 15 uL NEBNext Ultra II Q5 Master Mix, 25 uL



i7 primer, 5 uL (\*\* each sample should use a unique i7 primer if they will be sequenced together)

University PCR primer, 5 uL

Total volume is 50 uL.

Set a 100  $\mu$ l or 200  $\mu$ l pipette to 40  $\mu$ l and then pipette the entire volume up and down at least 10 times to mix thoroughly.

Perform a quick spin to collect all liquid from the sides of the tube.

19 Place the tube on a thermal cycler and perform PCR amplification using the following PCR cycling conditions:

Step A: 98 C, 45s;

Step B: 98 C, 15s;

Step C: 60 C, 10s;

Go to Step B, 13 times;

Step D: 72 C, 60s;

Step E: 4 C, forever.

### Clean Up of PCR Reaction

20 Vortex SPRIselect Beads to resuspend.

Add 50  $\mu$ I (1X) resuspended beads to the Adaptor Ligation reaction. Mix well by pipetting up and down at least 10 times. Be careful to expel all of the liquid out of the tip during the last mix. Vortexing for 3-5 seconds on high can also be used. If centrifuging samples after mixing, be sure to stop the centrifugation before the beads start to settle out.

- 21 Incubate samples on bench top for at least 5 minutes at room temperature
- Place the tube/plate on an appropriate magnetic stand to separate the beads from the supernatant. If necessary, quickly spin the sample to collect the liquid from the sides of the tube or plate wells before placing on the magnetic stand.
- After 5 minutes (or when the solution is clear), carefully remove and discard the supernatant. Be careful not to disturb the beads that contain DNA targets (Caution: do not discard beads).
- 24 Add 200 µl of 80% freshly prepared ethanol to the tube/ plate while in the magnetic stand. Incubate at room temperature for 30 seconds, and then carefully remove and discard the supernatant. Be careful not to disturb the beads that contain DNA targets
- Repeat Step 24 once for a total of two washes. Be sure to remove all visible liquid after the second wash. If necessary, briefly spin the tube/plate, place back on the magnet and remove traces of ethanol with a p10 pipette tip.
- Air dry the beads for up to 5 minutes while the tube/plate is on the magnetic stand with the lid open.



- Caution: Do not over-dry the beads. This may result in lower recovery of DNA target. Elute the samples when the beads are still dark brown and glossy looking, but when all visible liquid has evaporated. When the beads turn lighter brown and start to crack, they are too dry.
- 27 Remove the tube/plate from the magnetic stand. Elute the DNA target from the beads by adding 33 µl of 10 mM Tris-HCl or 0.1X TE.
- 28 Mix well by pipetting up and down 10 times, or on a vortex mixer. Incubate for at least 2 minutes at room temperature. If necessary, quickly spin the sample to collect the liquid from the sides of the tube or plate wells before placing back on the magnetic stand.
- 29 Place the tube/plate on the magnetic stand. After 5 minutes (or when the solution is clear), transfer 30 µl to a new PCR tube.

Samples can be stored at -20°C.

## **Check Library Quality**

- 30 Measure library concentration by using Qubit High sensitive dsDNA kit.
- 31 Check the library fragment size by TapeStation. If primer-dimer exceed 5%, perform another round of clean up using 1X SPRIselect beads.

#### Protocol references

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