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Before start checklist

Materials

- [ ] Rapid Sequencing Kit (SQK-RAD004)
- [ ] Flow Cell Priming Kit (EXP-FLP002)

Consumables

- [ ] 1.5 ml Eppendorf DNA LoBind tubes
- [ ] 0.2 ml thin-walled PCR tubes
- [ ] Nuclease-free water (e.g. ThermoFisher, cat # AM9937)

Equipment

- [ ] Microfuge
- [ ] Timer
- [ ] Thermal cycler or heat block at 30°C and 80°C
- [ ] Pipettes and pipette tips P2, P10, P20, P100, P1000

INSTRUCTIONS	NOTES/OBSERVATIONS
Library preparation	
DNA tagmentation Thaw kit components at RT, spin down briefly using a microfuge and mix by pipetting as indicated by the table below: ☐ Lambda DNA (50 µg/ml) (LMD): thaw at RT, briefly spin down, mix well by pipetting ☐ Fragmentation Mix (FRA): not frozen, briefly spin down, mix well by pipetting ☐ Rapid Adapter (RAP): not frozen, briefly spin down, mix well by pipetting ☐ Sequencing Buffer (SQB): thaw at RT, briefly spin down, mix well by pipetting* ☐ Loading Beads (LB): thaw at RT, briefly spin down, mix by pipetting or vortexing immediately before use ☐ Flush Buffer (FLB): thaw at RT, briefly spin down, mix well by pipetting* ☐ Flush Tether (FLT): thaw at RT, briefly spin down, mix well by pipetting ☐ Once thawed, keep all the kit components on ice. In a 0.2 ml thin-walled PCR tube, mix the following: ☐ 7.5 µl Lambda DNA ☐ 2.5 µl FRA ☐ Mix gently by flicking the tube, and spin down. ☐ Incubate the tube at 30°C for 1 minute and then at 80°C for 1 minute. Briefly put the tube on ice to cool it down.	FRA
375 ng tagmented Lambda DNA in 10 µl is taken into the next step.	
Adapter attachment ☐ Add 1 µl of RAP to the tube. ☐ Mix gently by flicking the tube, and spin down.	

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☐ Incubate the reaction for 5 minutes at RT.	
The prepared DNA library is used for loading into the flow cell. Store the library on ice until ready to load.	
Priming and loading the SpotON Flow Cell	
IMPORTANT ☐ Please note that the Sequencing Tether (SQT) tube will NOT be used in this protocol. It is provided in the kit for potential future product compatibility.	
☐ Thaw the Sequencing Buffer (SQB), Loading Beads (LB), Flush Tether (FLT) and one tube of Flush Buffer (FB) at RT. ☐ Mix the Sequencing Buffer (SQB), Flush Tether (FLT) and Flush Buffer (FB) tubes by vortexing and spin down at RT. ☐ Open the MinION Mk1B lid and slide the flow cell under the clip. ☐ Slide the priming port cover clockwise to open the priming port.	
IMPORTANT ☐ Take care when drawing back buffer from the flow cell. Do not remove more than 20-30 µl, and make sure that the array of pores are covered by buffer at all times. Introducing air bubbles into the array can irreversibly damage pores.	
After opening the priming port, check for a small air bubble under the cover. Draw back a small volume to remove any bubbles (a few µl): ☐ Set a P1000 pipette to 200 µl ☐ Insert the tip into the priming port ☐ Turn the wheel until the dial shows 220-230 µl, or until you can see a small volume of buffer entering the pipette tip Note: Visually check that there is continuous buffer from the priming port across the sensor array. ☐ To prepare the flow cell priming mix, add 30 µl of thawed and mixed Flush Tether (FLT) directly to the tube of thawed and mixed Flush Buffer (FB), and mix by vortexing at RT. ☐ Load 800 µl of the priming mix into the flow cell via the priming port, avoiding the introduction of air bubbles. Wait for 5 minutes. During this time, prepare the library for loading by following the steps below. ☐ Thoroughly mix the contents of the Loading Beads (LB) tubes by vortexing. In a new tube, prepare the library for loading as follows: ☐ 34 µl Sequencing Buffer (SQB) ☐ 25.5 µl Loading Beads (LB), mixed immediately before use ☐ 4.5 µl Nuclease-free water ☐ 11 µl DNA library	
IMPORTANT ☐ The Loading Beads (LB) tube contains a suspension of beads. These beads settle very quickly. It is vital that they are mixed immediately before use.	

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Complete the flow cell priming: ☐ Gently lift the SpotON sample port cover to make the SpotON sample port accessible. ☐ Load 200 µl of the priming mix into the flow cell via the priming port (not the SpotON sample port), avoiding the introduction of air bubbles. ☐ Mix the prepared library gently by pipetting up and down just prior to loading. ☐ Add 75 µl of sample to the flow cell via the SpotON sample port in a dropwise fashion. Ensure each drop flows into the port before adding the next. ☐ Gently replace the SpotON sample port cover, making sure the bung enters the SpotON port, close the priming port and replace the MinION Mk1B lid.	
Ending the experiment	
☐ After your sequencing experiment is complete, if you would like to reuse the flow cell, please follow the Wash Kit instructions and store the washed flow cell at 2-8°C, OR ☐ Follow the returns procedure by washing out the flow cell ready to send back to Oxford Nanopore.	
IMPORTANT ☐ If you encounter issues or have questions about your sequencing experiment, please refer to the Troubleshooting Guide that can be found in the online version of this protocol.	