

nano-tRNAseq Kit

Our tRNA Sequencing Solution: the perfect blend of physical and digital methodologies with our nano-tRNAseq kit, a complete solution designed for streamlined tRNA multiplexed sequencing.

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nano-tRNAseq Kit with demultiplexing	NTRSQ-12	12

Shipping: Dry ice

Storage Conditions: store components according to this manual

Shelf Life: 12 months

Description: nano-tRNAseq enables single molecule sequencing of native full-length tRNA using the Oxford Nanopore platform.

- (i) quantification of tRNA abundances,
- (ii) infer on tRNA modifications sites and
- (iii) detect modification “circuits”.

Updated for RNA004 kit/RNA flow cell chemistry (2024).

Suitable for: Eukaryotic/prokaryotic cells and tissues with annotated genome.

What's Included:

1. **Library Prep Kit** — Comprehensive tools for preparing your tRNA library ready for sequencing with Oxford Nanopore reagents.
2. **IT-Based Demultiplexing Tool** — A powerful software tool that enables demultiplexing of your sequencing run, accessible for 40 days post-activation.

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Kit storage information

	Quantity	Storage
-20°C components	1 box	-20°C
-80°C components	1 box	-80°C
USB pen drive with instructions on how to perform the demultiplexing step after sequencing.	1	RT

Additionally Required Material:

- RNA Clean & Concentrator™-5 (Zymo, cat. no. R1015 or R1016)
- Nuclease free water (NFW)
- Ethanol 95-100%
- RNase Inhibitor, Murine 40000 units/ml (New England Biolabs, cat. no. M0314L)
- Agencourt AMPure XP for PCR Purification (Beckman Coulter, cat. no. A63881)
- Qubit™ HS RNA Assay Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Q10210)
- Qubit™ HS dsDNA Assay Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Q32851/Q33230)
- Direct RNA Sequencing SQK-RNA004 (Oxford Nanopore)
- FLO-MIN004RA flow cell (Oxford Nanopore)
- T4 DNA Ligase (New England Biolabs, cat. no. M0202M)
- NEBNext® Quick Ligation Reaction Buffer (New England Biolabs, cat. no. B6058S)

Optional Material:

- Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer
- Agilent RNA 6000 Nano Kit (or equivalent) (Agilent Technologies, cat. no. 5067-1511)
- Agilent Small RNA Kit (Agilent Technologies, cat. no. 5067-1548)

INTRODUCTION

nano-tRNAseq is an Immagina's technology that marks a significant milestone in tRNA and translomics research. It enables the comprehensive sequencing of tRNA molecules in their full-length, native state, allowing for the simultaneous assessment of tRNA abundances and modification status. The **nano-tRNAseq Kit** is the only product that allows for the sequencing of native full-length tRNA molecules with an easy, fast and robust workflow.

Studying tRNAs is particularly challenging due to their extensive post-transcriptional modifications and dynamic roles in translation. For these reasons, traditional sequencing methods such as sequencing by synthesis often fail to capture such complexities in tRNAs. Other NGS-based methods are complementary to nano-tRNAseq since those are cDNA and PCR based. Building upon the pioneering work of the Dr. Eva Novoa Lab at Centre for Genomic Regulation (CRG), Barcelona, our method bypasses the need for cDNA/PCR sequencing (<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41587-023-01743-6>)

The first step in nano-tRNAseq comprises small RNA enrichment from total RNA (1). After deacylation (2), the tRNAs are bound with adaptors and subsequently to barcodes (3), allowing for multiplexing of up to 6 samples. The native tRNA is then sequenced on the Oxford Nanopore Technologies (ONT) platform (4). As tRNA is transversing the pore, each base generates an electrical current, which is converted into the tRNA sequence. After data analysis (5), information on tRNA abundance, coverage and post-transcriptional chemical modifications are obtained (Figure 1).

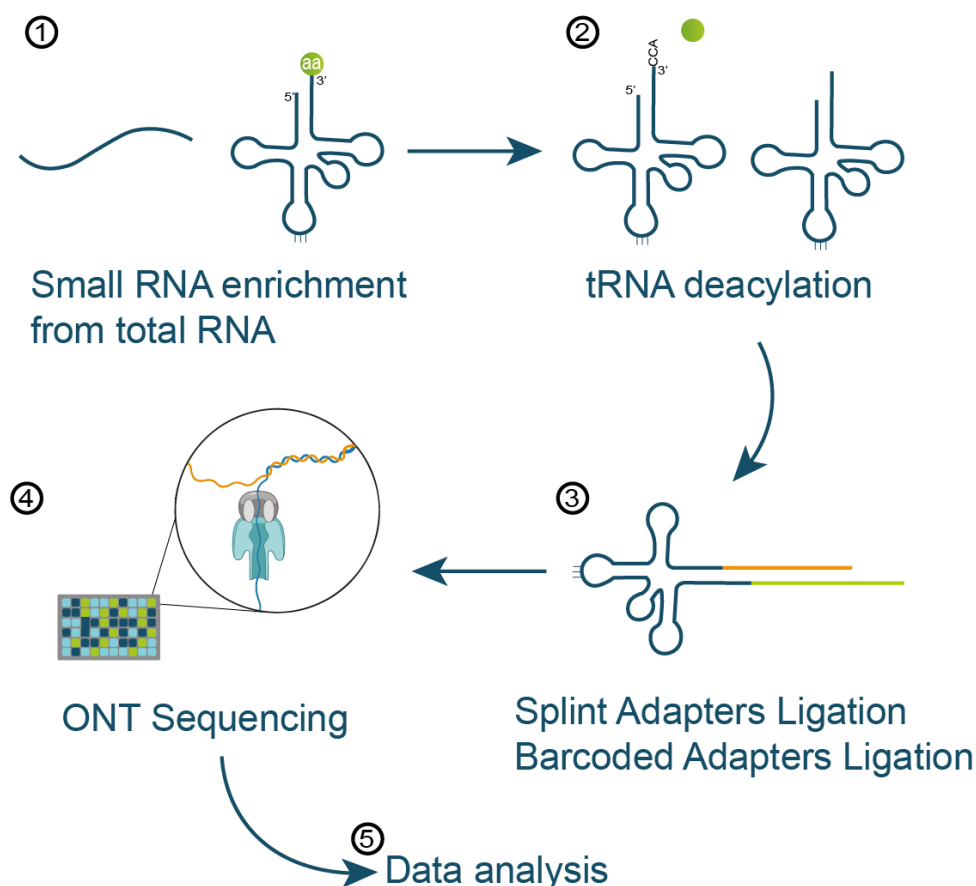


Figure 1. Simple overview of the nano-tRNAseq protocol.

PROTOCOL WORKFLOW

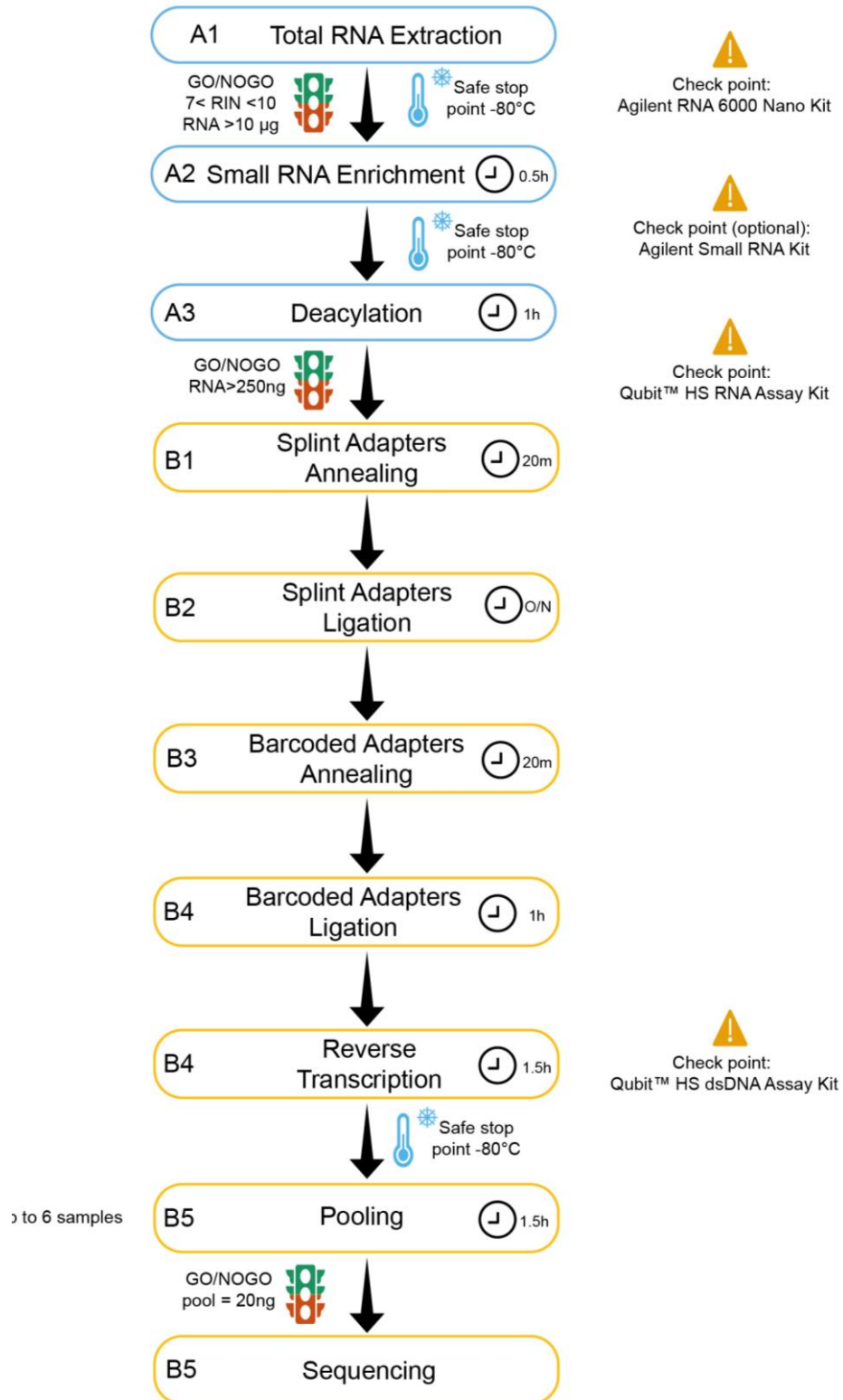



Figure 2. Overview of the nano-tRNAseq Kit workflow. In each box, steps are present in the left corner, while the time to complete the step is listed in the right corner (clock picture). Safe stopping points (thermometer pictures) and GO/NO-GO conditions (traffic lights) are placed right at the bottom of the corresponding steps. Optional and required checkpoints (caution signal) are also indicated on the right.


Optimal Workflow Recommendations

-  The nano-tRNAseq Kit has been optimized for the multiplexing of up to 6 samples per library.
- The multiplexing protocol allows you to process a total of 12 samples by generating **pooled libraries composed of up to 6 samples** each. If you wish, you can multiplex less samples per reaction. In case you want to multiplex less than 6 samples, we suggest you to use combinations of the barcoded adapters in the following order BC1 > BC2 > BC3 > BC4 > BC5 > BC6.
- Allocate at least 2 days for the completion of the entire workflow.
- Please make sure to purchase all the additionally required materials needed for the protocol before starting the experiment.
- This protocol is optimized for tRNA extraction starting from at least 10 µg* of total RNA.
- At least 250 ng* of small RNA are needed after the deacylation step to move forward with library preparation.
- Please be aware that the “Splinter Adaptor Ligation” reaction (step B2) can be performed starting from exactly 250 OR 500 ng of input.
- The final library pool must comprise exactly 20 ng of material, equally divided among the number of samples you decided to multiplex.
- The pooled tRNA library **MUST** be sequenced right away and cannot be stored for later processing.
- Before starting the sequencing, please select “Flow cell type”: MIN004-RA, “Kit selection”: Direct RNA Sequencing Kit, please deactivate “Basecalling” and be sure to select the saving of the .POD5 file formats.
- Note that at least 1.5M raw reads are needed to perform data analysis when multiplexing 6 samples.

** If you are not able to reach at least 10 µg of total RNA and/or 250 ng of small RNA please contact us at techsupport@immaginabiotech.com*

A. tRNA EXTRACTION

Components and additional materials needed in this section:

Step N	Kit Component	Volume	Storage	Type	Vial cap color
A3	Deacylation Buffer (DB)	1300 µL	-20°C	Vial	 clear

Step N	Additional Material	Type
A1	Agilent RNA 6000 Nano Kit	Optional
A2/A3	RNA Clean & Concentrator™-5	Required
A1/2/3	Nuclease free water (NFW)	Required
A1/2/3	Ethanol	Required
A2	Agilent Small RNA Kit	Optional
A3	Qubit™ HS RNA Assay Kit	Required

Step A1. TOTAL RNA EXTRACTION

A1.1 Start extracting total RNA from your samples with any kit available at your facility. It is important to check for proper RNA integrity before proceeding with small RNA enrichment. The best approach is evaluating the extracted RNA by **Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer** using the Agilent RNA 6000 Nano Kit (for non-eukaryotic species please use equivalent). An expected RNA Integrity Number (RIN) between 7 and 10 is needed for producing informative libraries.

NOTE: After total RNA extraction, it is important to enrich only the small RNA fraction to retrieve high quality tRNAs. Please proceed with at least 10 µg of total RNA to get enough material for library preparation. *If you are not able to reach at least 10 µg of total RNA please contact us at techsupport@immaginabiotech.com*

Step A2. SMALL RNA (<200nt) ENRICHMENT

Small RNA Enrichment is achieved using the **RNA Clean & Concentrator™-5 kit (Zymo catalog. no. R1015 or R1016)**. Perform all steps at room temperature and centrifugation at 12,000 g for 30 seconds, unless otherwise specified.

- A2.1** Add nuclease free water to the extracted RNA (at least 10 µg) from step **A1.1** to a final total volume of 50 µL.
- A2.2** Prepare **adjusted RNA Binding Buffer** by mixing 50 µL of **Zymo RNA Binding Buffer (ZBB)** and 50 µL of ethanol (95-100%) for each sample you want to process.

- **A2.3** Add 100 µL of **adjusted RNA Binding Buffer** (from step **A2.2**) to each sample and mix.
- **A2.4** Transfer the mixture to the **Zymo-Spin™ Column** and centrifuge. **Save the flow-through: Small RNAs (17-200 nt) are in the flow-through!**
- **A2.5** Add 150 µL of ethanol and mix. Transfer the mixture to a new column and centrifuge. **Discard the flow-through.**
- **A2.6** Add 400 µL **Zymo RNA Prep Buffer** to the column and centrifuge. **Discard the flow-through.**
- **A2.7** Add 700 µL **Zymo RNA Wash Buffer** to the column and centrifuge. **Discard the flow-through.**
- **A2.8** Add 400 µL **Zymo RNA Wash Buffer** to the column and centrifuge for 1 minute to ensure complete removal of the wash buffer. Carefully, transfer the column into a new RNase-free tube.
- **A2.9** Add 11 µL of **nuclease-free water** directly to the column matrix, wait for 1 minute at RT and centrifuge.
- **A2.10** The small RNAs are present in the flow-through. **Keep the reaction tube containing the flow through.**



SAFE STOPPING POINT (store at -80°C)

Note that, while the use of the RNA Clean & Concentrator™-5 kit (Zymo catalog. no. R1015 or R1016) is suggested, it is anyway possible to extract small RNA with any commercially available kit at your facility.

It is suggested to check the small RNA quality after extraction using a Bioanalyzer for small RNA (Agilent Small RNA kit).

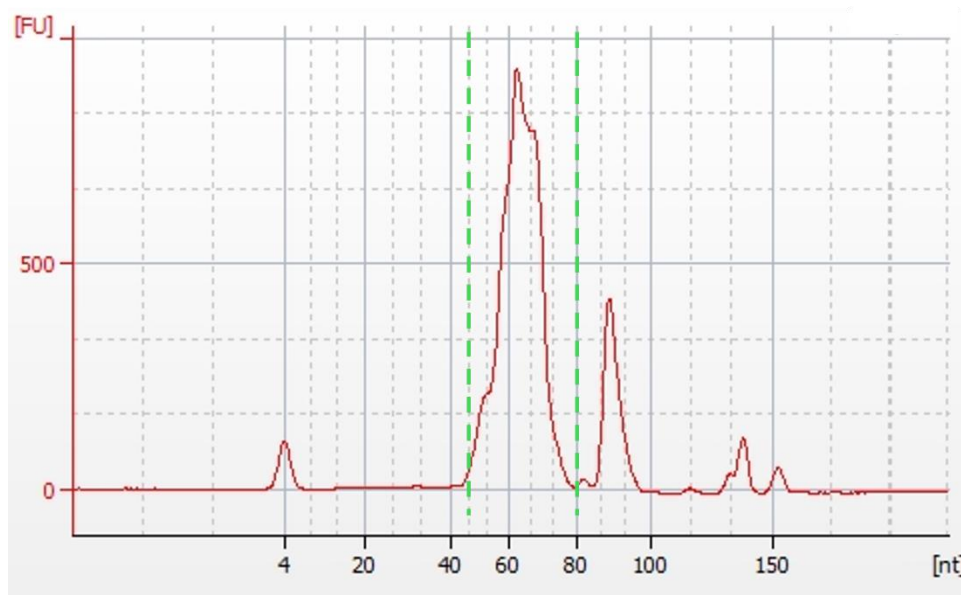


Figure 3. example of small RNA Bioanalyzer trace after RNA extraction and small RNA enrichment. A major peak between 50-80 nt is expected.

Step A3. DEACYLATION

- **A3.1** Add 90 µL of **deacylation buffer (DB)** to the small RNA fraction from step **A2.10** so that the total volume is 100 µL.
- **A3.2** Incubate the reaction 30 minutes at 37°C.

Purify deacylated small RNA using the **RNA Clean & Concentrator™-5 kit (Zymo catalog. no. R1015 or R1016)**. Perform all steps at room temperature and centrifugation at 12,000 g for 30 seconds, unless otherwise specified.











- **A3.3** Add 200 µL of **Zymo RNA Binding Buffer (ZBB)** to each sample and mix.
- **A3.4** Add 400 µL of ethanol 100% to each sample and mix well.
- **A3.5** Transfer the mixture to the **Zymo-Spin™ Column** and centrifuge.
Discard the flow-through.
- **A3.6** Add 400 µL **Zymo RNA Prep Buffer** to the column and centrifuge.
Discard the flow-through.
- **A3.7** Add 700 µL **Zymo RNA Wash Buffer** to the column and centrifuge.
Discard the flow-through.
- **A3.8** Add 400 µL **Zymo RNA Wash Buffer** to the column and centrifuge for 1 minute to ensure complete removal of the wash buffer. Carefully, transfer the column into a new RNase-free tube.
- **A3.9** Add 8 µL of **nuclease-free water** directly to the column matrix, wait for 1 minute and centrifuge.
- **A3.10** The small RNAs are present in the flow-through.
Keep the reaction tube containing the flow through.
- **A3.11** Quantify 1 µL from **A3.10** using a Qubit™ HS RNA Assay Kit. The recovered material should be at least 250 ng of deacylated small RNA. *If you are not able to reach at least 250 ng of small RNA please contact us at techsupport@immaginabiotech.com*



Please use deacylated small RNA for library preparation (step C) within the same day.

B. tRNA LIBRARY PREPARATION

nano-tRNAseq Kit components needed in this section:

Step N	Kit component	Volume	Storage	Type	Vial cap color	
B1/B3	Annealing buffer 1 (AB1)	50 µL	-20°C	vial		Yellow
B1/B3	Annealing Buffer 2 (AB2)	50 µL	-20°C	vial		Yellow
B1	Splint adapter A (SA)	50 µL	-80°C	strip		
B1	Splint adapter B (SB)	50 µL	-80°C	strip		
B2	PEG 8000 (PEG)	300 µL	-20°C	vial		Yellow
B2	Buffer T1 (BT1)	50 µL	-20°C	vial		Yellow
B2	T1 enzyme (T1)	27 µL	-20°C	vial		Yellow
B3	Barcoded Adapter BC1 FWD (1 F)	25 µL	-80°C	strip		
B3	Barcoded Adapter BC1 REV (1 R)	25 µL	-80°C	strip		
B3	Barcoded Adapter BC2 FWD (2 F)	25 µL	-80°C	strip		
B3	Barcoded Adapter BC2 REV (2 R)	25 µL	-80°C	strip		
B3	Barcoded Adapter BC3 FWD (3 F)	25 µL	-80°C	strip		
B3	Barcoded Adapter BC3 REV (3 R)	25 µL	-80°C	strip		
B3	Barcoded Adapter BC4 FWD (4 F)	25 µL	-80°C	strip		
B3	Barcoded Adapter BC4 REV (4 R)	25 µL	-80°C	strip		
B3	Barcoded Adapter BC5 FWD (5 F)	25 µL	-80°C	strip		
B3	Barcoded Adapter BC5 REV (5 R)	25 µL	-80°C	strip		
B3	Barcoded Adapter BC6 FWD (6 F)	25 µL	-80°C	strip		
B3	Barcoded Adapter BC6 REV (6 R)	25 µL	-80°C	strip		
B4	Buffer T2 (BT2)	65 µL	-20°C	vial		Red
B4	T2 enzyme (T2)	20 µL	-20°C	vial		Red
B4	dNTPs	30 µL	-20°C	vial		Green
B4	Buffer T3 (BT3)	110 µL	-20°C	vial		Green
B4	T3 enzyme (T3)	10 µL	-20°C	vial		Green

Additional materials needed in this section:

Step N	Additional Material	Type
B1/B2/B3/B4	RNase Inhibitor, Murine	Required
B2/B4	Agencourt AMPure XP	Required
B2/B4	Ethanol	Required
B2/B3/B4/B5	Nuclease Free Water (NFW)	Required
B4	Qubit™ HS dsDNA Assay Kit	Required
B5	Direct RNA sequencing SQK-RNA004 (Oxford Nanopore)	Required
B5	FLO-MIN004RA flow cell (Oxford Nanopore)	Required

Step B1. SPLINT ADAPTERS ANNEALING

Please note that a single 10 μL reaction for the annealing of splint adapters (B1.1) will be sufficient to handle 5 or 2 samples according to the input RNA that you wish to use in reaction B2.1 (250 or 500 ng, respectively), so you may need to perform more than one reaction from section B1.1 depending on the number of samples you decide to process in a single experiment.

- **B1.1** Mix the following reagents in a 1.5 mL reaction tube. Please note that the volumes in Table 1 are intended for one single reaction of splint adapters annealing. Plan the number of reactions according to the number of samples that you wish to process, and the RNA input you plan to use in reaction B2.1.

Reagent	Volume (μL)
Annealing Buffer 1 (AB1)	1
Annealing Buffer 2 (AB2)	1
Splint Adapter A (SA)	3.75
Splint Adapter B (SB)	3.75
RNase Inhibitor, Murine	0.5
Total volume	10

Table 1. Components' volumes to use in step B1 in one single reaction of splint adapters annealing.

- **B1.2** Mix the reactions well by pipetting, then heat to 75°C for 15 sec, and ramp down to 25°C at 0.1°C/s. Store on ice until further use. Once used, please toss the leftovers.

Step B2. SPLINT ADAPTERS LIGATION

NOTE: Start the library preparation with **250 or 500 ng** of deacylated small RNA. Adjust the amount of annealed Splint Adapter to use according to the input material (see Table 2 below).

B2.1 Mix the following reagents in a 1.5 mL reaction tube. For clarity, volumes indicated in Table 2 are to be considered for one reaction only and must be repeated for each sample.

	250 ng of RNA	500 ng of RNA
Reagent	Amount (µL)	Amount (µL)
Deacylated RNA from step A3.10	250 ng (X µL)	500 ng (X µL)
Annealed Splint Adapter from step B1.2	1.9	3.8
PEG 8000	10	10
Buffer T1 (BT)	2.5	2.5
T1 Enzyme (T1)	2	2
RNase Inhibitor, Murine	0.5	0.5
H ₂ O	8.1 - X	6.2 - X
Total volume	25	25

Table 2. Components' volumes to use in step B2 for one reaction. The two columns show the volumes of reagents according to the input of small RNA deacylated chosen (250 ng or 500 ng).

- B2.2** Incubate the reaction overnight at 4°C.
- B2.3** Purify the reaction by adding 50 µL of vortexed **Agencourt AMPure XP** beads (**warm the beads at RT for 30 minutes before use**) to each sample and mix well by pipetting the entire volume up and down at least 10 times.
- B2.4** Incubate at RT for 10 minutes.
- B2.5** Place the tubes on a magnetic rack and discard the supernatant when clear and colorless.
tRNAs are now attached to the beads!
- B2.6** Keep the tubes on the magnetic rack. Add 200 µL of EtOH 70% freshly prepared to the beads. Incubate for 30 seconds and then remove the supernatant.
- B2.7** Repeat the washing step.
- B2.8** Remove supernatant and let the beads pellet dry on the magnetic rack at room temperature for ~2-4 minutes.
Avoid over-drying the beads (pellet cracked) as this will significantly decrease elution efficiency.
- B2.9** Remove the tubes from the magnetic rack and resuspend the beads in 9 µL of nuclease-free water. Mix thoroughly by pipetting up and down to ensure complete bead dispersion. Incubate at RT for 10 minutes.
- B2.10** Place the tubes on a magnetic rack until the solution is completely clear.
tRNAs are now in the supernatant!
- B2.11** Remove the 9 µL of supernatant and place into a clean 0.2 mL nuclease-free tube.

Step B3. BARCODED ADAPTERS ANNEALING

NOTE: Each pair of barcoded adapters (FWD and REV) needs to be annealed following the passages below. For clarity, Table 3 shows an example for the barcode pair **1 F** and **1 R**. Please, repeat the reaction for every pair of barcodes needed (up to 6 per library preparation).

- B3.1** Mix the following reagents in a 1.5 mL reaction tube:

Reagent	Volume (μL)
Annealing Buffer 1 (AB1)	1
Annealing Buffer 2 (AB2)	1
Barcoded Adapter BC1 FWD (1 F)	1.5
Barcoded Adapter BC1 REV (1 R)	1.5
H ₂ O	4.5
RNase Inhibitor, Murine	0.5
Total volume	10

Table 3. Components' volumes to use in step B3.

- B3.2** Mix the reactions well by pipetting, then heat to 75°C for 15 sec, and ramp down to 25°C at 0.1°C/s. Store on ice until further use. Once used, please toss the leftovers.

Step B4. BARCODED ADAPTERS LIGATION AND REVERSE TRANSCRIPTION

- B4.1** Mix the following reagents in a 0.2 mL nuclease-free reaction tube. **Please perform separate reactions for each sample/barcoded adapter you are processing.**

Reagent	Volume (µL)
Buffer T2 (BT2)	3
tRNA from step B2.11	8.5
Annealed Barcoded Adapter* from step B3.2	1.5
RNase Inhibitor, Murine	0.5
T2 Enzyme (T2)	1.5
Total volume	15

***Please use different Barcoded Adapters for different samples**

Table 4. Components' volumes to use in step B4.1. Please perform separate reactions for each sample/barcoded adapters you are processing.

- B4.2** Incubate the reaction for 10 minutes at RT.
- B4.3** Meanwhile, prepare the reverse transcription master mix as follows. Please consider that the volumes in Table 5 are to be considered for one single sample and corresponding barcoded adapters.

Reagent	Volume (µL)
H ₂ O	14.5
Buffer T3 (BT3)	8
dNTPs	2
Total volume	24.5

Table 5. Components' volumes to use in step B4.3. Volumes in this table are to be considered for one single sample and corresponding barcoded adapters.

- B4.4** Add the master mix to the reaction tube containing the barcoded adapters-ligated tRNA from step **B4.2**. Mix by pipetting.
- B4.5** Add **0.5 µL of T3 enzyme (T3)** to the reaction and mix by pipetting.
- B4.6** Incubate at 60°C for 30 minutes, then at 85°C for 5 minutes, and bring to 4°C before proceeding with the next step.
- B4.7** Purify the reaction by adding 80 µL of vortexed **Agencourt AMPure XP beads (warm the beads at RT for 30 min before use)** to each sample and mix well by pipetting the entire volume up and down at least 10 times.
- B4.8** Incubate at RT for 10 minutes.
- B4.9** Place the tubes on a magnetic rack and discard the supernatant when clear and colorless.

tRNAs are now attached to the beads!

- B4.10** Keep the tubes on the magnetic rack. Add 200 µL of EtOH 70% freshly prepared to the beads. Incubate for 30 seconds and then remove the supernatant.
- B4.11** Repeat the washing step.
- B4.12** Remove supernatant and let the beads pellet dry on the magnetic rack at room temperature for ~2-4 minutes. **Avoid over-drying the beads (pellet cracked) as this will significantly decrease elution efficiency.**
- B4.13** Remove the tubes from the magnetic rack and resuspend the beads in 8.5 µL of nuclease-free water. Mix thoroughly by pipetting up and down to ensure complete bead dispersion. Incubate at room temperature for 10 minutes.
- B4.14** Place the tubes on a magnetic rack until the solution is completely clear.

tRNAs are now in the supernatant!

- B4.15** Remove the 8.5 µL of supernatant and place into a clean 1.5 mL reaction tube.
- B4.16** Quantify 2 µL of the eluate using a Qubit™ HS dsDNA Assay Kit.

**SAFE STOPPING POINT (store at -80°C for up to one week)**

Step B5. RNA POOLING, RMX LIGATION AND SEQUENCING

NOTE: At this step it is possible to decide how many samples to pool together as long as 20 ng of total material is reached.

- B5.1** Pool in a 1.5 mL tube the barcoded samples from step **B4.16** so that the total RNA amount is 20 ng in 23 μ L (if necessary, use nuclease-free water to reach the requested volume). Use the following table as a guide:

Samples barcoded with	Quantity (ng)	Volume (μ L)
BC1	3.3	
BC2	3.3	
BC3	3.3	
BC4	3.3	
BC5	3.3	
BC6	3.3	
NFW	if needed	
Total	20	23

- C5.2** Proceed with the [Library preparation from Oxford Nanopore SQK-RNA004](#) starting from step 24 of section 3 (“Library Preparation”).

⚠ IMPORTANT: The tRNA library must be sequenced immediately and cannot be stored for later use.

⚠ IMPORTANT: BEFORE STARTING THE SEQUENCING

⚠ Select “Flow cell type”: FLO-MIN004-RA

Flow cell check

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⚠ Select “Kit selection”: Direct RNA Sequencing Kit (SQK-RNA004).

Kit selection

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Direct RNA Sequencing Kit SQK-RNA004

⚠ Deactivate “Basecalling”.


Sequencing and analysis


Basecalling

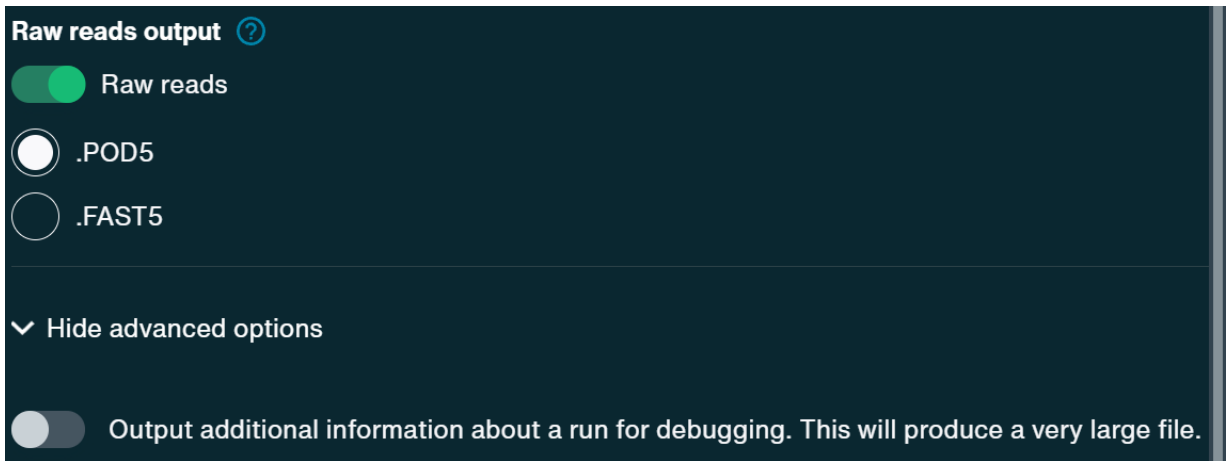
Barcoding


Alignment

Adaptive sampling

Advanced sequencing options 

 Select the saving of the .POD5 file format in the software before starting the sequencing.



 **All the information related to the demultiplexing step are present in the USB pen drive that has been provided with the kit. Please, make sure to read all the instructions before loading the library on the flowcell.**

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