

Brad's Rapid Ravi for low starting mRNA amounts

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Purpose and Background

Preparing indexed non-strand specific RNA-seq libraries from low mRNA starting amounts. Great for multiplexing!
Note: this is **not** Brad-seq (which is strand-specific 3' sequencing) but Brad's rapid version of Ravi Kumar's RNA-seq prep.

References:

<http://journal.frontiersin.org/article/10.3389/fpls.2015.00366/full> - Brad's paper incl. the protocol for this prep and for Brad-seq
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3428589/> - Original Ravi prep

Materials

| Item | Cat number | Provider |
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| | | (VMCS = UCD stores) |
| Consumables | | |
| NEB Streptavidin Magnetic Beads, 5ml | S1420S | NEB / VMCS |
| RevertAid Reverse Transcriptase (200 U/ μ L), 10,000U | EP0441 | Thermo / VMCS |
| DNA polymerase I (10U/ μ l), 500 units | EP0041 | Fermentas / VMCS |
| Ampure XP beads | A63881 | Beckman |
| Phusion high-fidelity polymerase | M0530S | NEB |
| dNTP mix, 25 mM each | R1121 | Thermo / VMCS |
| Random Primers | 48190-011 | Invitrogen |
| RnaseH | M0297S | NEB / VMCS |
| NEBNEXT® End Repair Module | E6050L | NEB / VMCS |
| Taq | M0273L | NEB / VMCS |
| T4 DNA Ligase (Rapid) 600 units/ μ l | L603-HC-L | Enzymatics |
| Biotinylated oligos (Bio-linker-dT20) | Custom primer | |
| Adapters (annealed primers PE1-lig and ILL-lig) | Custom primer | |
| Primers (S1, S2, PE1, barcoded primers) | Custom primer | |
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| For buffers & washes | | |
| 1 M Tris-HCl pH 8 | E76004 | VMCS |
| Lithium chloride solution (8 M) | L7026-500ml | Sigma |
| 500 mM EDTA pH 8 | E76000 | VMCS |
| SDS | ABI01266 | VMCS |
| DTT | D0632-1G | Sigma |
| Antifoam A | A5633-100G | Sigma |
| 5 M NaCl | E76025 | VMCS |
| 2-Mercaptoethanol | WIMM2993 | VMCS |
| Rnase-free water | WI717861LT | VMCS |
| ethanol | | |
| PEG 8000 | | |
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| Plastics | | |

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| RNase-free PCR strips | | USA scientific |
| Filter tips, 1-10ul | | Denville |
| Filter tips, 2-20ul | | Denville |
| Filter tips, 20-200ul | | Denville |
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| Devices | | |
| Magwell 96 well magnetic separator | #57624 | EdgeBio |
| Beadbeater | | |
| PCR machine | | |
| MicroPlate Genie™ multiple well plate mixer | SI-0400 | Scientific Industries |
| 8-multichannel pipettes (2-20ul, 20-200ul) | | |
| Chillette™ 20 Portable Tube Cooler | R6620 | Denville |

Preparations:

This protocol starts with mRNA extracted with streptavidin-coated magnetic beads (see separate protocol).

ABR buffer (Ampure XP Bead Resuspension)

15% PEG 8000
2.5M NaCl

Non-strand specific "Y" adapter annealing

Non-strand specific libraries use a "Y" shaped adapter which is ligated to both ends of a double stranded DNA molecule, The adapters should be prepared in advance and can be stored at -20 C indefinitely.

- Hydrate the main stocks of sense and antisense 5-prime adapter oligos when they arrive to a concentration of 100 µM.
- Prepare adapters by adding 8µl of 100µM PE1-lig oligo and 8µl of 100µM 5' phosphorylated ILL-lig oligo. Add 784 µl of H2O, vortex and spin down. Aliquot 100 µl in 8 strip flip-cap strip tubes and spin the strip so that all droplets are collected and run the following annealing program:

94C 1min, (94C 10sec) X 60 cycles -1C/cycle, 20C 1min, 4C hold

- The final concentration should be 1 µM of the Y shaped ligation adapter.
- It is a good idea to use different colors of flip-cap 8 strip tubes for the different types of adapters to avoid confusion.
- OLIGO SEQUENCES:

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| PE1-lig | CACTTTCCCTACACGACGCTTCCGATCT |
| ILL-lig | P-GATCGGAAGAGCACACGTCTGAACTCCAGTCAC |

General tips:

- Use multichannel pipettes, nuclease-free reservoirs and master mixes (always add +10%) to make the work faster. Filter tips can be used to ensure contamination-free samples. Master mixes can be first pipetted into one PCR strip and then into all the samples using a multi-channel pipette.
- Remember to resuspend all beads carefully before pipetting them. Ampure XP beads are expensive – pipette out the total amount you need for a day and then aliquot into individual tubes to prevent contaminating back-and-forth pipetting.

Protocol:

4. RNA fragmentation and cDNA priming

Here magnesium ions in the first strand buffer are used to fragment the mRNA at high temperature, followed by priming of the 1st strand cDNA by random hexamers.

- For each sample, add following into a fresh tube:
 - 1.5 µl 5X Thermo Scientific RT buffer
 - 0.5 µl Invitrogen random primers
 - 8 µl RNA
- (Place remaining RNA into -80C for troubleshooting or future library preps.)
- Spin down samples to ensure all of sample is at the bottom of the tube.
- Place in thermocycler for fragmentation and 1st strand priming.
 - 25°C 1 second,
 - 94°C 1.5 min,
 - 4°C 5 min,
 - 4°C hold

5. First strand cDNA synthesis

- Prepare 1st strand master mix.

| Reagent | vol/rxn |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| 5X Thermo Scientific RT buffer | 1.5 µl |
| 0.1M DTT | 1.5 µl |
| H2O | 1 µl |
| 25mM dNTPs | .5 µl |
| RevertAid RT enzyme | .5 µl |

Add 5 µl of mix to each fragmented RNA sample and mix well.

Total reaction volume 15 µl

- Incubate in thermocycler for reverse transcription step with the following program:
 - 25C 10min
 - 42C 50min
 - 50C 10min
 - 70C 10min
 - 4C hold

X2. Rapid Ravi steps: Second strand synthesis, end repair, A-tailing, adapter ligation

1: Second strand synthesis, end preparation and A-tailing

- Prepare master mix.

| Reagent | vol/rxn |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| H2O | 1.5 uL |
| 25mM dNTPs | 0.4 uL |
| Polymerase I | 1 uL |
| RNaseH | 0.1 uL |
| T4 Pol+PNK mix (End Repair Module) | 0.4 uL |
| Taq | 0.2 uL |
| End Repair Buffer | <u>1.4 uL</u> |
| Total | 5 uL |

- Add 5 uL of mix to each sample on ice. Mix and spin down strip.

- Place in thermocycler and run following program:

16C 20m,
20C 20m,
72C 20m,
4C Hold

- Add 30 ul Ampure XP beads, mix and let stand at RT for 5 minutes.
- Magnetize and remove all but 5 uL of the supernatant.
- Wash 2x with 200 ul 80% EtOH – both times add the ethanol and leave it on for 30 sec. No need to resuspend beads. Remove all the supernatant.
- Leave strip on magnetic rack and allow beads to dry (until look dry & start to crack).

2: Adapter ligation

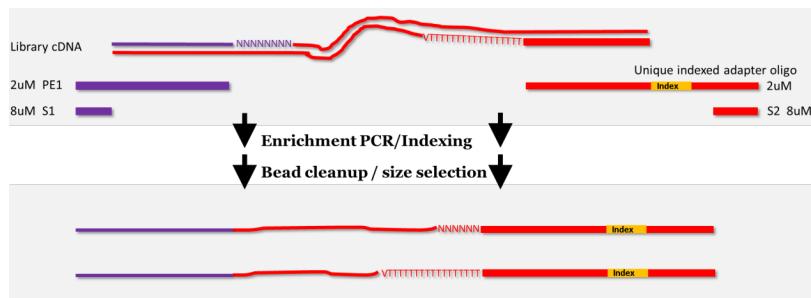
- Add 3 ul of annealed 1 uM universal adapters to each dry bead pellet.
- Prepare following master mix:

| Reagent | volume per reaction |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| H2O | 1.75 ul |
| 2X Rapid T4 ligase buffer | 5.0 ul |
| DNA ligase | 0.25 ul |
| Total | 7 ul |

(note: if not rapid – will not work)

- Add 7 ul of the following mix to each sample and mix by pipetting up and down making sure to resuspend Ampure beads.
- Place strip lid on to avoid evaporation and allow to stand at Room Temperature for 15 minutes.
- Add 10 ul of 50 mM EDTA to each sample.
- Add 25 ul of ABR to each sample and mix by pipetting up and down.
- Allow to stand 5 min at RT.
- Magnetize and remove all but 5 uL of the supernatant.
- Wash 2x with 200 ul 80% EtOH – both times add the ethanol and leave it on for 30 sec. No need to resuspend beads. Remove all the supernatant.
- Leave strip on magnetic rack and allow beads to dry (until look dry & start to crack).
- When beads are dry add 20-22 ul 10mM Tris to each sample and re-suspend beads by pipetting up and down 10 times. Incubate at RT for 2min.
- Magnetize and transfer the supernatant into fresh tubes.

10. Enrichment, adapter extension and final cleanup



10.1: Enrichment and adapter extension

The enrichment PCR uses four primers concurrently, two long primers to complete the adapter sequence at low concentration, and two short primers consisting of the terminal most sequence of the adapters at higher concentration. This is to selectively amplify molecules with complete adapter sequences.

- Make enrichment master mix (at RT, hot start is not necessary).

| Reagent | volume per reaction |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 5X Phusion HF Buffer | 4 µl |

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| H ₂ O | 2.6 µl |
| 2 µM PE1 primer | 1 µl |
| 8 µM each EnrichS1 + S2 primers | 1 µl |
| 25mM dNTPs | 0.2 µl |
| Phusion Polymerase | 0.2 µl |

- Add **9 µl** of master mix to a set of new tubes.
- Transfer **1 µl** of appropriate unique indexed enrichment oligo to each well (2 µM ILL-BC primer).
- Transfer **10 µl** of adapterized cDNA (that has been eluted off the Ampure beads) to each well.

- Primer sequences:

EnrichS1 AATGATAACGGCGACCACCGA
 EnrichS2 CAAGCAGAACGACGGCATACGA
 PE1 AATGATAACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT
 Indexed enrichment oligo sequences at the end of this document
- Mix well by pipetting up and down. The total volume of the reaction is 20ul.
- **[Optional but HIGHLY recommended]**, especially if doing libraries for these samples for the first time] Without changing tips from previous step, transfer 10 ul of enrichment PCR mix to second 8 strip PCR tubes

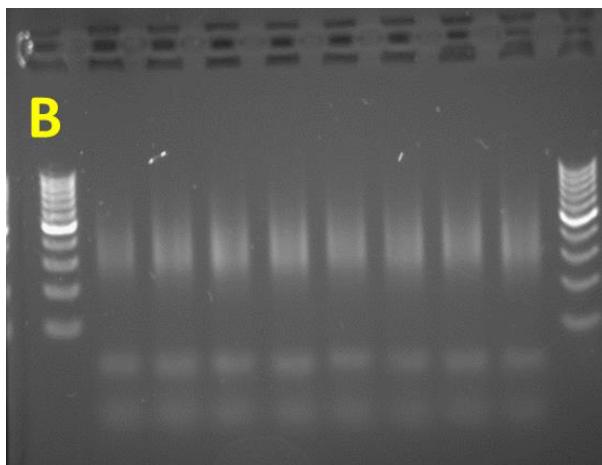
! Hedging your bets: Particularly with small samples or any time you don't have a reasonable idea how many amplification cycles will provide sufficient amplification without over-amplifying, transfer 10 µl of the pre-amplification reaction volume and freeze at -20 C, then amplify the remainder of the reaction volume and run 2 ul on an agarose gel. This will allow you to adjust the number of cycles for the remainder of the reaction volume. The remaining 8 ul of enriched libraries should provide enough sample for the final cleanup and pooling.

- Incubate in thermocycler with following program:

98C 30 sec,
 (98 C 10 sec, 65 C 30 sec, 72 C 30 sec) *N cycles,
 72 C 5 min,
 10 C hold.

N for our TRAP work has been 15 cycles.

- Run 2 µl on 1% Agarose gel for 20 minutes at 100 Volts to check results. If desired amplification is obtained proceed to cleanup. **"If you can see it, you can sequence it"**
- If desired amplification is not obtained for all samples, use remaining adapterized cDNA for enrichment with increased number of cycles.



Non-strand specific RNA-seq libraries run at 9 cycles.

2 ul of enrichment reaction loaded on to 1% SB gel run 20 minutes at 100 volts.
Ladder used is 1 ul of Thermo Scientific O'GeneRuler 100bp DNA ladder.

10.2: Final library cleanup

This step gets rid of primers and adapters and selects for specific size of library molecules. Use fresh Ampure beads.

- Add 1.5 volumes (i.e. 12 ul for 8 ul of enrichment product) resuspended Ampure beads to sample, mix well and let sit at room temperature for 5 minutes.
- Place on magnetic tray and remove supernatant
- Wash 2X with 200 ul of 80% EtOH **with** resuspending pellet. Allow pellet to dry.
- Re-suspend pellet in 10uL 10mM Tris pH 8.0 and re-suspend beads by pipetting up and down 10 times. Incubate at RT for 2min.
- Magnetize and transfer the supernatant into fresh tubes.
- REPEAT THE WASH
- 1-2 ul can be run on a gel to make sure of (sufficient recovery and) complete lack of adapter contamination.
- Proceed to quantification (SYBR green with plate reader) and pooling.

Sequences of indexed adapter enrichment primers

ILLSINHA01 CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATTCAATCATGTGACTGGAGTTAGACGTGTCCTCCGAT
ILLSINHA02 CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATAGGCAGTCGTGACTGGAGTTAGACGTGTCCTCCGAT
ILLSINHA03 CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATAGAACATAGCGTGACTGGAGTTAGACGTGTCCTCCGAT
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