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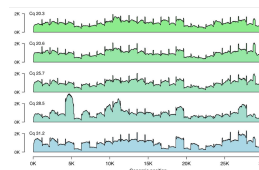
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Abstract

To enable faster, easier sequencing of SARS-COV2 genomes with fewer steps than current methods, we use multiplexed 1200 base pair PCR amplicons with the Oxford Nanopore RAPID barcoding kit (RBK004).

This is a modification of the ARTIC amplicon V3 sequencing protocol for MinION for nCoV-2019 developed by Josh Quick, which produces 400 base pair amplicons and uses the Oxford Nanopore Ligation barcoding kit (LSK-109).

We have increased the size of the amplicons to 1200bp and use the RAPID barcode kit (RBK004), which enables requires less time and fewer reagents than the LSK-109 protocol. The amplicons produced in this protocol could also be used for Illumina sequencing.

Primers were all designed using Primal Scheme: <http://primal.zibraproject.org/>, described here <https://www.nature.com/articles/nprot.2017.066>.

Primer sequences are here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1M5I_C56ZC8_2Ycgm9EFieVIVNqxsP7dXAnGoBZy3nDo/edit?usp=sharing

The primer scheme .bed and .tsv files necessary for the ARTIC variant calling pipeline are at Zenodo: <https://zenodo.org/record/3897530#.Xv5EFpMzadY>

Version history:

V4: updated .bed and .tsv file link to point to Zenodo (and not google drive).

V1-V3: included primers sequences in the protocol, fixed step 17.12 from elute in "molecular grade water or Elution buffer" to elute in "10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0 with 50 mM NaCl", as suggested on the Oxford Nanopore protocol, changed images from ARTIC protocol image to our own.

Guidelines

This has so far been testing using only five SARS-CoV2 patient positive samples, with Cq values ranging from 20 to 31. Further testing might be needed to test the method on low viral load samples/high Cq samples.

Materials

STEP MATERIALS

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- Primers 25nm, desalted, ideally LabReady formulation from IDT:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1M5I_C56ZC8_2Ycgm9EFieVIVNqxsP7dXAnGoBZy3nDo/edit#gid=755704891
- Extraction kits; Zymo Quick-RNA Viral Kit Zymo R1034
- OR
- i.e. QIAamp Viral RNA Mini Qiagen 52904
- SuperScript IV (50 rxn) Thermo 18090050
- dNTP mix (10 mM each) Thermo R0192
- Random Hexamers (50 µM) Thermo N8080127
- OR
- Random Primer Mix (60 µM) NEB S1330S
- RNase OUT (125 rxn) Thermo 10777019
- Q5 Hot Start HF Polymerase NEB M0493S
- **Agencourt AMPure XP** **Beckman Coulter** **A63880**
- Rapid Barcoding Kit 1-12 Nanopore SQK-RBK004
- R9.4.1 flow cell Nanopore FLO-MIN106

Protocol materials

 SQK-RBK004 Rapid Barcoding Kit **Oxford Nanopore Technologies Catalog #SQK-RBK004**

Troubleshooting

Safety warnings

 Please follow standard health and safety guidelines when working with COVID-19 patient samples.



cDNA preparation

5m

- 1 Mix the following components in an 0.2mL 8-strip tube;

5m

Component

Volume

50µM random hexamers

1 µL

10mM dNTPs mix (10mM each)

1 µL

Template RNA

11 µL

Total

13 µL

Note

Viral RNA input from a clinical sample should be between Ct 18-35. If Ct is between 12-15, then dilute the sample 100-fold in water, if between 15-18 then dilute 10-fold in water. This will reduce the likelihood of PCR-inhibition. It is good practice to carry a negative control (e.g. water) through the entire process from cDNA preparation to sequencing.

Note

A mastermix should be made up in the **mastermix cabinet** and aliquoted into PCR strip tubes. Tubes should be wiped down when entering and leaving the mastermix cabinet.

- 2 Gently mix by pipetting and pulse spin the tube to collect liquid at the bottom of the tube.

- 3 Incubate the reaction as follows:

65 °C for 00:05:00

Snap cool in a prechilled metal rack or on ice 00:01:00

Note






A quick cooling step using a PCR cooling block or ice helps to inhibit secondary structure formation and can decrease variation in overall coverage.

6m



- 4 Add the following to the annealed template RNA :

5m

Component	Volume
SSIV Buffer	 4 μ L
100mM DTT	 1 μ L
RNaseOUT RNase Inhibitor	 1 μ L
SSIV Reverse Transcriptase	 1 μ L
Total	 20 μ L

Note

A mastermix should be made up in the **mastermix cabinet** and added to the denatured RNA in the **extraction and sample addition cabinet**. Tubes should be wiped down when entering and leaving the mastermix cabinet.

- 5 Gently mix by pipetting and pulse spin the tube to collect liquid at the bottom of the tube.

- 6 Incubate the reaction in a preheated PCR machine:

1h 5m

 42 °C  00:50:00 70 °C  00:10:00Hold at  5 °C

Primer pool preparation

- 7 If required, resuspend lyophilised primers at a concentration of 100 μ M each



Note

Primers for this protocol were designed using **Primal Scheme** and generate overlapping 1200bp amplicons. Primer names and dilutions are listed here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1M5l_C56ZC8_2Ycgm9EFieVlVNqxsP7dXAnGoBZy3nDo/edit?usp=sharing.

We have tested multiplexing 1500 nt and 2000 nt amplicons as well, all work. These are included in the link. Here we will discuss just the protocol for 1200 nt amplicons as they worked best in our hands.

You can order these as an oligo pool from IDT:

<https://sg.idtdna.com/site/order/poolentry/>

7.1 Primers used to generate 1200 bp amplicons are here:

	Primer Name	Sequence	Pool	Length	Tm	Start
	SARSCoV_1200_1_LE FT	ACCAACCAACTTTTCGATCTCTTGT	1	24	60.69	30
	SARSCoV_1200_1_RI GHT	GGTTGCATTCATTTGGTGACGC	1	22	61.49	1205
	SARSCoV_1200_3_L EFT	GGCTTGAAGAGAAGTTTAAGGAAGGT	1	26	61.19	2153
	SARSCoV_1200_3_RI GHT	GATTGTCCTCACTGCCGTCTTG	1	22	61.5	3257
	SARSCoV_1200_5_L EFT	ACCTACTAAAAAGGCTGGTGGC	1	22	60.55	4167
	SARSCoV_1200_5_RI GHT	AGCATCTTGTAGAGCAGGTGGA	1	22	61.16	5359
	SARSCoV_1200_7_LE FT	ACCTGGTGTATACGTTGTCTTTGG	1	24	60.8	6283
	SARSCoV_1200_7_RI GHT	GCTGAAATCGGGGCCATTTGTA	1	22	61.53	7401
	SARSCoV_1200_9_L EFT	AGAAGTTACTGGCGATAGTTGTAATAACT	1	29	60.59	8253
	SARSCoV_1200_9_RI GHT	TGCTGATATGTCCAAAGCACCA	1	22	60.29	9400
	SARSCoV_1200_11_L EFT	AGACACCTAAGTATAAGTTTGTTCGCA	1	27	60.74	10343
	SARSCoV_1200_11_RI GHT	GCCCACATGGAAATGGCTTGAT	1	22	61.8	11469

SARSCoV_1200_13_L EFT	ACCTCTTACAACAGCAGCCAA AC	1	23	61.5 5	124 50
SARSCoV_1200_13_R IGHT	CGTCCTTTTCTTGGAAGCGAC A	1	22	61.3 8	136 21
SARSCoV_1200_15_L EFT	TTTTAAGGAATTACTTGTGTATG CTGCT	1	28	60.0 6	145 40
SARSCoV_1200_15_R IGHT	ACACACAACAGCATCGTCAGAG	1	22	61.1 2	1573 5
SARSCoV_1200_17_L EFT	TCAAGCTTTTTGCAGCAGAAA CG	1	23	61.2 8	166 24
SARSCoV_1200_17_RI GHT	CCAAGCAGGGTTACGTGTAAG G	1	22	61.1 9	1775 4
SARSCoV_1200_19_L EFT	GGCACATGGCTTTGAGTTGACA	1	22	61.9 1	185 96
SARSCoV_1200_19_R IGHT	CCTGTTGTCCATCAAAGTGTCC C	1	23	61.6 2	196 78
SARSCoV_1200_21_L EFT	TCTGTAGTTTCTAAGGTTGTCA AAGTA	1	28	60.5 8	205 53
SARSCoV_1200_21_ RIGHT	GCAGGGGGTAATTGAGTTCTG G	1	22	60.9 5	216 42
SARSCoV_1200_23_ LEFT	ACTTTAGAGTCCAACCAACAGA ATCT	1	26	60.1 8	225 11
SARSCoV_1200_23_ RIGHT	TGACTAGCTACACTACGTGCCC	1	22	61.5 2	236 31
SARSCoV_1200_25_ LEFT	TGCTGCTACTAAAATGTCAGAG TGT	1	25	60.5 1	246 33
SARSCoV_1200_25_ RIGHT	CATTTCCAGCAAAGCCAAAGC C	1	22	61.4 5	257 90
SARSCoV_1200_27_L EFT	TGGATCACCGGTGGAATTGCTA	1	22	61.7 5	267 44
SARSCoV_1200_27_ RIGHT	TGTTTCGTTTAGGCGTGACAAGT	1	22	60.7 4	278 94
SARSCoV_1200_29_ LEFT	TGAGGGAGCCTTGAATACACCA	1	22	61.1	286 77
SARSCoV_1200_29_ RIGHT	TAGGCAGCTCTCCCTAGCATTG	1	22	61.6 1	297 90

Primers for **Pool 1**



	Primer Name	Sequence	Pool	Length	Tm	Start
	SARSCoV_1200_2_LEFT	CCATAATCAAGACTATTCAACC AAGGGT	2	28	61.27	1100
	SARSCoV_1200_2_RIGHT	ACAGGTGACAATTTGTCCACCG	2	22	61.33	2266
	SARSCoV_1200_4_LEFT	GGAATTTGGTGCCACTTCTGCT	2	22	61.66	3144
	SARSCoV_1200_4_RIGHT	CCTGACCCGGGTAAGTGGTTAT	2	22	61.49	4262
	SARSCoV_1200_6_LEFT	ACTTCTATTAAATGGGCAGATAA CAACTG	2	29	60.18	5257
	SARSCoV_1200_6_RIGHT	GATTATCCATTCCCTGCGCGTC	2	22	61.75	6380
	SARSCoV_1200_8_LEFT	CAATCATGCAATTGTTTTTCAG CTATTTTG	2	30	60.39	7298
	SARSCoV_1200_8_RIGHT	TGACTTTTTGCTACCTGCGCAT	2	22	61.39	8385
	SARSCoV_1200_10_LEFT	TTTACCAGGAGTTTTCTGTGGT GT	2	24	60.32	9303
	SARSCoV_1200_10_RIGHT	TGGGCCTCATAGCACATTGGTA	2	22	61.5	10451
	SARSCoV_1200_12_LEFT	ATGGTGCTAGGAGAGTGTGGAC	2	22	61.48	11372
	SARSCoV_1200_12_RIGHT	GGATTTCCCAATGCTGATGC	2	22	60.48	12560
	SARSCoV_1200_14_LEFT	ACAGGCACTAGTACTGATGTCG T	2	23	61.12	13509
	SARSCoV_1200_14_RIGHT	GTGCAGCTACTGAAAAGCACGT	2	22	61.94	14641
	SARSCoV_1200_16_LEFT	ACAACACAGACTTTATGAGTGT CTCT	2	26	60.18	15608
	SARSCoV_1200_16_RIGHT	CTCTGTGACAGCACTTCACG	2	22	61.17	16720
	SARSCoV_1200_18_LEFT	GCACATAAAGACAAATCAGCTC AATGC	2	27	62.03	17622
	SARSCoV_1200_18_RIGHT	TGTCTGAAGCAGTGGAAAAGCA	2	22	60.68	18706
	SARSCoV_1200_20_LEFT	ACAATTTGATACTTATAACCTCT GGAACAC	2	30	60.15	19574

SARSCoV_1200_20_RIGHT	GATTAGGCATAGCAACACCCGG	2	22	61.3 9	206 98
SARSCoV_1200_22_LEFT	GTGATGTTCTTGTTAACAACTAA ACGAACA	2	30	61.4 4	215 32
SARSCoV_1200_22_RIGHT	AACAGATGCAAATCTGGTGGCG	2	22	62.0 3	226 12
SARSCoV_1200_24_LEFT	GCTGAACATGTCAACAACTCAT ATGA	2	26	60.1 3	235 18
SARSCoV_1200_24_RIGHT	ATGAGGTGCTGACTGAGGGAAG	2	22	61.7 4	247 36
SARSCoV_1200_26_LEFT	GCCTTGAAGCCCCTTTTCTCTA	2	22	60.2 9	256 90
SARSCoV_1200_26_RIGHT	AATGACCACATGGAACGCGTAC	2	22	61.5	268 57
SARSCoV_1200_28_LEFT	TTTGTGCTTTTTAGCCTTTCTG CT	2	24	60.1 4	277 84
SARSCoV_1200_28_RIGHT	GTTTGGCCTTGTTGTTGTTGGC	2	22	61.8 2	290 07

Primers for **Pool 2**

- 8 If you have ordered each primer independently and need to generate primer pool stocks: add 5 μ L of each primer from Pool 1 to a 1.5 mL Eppendorf labeled "Pool 1 (100 μ M)" and each primer from Pool 2 to a 1.5 mL Eppendorf labelled "Pool 2 (100 μ M)". These are your 100 μ M stocks of each primer pool.

Note

Primers should be diluted and pooled in the **mastermix cabinet** which should be cleaned with decontamination wipes and UV sterilised before and after use.

- 9 Dilute this primer pool 1:10 in molecular grade water, to generate 10 μ M primer stocks. It is recommend that multiple aliquots of each primer pool are made to in case of degradation or contamination.

Note

Primers need to be used at a final concentration of 0.015 μ M per primer. In this case (1200 nt amplicons), pool 1 has 30 primers and pool 2 has 28 primers, so the requirement is 1.13 μ L for primer pool 1 and 1.05 μ L for primer pool 2 (10 μ M) per 25 μ L reaction. However, as these values are relatively close, we round up and down to 1.1 μ L for both pools, so the pools can be made in a similar fashion. For other schemes, adjust the volume added appropriately.

Multiplex PCR

- 10 In the mastermix hood set up the multiplex PCR reactions as follows in 0.2mL 8-strip PCR tubes:

Component	Pool 1	Pool 2
5X Q5 Reaction Buffer	5 μ L	5 μ L
10 mM dNTPs	0.5 μ L	0.5 μ L
Q5 Hot Start DNA Polymerase	0.25 μ L	0.25 μ L
Primer Pool 1 or 2 (10 μ M)	1.1 μ L	1.1 μ L
Nuclease-free water	15.9 μ L	15.9 μ L
Total	22.5 μ L	22.5 μ L

Note

A PCR mastermix for each pool should be made up in the **mastermix cabinet** and aliquoted into PCR strip tubes. Tubes should be wiped down when entering and leaving the mastermix cabinet.

- 11 In the **extraction and sample addition cabinet** add 2.5 μ L cDNA to each tube and mix well by pipetting.

Note

The **extraction and sample addition cabinet** should be cleaned with decontamination wipes and UV sterilised before and after use.



12 Pulse centrifuge the tubes to collect the contents at the bottom of the tube.

13 Set-up the following program on the thermal cycler:

2h 40m

Step	Temperature	Time	Cycles
Heat Activation	98 °C	00:00:30	1
Denaturation	98 °C	00:00:15	25-35
Annealing and Extension	65 °C	00:05:00	25-35
Hold	4 °C	Indefinite	1

Note

Cycle number should be 25 for Ct 18-21 up to a maximum of 35 cycles for Ct 35. We typically use 30 cycles.

Expected result

Final concentrations of PCR products can range from ~20- 150ng/ul.

Pooling and PCR quantification

14 Label a 1.5 mL Eppendorf tube for each sample and combine the two pools the PCR reaction as follows:

Component	Volume
Pool 1 PCR reaction	25 µL
Pool 2 PCR reaction	25 µL
Total	50 µL

**Note**

At this stage, care should be taken with amplified PCR products. Only open tubes in a designated post-PCR workspace with equipment that is separate from areas where primers and mastermixes are handled.

After combining the two pools of amplified DNA, the PCR products can be used for Oxford Nanopore Sequencing, using the RAPID barcode kit RBK004, as described in this protocol (below, Steps 15 onward).

Alternatively, these amplicons can be used for Oxford Nanopore Sequencing, following Josh Quick's ligation based protocol (CoV-2019 sequencing protocol v2, dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.bdp7i5rn, at step 15) using the SQK-LSK109 kit.

Alternatively, these amplicons can also be used for Illumina sequencing, such as found here: x.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.betejeje

We have found that performing an Ampure XP bead clean up at this stage does not improve performance. Therefore, it is not necessary to clean up the PCR reaction at this step.

- 14.1 Quantify DNA using a Qubit or other method. Quantification using Nanodrop is not recommended.

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DNA quantification using the Qubit fluorometer

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- 14.1.1 Prepare a mastermix of Qubit™ working solution for the required number of samples and standards. The Qubit dsDNA kit requires 2 standards for calibration (see note below).

Per sample:

Qubit® dsDNA HS Reagent  1 μL Qubit® dsDNA HS Buffer  199 μL **Note**

If you have already performed a calibration on the Qubit machine for the selected assay you can use the previous calibration stored on the machine. We recommend performing a new calibration for every sample batch but a same-day calibration would be fine to use for multiple batches.

To avoid any cross-contamination, we recommend that you remove the total amount of working solution required for your samples and standards from the working solution bottle and then add the required volume to the appropriate tubes instead of pipetting directly from the bottle to each tube.

- 14.1.2 Label the tube lids. Do not label the side of the tube as this could interfere with the sample reading.

Note

Use only thin-wall, clear, 0.5mL PCR tubes. Acceptable tubes include Qubit™ assay tubes (Cat. No. Q32856)

- 14.1.3 Aliquot Qubit™ working solution to each tube:
- standard tubes requires 190 μL of Qubit™ working solution
 - sample tubes require anywhere from 180–199 μL (depending how much sample you wish to add).

The final volume in each tube must be 200 μL once sample/standard has been added.

- 14.1.4 Add 10 μL of standard to the appropriate tube.

- 14.1.5 Add 1–20 μL of each user sample to the appropriate tube.

Note

If you are adding 1–2µL of sample, use a P-2 pipette for best results.

14.1.6 Mix each tube vigorously by vortexing for 3–5 seconds.

14.1.7 Allow all tubes to incubate at room temperature for 2 minutes, then proceed to “Read standards and samples”.

14.1.8 On the Home screen of the Qubit™ 3 Fluorometer, press DNA, then select 1X dsDNA HS as the assay type. The Read standards screen is displayed. Press Read Standards to proceed.

Note

If you have already performed a calibration for the selected assay, the instrument prompts you to choose between reading new standards and running samples using the previous calibration. **If you want to use the previous calibration, skip to step 12.** Otherwise, continue with step 9.

14.1.9 Insert the tube containing Standard #1 into the sample chamber, close the lid, then press Read standard. When the reading is complete (~3 seconds), remove Standard #1.

14.1.10 Insert the tube containing Standard #2 into the sample chamber, close the lid, then press Read standard. When the reading is complete, remove Standard #2.

14.1.11 The instrument displays the results on the Read standard screen. For information on interpreting the calibration results, refer to the Qubit™ Fluorometer User Guide, available for download at [thermofisher.com/qubit](https://www.thermofisher.com/qubit).

14.1.12 Press Run samples.

14.1.13 On the assay screen, select the sample volume and units:



- Press the + or – buttons on the wheel, or anywhere on the wheel itself, to select the sample volume added to the assay tube (from 1–20µL).
- From the unit dropdown menu, select the units for the output sample concentration (in this case choose ng/µL).



- 14.1.14 Insert a sample tube into the sample chamber, close the lid, then press Read tube. When the reading is complete (~3 seconds), remove the sample tube.
- 14.1.15 **The top value (in large font) is the concentration of the original sample and the bottom value is the dilution concentration.** For information on interpreting the sample results, refer to the Qubit™ Fluorometer User Guide.
- 14.1.16 Repeat step 14 until all samples have been read.
- 14.1.17 Carefully **record all results** and store run file from the Qubit on a memory stick.
- 14.1.18 All negative controls should ideally be 'too low' to read on the Qubit machine, but **MUST** be < 1ng per ul. If your negative controls >1ng per ul, considerable contamination has occurred and you must redo previous steps.

Normalisation

15 Label a  0.2 mL PCR tube for each sample.

15.1 Adjust the amount of DNA in the tube to be  100 ng total per sample in  7.5 µL molecular grade water. For example if your PCR reaction is at 100ng/ul, add 1ul of the PCR reaction to 6.5ul of molecular grade water. Input to the Rapid Barcoding kit will vary depending on the amplicon length but we have determined 50-200 ng works for efficient barcoding of this amplicon length. Use 7.5ul of the negative control, even if there is no detectable DNA in the PCR reaction.


Rapid barcoding using the SQK RBK004

16 Multiple samples can be run on the same flow cell by barcoding. Up to 12 samples at a time can be run. Amplicons from each sample will be individually barcoded in the following steps. These follow the RBK004 protocol from Oxford Nanopore. It is highly recommended to use their protocol for the following steps. Tip: aliquot the Rapid barcodes into a PCR strip to enable multichannelling.



SQK-RBK004 Rapid Barcoding Kit **Oxford Nanopore**
Technologies Catalog #SQK-RBK004




- 16.1 Add  7.5 μL of each diluted PCR reaction from step 15 to the labeled PCR tube.
Set up the following reaction for each sample:

5m

Component



DNA amplicons from step 15 (100ng total)

Fragmentation Mix RB01-12 (one for each sample, included in kit)

Volume 7.5 μL  2.5 μL **Total** 10 μL

- 16.2 Mix gently by flicking the tube, and spin down.

- 16.3 Incubate the reaction in a PCR machine:

 30 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for  00:01:00 80 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for  00:01:00 4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for  00:00:30

5m

- 16.4 Pool all barcoded samples, noting the total volume.

- 17 Ampure XP Bead Cleanup. Use a 1:1 ratio of sample to beads.

15m

Protocol









NAME

**Amplicon clean-up using SPRI beads for RAPID nanopore kit
RBK004**







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- 17.1 Vortex SPRI beads thoroughly to ensure they are well resuspended, the solution should be a homogenous brown colour.
-  Agencourt AMPure XP **Beckman Coulter Catalog #A63880**
- 17.2 Add an equal volume (1:1) of SPRI beads to the sample tube and mix gently by either flicking or pipetting. For example add  50 μ L room temperature SPRI beads to a  50 μ L reaction.
- 17.3 Pulse centrifuge to collect all liquid at the bottom of the tube.
- 17.4 Incubate for  00:05:00 at room temperature.
- 17.5 Place on magnetic rack and incubate for  00:02:00 or until the beads have pelleted and the supernatant is completely clear.
- 17.6 Carefully remove and discard the supernatant, being careful not to touch the bead pellet.
- 17.7 Add  200 μ L of freshly prepared room-temperature  80 % volume ethanol to the pellet.
- 17.8 Keeping the magnetic rack on the benchtop, rotate the bead-containing tube by 180°. Wait for the beads to migrate towards the magnet and re-form a pellet. Remove the ethanol using a pipette and discard.
- 17.9  and repeat ethanol wash.



- 17.10 Pulse centrifuge to collect all liquid at the bottom of the tube and carefully remove as much residual ethanol as possible using a P10 pipette.
- 17.11 With the tube lid open incubate for  00:01:00 or until the pellet loses its shine (if the pellet dries completely it will crack and become difficult to resuspend).
- 17.12 Remove the tube from the magnetic rack. Resuspend pellet in  10 μL 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0 with 50 mM NaCl, mix gently by flicking and incubate at room temperature for  00:02:00 .
- 17.13 Place on magnet and transfer sample to a clean 1.5mL Eppendorf tube ensuring no beads are transferred into this tube.
- 18 Add  1 μL of RAP (from the RBK004 kit) to  10 μL cleaned, barcoded DNA from step 17 . Mix gently by flicking the tube, and spin down. 1m
- 19 Incubate the reaction for  00:05:00 at room temperature. 5m
- 20 The prepared library is used for loading into the MinION flow cell according to Oxford Nanopore Rapid Barcoding (RBK004) protocol. Please refer to the Oxford Nanopore Rapid Barcoding RBK004 protocol at this stage. Store the library on ice until ready to load. 10m

MinION sequencing

- 21 Start the sequencing run using MinKNOW.



- 22 Depending on the variation in coverage of each amplicon, generally, you will need approx 10,000 to 20,000 reads or 10-20Mb **per sample** to confidently assemble and call variants. This can typically be achieved on a minION flow cell in under two hours when running 12 samples. Shorter, if running fewer samples.
- 23 The primer scheme .bed and .tsv files necessary for the ARTIC variant calling pipeline are at Zenodo: <https://zenodo.org/record/3897530#.Xv5EFpMzadY>