

Preparing Iso-Seq[®] v2 libraries using SMRTbell[®] prep kit 3.0

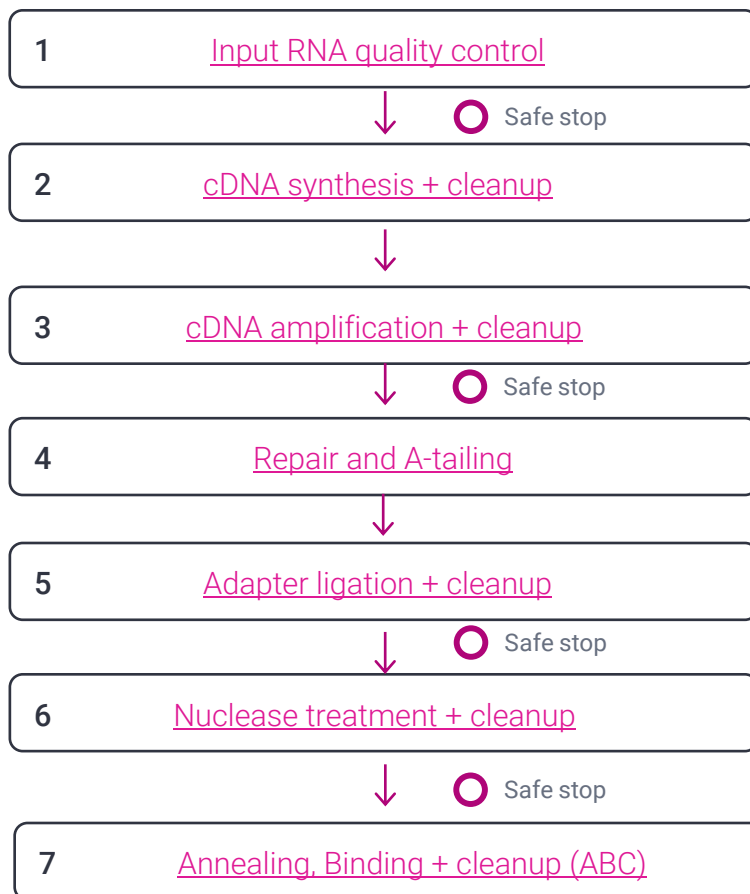
Procedure & checklist

Before you begin

This procedure describes the workflow for constructing Iso-Seq libraries using SMRTbell prep kit 3.0 from RNA for sequencing on PacBio[®] Sequel[®] II/IIe, Vega[™] and Revio[®] systems. For generating Kinnex[™] libraries from Iso-Seq libraries, please refer to the [Kinnex full-length RNA protocol](#).

Overview	
Samples	1–24
Workflow time	8 hours for up to 24 samples
Number of SMRT [®] Cells per library Prep	>8 SMRT Cells for Revio [®] using SPRQ [™] chemistry >2 SMRT Cells for Vega [®] or Revio [®] (non-SPRQ) system >10 SMRT Cells for Sequel [®] II/IIe
RNA input	
Quality / size distribution	RIN (RNA integrity number) ≥ 7.0
Quantity	Total RNA 300 ng per library (minimum concentration 43 ng/ μ L per library)

Workflow



Required materials and equipment

RNA and DNA sizing	
2100 Bioanalyzer instrument	Agilent Technologies G2939BA
RNA 6000 Nano kit	Agilent Technologies 5067-1511
DNA High Sensitivity DNA kit	Agilent Technologies 5067-4626
DNA quantitation	
Qubit Fluorometer	Thermo Fisher Scientific Q33238
Qubit 1X dsDNA HS Assay kit	Thermo Fisher Scientific Q33230
SMRTbell® library preparation	
Iso-Seq® Express 2.0 Kit	PacBio® 103-071-500
SMRTbell® cleanup beads	PacBio® 102-158-300
Elution buffer (50 mL)	PacBio® 101-633-500
SMRTbell® prep kit 3.0	PacBio® 102-182-700
SMRTbell® barcoded adapter plate 3.0 (optional; for barcoding)	PacBio® 102-009-200
Revio® SPRQ™ polymerase kit or	PacBio® 103-496-900
Vega™ polymerase kit or	PacBio® 103-426-500
Revio® polymerase kit* or	PacBio® 102-739-100
Sequel® II binding kit 3.2*	PacBio® 102-194-100

* Procedure for Revio polymerase kit (non-SPRQ) and Sequel II binding kit 3.2 can be found in SMRT® Link Sample Setup

Other supplies	
200 Proof ethanol, molecular biology or ACS grade	Any major lab supplier (MLS)
Nuclease-free water, molecular biology grade	Any MLS (e.g., Sigma-Aldrich W4502)
8-channel pipettes – P20 & P200)	Any MLS
Single-channel pipette – P2, P10, P20, P100 or P200	Any MLS
0.2 mL 8-tube strips	USA Scientific TempAssure 1402-4708
Microcentrifuge	Any MLS
Magnetic separation rack compatible with 0.2 mL 8-tube strips	Any MLS (e.g., V&P Scientific, Inc. VP 772F4-1)
Thermal cycler compatible with 0.2 mL 8-tube strips	Any MLS

General best practices

Accurately pipette SMRTbell cleanup beads because small changes in volume can significantly alter the size distribution of your sample.

Equilibrate the SMRTbell cleanup beads at room temperature for 30 mins prior to use.

The workflow takes ~8hr to complete. If a stop is necessary, refer to workflow for safe stopping points.

Safety precautions

Refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for information on reagent hazards and protocols for safe handling, use, storage, and disposal.

Multiplexing best practices

Multiplexing can be achieved with one of the following methods.

1. Barcoded cDNA primers using Iso-Seq primers bc01–12 in [step 3](#) of the protocol. To multiplex, use the Iso-Seq cDNA amplification primer in combination with Iso-Seq primers bc01–12 to amplify samples. After SMRTbell cleanup, Iso-Seq samples can be pooled and brought through a single SMRTbell prep kit 3.0 reaction. Each barcoded primer is sufficient for 2 reactions, with the Iso-Seq kit supporting a total of 24 reactions.
2. Barcoded adapters using SMRTbell Barcoded Adapter Plate 3.0. In this case, use barcoded adapters at step (5) “adapter ligation” in the workflow.
3. A combination of the above 2 approaches.

Workflow steps

1. Input RNA quality control

This protocol requires high-quality RNA. Prior to library preparation, evaluate the size distribution of the input RNA to determine whether it is suitable for the protocol.

✓	Step	Instructions						
	1.1	Measure the RNA Integrity Number (RIN) with an Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer Instrument using the RNA 6000 Nano kit.						
		Proceed to the next step of the protocol if sample quality is acceptable:						
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2. cDNA synthesis

In this step, total RNA samples are converted to first-strand cDNA products.

2.1 cDNA synthesis

✓	Step	Instructions
	2.1.1	Quick-spin the Iso-Seq RT enzyme mix in the microcentrifuge to collect liquid, then place on ice.
		Thaw the following components at room temperature, briefly vortex to mix, then quick-spin to collect liquid and place on ice.

Tube color	Reagent
Orange	Iso-Seq RT primer mix (103-104-000)
Purple	Iso-Seq RT buffer (103-103-900)
Red	Iso-Seq cDNA PCR mix (103-104-200)
Green	Iso-Seq cDNA amplification primer (103-104-400)
Blue	Iso-Seq Express TSO 2.0 (103-104-300)
White	Iso-Seq primer barcodes 01 – 12* (103-104-500 through 103-105-600)

*If processing only one sample, any of the 12 Iso-Seq barcoded primers can be used.

2.2 Primer annealing for first-strand synthesis

✓	Step	Instructions
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For each RNA sample to be processed, prepare reagent mix 1 on ice by adding the following components to each tube in the PCR strip tube.

✓	Tube color	Components	Volume
2.2.1		Total RNA (300 ng)	<7 μL
	Orange	Iso-Seq RT primer mix	2 μL
		Nuclease-free water	Up to 9 μL
		Total volume	9 μL

2.2.2 Thoroughly mix by pipetting up and down 10 times.

2.2.3 Quick-spin the tube strip in a microcentrifuge to collect liquid.

Incubate in a thermal cycler with the following program. Set the lid temperature to 80°C.

2.2.4	Temperature	Time
	70°C	5 min
	20°C	hold
	Proceed immediately to the next step	

2.3 Reverse transcription and template switching

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		For each RNA sample, prepare reagent mix 2 on ice by adding the following components in the order and volume listed below. Adjust component volumes for the number of samples being prepared, plus 10% overage.																				
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2.3.2		Pipette-mix and quick-spin in a microcentrifuge to collect all liquid.																				
		Add 10 μL of reaction mix 2 to the 9 μL from reaction mix 1 (Section 2.2) for a total volume of 19 μL .																				
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2.3.5		Incubate in a thermocycler with the following program. Set the lid temperature to 52°C.																				

Temperature	Time
42°C	45 min
20°C	Hold

Proceed **immediately** to the next step.

2.3.6

Remove the sample tube from the thermal cycler and add 2 μL of Iso-Seq template switch oligo to the 19 μL reaction at room temperature for a total volume of 21 μL . Mix by pipetting up and down 10 times and then quick-spin to collect all liquid from the sides of the tube.

Return sample tube to thermal cycler and incubate with the following program. Set the lid temperature to 52°C.

2.3.7

Temperature	Time
42°C	15 min
4°C	hold

2.4 1.3X SMRTbell bead cleanup

✓ Step	Instructions
2.4.1	For each sample, add 29 μL of elution buffer to the 21 μL reverse transcription and template switching reaction (Section 2.3) for a total volume of 50 μL .
2.4.2	Add 65 μL of resuspended, room-temperature SMRTbell cleanup beads.
2.4.3	Mix beads by pipetting 10 times or until evenly distributed.
2.4.4	Quick-spin strip tubes in a microcentrifuge to collect liquid.
2.4.5	Incubate at room temperature for 10 minutes to allow DNA to bind the beads.
2.4.6	Place the strip tubes in a magnetic separation rack until the beads separate fully from the solution.
2.4.7	Slowly remove the cleared supernatant without disturbing the beads. Discard the supernatant.
2.4.8	Slowly dispense 200 μL , or enough to cover the beads, of freshly prepared 80% ethanol into the strip tube. After 30 seconds, remove the 80% ethanol and discard.
2.4.9	Repeat the previous step.
2.4.10	Remove residual 80% ethanol: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove the strip tube from the magnetic separation rack. • Quick-spin the strip tube in a microcentrifuge. • Place the strip tube back in a magnetic separation rack until beads separate fully from the solution. • Remove residual 80% ethanol and discard.
2.4.11	Remove the strip tube from the magnetic rack. Immediately add 21 μL of elution buffer to the strip tube and resuspend the beads by pipetting 10 times or until evenly distributed.

- 2.4.12 Quick-spin the strip tube in a microcentrifuge to collect liquid.
- 2.4.13 Incubate at room temperature for 5 minutes to elute the DNA.
- 2.4.14 Place the strip tube in a magnetic separation rack until the beads separate fully from the solution.
- 2.4.15 Slowly aspirate 21 μ L of the cleared eluate without disturbing the beads to a new strip tube. Discard the old strip tube with beads.
- 2.4.16 Proceed to the next step of the protocol.

3. cDNA amplification

First-strand cDNA products are PCR-amplified and barcoded using barcoded Iso-Seq primers at this step.

3.1 cDNA amplification

✓	Step	Instructions																
	3.1.1	For each sample, prepare reaction mix 3 on ice by adding the following components in the order and volume listed below. Adjust component volumes for the number of samples being prepared, plus 10% overage. Pipette mix master mix. Iso-Seq primer bc01–12 will be added to each sample individually and should not be added to the master mix.																
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	3.1.2	On ice, add 27 μ L of reaction mix 3 to the 21 μ L of the eluted cDNA (from previous Section 2.4). Add 2 μ L of Iso-Seq primer barcode 01–12 for a total volume of 50 μ L.																
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	3.1.4	Run the thermal cycler program below with the lid temperature set to 105°C. Keep sample on ice until thermal cycler lid has heated to 105°C.																
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3.2 Cleanup of amplified cDNA using 0.9X SMRTbell Cleanup beads

✓	Step	Instructions
	3.2.1	Add 55 μ L of elution buffer to a new strip tube, and transfer 45 μ L of PCR amplified cDNA from Section 3.1 into the elution-buffer-added strip tube for a final volume of 100 μ L. Add 90 μ L (0.9x) of resuspended, room-temperature SMRTbell cleanup beads. The correct ratio of beads to sample is critical at this step. If targeting longer cDNA, 86 μ L (0.86x) of SMRTbell cleanup beads can be used.
	3.2.2	Mix beads by pipetting 10 times or until evenly distributed.
	3.2.3	Quick-spin strip tubes in a microcentrifuge to collect liquid.
	3.2.4	Incubate at room temperature for 10 minutes to allow DNA to bind beads.
	3.2.5	Place the strip tubes in a magnetic separation rack until beads separate fully from the solution.
	3.2.6	Slowly remove the cleared supernatant without disturbing the beads. Discard the supernatant.
	3.2.7	Slowly dispense 200 μ L, or enough to cover the beads, of freshly prepared 80% ethanol into the strip tube. After 30 seconds, remove the 80% ethanol and discard.
	3.2.8	Repeat the previous step.
		Remove residual 80% ethanol:
	3.2.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove the strip tube from the magnetic separation rack. Quick-spin the strip tube in a microcentrifuge. Place the strip tube back in a magnetic separation rack until beads separate fully from the solution. Remove residual 80% ethanol and discard.
	3.2.10	Remove the strip tube from the magnetic rack. Immediately add 47 μ L of elution buffer to the strip tube and resuspend the beads by pipetting 10 times or until evenly distributed.
	3.2.11	Quick-spin the strip tube in a microcentrifuge to collect liquid.
	3.2.12	Incubate at room temperature for 5 minutes to elute DNA.
	3.2.13	Place the strip tube in a magnetic separation rack until the beads separate fully from the solution.
	3.2.14	Slowly aspirate the cleared eluate without disturbing the beads. Transfer 47 μL of the eluate to a new strip tube. Discard the old strip tube with beads.
		Recommended: Measure concentration and size distribution of each cDNA sample.
	3.2.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take a 1 μL aliquot from each strip tube. Dilute each aliquot with 4 μL of elution buffer. Measure DNA concentration with a Qubit fluorometer using the 1x dsDNA HS kit. Dilute 1:4 dilution further to 1.5 ng/μL based on the Qubit reading if needed. Run 1 μL on an Agilent Bioanalyzer using a High Sensitivity DNA kit.
	3.2.16	The expected recovery after cDNA amplification SMRTbell clean-up is >200 ng. A minimum of 100ng of total cDNA is recommended to proceed with the SMRTbell prep kit 3.0 (Step 4).

3.3. Pooling barcoded cDNA (skip if not multiplexing)

✓ Step	Instructions
3.3.1	Using the concentration reading from the Qubit fluorometer, pool an equal mass of each barcoded cDNA sample. Use the maximum total combined mass possible without exceeding 500 ng and not less than 100 ng in 46 µL. Store any remaining purified amplified, barcoded cDNA at 4°C for short-term storage or -20°C for long-term storage.
3.3.2	Quick spin the tube strip in a microcentrifuge to collect liquid.
3.3.3	Proceed to the next step of the protocol.

4. Repair and A-tailing

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4.1	<p>Add the following components in the order and volume listed below to a new microcentrifuge tube. Adjust component volumes for the number of samples being prepared, plus 10% overage. For individual preps, add components directly to the sample from the previous step at the specified volumes and skip RM1 steps.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Reaction Mix 1 (RM1)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>✓</th> <th>Tube color</th> <th>Component</th> <th>Volume</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>Purple</td> <td>Repair buffer</td> <td>8 µL</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Blue</td> <td>End repair mix</td> <td>4 µL</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Green</td> <td>DNA repair mix</td> <td>2 µL</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Total volume</td> <td>14 µL</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Reaction Mix 1 (RM1)				✓	Tube color	Component	Volume		Purple	Repair buffer	8 µL		Blue	End repair mix	4 µL		Green	DNA repair mix	2 µL	Total volume			14 µL
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5. Adapter ligation

5.1. Adapter ligation

✓	Step	Instructions																				
	5.1.1	<p>Add 4 µL of SMRTbell adapter (non-barcoded) to each sample from the previous step if not multiplexing or if only using the cDNA amplification barcodes for multiplexing.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Add 4 µL of a SMRTbell barcoded adapter 3.0 to each sample to further multiplex samples.</p> <p>Add the following components in the order and volume listed below to a new microcentrifuge tube. Adjust component volumes for the number of samples being prepared, plus 10% overage. For individual preps, add components directly to each sample from the previous step in the order and volume listed below, then skip RM2 steps.</p>																				
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	5.1.3	Thoroughly mix RM2 by pipetting 10 times.																				
	5.1.4	Quick-spin RM2 in a microcentrifuge to collect liquid.																				
	5.1.5	Add 31 µL of RM2 to each sample from previous step. Pipette mix 10 times and quick spin to collect liquid. Total volume should be 95 µL .																				
		Incubate in a thermocycler with the following program. Set the lid temperature to 75°C.																				
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5.2. 1.3X SMRTbell bead cleanup

✓	Step	Instructions
	5.2.1	Add 124 µL of resuspended, room-temperature SMRTbell cleanup beads to each sample.
	5.2.2	Mix beads by pipetting 10 times or until evenly distributed.

- 5.2.3 Quick spin the tube strip in a microcentrifuge to collect all liquid from the sides of the tubes.
- 5.2.4 Incubate at **room temperature** for **10 minutes** to allow DNA to bind beads.
- 5.2.5 Place tube strip in a magnetic separation rack until beads separate fully from the solution.
- 5.2.6 Slowly remove the cleared supernatant without disturbing the beads. Discard the supernatant.
- 5.2.7 Slowly dispense **200 μ L**, or enough to cover the beads, of **freshly prepared 80% ethanol** into each tube. After **30 seconds**, remove the 80% ethanol and discard.
- 5.2.8 Repeat the previous step.
- Remove residual 80% ethanol:
- Remove tube strip from the magnetic separation rack.
 - Quick spin tube strip in a microcentrifuge.
 - Place tube strip back in a magnetic separation rack until beads separate fully from the solution.
 - Remove residual 80% ethanol and discard.
- 5.2.9
- 5.2.10 Remove tube strip from the magnetic rack. **Immediately** add **40 μ L** of **elution buffer** to each tube and resuspend the beads by pipetting 10 times or until evenly distributed.
- 5.2.11 Quick spin the tube strip in a microcentrifuge.
- 5.2.12 Incubate at **room temperature** for **5 minutes** to elute DNA.
- 5.2.13 Place tube strip in a magnetic separation rack until beads separate fully from the solution.
- 5.2.14 Slowly aspirate the cleared eluate without disturbing the beads. Transfer eluate to a **new tube strip**. Discard old tube strip with beads.
- 5.2.15 Proceed to the next step of the protocol.

SAFE STOPPING POINT – Store at 4°C

6. Nuclease treatment

6.1. Nuclease treatment

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		Add the following components in the order and volume listed below to a new microcentrifuge tube. Adjust component volumes for the number of samples being prepared, plus 10% overage. For individual preps, add components directly to each sample from the previous step in the order and volume listed below, then skip RM3 steps.																				
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6.1.2		Thoroughly mix RM3 by pipetting 10 times.																				
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6.1.4		Add 10 μL of RM3 to each sample. Pipette mix 10 times and quick spin to collect liquid. Total volume should equal 50 μL .																				
6.1.5		Incubate reaction in a thermocycler with the following program. Set the lid temperature to 75°C. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Time</th> <th>Temperature</th> <th>Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>15 min</td> <td>37°C</td> <td>Nuclease treatment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hold</td> <td>4°C</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Time	Temperature	Notes	15 min	37°C	Nuclease treatment	Hold	4°C												
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6.1.6		Proceed to the next step of the protocol.																				

6.2. 1.3X SMRTbell bead cleanup

✓	Step	Instructions
	6.2.1	Add 65 µL of resuspended, room-temperature SMRTbell cleanup beads to each sample.
	6.2.2	Mix beads by pipetting 10 times or until evenly distributed.
	6.2.3	Quick spin the tube strip in a microcentrifuge to collect all liquid from the sides of the tubes.
	6.2.4	Incubate at room temperature for 10 minutes to allow DNA to bind beads.
	6.2.5	Place tube strip in a magnetic separation rack until beads separate fully from the solution.
	6.2.6	Slowly remove the cleared supernatant without disturbing the beads. Discard the supernatant.
	6.2.7	Slowly dispense 200 µL , or enough to cover the beads, of freshly prepared 80% ethanol into each tube. After 30 seconds , remove the 80% ethanol and discard.
	6.2.8	Repeat the previous step.
		Remove residual 80% ethanol:
	6.2.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove tube strip from the magnetic separation rack. • Quick spin tube strip in a microcentrifuge. • Place tube strip back in a magnetic separation rack until beads separate fully from the solution. • Remove residual 80% ethanol and discard.
	6.2.10	Remove tube strip from the magnetic rack. Immediately add 26 µL of elution buffer to each tube and resuspend the beads by pipetting 10 times or until evenly distributed.
	6.2.11	Quick spin the tube strip in a microcentrifuge.
	6.2.12	Incubate at room temperature for 5 minutes to elute DNA.
	6.2.13	Place tube strip in a magnetic separation rack until beads separate fully from the solution.
	6.2.14	Slowly aspirate the cleared eluate without disturbing the beads. Transfer eluate to a new tube strip . Discard old tube strip with beads.
		Measure concentration and size distribution of each cDNA sample. Take a 1 µL aliquot from each strip tube. Dilute each aliquot with 4 µL of elution buffer .
	6.2.15	Measure DNA concentration with a Qubit Fluorometer using the 1x dsDNA HS kit. Dilute sample further to 1.5 ng/µL based on the Qubit reading. Run 1 µL on an Agilent Bioanalyzer using a High Sensitivity DNA kit.
	6.2.16	Proceed to Section 7 to prepare library for sequencing on Vega or Revio (+SPRQ chemistry). If necessary, dilute 25 µL of SMRTbell library to the concentrations indicated below. Failure to normalize libraries or pools of libraries to the appropriate concentration prior to ABC may result in low sequencing yield.

SMRTbell library size	Concentration (ng/μL)
3–10 kb	<20 ng/μL
<3 kb	<10 ng/μL

or

Proceed to SMRT Link Sample Setup for preparing samples for sequencing with Revio non-SPRQ chemistry or Sequel II/e.

6.2.17 Store SMRTbell libraries at 4°C if sequencing within two weeks. Store long-term at -20°C.

7. Annealing, binding, and cleanup (ABC)

This step is for preparing the libraries (25 μl) for sequencing on Revio (+SPRQ) or Vega systems. If samples are pooled prior to ABC or a custom volume is required, see [Appendix section A1](#). The Polymerase kit used will depend on which sequencer or chemistry is being used (see below).

Kit	PN
Revio SPRQ polymerase kit	103-496-900
Vega polymerase kit	103-426-500

✓	Step	Instructions																				
		Prepare the appropriate volume of master mix with 10% overage using the per reaction volumes listed below.																				
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	7.2	Pipette-mix the Annealing mix and quick spin to collect liquid.																				
	7.3	Add 25 μL of the Annealing mix to each library. Total volume should equal 50 μL .																				
	7.4	Pipette-mix each sample and quick spin to collect liquid.																				
	7.5	Incubate at room temperature for 15 minutes .																				
	7.6	During primer incubation, prepare the polymerase dilution (see below) and store on ice.																				

To prepare the polymerase, add the following components to a new microcentrifuge tube on ice. Adjust component volumes for the number of samples being prepared, plus 10% overage.

Polymerase Dilution			
7.7	✓	Tube	Component Volume
		Yellow	Polymerase buffer 47 μ L
		Purple	Sequencing polymerase 3 μ L
		Total volume	50 μL

7.8 Pipette mix the **polymerase dilution** and quick-spin to collect liquid.

7.9 Add **50 μ L of polymerase dilution** to primer annealed sample. Total volume should equal **100 μ L**.

7.10 Pipette-mix each sample and quick-spin to collect liquid.

7.11 Incubate at **room temperature for 15 minutes**.

7.12 Proceed immediately to the next step of the protocol to remove excess polymerase.

Post-binding cleanup with 1.3X SMRTbell cleanup beads

7.13 Add **130 μ L** of resuspended, room-temperature SMRTbell cleanup beads to each sample

7.14 Pipette-mix the beads until evenly distributed and quick-spin if necessary to collect all liquid from the sides of the tube.

7.15 Incubate at **room temperature for 10 minutes** to allow DNA to bind beads

7.16 Place sample on an appropriate magnet and allow beads to separate fully from the solution

7.17 Slowly remove the cleared supernatant without disturbing the beads. Discard the supernatant. **DO NOT USE EtOH**. Proceed immediately to the elution. It is important **not** to let the beads dry out.

Remove sample from the magnet and **immediately** add **Loading Buffer** to each tube and resuspend the beads by pipette mixing.

7.18		Revio SPRQ polymerase Kit	Vega polymerase Kit
	Loading buffer	25 μ L	50 μ L

7.19 Quick-spin the samples to collect any liquid from the sides of the tube.

7.20 Incubate at **room temperature for 15 minutes** to elute DNA

7.21 Place sample on magnet and allow beads to separate fully from the solution.

7.22 Slowly remove the cleared eluate without disturbing the beads. Transfer eluate to a **new tube**. Discard the old tube with beads

7.23 Use **1 μ L** of sample to measure DNA concentration with a Qubit fluorometer using the 1x dsDNA HS kit. **Important: The Qubit Flex instrument is not compatible with measuring polymerase-bound library in Loading Buffer. Concentration readings will not be accurate.**

7.24 Proceed to the **Loading Calculator** in SMRT Link v13.3 or higher to calculate the final dilution for adding the sample to the sequencing reagent plate. **The recommended loading concentration is 200 – 300 pM.**

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Important: Polymerase-bound libraries can be stored at 4°C for up to 1 month, or at -20°C for up to 6 months prior to sequencing. Polymerase-bound libraries can withstand up to 4 freeze-thaw cycles. Note that the Loading buffer is light sensitive.

Appendix

A1. Annealing, binding, and cleanup (ABC) for custom volumes

This step is for preparing libraries for sequencing on PacBio sequencers. The sequencing polymerase is stable once bound to the HiFi library and can be stored at 4°C for 1 month or at -20°C for at least 6 months. Use the calculations below to determine custom reagent volumes based on input sample volume:

	SMRTbell library	Annealing buffer	Kinnex sequencing primer	Polymerase dilution
Volume (µL)	x	x/2	x/2	x*2
Example	100	50	50	200

See [Section 7](#) for full protocol.

Revision history (description)	Version	Date
Initial release	01	April 2022
Adjusted lid temperature, in step 5.1.6, to 75°C.	02	April 2022
Modified cDNA amplification PCR cycles to 12 for monomer, changed cDNA amplification post-cleanup elution volume.	03	December 2023
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Minor updates throughout	05	May 2024
Updated for SPRQ chemistry and the Vega system	06	December 2024

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