# ForenSeq DNA Signature Prep

# Protocol Guide

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# Amplify and Tag Targets

## Preparation

- 1 Create a sample sheet to record the positions of each sample and index adapter.
- 2 Save the following PCR1 program on the thermal cycler in the post-amplification area.



#### CAUTION

Failure to use the thermal ramping mode for your thermal cycler can have an adverse effect on results.

- ▶ Choose the preheat lid option and set to 100°C
- ▶ 98°C for 3 minutes
- ▶ 8 cycles of:
  - ▶ 96°C for 45 seconds
  - ▶ 80°C for 30 seconds
  - ▶ 54°C for 2 minutes, with specified ramping mode
  - ▶ 68°C for 2 minutes, with specified ramping mode
- ▶ 10 cycles of:
  - ▶ 96°C for 30 seconds
  - ▶ 68°C for 3 minutes, with specified ramping mode
- ▶ 68°C for 10 minutes
- ▶ Hold at 10°C

#### **Procedure**

- 1 Quantify gDNA using a fluorometric-based method.
- 2 For purified DNA or crude lysate—Perform the following steps:
  - a Dilute input material as follows.
    - Purified DNA Dilute 1 ng to 0.2 ng/µl with nuclease-free water.
    - [Crude lysate] Dilute 2 μl with 3 μl nuclease-free water.
  - b Create a master mix in the Master Mix tube.
    - PCR1 (4.7 μl)
    - FEM (0.3 μl)
    - DPMA or DPMB (5.0 μl)
  - c Pipette to mix and then centrifuge briefly.
  - d Add 10 µl master mix to FSP plate.
  - e Dilute 2  $\mu$ l 2800M with 98  $\mu$ l nuclease-free water in a 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube. Gently flick and then centrifuge briefly.
  - f Add 5 µl diluted 2800M to the appropriate well.
  - g Add 5 µl nuclease-free water to the appropriate well.
  - h Add samples. Pipette to mix.
    - | Purified DNA Add 5 μl diluted DNA (0.2 ng/μl) sample to each well.
    - [Crude lysate] Add 5 µl diluted crude lysate sample to each well.

- 3 For FTA card input material—Perform the following steps:
  - a Place a 1.2 mm FTA card punch into the FSP plate.
  - b Add 100 µl 1X TBE buffer.
  - c Place on a PCR tube storage rack.
  - d Shake at 1800 rpm for 2 minutes.
  - e Centrifuge at 1000 × g for 30 seconds.
  - f Remove and discard all supernatant.
  - g Add the following to the FTA Master Mix tube.
    - PCR1 (4.7 μl)
    - FEM (0.3 μl)
    - DPMA or DMPB (5.0 μl)
    - Nuclease-free water (5.0 μl)
  - h Add 15 µl FTA master mix to an FTA punch.
  - i Add 15 µl FTA master mix to an empty well.
  - j Dilute 2  $\mu$ l 2800M with 98  $\mu$ l nuclease-free water in a 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube. Gently flick and then centrifuge briefly.
  - k Add 5 µl diluted 2800M to the appropriate well.
- 4 Centrifuge at 1000 × g for 30 seconds.
- 5 Transport to the post-PCR area.
- 6 Place on the thermal cycler and run the PCR1 program.

#### SAFE STOPPING POINT

If you are stopping, seal the plate and store at 2°C to 8°C for up to 2 days. Alternatively, leave on the thermal cycler overnight.

## **Enrich Targets**

## Preparation

- 1 Save the following PCR2 program on the thermal cycler:
  - ▶ Choose the preheat lid option and set to 100°C
  - ▶ 98°C for 30 seconds
  - ▶ 15 cycles of:
    - ▶ 98°C for 20 seconds
    - ▶ 66°C for 30 seconds
    - ▶ 68°C for 90 seconds
  - ▶ 68°C for 10 minutes
  - ▶ Hold at 10°C

#### **Procedure**

- 1 Centrifuge at 1000 × g for 30 seconds.
- 2 Arrange Index 1 (i7) adapters in columns 1–12 of the ForenSeq Index Plate Fixture.
- 3 Arrange Index 2 (i5) adapters in rows A–H of the ForenSeq Index Plate Fixture.
- 4 Place the plate on the ForenSeq Index Plate Fixture.
- Using a multichannel pipette, add 4  $\mu$ l of each Index 1 (i7) adapter to each column. Replace the cap on each i7 adapter tube with a new orange cap.
- Using a multichannel pipette, add 4  $\mu$ l of each Index 2 (i5) adapter to each row. Replace the cap on each i5 adapter tube with a new white cap.
- 7 Vortex PCR2 and then centrifuge briefly.
- 8 Add 27 μl PCR2.
- 9 Centrifuge at 1000 × g for 30 seconds.
- 10 Place on the thermal cycler and run the PCR2 program.

#### SAFE STOPPING POINT

If you are stopping, seal the plate and store at 2°C to 8°C for up to 7 days. Alternatively, leave on the thermal cycler overnight.

# **Purify Libraries**

#### **Procedure**

1 Do the following depending on the number of libraries:

Number of Libraries	Procedure
< 16	Add 50 $\mu$ l SPB × the number of libraries to a 1.7 ml microcentrifuge tube.
16–96	Add [50 $\mu$ l SPB × (the number of libraries/8)] + 5 $\mu$ l SPB to each well of a column of a new midi plate.
> 96	Add (50 $\mu$ l SPB × the number of libraries) + 200 $\mu$ l SPB to a multichannel reagent reservoir.

- 2 Add 45 µl SPB to the PBP plate.
- 3 Centrifuge the FSP plate at 1000 × g for 30 seconds.
- 4 Transfer 45 μl to the PBP plate.
- 5 Shake at 1800 rpm for 2 minutes.
- 6 Incubate at room temperature for 5 minutes.
- 7 Place on the magnetic stand and wait until the liquid is clear (~2 minutes).
- 8 Remove and discard all supernatant.
- 9 Wash 2 times with 200 µl 80% EtOH.
- 10 Centrifuge at 1000 × g for 30 seconds.
- 11 Place on the magnetic stand.
- 12 Use a 20 µl pipette to remove residual EtOH.
- 13 Add 52.5 µl RSB.
- 14 Shake at 1800 rpm for 2 minutes.
- 15 Incubate at room temperature for 2 minutes.
- 16 Place on the magnetic stand and wait until the liquid is clear (~2 minutes).
- 17 Transfer 50 µl to the PLP plate.
- 18 Centrifuge at  $1000 \times g$  for 30 seconds.

#### SAFE STOPPING POINT

If you are stopping, seal the plate and store at -25°C to -15°C for up to one year.

## Normalize Libraries



#### WARNING

This set of reagents contains formamide, an aliphatic amide that is a probable reproductive toxin.

LNA1 and LNW1 contain \( \mathbb{G}\)-mercaptoethanol and prolonged exposure can be toxic to the nervous system and cause organ damage.

Perform this procedure in a hood or well-ventilated area if desired. Personal injury can occur through inhalation, ingestion, skin contact, and eye contact. Dispose of containers and any unused contents in accordance with the governmental safety standards for your region. For more information, see how to access safety data sheets (SDSs) in *Technical Assistance* on page 13.

Supernatant, excess LNA1/LNB1 Master Mix, and tips used to pipette LNA1 and LNB1 are hazardous waste. Discard in accordance with the governmental safety standards for your region.

#### **Procedure**

- 1 Create a master mix in the LNA1/LNB1 Master Mix tube.
  - LNA1 (46.8 μl)
  - LNB1 (8.5 μl)
- 2 Vortex and then invert several times to mix.
- 3 Pour into a reagent reservoir.
- 4 Transfer 45 μl to the NWP plate.
- 5 Place the PLP plate on the magnetic stand and wait until the liquid is clear (~2 minutes).
- 6 Transfer 20 µl from the PLP plate to the NWP plate.
- 7 Shake at 1800 rpm for 30 minutes.
- 8 Prepare 0.1 N HP3 in a new 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube.
  - Nuclease-free water (33.3 μl)
  - HP3 (1.8 μl)
- 9 Invert several times to mix.
- 10 Add 30 µl LNS2 to the NLP plate
- 11 Place the NWP plate on the magnetic stand and wait until the liquid is clear (~2 minutes).
- 12 Remove and discard all supernatant.
- 13 Remove from the magnetic stand.
- 14 Add 45 μl LNW1.
- 15 Shake at 1800 rpm for 5 minutes.
- 16 Place on the magnetic stand and wait until the liquid is clear (~2 minutes).
- 17 Remove and discard all supernatant.
- 18 Repeat steps 14–17 for a total of 2 washes.
- 19 Remove from the magnetic stand.
- 20 Centrifuge at 1000 × g for 30 seconds.

- 21 Place on the magnetic stand and wait until the liquid is clear (~2 minutes).
- 22 Use a 20 µl pipette to remove residual supernatant.
- 23 Remove from the magnetic stand.
- 24 Add 32 µl freshly prepared 0.1 N HP3.
- 25 Shake at 1800 rpm for 5 minutes.
- 26 Place on the magnetic stand and wait until the liquid is clear (~2 minutes).
- 27 Transfer 30 µl to the NLP plate. Pipette to mix.
- 28 Centrifuge at 1000 × g for 30 seconds.

## SAFE STOPPING POINT

If you are stopping, seal the plate and store at -25°C to -15°C for up to 30 days.

# **Pool Libraries**

## Procedure

- 1 Transfer 5 μl to a new 8-tube strip.
- 2 Transfer the contents to the PNL tube.
- 3 Vortex and then centrifuge briefly.

#### **SAFE STOPPING POINT**

If you are stopping, cap the tube and store at -25°C to -15°C for up to 30 days.

## Denature and Dilute Libraries

## Preparation

1 Preheat the microheating system to 96°C.

#### **Procedure**

- 1 Create an HSC denaturation reaction in the HSC mixture tube.
  - ► HSC (2 μl)
  - HP3 (2 μl)
  - Nuclease-free water (36 μl)
- 2 Vortex and then centrifuge briefly.
- 3 Incubate at room temperature for 5 minutes.
- 4 Add 591 μl HT1 to the DNL tube.
- 5 Transfer 7  $\mu$ l from the PNL tube to the DNL tube. Pipette to mix.
- 6 Transfer 2 μl HSC mixture to the DNL tube. Pipette to mix.
- 7 Vortex and then centrifuge briefly.
- 8 Place on the 96°C microheating system for 2 minutes.
- 9 Invert several times to mix.
- 10 Immediately place in the ice-water bath or on the -25°C to -15°C benchtop cooler for 5 minutes.
- 11 Immediately load the entire contents onto the reagent cartridge.

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# Acronyms

Acronym	Definition		
2800M	Control DNA 2800M		
DNL	Diluted Normalized Libraries		
DPMA	DNA Primer Mix A		
DPMB	DNA Primer Mix B		
FEM	Enzyme Mix		
FSP	ForenSeq Sample Plate		
HP3	2N NaOH		
HSC	Human Sequencing Control		
HT1	Hybridization Buffer		
LNA1	Library Normalization Additives 1		
LNB1	Library Normalization Beads 1		
LNS2	Library Normalization Storage Buffer 2		
LNW1	Library Normalization Wash 1		
NLP	Normalized Library Plate		
NWP	Normalization Working Plate		
PBP	Purification Bead Plate		
PCR1	PCR1 Reaction Mix		
PCR2	PCR2 Reaction Mix		
PLP	Purified Library Plate		
PNL	Pooled Normalized Libraries		
RSB	Resuspension Buffer		
SPB	Sample Purification Beads		

# Notes

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