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Abstract

This protocol describes how to carry out sequencing of cDNA from single cells using the LigationSequencing Kit V14 (SQK-LSK114). You will need to have reverse-transcribed single-cell mRNA into cDNA using the 10X Genomics Next GEM Single Cell 5' Kit (V2) before performing PCR amplification of your cDNA with custom-ordered oligos. Finally, a standard Ligation Sequencing Kit V14 library preparation is completed to prepare the cDNA ends for sequencing on a PromethION device.

Attachments



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Guidelines

- ◆Requires cDNA amplicons produced using the 10X Genomics Next GEM Single Cell 5' Kit (V2)
- ◆Library preparation time ~135 minutes
- ◆High output
- ◆PCR required



Materials

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10 ng of cDNA amplicons prepared using 10X Genomics Next GEM Single Cell 5'Kits (V2)

Custom-ordered oligo at 10 μ M: Fwd_3580_partial_read1_defined_for_5'_cDNA

Custom-ordered oligo at 10 μ M: Rev_PR2_partial_TSO_defined_for_5'_cDNA

Ligation Sequencing Kit V14 (SQK-LSK114)

Consumables

PromethION Flow Cell (FLO-PRO114M)

LongAmp Hot Start Taq 2X Master Mix (NEB, M0533)

NEBNext® Ultra II End Repair / dA-tailing Module (NEB, E7546)

Salt-T4® DNA Ligase (NEB, M0467)

Qubit 1x dsDNA HS Assay Kit (ThermoFisher, Q33230)

Agilent Technologies DNA 12000 Kit

Agencourt AMPure XP beads (Beckman Coulter™, A63881)

Freshly prepared 80% ethanol in nuclease-free water

Nuclease-free water (e.g. ThermoFisher, AM9937)

15 ml Falcon tubes

1.5 ml Eppendorf DNA LoBind tubes

0.2 ml thin-walled PCR tubes

Qubit™ Assay Tubes (Invitrogen, Q32856)

Equipment

PromethION Flow Cell Light Shield

PromethION device

Agilent Bioanalyzer (or equivalent)

Hula mixer (gentle rotator mixer)

Magnetic rack (e.g. Invitrogen DynaMag-2 Magnet, Cat # 12321D)

Microfuge

Vortex mixer

Thermal cycler

P1000 pipette and tips

P200 pipette and tips

P100 pipette and tips

P20 pipette and tips

P10 pipette and tips

P2 pipette and tips

Ice bucket with ice

Timer

Qubit fluorometer (or equivalent for QC check)

PCR amplification

7m 30s

1 Prepare the cDNA amplicons in nuclease-free water

- 1.1 Transfer  10 ng of cDNA amplicons into a  0.2 mL thin-walled PCR tube.
- 1.2 Adjust the volume to  21 µL with nuclease-free water.
- 1.3 Mix thoroughly by flicking the tube to avoid unwanted shearing.
- 1.4 Spin down briefly in a microfuge.

2 In the same 0.2 ml thin-walled PCR tube, set up the following reaction:

Reagent	Stock	Final	Volume
cDNA template	0.48 ng/µl	0.2 ng/µl	21 µl
Fwd_3580_partial_read1_defined_for_5'_cDNA	10 µM	0.4 µM	2 µl
Rev_PR2_partial_TSO_defined_for_5'_cDNA	10 µM	0.4 µM	2 µl
LongAmp Hot Start Taq 2X Master Mix	2X	1X	25 µl
Total	-	-	50 µl

3 Mix by pipetting and spin down.

4 Amplify using the following cycling conditions:

Cycle step	Temperature	Ramp rate	Time	No. of cycles
Initial denaturation	94°C	max	3 min	1
Denaturation	94°C	max	30 sec	
Annealing ramp-down	66°C down to 58°C	0.2°C/s	40 sec	8
Annealing	58°C	max	50 sec	
Extension	65°C	max	6 mins	
Final extension	65°C	max	10 min	1
Hold	4°C	-	∞	-

5 Resuspend the AMPure XP beads by vortexing.

6 Add 40 µl of resuspended AMPure XP beads to the reaction and mix by flicking the tube.

7 Incubate on a Hula mixer (rotator mixer) for  00:05:00 at  Room temperature . 5m

8 Prepare  500 µL of fresh 80% ethanol in nuclease-free water.

9 Spin down the samples and pellet the beads on a magnet until the eluate is clear and colourless. Keep the tubes on the magnet and pipette off the supernatant.

10 Keep the tube on the magnet and wash the beads with  200 µL of freshly prepared 80% ethanol in nuclease-free water without disturbing the pellet. Remove the ethanol using a pipette and discard.

11 Repeat the previous step.



- 12 Briefly spin down and place the tubes back on the magnet. Pipette off any residual ethanol. Allow to dry for 00:00:30 , but do not dry the pellet to the point of cracking. 30s
- 13 Remove the tube from the magnetic rack and resuspend the pellet in 15 μL nuclease-free water. Spin down and incubate for 00:02:00 at Room temperature . 2m
- 14 Pellet the beads on a magnet until the eluate is clear and colourless.
- 15 Remove and retain 15 μL of eluate into a clean 0.2 mL Eppendorf DNA LoBind tube.
- 16 Quantify 1 μL of eluted sample using a Qubit fluorometer - recovery aim >50 ng total.
- 17 Quantify 500 fmol of cDNA from the average fragment size identified using an Agilent Bioanalyzer

End-prep

18m 30s

- 18 Prepare the NEBNext Ultra II End Repair / dA-tailing Module reagents in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, and place on ice.

Note

For optimal performance, NEB recommend the following:

Thaw all reagents on ice.

Ensure the reagents are well mixed. Do not vortex the Ultra II End Prep Enzyme Mix.

Always spin down tubes before opening for the first time each day.

The NEBNext Ultra II End Prep Reaction Buffer may contain a white precipitate. If this occurs, allow the mixture(s) to come to room temperature and pipette the buffer several times to breakup the precipitate, followed by a quick vortex to mix.



19 Transfer 500 fmol of cDNA amplicons into a clean  0.2 mL thin-walled PCR tube and adjust the volume to  50 μ L with nuclease-free water.

20 In the same  0.2 mL thin-walled PCR tube, mix the following:

Reagent	Volume
cDNA amplicons	50 μ L
Ultra II End-prep Reaction Buffer	7 μ L
Ultra II End-prep Enzyme Mix	3 μ L
Total	60 μL

21 Thoroughly mix the reaction by gently pipetting and briefly spinning down.

22 Using a thermal cycler, incubate at  20 °C for  00:05:00 and  65 °C for  00:05:00 .

10m

23 Transfer the DNA sample to a clean  0.2 mL Eppendorf DNA LoBind tube.

24 Resuspend the AMPure XP Beads (AXP) by vortexing.



- 25 Add  60 μL of resuspended the AMPure XP Beads (AXP) to the end-prep reaction and mix by flicking the tube.
- 26 Incubate on a Hula mixer (rotator mixer) for  00:05:00 at  Room temperature . 5m
- 27 Prepare  500 μL of fresh 80% ethanol in nuclease-free water.
- 28 Spin down the sample and pellet on a magnet until supernatant is clear and colourless. Keep the tube on the magnet, and pipette off the supernatant.
- 29 Keep the tube on the magnet and wash the beads with  200 μL of freshly prepared 80% ethanol without disturbing the pellet. Remove the ethanol using a pipette and discard.
- 30 Repeat the previous step.
- 31 Spin down and place the tube back on the magnet. Pipette off any residual ethanol. Allow to dry for  00:00:30 , but do not dry the pellet to the point of cracking. 30s
- 32 Remove the tube from the magnetic rack and resuspend the pellet in  61 μL nuclease-free water. Incubate for  00:02:00 at  Room temperature . 2m
- 33 Pellet the beads on a magnet until the eluate is clear and colourless, for at least  00:01:00 . 1m
- 34 Remove and retain  61 μL of eluate into a clean  1.5 mL Eppendorf DNA LoBind tube.

Adapter ligation and clean-up

26m 30s

- 35 Spin down the Ligation Adapter (LA) and Salt-T4[®] DNA Ligase, and place on ice.



- 36 **Thaw Ligation Buffer (LNB) at** Room temperature **, spin down and mix by pipetting. Due to viscosity, vortexing this buffer is ineffective. Place on ice immediately after thawing and mixing.**
- 37 **Thaw the Elution Buffer (EB) and Short Fragment Buffer (SFB) at** Room temperature **and mix by vortexing. Then spin down and place on ice.**
- 38 **In a** 0.2 mL **Eppendorf DNA LoBind tube, thoroughly mix the reaction in the following order by gently pipetting and briefly spinning down:**

Reagent	Volume
DNA sample from the previous step	60 µl
Ligation Adapter (LA)	5 µl
Ligation Buffer (LNB)	25 µl
Salt-T4 [®] DNA Ligase	10 µl
Total	100 µl

- 39 **Incubate the reaction for** 00:10:00 **at** Room temperature **.**
- 40 **Resuspend the AMPure XP Beads (AXP) by vortexing.**

10m



- 41 Add  40 μL of resuspended AMPure XP Beads (AXP) to the reaction and mix by flicking the tube.
- 42 Incubate on a Hula mixer (rotator mixer) for  00:05:00 at  Room temperature . 5m
- 43 Spin down the sample and pellet on a magnet. Keep the tube on the magnet, and pipette off the supernatant when clear and colourless.
- 44 Wash the beads by adding  250 μL of Short Fragment Buffer (SFB). Flick the beads to resuspend, spin down, then return the tube to the magnetic rack and allow the beads to pellet. Remove the supernatant using a pipette and discard.
- 45 Repeat the previous step.
- 46 Spin down and place the tube back on the magnet. Pipette off any residual supernatant. Allow to dry for  00:00:30 , but do not dry the pellet to the point of cracking. 30s
- 47 Remove the tube from the magnetic rack and resuspend the pellet in  34 μL Elution Buffer (EB).
- 48 Spin the sample down briefly and incubate for  00:10:00 at  Room temperature . 10m
- 49 Pellet the beads on a magnet until the eluate is clear and colourless, for at least  00:01:00 1m
- 50 Remove and retain  34 μL of eluate containing the DNA library into a clean  0.2 mL Eppendorf DNA LoBind tube.
- 51 Prepare 150 fmol of your final library to  32 μL with Elution Buffer (EB).



Priming and loading the PromethION Flow Cell

5m

- 52 **Thaw the Sequencing Buffer (SB), Library Beads (LIB) or Library Solution (LIS, if using), Flow Cell Tether (FCT) and Flow Cell Flush (FCF) at**  Room temperature **before mixing by vortexing. Then spin down and store**  On ice **.**
- 53 **To prepare the flow cell priming mix, combine Flow Cell Tether (FCT) and Flow CellFlush (FCF), as directed below. Mix by vortexing at**  Room temperature **.**
- 54 **For PromethION 2 Solo, load the flow cell(s) as follows:**
- 54.1 Place the flow cell flat on the metal plate, leaving at room temperature for at least 30 minutes before use.
- 54.2 Slide the flow cell into the docking port until the gold pins or green board cannot be seen.
- 55 **Slide the inlet port cover clockwise to open, draw back a small volume to remove any air bubbles:**
- 55.1 Set a P1000 pipette tip to  200 μL **.**
- 55.2 Insert the tip into the inlet port, turn the wheel until the dial shows 220-230 μL , or until you see a small volume of buffer entering the pipette tip.
- 56 **Load**  500 μL **of the priming mix into the flow cell via the inlet port, avoiding the introduction of air bubbles. Wait**  00:05:00 **. During this time, prepare the library for loading using the next steps in the protocol.**
- 57 **Thoroughly mix the contents of the Library Beads (LIB) by pipetting.**
- 58 **In a new**  1.5 mL **Eppendorf DNA LoBind tube, prepare the library for loading as follows:**

5m



Reagent	Volume per flow cell
Sequencing Buffer (SB)	100 μ l
Library Beads (LIB) thoroughly mixed before use, or Library Solution (LIS)	68 μ l
DNA library	32 μ l
Total	200 μl

- 59 **Complete the flow cell priming by slowly loading**  500 μ L **of the priming mix into the inlet port.**
- 60 **Mix the prepared library gently by pipetting up and down just prior to loading.**
- 61 **Load**  200 μ L **of library into the inlet port using a P1000 pipette.**
- 62 **Close the valve to seal the inlet port.**
- 63 **If the light shield has been removed from the flow cell, install the light shield as follows:**
- 63.1 Align the inlet port cut out of the light shield with the inlet port cover on the flow cell. The leading edge of the light shield should sit above the flow cell ID.
- 63.2 Firmly press the light shield around the inlet port cover. The inlet port clip will click into place underneath the inlet port cover.
- 64 **Start sequencing**