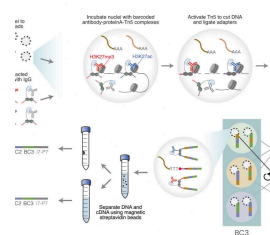


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Abstract

Here, we describe a protocol for scMTR-seq (single cell multi-targets and mRNA sequencing), which is a multi-omics sequencing technology that can simultaneously profile multiple histone modifications or other chromatin-bound proteins and transcriptome in the same single cells. scMTR-seq has high sensitivity, high cell recovery and is highly scalable in terms of starting material requirement. The protocol has the following steps: i) pre-assemble antibodies specific for each target histone modification or protein with indexed proteinA-Tn5-adapters; ii) perform in situ Tn5-mediated tagmentation with indexed complexes; iii) capture nuclear mRNA with a barcoded poly-T primer followed by in situ reverse transcription; iv) label single cells using split-pool combinatorial barcoding. We have applied scMTR-seq to profile histone modifications and transcriptomes in single cells from a broad range of heterogeneous samples including pluripotent stem cell differentiation and mouse pre-implantation embryos.



Attachments



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Protocol materials

- ☒ Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**
- ☒ Roche Complete Protease Inhibitor EDTA-Free tablets **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #5056489001**
- ☒ DPBS (no Ca, no Mg) **Thermofisher Catalog #14190144**
- ☒ Bovine Albumin Fraction V (7.5% solution) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #15260037**
- ☒ Trypan Blue Solution, 0.4% **Thermo Fisher Catalog #15250061**
- ☒ 16% Formaldehyde (w/v) Methanol-free **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #28906**
- ☒ Concanavalin-coated magnetic beads **Bangs Laboratories Catalog #BP531**
- ☒ EDTA (0.5 M), pH 8.0, RNase-free **Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9260G**
- ☒ Sodium Chloride (5M) **Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9760G**
- ☒ 1M MgCl₂ **Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9530G**
- ☒ Anti-Histone H3 (acetyl K27) antibody - ChIP Grade **Abcam Catalog #ab4729**
- ☒ Anti-Histone H3 (mono methyl K4) antibody - ChIP Grade **Abcam Catalog #ab8895**
- ☒ Anti-Histone H3 (tri methyl K36) antibody - ChIP Grade **Abcam Catalog #ab9050**
- ☒ Tri-Methyl-Histone H3 (Lys27) (C36B11) Rabbit mAb **Cell Signaling Technology Catalog #9733**
- ☒ Anti-Histone H3 (tri methyl K4) antibody - ChIP Grade **Abcam Catalog #ab8580**
- ☒ Anti-Histone H3 (tri methyl K9) antibody - ChIP Grade **Abcam Catalog #ab8898**
- ☒ Normal Rabbit IgG Control **R&D Systems Catalog #AB-105-C**
- ☒ PEG 6000 (Poly(ethylene glycol)) **Bio Basic Inc. Catalog #PB0432.SIZE.500g**
- ☒ dNTP Set 100 mM Solutions **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #R0182**
- ☒ Protector RNase Inhibitor **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #3335399001**
- ☒ SUPERaseIN RNase Inhibitor **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #AM2696**
- ☒ Maxima H Minus Reverse Transcriptase **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog ##EP0741**
- ☒ T4 DNA Ligase - 100,000 units **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0202L**
- ☒ Protector RNase Inhibitor **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #3335402001**
- ☒ 10% Triton X-100 **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich)**
- ☒ SDS, 10% Solution, RNase-free **Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9822**
- ☒ 1M Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #15568025**
- ☒ Proteinase K **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #EO0491**
- ☒ Dynabeads MyOne Streptavidin C1 **Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #65001**



✕ PMSF **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #P7626**

✕ Ficoll PM-400 **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #F5415-50ML**

✕ HotStart ReadyMix (KAPA HiFi PCR kit) **Kapa Biosystems Catalog #KK2601**

✕ Ampure XP beads **Beckman Coulter Catalog #A63881**

✕ NEBNext® High-Fidelity 2X PCR Master Mix **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0541**

✕ Glycerol **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #G5516**

✕ 1 M Hydroxyethyl piperazineethanesulfonic acid pH 7.9 (HEPES (K)) **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #H3375**

✕ 1 M Potassium Chloride (KCl) **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #P3911**

✕ 2 M Spermidine **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #S2501**

✕ PBS **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #28374**

✕ Glycine

✕ 1 M Hydroxyethyl piperazineethanesulfonic acid pH 7.5 (HEPES (Na)) **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #H3375**

✕ 5M NaCl **Ambion Catalog #AM9760G**

✕ 1 M Calcium Chloride (CaCl₂) **Fisher Scientific Catalog #BP510**

✕ 1 M Manganese Chloride (MnCl₂) **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #203734**

✕ Trizma® hydrochloride solution **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #T2319**

✕ NP-40 10% **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #11332473001**

✕ 10% Tween 20 **Bio-Rad Laboratories Catalog #1662404**

✕ Tris HCl Buffer 1M Solution, Sterile pH 7.5 **Bio Basic Inc. Catalog #SD8124.SIZE.450ml**

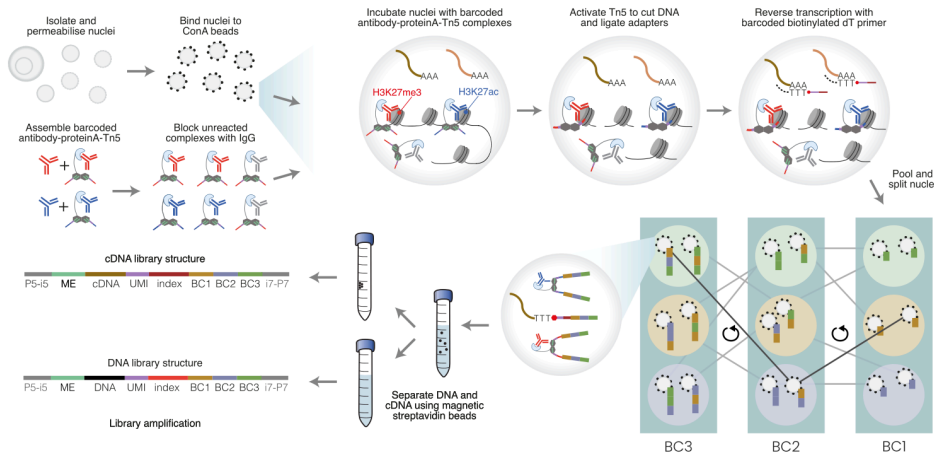
✕ Pierce™ Dimethylformamide (DMF), Sequencing grade **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #20672**

✕ 5M NaCl solution **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #AM9759**

✕ DTT **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #D0632**

Solution Preparation

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Overview of scMTR-seq

Solution Preparation

1.1 Protease Inhibitor Cocktail (PIC) (100x):

Dissolve 1 tablet of

Roche Complete Protease Inhibitor EDTA-Free tablets **Merck MilliporeSigma**
(Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #5056489001

in 500 μ L

Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies** Catalog #AM9932 ,

aliquot and store at -20°C .

Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles

1.2 RNase Inhibitor (RI) mix (80x)

Mix:

▪ SUPERaseIN RNase Inhibitor **Thermo Fisher Scientific** Catalog #AM2696

▪ Protector RNase Inhibitor **Merck MilliporeSigma** (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #3335399001

at a 1:1 ratio, and store at  -20 °C

1.3 PBS with inhibitors (PBSI)

- 1x **PIC**
- 0.4x **RI** mix
- 0.04% BSA

 Bovine Albumin Fraction V (7.5% solution) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #15260037**

diluted in  DPBS (no Ca, no Mg) **Thermofisher Catalog #14190144**

eg:  2 µL **PIC** +  1 µL **RI** +  1.06 µL **BSA** +  196 µL **DPBS**

1.4 2x Nuclei Extraction (NE) buffer

	A	B	C	D
	Reagents	Stocking	Working 1x	2x /µL
	HEPES(K+) pH 7.9	1M	20 mM	1000
	KCl	1M	10 mM	500
	Spermidine	2M	0.5 mM	12.5
	Triton-X100	10% (vol/vol)	0.1%	500
	Glycerol	100%	20%	10000
	PIC*	100x	2x	500
	RI*	80x	2x	625
	Nuclease-free water			11862.5
			total	25000

*** Only add 2x PIC and 2x RI mix just before use.**

Prior to these additions, the buffer can be stored at  4 °C for up to 3 months.

NB To achieve 40% glycerol in the 2x NE buffer, we typically add 12.5g of 100% glycerol.

-  1 M Hydroxyethyl piperazineethanesulfonic acid pH 7.9 (HEPES (K)) **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #H3375**
-  1 M Potassium Chloride (KCl) **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #P3911**
-  2 M Spermidine **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #S2501**
-  10% Triton X-100 **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich)**



- Glycerol Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #G5516
- **PIC** (100x)
- **RI** (80x)
- Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932

1.5 5x Fixation quench buffer

	A	B	C	D
	Reagents	Stocking	Working 1x	/μL
	Glycine	2.5M	125 mM	50
	Tris-HCl pH 8.0	1M	50 mM	50
	Triton-X100	10%	0.1% (in buffer)	2
	BSA*	7.5%	0.1%	13.4
	PBS			84.6
			total	200

* **Only add BSA just before use.** Store 4 °C .

- Glycine
- 1M Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #15568025
- 10% Triton X-100 Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich)
- Bovine Albumin Fraction V (7.5% solution) Thermo Fisher Catalog #15260037
- PBS Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #28374

1.6 Wash Buffer

	A	B	C	D
	Reagents	Stocking	Working 1x	/μL
	HEPES(Na+) pH 7.5	1 M	20 mM	1000
	NaCl	5 M	150 mM	1500

	A	B	C	D
	Spermidine	2 M	0.5 mM	12.5
	BSA*	7.5%	1%	6666
	PIC*	100x	1x	500
	RI*	80x	1x	625
	Nuclease-free water			39696
			total	50000

*** Only add 1x PIC, 1x RI mix, and 1% BSA just before use.**

Prior to these additions, buffer can be stored at 4 °C for up to 3 months.

- ☒ 1 M Hydroxyethyl piperazineethanesulfonic acid pH 7.5 (HEPES (Na⁺)) **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #H3375**
- ☒ 5M NaCl **Ambion Catalog #AM9760G**
- ☒ 2 M Spermidine **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #S2501**
- ☒ Bovine Albumin Fraction V (7.5% solution) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #15260037**
- **PIC (100x)**
- **RI mix (80x)**
- ☒ Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

1.7 Binding Buffer

	A	B	C	D
	Reagents	Stocking	Working 1x	/μL
	HEPES (Na ⁺) pH 7.5	1 M	20 mM	200
	KCl	1 M	10 mM	100
	CaCl ₂	1 M	1 mM	10
	MnCl ₂	1 M	1 mM	10
	Nuclease-free water			9680
			total	10000

Store the buffer at 4 °C for up to 6 months



-  1 M Hydroxyethyl piperazineethanesulfonic acid pH 7.5 (HEPES (Na)) **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #H3375**
-  1 M Potassium Chloride (KCl) **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #P3911**
-  1 M Calcium Chloride (CaCl₂) **Fisher Scientific Catalog #BP510**
-  1 M Manganese Chloride (MnCl₂) **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #203734**
-  Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

1.8 Nuclei Isolation Buffer (NIB)

	A	B	C	D	E
	Reagents	Stocking	Working 1x	/μL	
	Trizma buffer pH 7.5	1 M	10 mM	500	
	NaCl	5 M	10 mM	100	
	MgCl ₂	1 M	3 mM	150	
	NP-40	10%	0.1%	500	
	Nuclease-free water			48750	
			total	50000	

Add PIC and RI mix just before use

-  Trizma® hydrochloride solution **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #T2319**
-  Sodium Chloride (5M) **Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9760G**
-  1M MgCl₂ **Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9530G**
-  NP-40 10% **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #11332473001**
-  Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

1.9 STE buffer



	A	B	C	D
	Reagents	Stocking	Working 1x	/μL
	Tris pH 8.0	1 M	10 mM	500
	NaCl	5 M	50 mM	500
	EDTA	0.5 M	1 mM	100
	Nuclease-free water			48900
			total	50000

- ☒ 1M Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #15568025**
- ☒ Sodium Chloride (5M) **Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9760G**
- ☒ EDTA (0.5 M), pH 8.0, RNase-free **Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9260G**
- ☒ Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

1.10 1x B&W-T buffer

	A	B	C	D
	Reagents	Stocking	In buffer	/μL
	Tris pH 8.0	1M	5 mM	50
	NaCl	5M	1 M	2000
	EDTA	0.5 M	0.5 mM	10
	Tween 20	10%	0.05%	50
	Nuclease-free water			7890
			total	10000

- ☒ 1M Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #15568025**
- ☒ Sodium Chloride (5M) **Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9760G**
- ☒ EDTA (0.5 M), pH 8.0, RNase-free **Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9260G**
- ☒ 10% Tween 20 **Bio-Rad Laboratories Catalog #1662404**
- ☒ Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

1.11 2x Binding & Washing buffer



	A	B	C	D
	Reagents	Stocking	In buffer	/μL
	Tris pH 8.0	1M	10 mM	10
	NaCl	5M	2 M	400
	EDTA	0.5 M	1 mM	2
	Nuclease-free water			588
			total	1000

Add Suprase RI before use (1μL RI to 45μL 2x Binding & Washing buffer)

-  1M Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #15568025**
-  Sodium Chloride (5M) **Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9760G**
-  EDTA (0.5 M), pH 8.0, RNase-free **Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9260G**
-  Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

1.12 4x Tag Buffer for cDNA tagmentation

	A	B	C	D
	Reagents	Stocking	In Buffer	/μL
	Tris-HCl pH 7.5	1M	40mM	40
	MgCl ₂	1M	20mM	20
	Dimethylformamide (DMF)	100%	20%	200
	Nuclease-free water			740
			total	1000

-  Tris HCl Buffer 1M Solution, Sterile pH 7.5 **Bio Basic Inc. Catalog #SD8124.SIZE.450ml**
-  1M MgCl₂ **Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9530G**
-  Pierce™ Dimethylformamide (DMF), Sequencing grade **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #20672**
-  Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

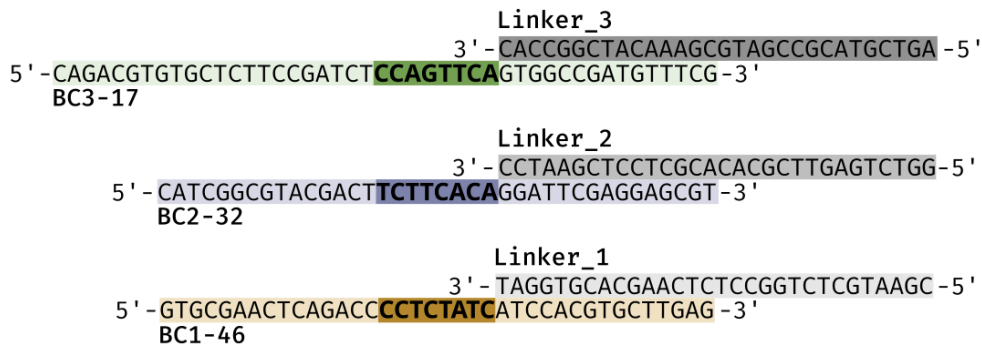
1.13 Tn5 dilution buffer

	A	B	C	D
	Reagents	Stocking	In Buffer	/uL
	Tris-HCl pH7.5	1M	10mM	10
	NaCL	5M	100mM	20
	Glycerol	100%	50% (0.625g)	500
	DTT	1mM	0.1M	10
	Nuclease-free water			460
			total	1000

- ☒ Tris HCl Buffer 1M Solution, Sterile pH 7.5 **Bio Basic Inc. Catalog #SD8124.SIZE.450ml**
- ☒ 5M NaCl solution **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #AM9759**
- ☒ Glycerol **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #G5516**
- ☒ DTT **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #D0632**
- ☒ Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

Prepare oligonucleotides for split pool barcoding

- This section prepares the oligonucleotides that will add the sequence used to identify individual cells.



Example Annealed Barcodes & Linkers

Equipment:

- PCR machine (thermocycler)
- RNase-free 96-well plates (Twin-Tec PRC plate, 96 Lobind, Semi-skirted)

Equipment

Eppendorf Twin tec PCR plates, 96 wells NAME

96 well PCR plate TYPE

Eppendorf BRAND

EP0030128770 SKU

<https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/GB/en/product/sigma/ep0030128770> LINK

3 Primers

Linker Primers

	A	B
	Name	Sequence
	Linker_1	CGAATGCTCTGGCCTCTCAAGCACGTGGAT
	Linker_2	GGTCTGAGTTCGCACACGCTCCTCGAATCC
	Linker_3	AGTCGTACGCCGATGCGAAACATCGGCCAC

Barcode Primers

Split pool barcoding for cell identification, example primer sequence and index position:

BC1_#01

GTGCGAACTCAGACC **CTGTAGCC** ATCCACGTGCTTGAG

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**BC1**

A	B
Name	Sequence
BC1_#01	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCAACGTGATATCCACGTGCTTGAG
BC1_#02	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCAAACATCGATCCACGTGCTTGAG
BC1_#03	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCACCACTGTATCCACGTGCTTGAG
BC1_#04	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCCATCAAGTATCCACGTGCTTGAG
BC1_#05	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCCTGTAGCCATCCACGTGCTTGAG
BC1_#06	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCAACCGAGAATCCACGTGCTTGAG
BC1_#07	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCAAGGTACAATCCACGTGCTTGAG
BC1_#08	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCACAGCAGAATCCACGTGCTTGAG
BC1_#09	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCACCTCCAAATCCACGTGCTTGAG
BC1_#10	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCACGCTCGAATCCACGTGCTTGAG
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BC1_#12	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCAGAGTCAAATCCACGTGCTTGAG
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BC1_#14	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCCAATGGAAATCCACGTGCTTGAG
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BC1_#16	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCCATACCAAATCCACGTGCTTGAG
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BC1_#24	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCGATAGACAATCCACGTGCTTGAG
BC1_#25	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCGCTAACGAATCCACGTGCTTGAG
BC1_#26	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCGCTCGGTAATCCACGTGCTTGAG



A	B
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BC1_#46	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCCCTCTATCATCCACGTGCTTGAG
BC1_#47	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCGAACAGGCATCCACGTGCTTGAG
BC1_#48	/5Phos/GTGCGAACTCAGACCGATGAATCATCCACGTGCTTGAG

BC2

A	B
Name	Sequence
BC2_#01	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTAACGTGATGGATTGAGGAGCGT



A	B
BC2_#02	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTAAACATCGGGATTTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#03	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTACCACTGTGGATTTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#04	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTCATCAAGTGGATTTCGAGGAGCGT
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BC2_#06	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTAACCGAGAGGATTTCGAGGAGCGT
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BC2_#26	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTGCTCGGTAGGATTTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#27	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTGGAGAACAGGATTTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#28	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTGGTGCGAAGGATTTCGAGGAGCGT



A	B
BC2_#29	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTGTACGCAAGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#30	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTGTCGTAGAGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#31	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTGTGTTCTAGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#32	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTTCTTCACAGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#33	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTTGGAACAAGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#34	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTTGGCTTCAGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#35	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTTGGTGGTAGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#36	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTTTCACGCAGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#37	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTAACTCACCGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#38	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTAAGAGATCGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#39	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTAAGGACACGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#40	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTAATCCGTCGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#41	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTACACGACCGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#42	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTAGCCATGCGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#43	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTATCATTCCGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#44	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTCACCTTACGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#45	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTCCTAATCCGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#46	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTCCTCTATCGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#47	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTGAACAGGCGGATTCGAGGAGCGT
BC2_#48	/5Phos/CATCGGCGTACGACTGATGAATCGGATTCGAGGAGCGT

BC3

A	B
Name	Sequence
BC3_#01	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTAACGTGATGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#02	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTAAACATCGGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#03	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTACCACTGTGTGGCCGATGTTTCG



A	B
BC3_#04	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTCATCAAGTGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#05	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTCTGTAGCCGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#06	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTAACCGAGAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#07	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTAAGGTACAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#08	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTACAGCAGAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#09	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTACCTCCAAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#10	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTACGCTCGAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#11	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTACTATGCAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#12	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTAGAGTCAAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#13	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTAGATCGCAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#14	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTCAATGGAAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#15	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTCAGCGTTAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#16	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTCATACCAAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#17	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTCCAGTTCAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#18	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTCGAACTTAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#19	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTCGACTGGAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#20	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTCTCAATGAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#21	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTCTGAGCCAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#22	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTGAATCTGAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#23	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTGAGCTGAAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#24	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTGATAGACAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#25	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTGCTAACGAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#26	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTGCTCGGTAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#27	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTGGAGAACAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#28	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTGGTGCGAAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#29	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTGTACGCAAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#30	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTGTCGTAGAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG

A	B
BC3_#31	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTGTGTTCTAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#32	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTTCTTCACAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#33	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTTGAACAAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#34	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTTGGCTTCAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#35	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTTGGTGGTAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#36	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTTTCACGCAGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#37	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTAACTCACCGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#38	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTAAGAGATCGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#39	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTAAGGACACGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#40	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTAATCCGTCGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#41	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTACACGACCGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#42	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTAGCCATGCGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#43	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTATCATTCCGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#44	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTCACCTTACGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#45	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTCCTAATCCGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#46	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTCCTCTATCGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#47	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTGAACAGGCGTGGCCGATGTTTCG
BC3_#48	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTGATGAATCGTGGCCGATGTTTCG

3.1 The following sub-steps describe annealing linker primers with barcode primers in RNAse-free 96-well plates (Twin-Tec PRC plate, 96 Lobind, Semi-skirted) to a total volume of  10 μL per well. At the end of  [go to step #3.5](#) the resulting plate will contain oligos with the following concentrations:

BC1-Linker_1: in round 1 plates, containing:

-  9 μL *Linker_1* and
-  10 μL *BC1* barcodes

BC2-Linker_2: in round 2 plates, containing:

-  11 μL *Linker_2* and



-  12 μL *BC2* barcodes

BC3-Linker_3: in round 3 plates, containing:

-  13 μL *Linker_3* and
-  14 μL *BC3* barcodes

3.2 To prepare stock of 9 plates of 48 barcodes:

For each linker-barcode, prepare  10 μL /well $\times 9 \times 1.1 =$  100 μL ;

▪ **BC1-Linker1:**

- *Linker_1* ( 1 millimolar (mM) stock)  0.9 μL
- *BC1* ( 100 micromolar (μM) stock)  10 μL
- **STE buffer**  89.1 μL ( go to step #1.9 STE)

▪ **BC2-Linker2:**

- *Linker_2* ( 1 millimolar (mM) stock)  1.1 μL
- *BC2* ( 100 micromolar (μM) stock)  12 μL
- **STE buffer**  86.9 μL

▪ **BC3-Linker3:**

- *Linker_3* ( 1 millimolar (mM) stock)  1.3 μL
- *BC3* ( 100 micromolar (μM) stock)  14 μL
- **STE buffer**  84.7 μL

3.3 Prepare linker stocks ($\times 48 \times 1.1 = \times 53$; in each round, linker is the same one)

- *Linker_1*  47.7 μL + **STE buffer**  4722.3 μL
- *Linker_2*  58.3 μL + **STE buffer**  4605.7 μL
- *Linker_3*  68.9 μL + **STE buffer**  4489.1 μL

3.4 Aliquot diluted linker into 48 wells: *Linker_1* 90 μL ; *Linker_2* 88 μL ; *Linker_3* 86 μL .

- Add barcodes of *BC1* (1-48)  10 μL to *Linker_1*
- Add barcodes of *BC2* (1-48)  12 μL to *Linker_2*
- Add barcodes of *BC3* (1-48)  14 μL to *Linker_3*

3.5 Place sealed plates with annealing linker and barcodes in PCR machine with the programme:

🌡️ 95 °C ⌚ 00:02:00 , cooling down to 🌡️ 20 °C at 🌡️ -1 °C /min

Aliquot mixture 🧴 10 µL to each well into 96-well plates

Seal plates and store at 🌡️ -20 °C .

Solution Preparation

4 Equipment:

- PCR machine (thermocycler)

Primers

Barcoding for antibody Identification, with example primer sequence and index position:

MEB_dU_#03

5' - AGGCCAGAGCATTCTG **CCATANNNNNNN** UAGATGTGTATAAGAGACAG - 3'
 Linker_1 Annealing index UMI

A	B
Name	Sequence
MEB_dU_#01	/5Phos/AGGCCAGAGCATTCTGAATGGNNNNNNN/ideoxyU/AGATGTGTATAAGAGACAG
MEB_dU_#02	/5Phos/AGGCCAGAGCATTCTGTGAGANNNNNNN/ideoxyU/AGATGTGTATAAGAGACAG
MEB_dU_#03	/5Phos/AGGCCAGAGCATTCTGCCATANNNNNNN/ideoxyU/AGATGTGTATAAGAGACAG
MEB_dU_#04	/5Phos/AGGCCAGAGCATTCTGGGTGTNNNNNNN/ideoxyU/AGATGTGTATAAGAGACAG
ME_R	/5Phos/C*T*G*T*C*T*C*T*T*A*T*A*C*A*/3ddC/
ME_A	TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTGTATAAGAGACAG

*N indicates a phosphorothioate bond (primer sequences are in the IDT DNA format).



4.1 Dilute oligonucleotides to [1M] 200 micromolar (μM) in **STE buffer** (

go to step #1.9 STE)

4.2 **pA-Tn5-MeBdU-MeR**

For each of the four MEB_dU oligonucleotides, in separate tubes mix:

- 2 μL [1M] 200 micromolar (μM) phosphorylated Mosaic end adapter B dU (*MEB_dU_#N*)
- 2 μL [1M] 200 micromolar (μM) blocked Mosaic end-reverse (*ME_R*) oligonucleotides

to generate [1M] 100 micromolar (μM) **pre-annealed MEBdU-MER**

4.3 **pA-Tn5-MeA-MeR**

Mix:

- 2 μL [1M] 200 micromolar (μM) Mosaic end adapter A (*ME_A*)
- 2 μL [1M] 200 micromolar (μM) blocked Mosaic end-reverse (*ME-R*) oligonucleotides

to generate [1M] 100 micromolar (μM) **pre-annealed MEA-MER**

4.4 Place the tubes in a thermocycler and run 95 °C 00:02:00 , slowly cool to

20 °C with ramp rate of -1 °C /min

2m

4.5 Mix 4 μL [1M] 100 micromolar (μM) **pre-annealed MEBdU-MER** or **MEA-MER** with

40 μL of [1M] 5.5 micromolar (μM) **pA-Tn5 fusion protein** and incubate on a

rotating platform for 01:00:00 at room temperature. Store at -20 °C for up to 1 year.

1h



Note

We use home-made **pA-Tn5 fusion protein** generated from plasmid #124601 from Addgene <https://www.addgene.org/124601/> following this protocol:

Citation

Terri Bryson, Steven Henikoff
. 3XFlag-pATn5 Protein Purification and MEDS-loading (5x scale, 2L volume). protocols.io.

<https://protocols.io/view/3xflag-patn5-protein-purification-and-meds-loading-8yrhvxv6>
LINK

Commercially available alternatives are:

- pA-Tn5 Transposase (10 µg) **Active Motif Catalog #53161**
- CUTANA™ Uncharged pAG-Tn5 for CUT&Tag **EpiCypher Catalog #15-1025**

Single-cell dissociation

5 Equipment:

- Centrifuge with swing-bucket rotor
- 1.5 mL protein lobind tube

Dissociate samples into single-cell suspension, and transfer cells to

1.5 mL protein lobind tube

- 5.1 Wash cells twice with **PBSI** ([go to step #1.3 PBSI](#)) by centrifuging cells in a swing-bucket rotor at 300 x g, 00:03:00 , and remove the supernatant.

Nuclei Preparation

6 To prepare nuclei:

Measure the the volume of the the single cell suspension and add **PBSI** (

[go to step #1.3 PBSI](#)) to cells to a final volume of 80 µL



- 7 Add  80 μL **2x NE buffer** ( go to step #1.4 2x NE Nuffer) (with 2x **PIC** and 2x **RI**) briefly vortex to mix and put cells on ice for  00:10:00 (adjust incubation time if needed;  Trypan Blue Solution, 0.4% **Thermo Fisher Catalog #15250061** , trypan blue positive > 95%).

Light Fixation and Quench

- 8 To help maintain intact nuclei for split-pool barcoding, we use a light fixation with 0.2% formaldehyde.

Equipment:

- Centrifuge with swing bucket rotor
- (optional) Mr. Frosty container

Fixation wash buffer

	A	B	C
	Reagent	Stocking	/ μL
	Base Wash Buffer		867
	BSA	7.5%	133
	PIC	100x	10
	RI	80x	12.5

Quickly spin ( 100 x g, 00:00:05) to collect solution into the bottom, add  2 μL

 16% Formaldehyde (w/v) Methanol-free **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #28906**

to final 0.2%, immediately tap to mix and start stopwatch. Incubate for

 00:05:00 exactly .

- 9 Quickly spin ( 100 x g, 00:00:05) to collect solution into the bottom, add  40 μL **5x Fixation Quench Buffer** ( go to step #1.5 5x Fixation Quench Buffer) to quench nuclei, invert to mix, place on ice for  00:05:00 -  00:10:00 .



- 10 Centrifuge nuclei in a **swing-bucket rotor (pre-cooled)** at 600 x g, 4°C, 00:03:00 , carefully take out tubes and remove 180 µL from the top.
- Leave ~ 20 µL in the tube without disturbing nuclei at the bottom.
- Add 100 µL **Fixation wash buffer** to re-suspend cells, invert to mix.

11

Note

Optional Stopping Point

Quickly spin 100 x g, 00:00:05 , add 15 µL 100% DMSO to each sample (10-15% in final), invert to mix. Quickly spin 100 x g, 00:00:05 , place samples in a Mr. Frosty container and store at -80 °C overnight to freeze samples. The next day, samples are ready for shipment on dry ice or can be stored at -80 °C freezer for a longer term.



Binding nuclei to beads

15m

- 12 To immobilise nuclei, we bind the lightly-fixed nuclei with Concanavalin A (ConA)-coated magnetic beads.

Equipment:

- Magnet stand

Beads Preparation

- 12.1 Transfer (5 x N* x 1.1) µL

Concanavalin-coated magnetic beads **Bangs Laboratories Catalog #BP531** bead slurry into a 1.5 mL tube , wash twice with 1 mL binding buffer, mix by pipetting, and place the tube on a magnetic stand to allow the mixture to clear, and drain liquid completely.

*where N is the number of samples

Note

Using more bead slurry could alleviate the formation of clumps. We typically use around  1 μL per 1,000 cells.

12.2 Re-suspend beads in (5 x N x 1.1) μL binding buffer, and hold on ice until nuclei are ready.

12.3 Preparing

Thawing Wash Buffer:

	A	B	C	D
	Reagents	Stocking	Working	/ μL
	Base Wash Buffer			867
	BSA	7.5%	1%	133
	PIC	100x	1x	10
	RI	80x	0.4x	5

-  867 μL **wash buffer** ( [go to step #1.6](#) wash buffer)

-  133 μL

 Bovine Albumin Fraction V (7.5% solution) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #15260037**

-  5 μL **RI mix**

-  10 μL **PIC**

Thawing Wash buffer + EDTA:

	A	B	C	D
	Reagents	Stocking	Working	/ μL
	Thawing Wash Buffer			500

	A	B	C	D
	EDTA	0.5 M	2 μ M	2

-  500 μ L **Thawing Wash Buffer**
-  2 μ L  EDTA (0.5 M), pH 8.0, RNase-free **Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9260G**

12.4 Thaw nuclei on ice, add  500 μ L **Thawing Wash Buffer**

12.5 Slowly add prepared ConA beads from step 12.2 into cell suspension while vortexing gently  1100 rpm Vortex Gently , place tubes on an end-over-end rotator for

15m

 00:05:00 -  00:10:00  Room temperature

12.6 Place the tubes on a magnetic stand to allow the mixtures to clear. Carefully discard the liquid (taking care due to surface tension).

12.7 Wash once with  100 μ L **Thawing Wash Buffer + EDTA** while tubes are on the magnetic stand.

DNA tagmentation

13 The steps below describe how to simultaneously tagment and profile multiple indexed antibodies using scMTR-seq. We use indexed MEBdU to multiplex each primary antibody of choice with different pA-Tn5-MEBdU-MER. To minimise cross-contamination between antibodies, we then block any unreacted pA-Tn5-MEBdU_MER by incubation with normal IgG. We have successfully profiled five different histone modifications simultaneously with only minor off-target signals detected. Including an additional IgG profile helps to identify and further reduce off-target signals using computational methods.

As an alternative approach, we have also performed tagmentation in multiple sequential steps, rather than simultaneously (see step 13.12). Sequential profiling increases hands-on time and may lead to greater loss of nuclei, although the advantages of this alternative approach include reduced off-target signals and the opportunity to profile more targets in different rounds.

13.1 Solution Preparation

Equipment:

- end-over-end rotator
- cold room
- PCR machine (thermocycler)

Preparing

13.2 High RI wash 300 buffer

	A	B	C
	Reagents	Stocking	/μL
	Base Wash Buffer		867
	NaCl	5M	30
	BSA	7.5%	133
	PIC	100x	10
	RI	80x	12.5

-  867 μL **wash buffer** ( go to step #1.6 wash buffer)
-  30 μL [M] 5 Mass Percent

 Sodium Chloride (5M) **Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9760G**
-  133 μL

 Bovine Albumin Fraction V (7.5% solution) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #15260037**
-  12.5 μL **RI mix**
-  10 μL **PIC**

(make  100 μL per sample)

13.3 Low RI Wash 300 buffer

	A	B	C
	Reagents	Stocking	/μL

	A	B	C
	Base Wash Buffer		867
	NaCl	5 M	30
	BSA	7.5%	133
	PIC	100x	10
	RI	80x	5

- 867 μL **wash buffer** ([go to step #1.6](#) wash buffer)
- 30 μL [M] 5 Mass Percent
 - ☒ Sodium Chloride (5M) **Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9760G**
- 133 μL
 - ☒ Bovine Albumin Fraction V (7.5% solution) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #15260037**
- 10 μL **PIC**
- 5 μL **RI mix**

(make 100 μL per sample)

13.4 Tag buffer

	A	B	C
	Reagent	Stocking	/ μL
	Base Wash Buffer		867
	NaCl	5 M	30
	BSA	7.5%	13.3
	PIC	100x	10
	RI	80x	25
	Nuclease-free water		119.7
	MgCl ₂	1M	10



- 867 μL **wash buffer** ([go to step #1.6 wash buffer](#))
- 30 μL [M] 5 Mass Percent
 - Sodium Chloride (5M) **Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9760G**
- 13.3 μL
 - Bovine Albumin Fraction V (7.5% solution) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #15260037**
- 25 μL **RI mix**
- 10 μL **PIC**
- 119.7 μL
 - Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**
- 10 μL [M] 1 Mass Percent
 - 1M MgCl_2 **Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9530G**

(make 100 μL per sample)

13.5 Pre-assemble selected primary antibody (Ab) and indexed **pA-Tn5-MeBdU-MeR** (0.5-1h). We list below several antibodies that we have used successfully in scMTR-seq. Alternative antibodies can be tested first using bulk CUT&Tag to check for signal specificity.

1h

Example Antibodies:

- Anti-Histone H3 (tri methyl K4) antibody - ChIP Grade **Abcam Catalog #ab8580**
- Anti-Histone H3 (tri methyl K9) antibody - ChIP Grade **Abcam Catalog #ab8898**
- Anti-Histone H3 (acetyl K27) antibody - ChIP Grade **Abcam Catalog #ab4729**
- Anti-Histone H3 (mono methyl K4) antibody - ChIP Grade **Abcam Catalog #ab8895**
- Tri-Methyl-Histone H3 (Lys27) (C36B11) Rabbit mAb **Cell Signaling Technology Catalog #9733**
- Anti-Histone H3 (tri methyl K36) antibody - ChIP Grade **Abcam Catalog #ab9050**

Mix:

- 0.5 μL [M] 1 $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{L}$ antibody



- 0.5 μL **pA-Tn5-MeBdU-MeR**
- 4.25 μL **High RI wash 300 buffer**

place tubes on an end-over-end rotator

10 rpm, Room temperature, 01:00:00 , end-over-end rotator

13.6 Block any remaining unreacted proteinA-Tn5:

30m

Add 1 μL [M] 1 $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{L}$

Normal Rabbit IgG Control **R&D Systems Catalog #AB-105-C** and incubate

Room temperature for 00:30:00

13.7 Mix pre-assembled Ab-pA-Tn5-MeBdU-MeR (6 μL x n of indexed antibodies) with ConA-bound nuclei, add **High RI wash 300** to 99.6 μL , and then add 0.4 μL [M] 0.5 Mass Percent EDTA.

2h



Gently mix, briefly spin and incubate in cold room (4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$) Overnight at 25-30 rpm on rotator or 1-2 hrs at Room temperature

13.8 Wash three times with **Low RI Wash 300 buffer**, using the magnetic stand, and invert to mix between washes

13.9 Re-suspend with 50 μL **Tag buffer**, gently mix and place in PCR machine, incubate 37 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 01:00:00

1h

13.10 Directly place tube on pre-cooled rack, and add 1.67 μL [M] 0.5 Mass Percent EDTA each sample to stop tagmentation, gently tap to mix

13.11 Add 8 μL

5m

Bovine Albumin Fraction V (7.5% solution) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #15260037** to each sample to avoid clumps forming. Mix by pipetting or gently tapping, place on ice for 00:05:00

13.12 (Optional)

For sequential tagmentation, wash twice with **Low RI wash 300 buffer** after adding stop buffer, and repeat from [go to step #13.7](#) to step 13.11.



In situ Reverse Transcription

17m 12s

14 In situ reverse transcribe polyA mRNA with biotinylated dT RT primers in the nuclei.

Equipment:

- PCR machine

Primers

RT_#02

5' -AGGCCAGAGCATTG**CCTAA**NNNNNNNNNNTTTTTTTTTTTTTTVN -3'
Linker_1 Annealing index UMI

A	B
Name	Sequence
RT_#01	/5Phos/AGGCCAGAGCATTTCGAGCAANNNNNNNNNN /iBiodT/TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTVN
RT_#02	/5Phos/AGGCCAGAGCATTTCGCCTAANNNNNNNNNN /iBiodT/TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTVN
RT_#03	/5Phos/AGGCCAGAGCATTTCGGTCGANNNNNNNNNN /iBiodT/TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTVN
RT_#04	/5Phos/AGGCCAGAGCATTTCGTGTGANNNNNNNNNN /iBiodT/TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTVN

Preparing

14.1 NIB-RI buffer

- 867 µL **NIB** buffer ([go to step #1.8](#) Nuclei Isolation Buffer)
- 133 µL
 - ☒ Bovine Albumin Fraction V (7.5% solution) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #15260037**
- 5 µL **RI** mix

-  10 µL **PIC**

(make  350 µL per sample)

14.2 RT mix:

	A	B	C	D
Reagent	Stocking	Working 1x	1x volume / µL	
RT buffer	5x	1x	10	
PEG 6000	50 %	15 %	15	
RT_#N primer	100 µM	10 µM	5	
dNTPs	25 mM/each	0.5 mM	1	
RNAse Protector	40 U/µL	0.5 U/µL	0.625	
Suprase RI	20 U/µL	0.5 U/µL	1.25	
Maxima H Minus RT	200 U/µL	20 U/µl	5	
Nuclease-free water			12.125	
		total	50	

-  PEG 6000 (Poly(ethylene glycol)) **Bio Basic Inc. Catalog #PB0432.SIZE.500g**
- *RT_#N*
-  dNTP Set 100 mM Solutions **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #R0182**
-  Protector RNase Inhibitor **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #3335399001**
-  SUPERaseIN RNase Inhibitor **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #AM2696**
-  Maxima H Minus Reverse Transcriptase **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog ##EP0741**
-  Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

14.3 Wash in situ-tagged nuclei twice with 100 µL **NIB-RI** buffer.



14.4 Add  10 μL of **RT mix** per 10,000 nuclei to each tube, gently mix and briefly centrifuge

17m 12s

- Run following programme to synthesise the first strand of cDNA:

 50 °C  00:10:00

- 3 cycles of annealing:

 8 °C  00:00:12

 15 °C  00:00:45

 20 °C  00:00:45

 30 °C  00:00:30

 42 °C  00:02:00

 50 °C  00:03:00

End cycles

-  50 °C 5 min
-  4 °C Hold

14.5 Add  50 μL **NIB-RI** to dilute sample, place tubes on PCR magnet and remove liquid

14.6 Wash once with  100 μL **NIB-RI** and remove liquid

Split-pool barcoding

3h 14m

- 15 Three rounds of split-pool barcoding were used for barcoding single cells. As there is 48 different barcodes for each round in our assay, this will generate over 110,000 barcodes combinations (# of BC1 x # of BC2 x # of BC3) after three rounds of the split-pool barcoding procedure. Both cDNA and tagged gDNA molecules will get the same combination of barcodes within the same single nuclei.



Note

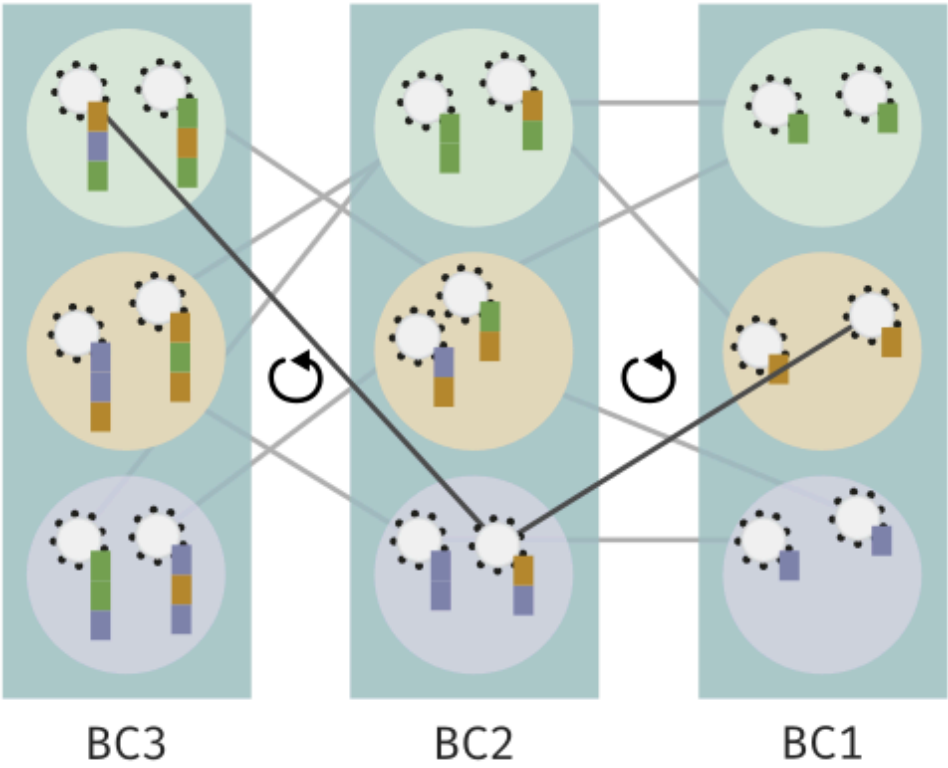
To ensure there are enough barcode combinations for barcoding each single cell/nuclei with a unique cell barcode, we adjust the conditions to keep the collision rate below 5%. The collision rate is calculated by dividing the number of cells or nuclei by the number of barcode combinations.

The number of cells or nuclei: as the recovery rate from the starting point is normally ~20-40%, we use the number of starting cells multiplied by the recovery rate to estimate the number of cells/nuclei.

The number of barcode combinations: in addition to the split-pool steps, we could use different RT primers and MEB adapters for different samples, and different nuclei could be aliquoted into different sub-libraries and amplified with different i5-i7 primer sets, so all these steps will contribute to the total number of barcodes combinations. Therefore, the number of barcode combinations = the number of RT primers or MEB adapters x number of BC1 x number of BC2 x number of BC3 x number of sub-libraries.

In practice, we normally adjust the number of RT primers and MEB adapters used and the number of sub-libraries to keep the collision rate below 5%.

Example calculations are included in the attached spreadsheet.



Linker_3
5' - CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCT **CAGTTTC** 3' CACCGGTACAAAGCGTAGCCGATGCTGA
BC3-17 GTGGCGATGTTTGGCGATGTTTGG
CATCGCGGTACGACT **TCTTCACA**GGATTGAGGAGCGT
BC2-32 GTCCGAAGTCAAGAC **CTCTATC**ATCCACGTGCTTGAG
BC1-46
Blocker_3
Blocker_2
Blocker_1
Linker_2
CTTAGGTCTCTCGACACGCTTGAGTCTGG
GTCCGAAGTCAAGAC **CTCTATC**ATCCACGTGCTTGAG
BC1-46
Linker_1
TAGGTGCACGAAGTCTCCGGTCTCGTAAGG-5'
AGGCCAGAGCATTCC **CTATA**NNNNNNNNNAGATGTGTATAAGAGACAG
MEB_du_#03
AGGCCAGAGCATTCC **CTATA**NNNNNNNNN
RT_#02
ATCCACGTGCTTGAGAGGCCAGAGCATTCC
Blocker_1

Equipment:

- Plate centrifuge
- Multichannel pipettor
- Thermomixer

Primers

A	B
Name	Sequence



A	B
Blocker_1	ATCCACGTGCTTGAGAGGCCAGAGCATTTCG
Blocker_2	GGATTCGAGGAGCGTGTGCGAACTCAGACC
Blocker_3	GTGGCCGATGTTTCGCATCGGCGTACGACT

Preparing

15.1 Hybridisation mix: (2 mL per sample)

A	B	C	D
Reagents	Stocking	Working 1x	/μl
T4 ligation buffer	10x	1x	200
RNase Inhibitor	40 U/μL	0.32 U/μl	16
SUPERase RI	20 U/μL	0.05 U/μl	5
PIC	100x	1x	20
Triton X-100	10% (vol/vol)	0.1%	20
BSA	7.5%	0.1%	27
NIB		0.25x	500
Nuclease-free water			1212
		total	2000

-  T4 DNA Ligase - 100,000 units **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0202L**
-  Protector RNase Inhibitor **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #3335402001**
-  SUPERaseIN RNase Inhibitor **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #AM2696**
- **PIC**
-  10% Triton X-100 **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich)**
-  Bovine Albumin Fraction V (7.5% solution) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #15260037**
- **NIB**
-  Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

**15.2 block1 mix:**

	A	B	C	D
	Blocker_1	1 mM	22 μ M	12.1 μ L
	T4 Ligation buffer	10x	2x	110 μ L
	Nuclease-free water			427.9 μ L
				550 μ L

-  T4 DNA Ligase - 100,000 units **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0202L**
-  Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

15.3 block2 mix:

	A	B	C	D
	Blocker_2	1mM	26.4 μ M	14.52 μ L
	T4 Ligation buffer	10x	2x	110 μ L
	Nuclease-free water			425.48 μ L
				550 μ L

-  T4 DNA Ligase - 100,000 units **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0202L**
-  Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

15.4 block3 mix:

	A	B	C	D
	Blocker_3	1mM	23 μ M	12.65 μ L
	Triton X100	10%	0.1%	5.5 μ L
	Nuclease-free water			531.85 μ L
				550 μ L

-  10% Triton X-100 **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich)**

- ☒ Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

Ligation mix: ( 0.5 mL per sample)

A	B	C	D
Reagents	Stocking	Working 1x	/μL
T4 ligation buffer	10x	1x	50
RNase Inhibitor	40 U/μL	0.32 U/μl	4
Suprase RI	20 U/μL	0.05 U/μL	1.25
PIC	100x	1x	5
T4 DNA ligase	2000 U/μL	20 U/μl	5
Triton X-100	10% (vol/vol)	0.1%	5
BSA	7.5%	0.1%	6.7
NIB		0.2x	100
Nuclease-free water			323.05
		total	500

- T4 ligation buffer
- ☒ Protector RNase Inhibitor **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #3335402001**
- ☒ SUPERaseIN RNase Inhibitor **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #AM2696**
- **PIC**
- ☒ T4 DNA Ligase - 100,000 units **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0202L**
- ☒ 10% Triton X-100 **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich)**
- ☒ Bovine Albumin Fraction V (7.5% solution) **Thermo Fisher Catalog #15260037**
- **NIB**
- ☒ Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

16 Split-pool barcoding

Prepare 1% BSA in DPBS for rinsing plasticware, which helps to reduce sample loss.



16.1 Take out pre-prepared annealed linker-barcodes 96 well plates go to step #3.1 , spin at 700 x g, Room temperature, 00:02:00 , thaw and bring to Room temperature

2m

16.2 Re-suspend ConA-bead bound nuclei with 2 mL **hybridisation mix** for 48 barcodes in each round

16.3 Round 1

1h 2m

- Add 40 µL of nuclei per well to **linker1-BC1** plate ,
 300 rpm, Room temperature, 00:30:00 , incubate on thermomixer (or 23 °C)
- Use multichannel pipettor to add 10 µL **block1**, pipetting up and down to mix,
 300 rpm, Room temperature, 00:30:00 , incubate on thermomixer (or 23 °C)
- Centrifuge 300 x g, 00:02:00
- Use multichannel pipette (rinsed with 1% BSA in DPBS) to collect cells into reservoir (rinsed with 1% BSA in DPBS)

16.4 Round 2

1h 2m

- Add 55 µL of nuclei per well to **linker2-BC2** plate,
 300 rpm, Room temperature, 00:30:00 , incubate on thermomixer
- Use multichannel pipette to add 10 µL **block2**, pipetting up and down to mix,
 300 rpm, Room temperature, 00:30:00 , incubate on thermomixer (or 23 °C)
- Centrifuge 300 x g, 00:02:00
- Use multichannel pipette (rinsed tips with 1% BSA in DPBS) to collect nuclei into reservoir (also pre-rinsed with 1% BSA in DPBS)

16.5 Round 3

32m

- Add 70 µL of nuclei per well to **linker3-BC3** plate,
 300 rpm, Room temperature, 00:30:00 , incubate on thermomixer (or 23 °C)
- Use multichannel pipette to add 10 µL **block3**, pipetting up and down to mix
- Centrifuge 300 x g, 00:02:00
- Use multichannel pipette (rinsed tips with 1% BSA in DPBS) to collect nuclei into reservoir (also pre-rinsed with 1% BSA in DPBS)



16.6 Transfer nuclei suspension to  5 mL tube, centrifuge  600 x g, 4°C, 00:03:00 , remove and discard the supernatant

3m

16.7 Transfer the pellet into a new  1.5 mL protein lobind tube , wash twice with  0.5 mL **NIB (no RI, PIC)**, invert to mix in between

16.8 Ligation:

30m

Re-suspend nuclei with  0.5 mL **Ligation buffer**,
 300 rpm, 25°C, 00:30:00 , incubate on thermomixer

16.9 Briefly spin, and wash with  0.5 mL **NIB (no RI, PIC)**,
re-suspend in  0.5 mL **NIB (no RI, PIC)**,
filter through  30 µL strainer,
rinse strainer with  0.5 mL **NIB**

16.10 **(Optional)** Put strainer on top of a new tube, centrifuge  600 x g, 4°C, 00:03:00

3m



16.11 Collect all nuclei into one tube, manually count nuclei by labelling nuclei with trypan blue
( Trypan Blue Solution, 0.4% **Thermo Fisher Catalog #15250061**)

16.12 Based on estimated collision rate, aliquot desired number of nuclei into each sub-library.

Reverse crosslinking and lysis

1h

17 Reversing the light fixation performed in  [go to step #8](#)

Equipment:

- PCR machine

Preparing

17.1 **2x reverse cross-linking buffer:**

	A	B	C	D
	Reagents	Stocking	In buffer	/μL
	Tris pH 8.0	1M	100 mM	100
	NaCl	5M	100 mM	20
	SDS	10%	0.04%	4
	Nuclease-free water			876
			total	1000

- 1M Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #15568025**
- Sodium Chloride (5M) **Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9760G**
- SDS, 10% Solution, RNase-free **Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9822**
- Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

17.2 Reverse crosslinking and lysis

17.3 Add **NIB** (go to step #1.8 Nuclei Isolation Buffer) to each sample to bring the volume to 20 μL in total

17.4 20 μL of **2× reverse cross-linking buffer**, 2 μL of **1M** 20 mg/mL proteinase K (Proteinase K **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #EO0491** **1M** 1 μg/μL in final), and 1.6 μL of **RI mix** (SUPERase RI:Protector 1:1) were mixed with each sample and incubated at 55 °C for 01:00:00 in PCR machine

1h

17.5 OPTIONAL STOP POINT

After adding lysis buffer, sub-libraries can be stored at -20 °C .



17.6 Add 2.5 μL of **1M** 100 millimolar (mM)

10m

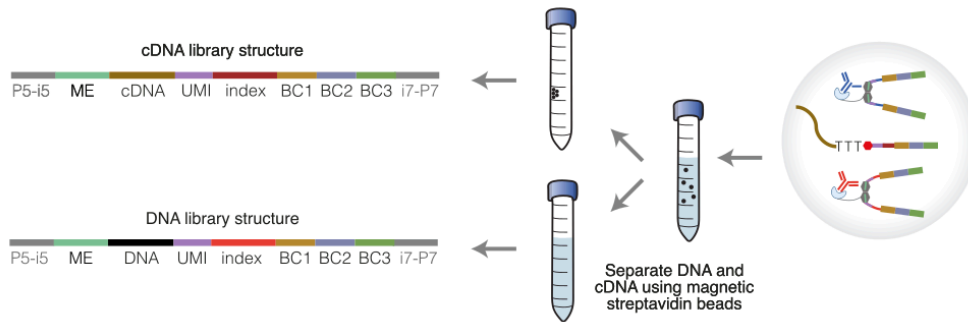
PMSF **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #P7626** to the reverse crosslinked sample to inactivate proteinase K and incubate at Room temperature for 00:10:00 .

17.7 Attach to magnet and transfer supernatant into a new tube to remove ConA beads.

Myone C1 Streptavidin beads to separate tagged cDNA and gDNA

1h

18



Equipment:

- end-to-end-rotator

Wash

Dynabeads MyOne Streptavidin C1 Invitrogen - Thermo Fisher Catalog #65001 (

10 μL for each sample, total $10 \times N^* \mu\text{L}$) with 800 μL **1x B&W-T buffer** three

times, and re-suspend in 45 μL **2x Binding & Washing buffer** + 1 μL

SUPERaseIN RNase Inhibitor Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #AM2696 .

*where N is the number of samples

19 Add 46 μL re-suspended beads into each lysed sample (45.6 μL), mixed and rotated on an end-to-end rotator at

10 rpm, Room temperature, 01:00:00 , end-to-end rotator

20 Put tubes on a magnetic stand to separate supernatant (transposed DNA fragments) and beads (cDNA).

RNA library preparation

3h 12m

21 **Equipment:**

- Qubit fluorometer



- PCR machine (thermocycler)
- end-to-end-rotator

Primers

A	B
Name	Sequence
TSO	AAGCAGTGGTATCAACGCAGAGTGAATrGrG+G
PA_F	CAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCT
PA_R	AAGCAGTGGTATCAACGCAGAGT
P7_#1	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATGATCTGGTGAAGTTCAG ACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCT
P7_#2	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATTCAAGTGTGAAGTTCAG ACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCT
P7_#3	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATCTGATCGTGAAGTTCAG ACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCT
P7_#4	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATAAGCTAGTGAAGTTCAG ACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCT
P7_#5	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATGTAGCCGTGAAGTTCAG ACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCT
P7_#6	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATTACAAGGTGAAGTTCAG ACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCT
P7_#7	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATTTGACTGTGAAGTTCAG ACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCT
P7_#8	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATGGAAGTGTGAAGTTCAG ACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCT
P5_#1	AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACTAGATCGTCGGC AGCGTCAGATGTGTAT
P5_#2	AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACCTCTTATTCGTCGGC AGCGTCAGATGTGTAT
P5_#3	AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACTATCCTCTTCGTCGGC AGCGTCAGATGTGTAT
P5_#4	AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACAGAGTAGATCGTCGGC AGCGTCAGATGTGTAT
P5_#5	AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACGTAAGGAGTCGTCGGC AGCGTCAGATGTGTAT

A	B
P5_#6	AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACACTGCATATCGTCGGC AGCGTCAGATGTGTAT
P5_#7	AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACAAGGAGTATCGTCGGC AGCGTCAGATGTGTAT
P5_#8	AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACCTAAGCCTTCGTCGGC AGCGTCAGATGTGTAT

Preparing

21.1 1x B&W-T-RI buffer:

- 1 mL B&W-T buffer ([go to step #1.10 B&W-T buffer](#))

- 5 µL

⊗ SUPERaseIN RNase Inhibitor Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #AM2696 .

(300 µL per sub-library)

21.2 STE-RI buffer:

- 1 mL STE buffer ([go to step #1.9 STE buffer](#))

- 5 µL

⊗ SUPERaseIN RNase Inhibitor Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #AM2696 .

(100 µL per sub-library)

21.3 Template switch mix:

A	B	C	D
Reagent	Stocking	Working 1x	1x /µL
RT buffer	5x	1x	10
Ficoll PM-400	20 %	4 %	10
PEG 6000	50 %	15 %	15
TSO primer	100 µM	2.5 µM	1.25
dNTPs	25 mM/each	1 mM	2
RNAse Protector	40 U/µL	0.5 U/µL	0.625
Suprase RI	20 U/µL	0.25 U/µL	0.625

	A	B	C	D
	Maxima H Minus RT	200 U/μL	10 U/μl	2.5
	Nuclease-free water			8
			total	50

- RT buffer (Maxima H minus RT)
-  Ficoll PM-400 **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #F5415-50ML**
-  PEG 6000 (Poly(ethylene glycol)) **Bio Basic Inc. Catalog #PB0432.SIZE.500g**
- TSO (Template Switching Optimised) primer
-  dNTP Set 100 mM Solutions **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #R0182**
-  Protector RNase Inhibitor **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich) Catalog #3335402001**
-  SUPERaseIN RNase Inhibitor **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #AM2696**
-  Maxima H Minus Reverse Transcriptase **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog ##EP0741**

This is an optimised Moloney murine leukemia virus Reverse Transcriptase (M-MuLV RT) which has terminal transferase activity. This means it can perform non-template addition of nucleotides to 3'-ends with a preference for dCTP. The resulting poly C overhang allows the TSO primer, which ends in 3 rGs, to anneal. This RT is also capable of template switching, meaning that it can read through the gap in the backbone between the end of the RNA template and the annealed TSO and continue elongating with the TSO as the template.

-  Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

22 RNA library preparation

22.1 Wash beads three times using  100 μL **1x B&W-T buffer** with

 SUPERaseIN RNase Inhibitor **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #AM2696**

 0.1 μL mix by inverting between washes

22.2 Wash beads once using  100 μL **STE buffer** with

 SUPERaseIN RNase Inhibitor **Thermo Fisher Scientific Catalog #AM2696**

 0.1 μL while tube on magnet, without re-suspending beads

22.3 Re-suspend beads with  50 µL **Template switch mix** by pipetting

22.4 Rotate beads  10 rpm, Room temperature, 00:30:00 , end-to-end-rotator

2h

Re-suspend by pipetting

Incubate for  01:30:00 at  42 °C in PCR machine

23 Pre-Amplification

23.1 After template switching, add  100 µL of **STE** to each tube to dilute the sample.

Remove the supernatant by placing the sample on a magnetic stand.

Wash beads with  200 µL of **STE** without disturbing the bead pellet

23.2 Beads were then re-suspended in  55 µL of **PCR mix**:

	A	B	C	D
	Reagent	Stocking	Working 1x	1x /µL
	Kapa HiFi PCR mix	2x	1x	27.5
	PA_F	10 µM	400 nM	2.2
	PA_R	10 µM	400 nM	2.2
	Nuclease-free water			23.1
			total	55

-  HotStart ReadyMix (KAPA HiFi PCR kit) **Kapa Biosystems Catalog #KK2601**
- PA_F & PA_R primers
-  Nuclease-free water, not DEPC-treated **Life Technologies Catalog #AM9932**

23.3 Run following programme to pre-amplify cDNA:

12m 15s

-  95 °C  00:03:00

- 12 cycles of:

-  98 °C  00:00:30

-  65 °C  00:00:45

-  72 °C  00:03:00

-  72 °C  00:05:00

- 🔥 4 °C Hold

23.4 Purify by 0.8x  Ampure XP beads **Beckman Coulter Catalog #A63881** and elute in  32 µL 0.1x EB (Elution Buffer)

Measure concentration with Qubit

Note

Libraries made from ~1000-5000 cells and amplified for 12-15 cycles typically yield around  500 ng after purification

24 Tagging MEA and PCR amplification

24.1 Setup following reaction; incubate in PCR machine at 🔥 37 °C for ⌚ 00:30:00

30m

A	B
1:20 pA-Tn5-MeA-MeR	2 µl
4x Tag Buffer	5 µl
Sample	Volume to give 50ng
Nuclease-free water	To 20 µl

24.2 Add  2 µL 0.2% SDS mix and incubate at 🔥 Room temperature for ⌚ 00:10:00 to release tagged fragments; neutralise SDS with  1 µL 4% Triton X100

10m

-  SDS, 10% Solution, RNase-free **Thermo Fisher Catalog #AM9822**
-  10% Triton X-100 **Merck MilliporeSigma (Sigma-Aldrich)**

24.3 Amplify libraries with **NEBnext mix** as following

19m 45s

	A	B
	Sample	23 µl
	2x NEBnext mix	25 µl
	P5_#N 25µM	1 µl
	P7_#N 25uM	1 µl

Run the following programme to amplify libraries:

- 🔥 72 °C ⌚ 00:10:00
- 🔥 98 °C ⌚ 00:03:00
- 11 cycles of:
 - 🔥 98 °C ⌚ 00:00:10
 - 🔥 65 °C ⌚ 00:00:30
 - 🔥 72 °C ⌚ 00:01:00
- 🔥 72 °C ⌚ 00:05:00
- 🔥 4 °C hold

24.4 Purify the amplified library using 0.7x

⊗ Ampure XP beads **Beckman Coulter Catalog #A63881** three times and elute with
 🧪 32 µL of EB.

DNA library amplification

15m 40s

25 Equipment:

- PCR machine (thermocycler)
- Qubit fluorometer
- bioanalyzer

Primers

In addition to the *P7_#N* and *P5_#N* primers listed above in the RNA library prep section you will need:

	A	B
	Name	Sequence
	MEA_LNA	TCGTCGGCAGCGTC AGATGTGTA+TA+AG+AG+AC+AG/3InvdT/

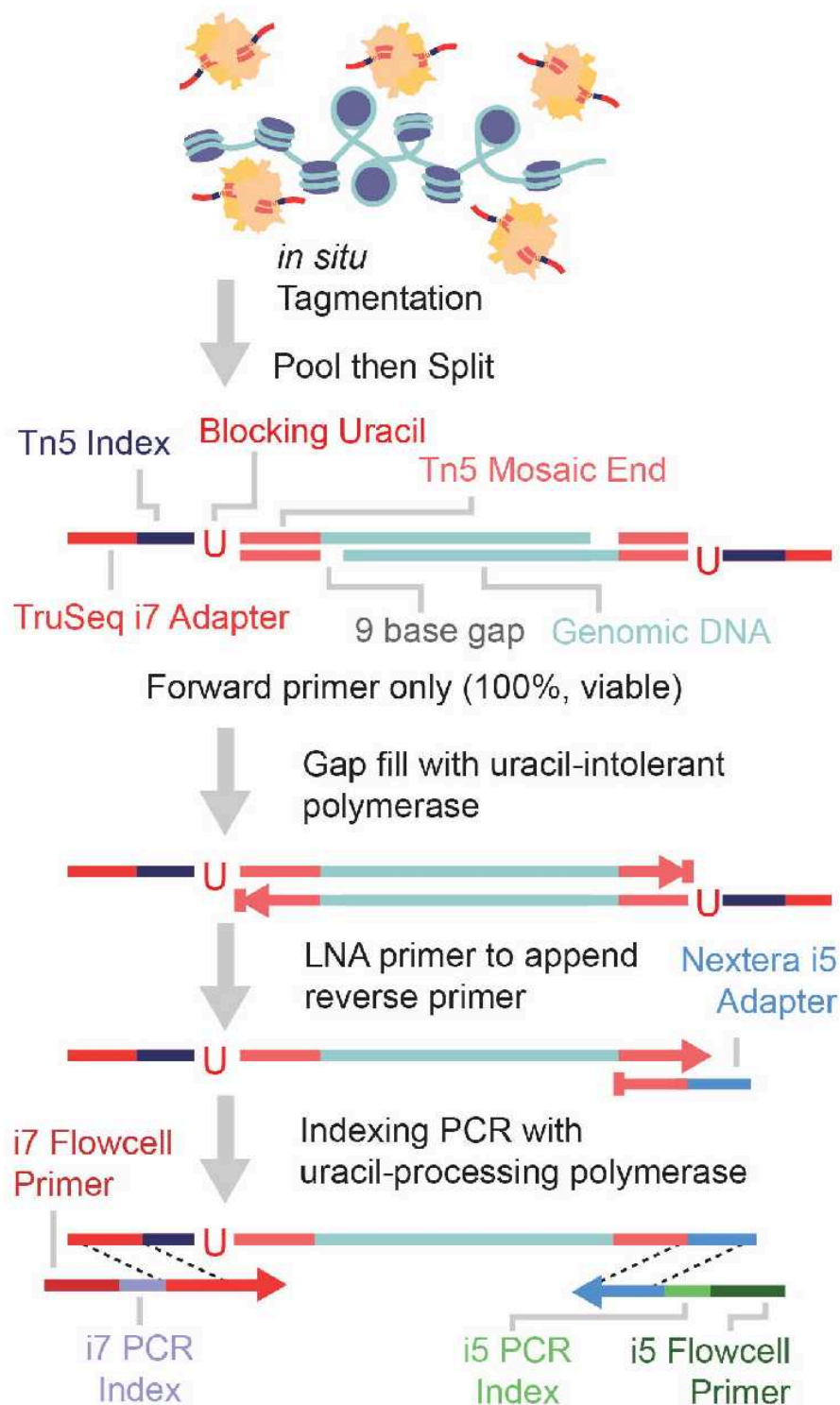


Purify the DNA component using 1.2x

 Ampure XP beads **Beckman Coulter Catalog #A63881** , elute with  21 μ L 0.1x

EB buffer

26 **Add MEA by adapter switching**



Modified from Mulqueen et al. 2021 "[symmetrical strand single-cell combinatorial indexing (s3)]

uses single-adapter transposition to incorporate the forward primer sequence, the Tn5 mosaic end sequence and a reaction-specific DNA barcode. As with standard tagmentation workflows, extension through the bottom strand is then performed to provide adaptor sequences on both ends of each molecule; however, the s3 transposome complexes contain a uracil base immediately following the mosaic end sequence. Use of



complexes contain a uracil base immediately following the mosaic end sequence. Use of a uracil-intolerant polymerase therefore prevents extension beyond the mosaic end into the DNA barcode and forward adaptor sequence. A second template oligo is then introduced that contains a 3'-blocked locked nucleic acid (LNA) mosaic end reverse complement sequence with a reverse adaptor sequence 5' overhang. This oligo favorably anneals to the copied mosaic end sequence, due to the higher melting temperature of LNA, and acts as a template for the library molecule to extend through and copy the reverse adaptor. This results in all library fragments having both a forward and reverse adaptor sequence. The LNA-templated extension is carried out over multiple rounds of thermocycling to ensure maximum efficiency of reverse adaptor incorporation."

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LINK

26.1 Gap filling reaction

10m

🧪 20 µL sample (use all of the sample) + 🧪 8 µL

🧬 NEBNext® High-Fidelity 2X PCR Master Mix **New England Biolabs Catalog #M0541**

run: 🔥 72 °C ⌚ 00:10:00

26.2 Adapter switching reaction

1m 10s

Add 🧪 3 µL [M] 1 micromolar (µM) MEA_LNA

▪ run: 🔥 98 °C ⌚ 00:00:30

▪ 10 cycles of :

- 🔥 98 °C ⌚ 00:00:10

- 🔥 59 °C ⌚ 00:00:20

- 🔥 72 °C ⌚ 00:00:10

26.3 Amplification reaction

4m 30s

Add:

▪ 🧪 50 µL Q5U 2x readymix DNA polymerase



- 15 μL H_2O
- 2 μL PZ_#N (25 micromolar (μM))
- 2 μL P5_#N (25 micromolar (μM))

run: 98 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ 00:00:30

- 10 cycles of:
 - 98 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ 00:00:10
 - 55 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ 00:00:20
 - 72 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ 00:00:30
- 72 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ 00:03:00
- 4 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ hold

27 Take out 50 μL into a new tube and store at -20 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ as a backup, and add extra cycles (4-10 cycles, depending on the sample) to the remaining libraries to generate enough material for sequencing.

28 Purify libraries with 0.7x Ampure XP beads **Beckman Coulter Catalog #A63881** twice, elute with 32 μL EB, check concentration with Qubit, and run samples on Bioanalyzer.

Sequencing

- 29 Use a 150 bp paired-end sequencing kit with the following customised parameters:
- Read 1 with **Nextera adapter** for 100 bp.
(TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTGTATAAGAGACAG)
 - Read 2 with **Illumina Truseq adapter** for 200 bp. (GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCT)
 - Read 2 contains 128 bp for cell barcodes and UMI sequences, plus 72 bp for genomic sequence.
 - i7 index is 6bp
 - i5 index is 8bp

Normally, we add 10% PhiX spike-in for Illumina sequencing machines, and 2% PhiX spike-in for Element AVITI machine.

Data Processing & Analysis



- 30 Data processing can be performed with our analysis pipeline.
See the README file in the pipeline repository for additional details.

Software

nf_mtr_seq

NAME

https://github.com/Rugg-Gunn-Lab/nf_mtr_seq

REPOSITORY

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1504690>

SOURCE LINK

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