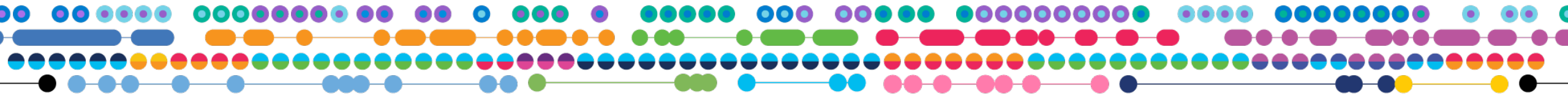


# Chromium Single Cell Gene Expression Solution with Feature Barcoding technology

## Workflow Training

CG000191 Rev A



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## *Agenda*

- Single Cell Gene Expression Introduction
- Solution Overview
- Solution Biochemistry
- Sample Preparation Recommendations
- Chromium Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow
- Technical Specifications and Selected Data

# Chromium Single Cell Gene Expression Solution with Feature Barcoding technology

Solution Features and Overview

# Chromium Single Cell Gene Expression Solution with Feature Barcoding technology

## *Solution Features*



- Unbiased single cell transcriptome 3' gene expression that enables discovery research
- Simultaneously assess perturbation phenotypes, protein abundance and gene expression from the same cell
- Ready-to-use, robust workflow, including demonstrated protocols for various sample types such as cell lines, primary cells, dissociated fresh tissue
- Compatible with whole cells and nuclei
- Latest improvements increase sensitivity enabling the detection of more unique transcripts per cell, potentially decreasing sequencing requirements
- Easy-to-use and convenient software with Cell Ranger Analysis Pipeline and Loupe Cell Browser visualization tools



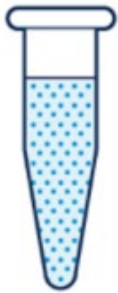
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Input

Library Creation

Sequence

Data Analysis and Visualization

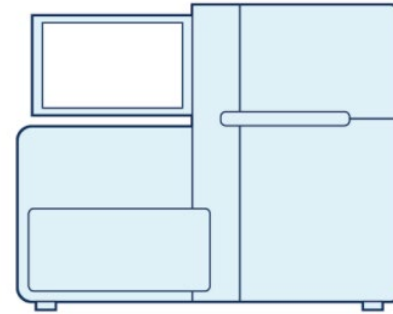


User-Supplied  
Cells or Nuclei

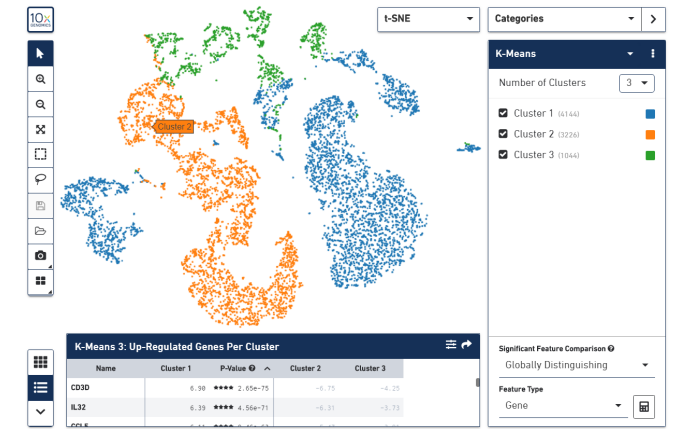


Chromium Controller  
and Single Cell 3' Reagents

- Chromium Single Cell 3' GEM, Library & Gel Bead Kit v3
- Chromium Single Cell 3' Feature Barcode Library Kit
- Chromium Chip B Single Cell Kit
- Chromium i7 Multiplex Kit



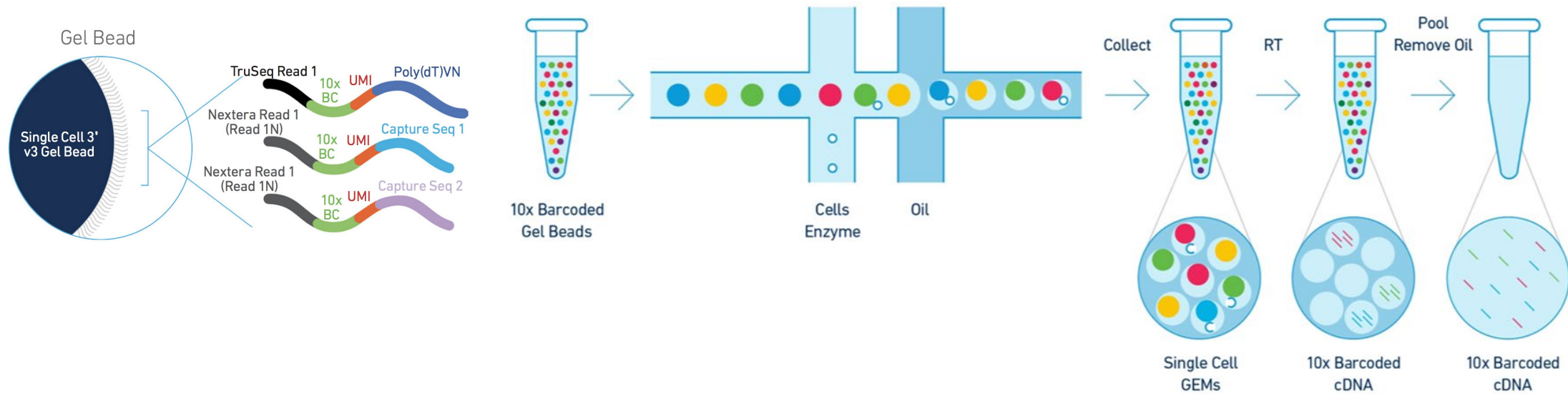
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Cell Ranger  
Loupe Cell Browser

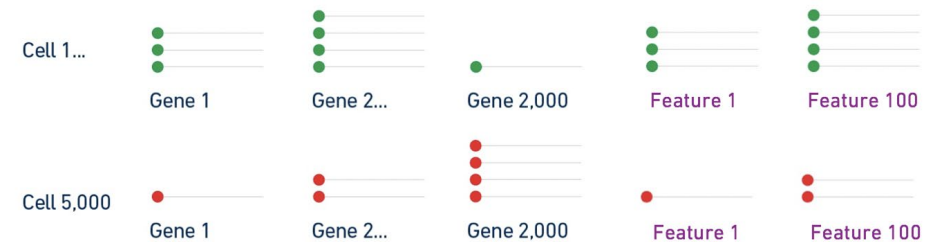
# Single Cell Gene Expression with Feature Barcoding technology

## Biochemistry Overview



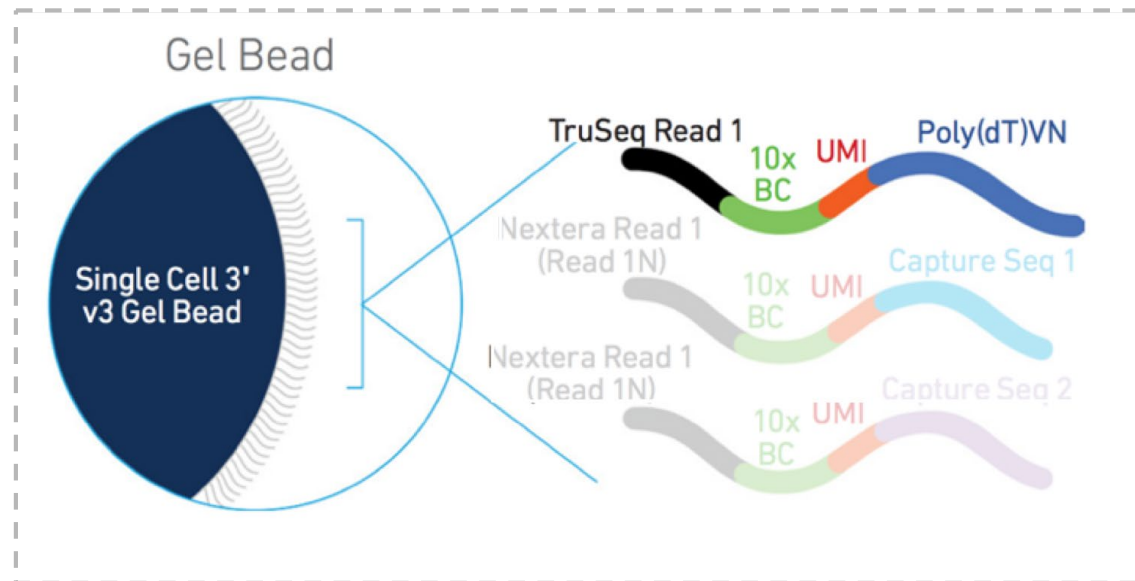
- Inputs:  
10x Gel Beads, Reagents and single cells in suspension
- Outputs:  
Digital gene expression and cell surface protein expression or CRISPR perturbation profiles from every partitioned cell

Transcriptional profiling of individual cells



# Single Cell Gene Expression with Feature Barcoding technology

*Feature Barcoding technology enabled via Single Cell 3' v3 Gel Beads*



## i. TruSeq Read 1

22 nt Partial Illumina TruSeq Read 1 sequence

## ii. 10x BC

16 nt 10x Barcode

~3.6 M defined barcode sequences

## iii. UMI

12 nt Unique Molecular Identifier

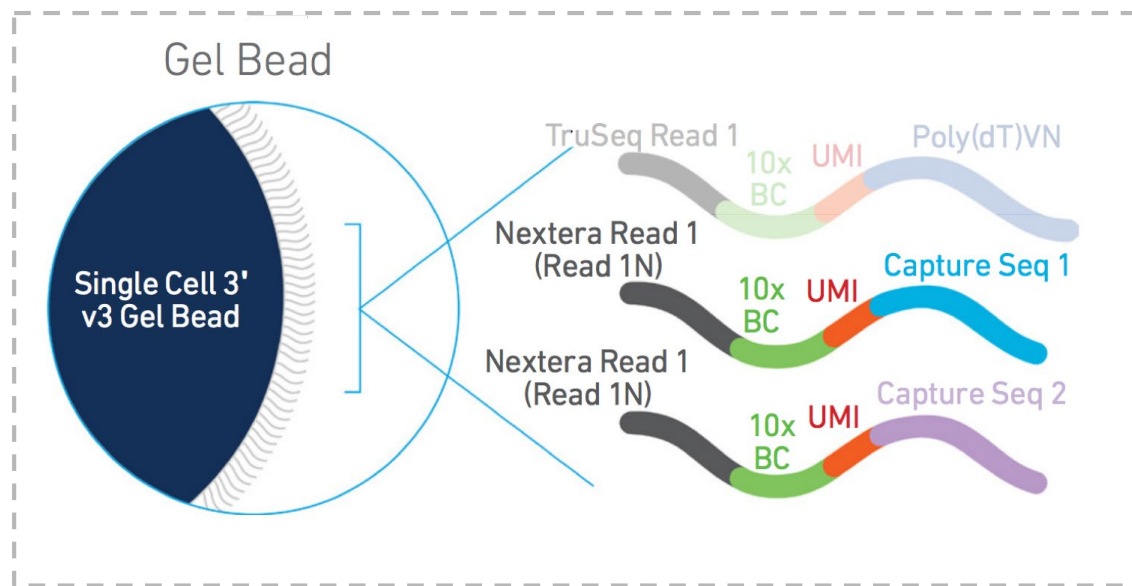
## iv. Poly(dT)VN

30 nt Poly(dT) sequence

Enables capture of poly-adenylated mRNA molecules

# Single Cell Gene Expression with Feature Barcoding technology

*Feature Barcoding technology enabled via Single Cell 3' v3 Gel Beads*



## i. Nextera Read 1 (Read 1N)

22 nt Partial Illumina Nextera Read 1 sequence  
(Enables selective enrichment of the Feature Barcode construct)

## ii. 10x BC

16 nt 10x Barcode  
~3.6 M defined barcode sequences

## iii. UMI

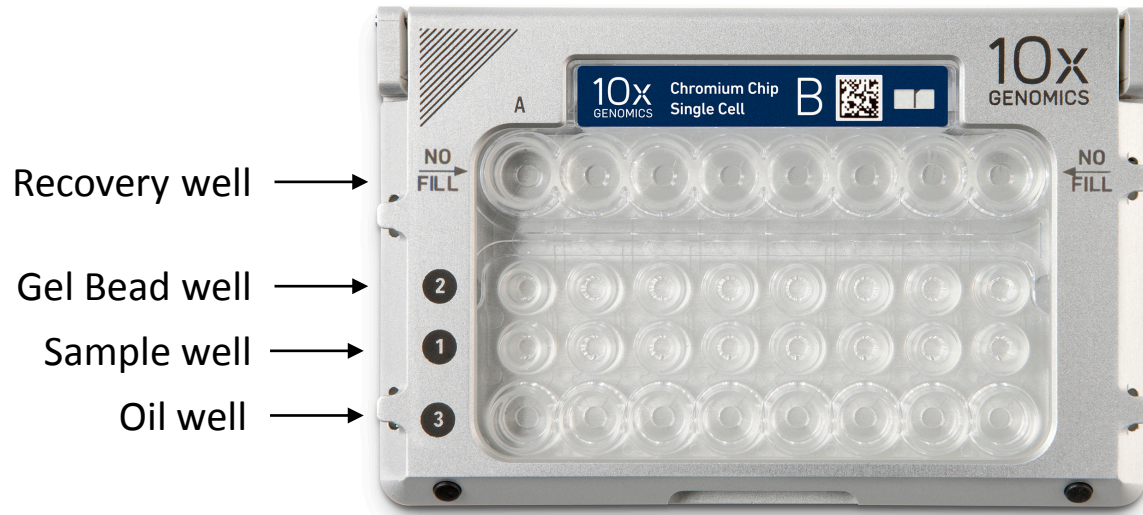
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## iv. Capture Sequence 1 or 2

22 nt sequence that is the reverse complement of the sequence inserted into the DNA (Antibody) or RNA (sgRNA) based Feature

# Chromium Chip B Single Cell Performance

Single-use microfluidics chip



- Up to 8 channels processed in parallel
- 500 to 10000 cells per channel
- 8.5 minute run time per chip
- Up to 30  $\mu\text{m}$  cell diameter tested
- Up to 65 % cell processing efficiency
- Temperature Range 18-28°C

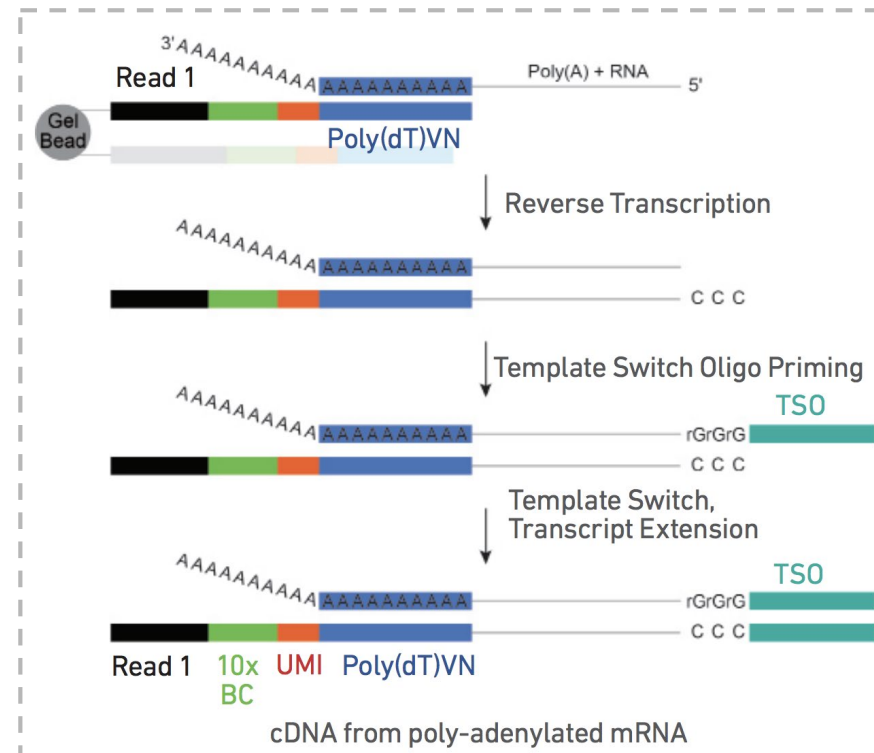
User controlled trade-off between cell numbers and doublet rate

Number of Cells	Expected Multiplet Rate (%)*
500	~0.4
1000	~0.8
5000	~3.9
10000	~7.6

# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow: Target Capture in GEMs

## *Direct capture of poly-adenylated mRNA inside individual GEMs*

Barcoded, full-length cDNA from poly-adenylated mRNA



Note: Gene Expression Poly-adenylated mRNA is directly captured by the corresponding gel bead oligo by Reverse Transcription and Template Switching

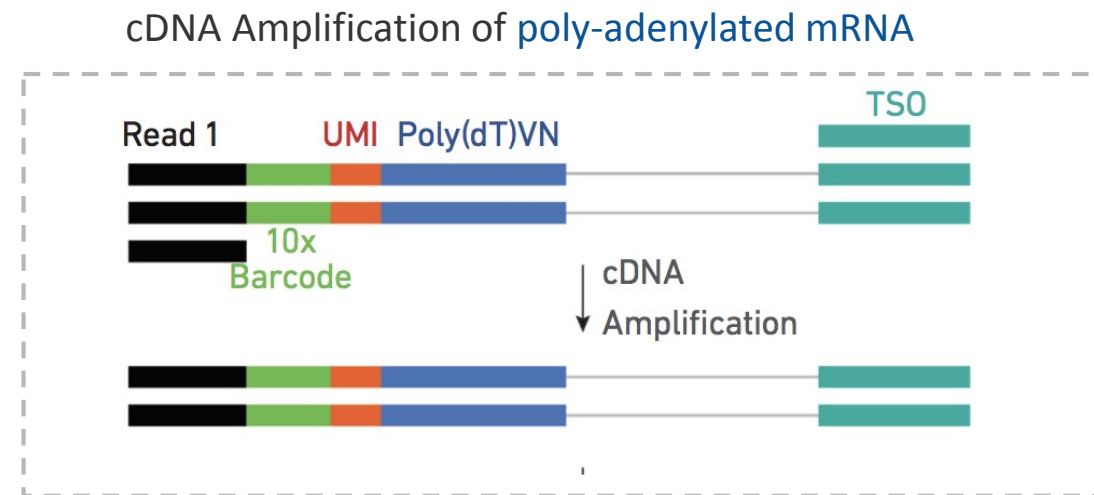
# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow: Breaking GEMs





# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow: cDNA Amplification

## *In Bulk Amplification of cDNA*



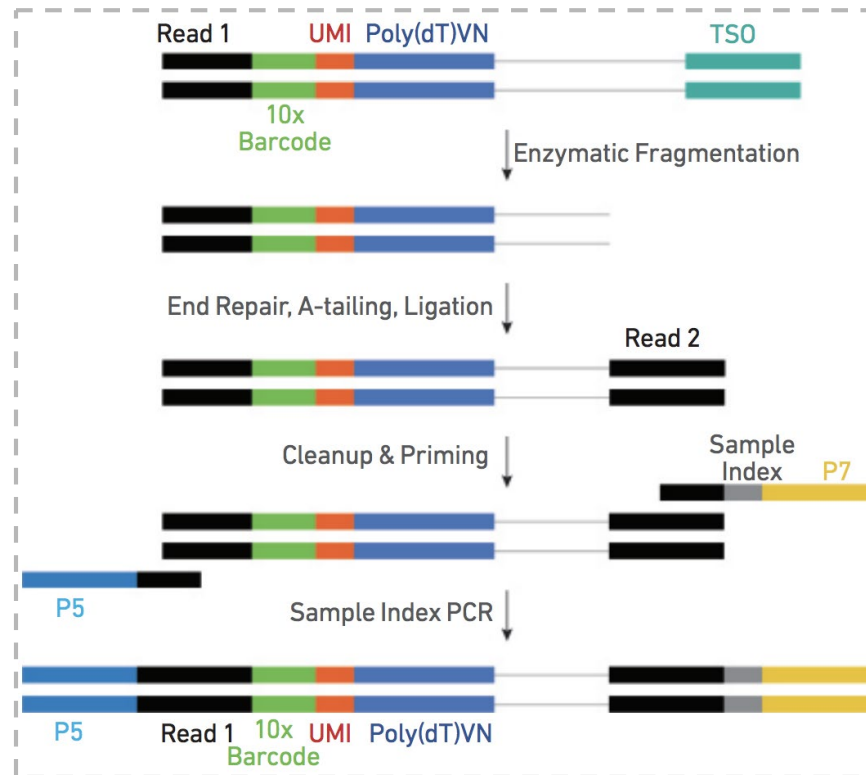
Note: For cDNA Amplification of poly-adenylated mRNA please use: ● cDNA Primers (PN 2000089)



# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow: Library Construction

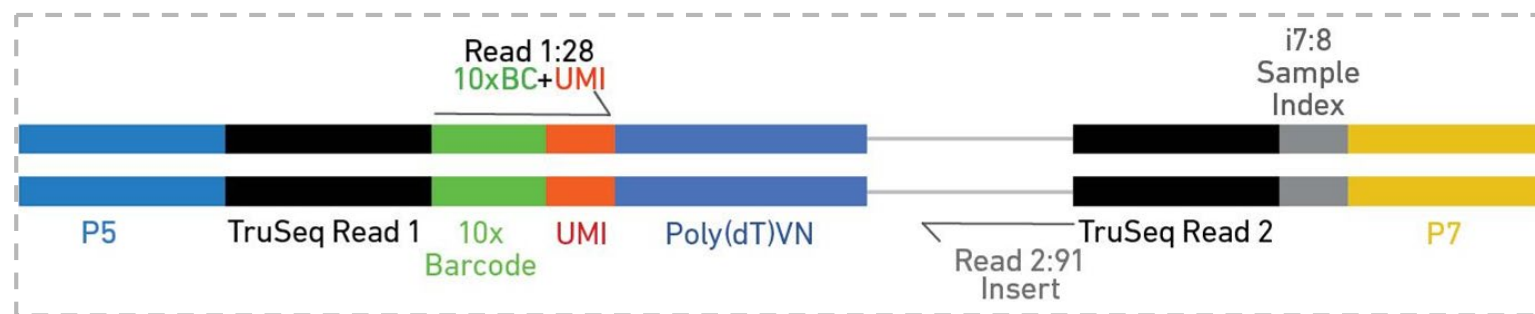
## *In Bulk Library Construction*

Library construction of poly-adenylated mRNA



# Recommended Read Length

## Single Cell 3' Gene Expression Library

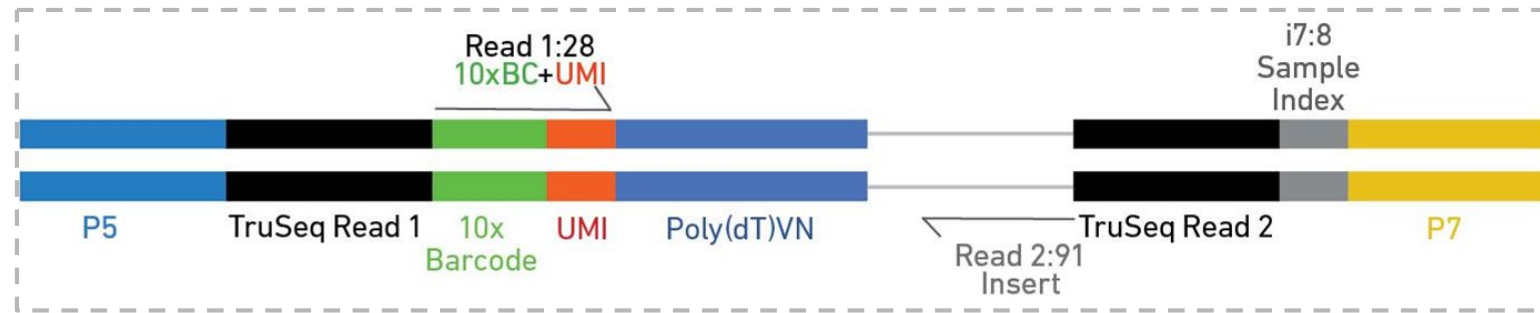


	Read 1	i7 Index	i5 Index	Read 2
Purpose	10x Barcode & UMI	Sample Index	N/A	Transcript
Length	28*	8	0	91

Note: \* If pooled with Single Cell 3' Gene Expression Libraries v2, ensure that the Read 1 length is adjusted to 28 bp

# Supported Sequencers

## Single Cell 3' Gene Expression Library



	Single Cell 3' Gene Expression
Raw Read Pairs per Cell	Minimum 20,000



MiSeq



NextSeq



HiSeq2500



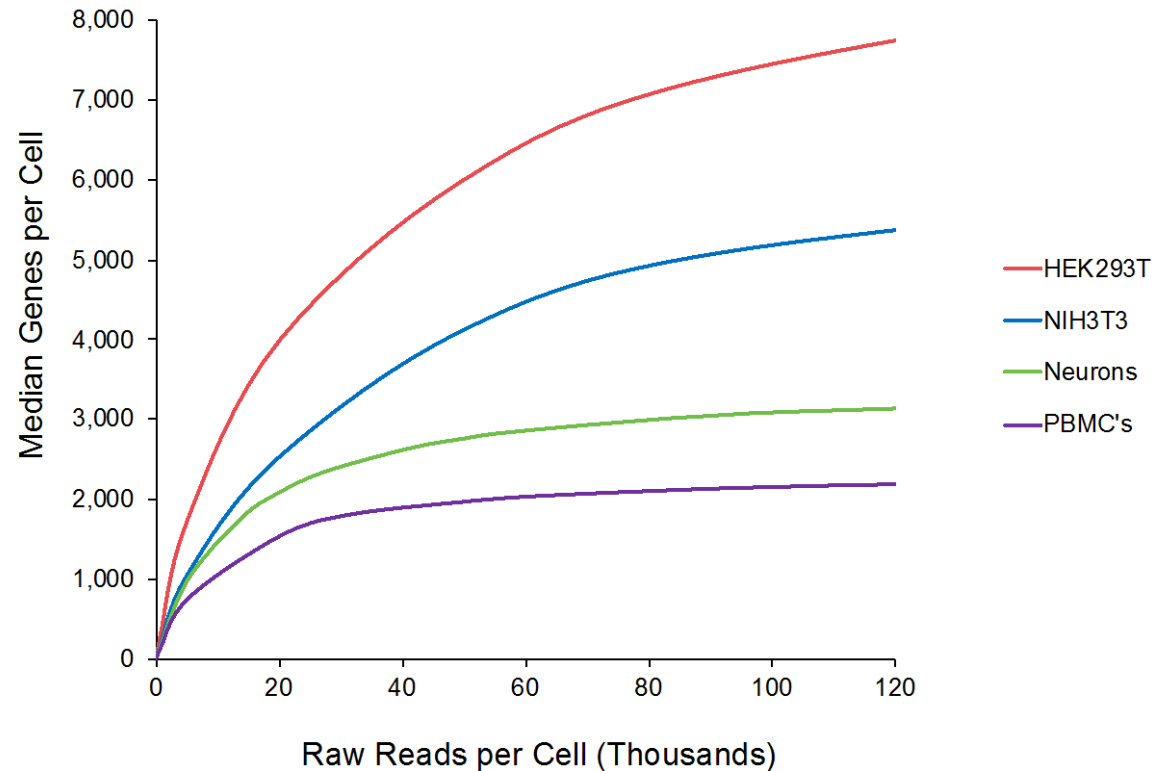
HiSeq 3000/4000



NovaSeq

# Sequencing Depth for Typical Samples

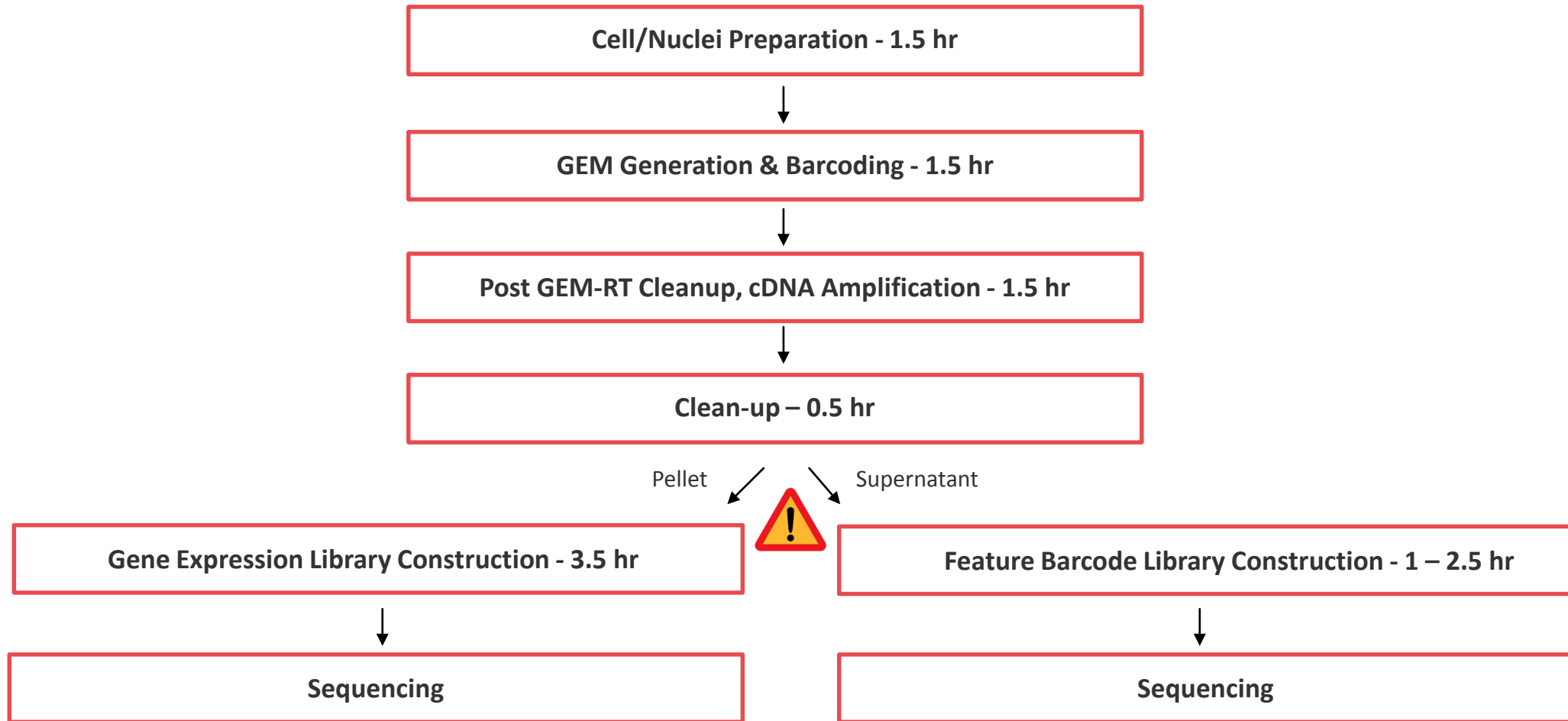
## Gene Expression Libraries



- 20,000 raw read pairs per cell is the recommended minimum sequencing depth for typical samples.
- Given variability in cell counting and loading, extra sequencing may be required if the cell count is higher than anticipated.

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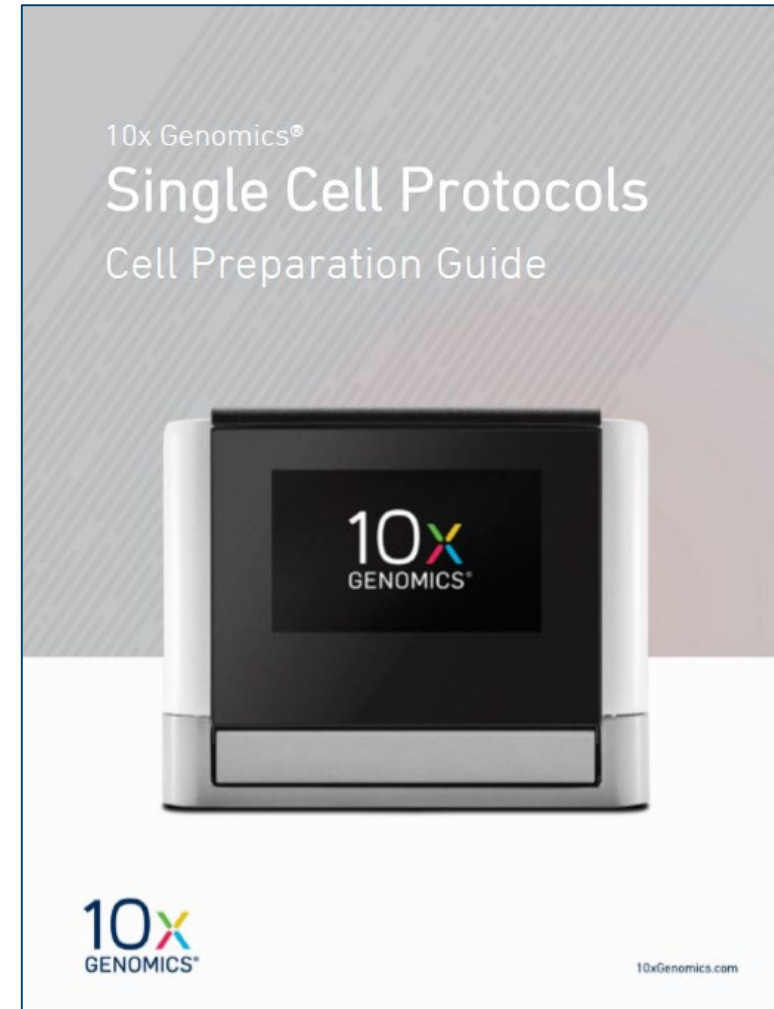
## *Library Preparation*



# Sample Preparation Recommendations

# Cell Preparation

- Cell prep guide includes recommendations/tips for preparing cells.
- Demonstrated Protocols available on 10x support website.  
(e.g. fresh frozen PBMCs, neural tissue dissociation)
- Flow-sorted and primary white blood cells can generally be treated like suspension cell lines.

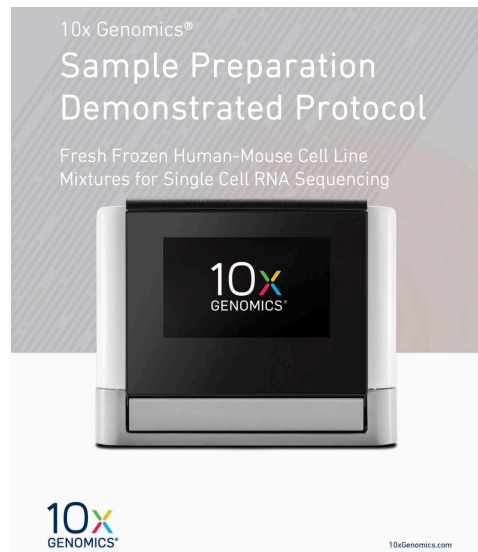


# Single Cell 3' Gene Expression and Feature Barcode technology

*Routine use of demonstrated protocols – Optimization may be required*

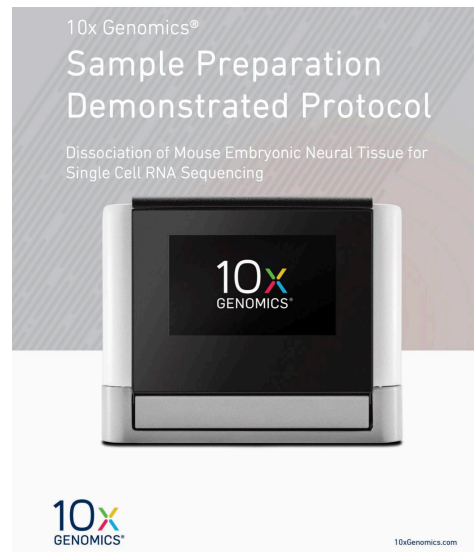
**CG00014**

**Fresh Frozen Human-Mouse Cell Line Mixtures for Single Cell RNA Sequencing**



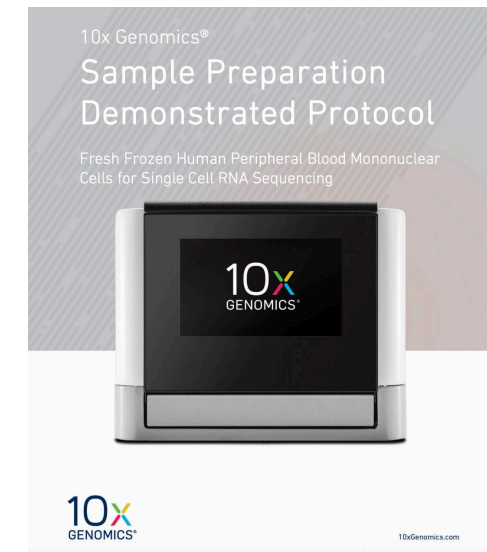
**CG00055**

**Dissociation of Mouse Embryonic Neural Tissue for Single Cell RNA Sequencing**



**CG00039**

**Fresh Frozen Human Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells for Single Cell RNA Sequencing**

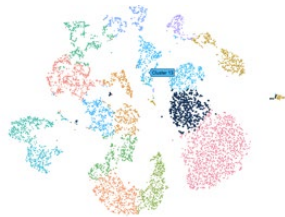




# General Cell Handling Recommendations

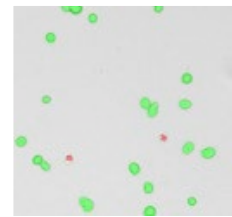
## Analysis of Single Cell Transcriptomes

- Requires a fully dissociated, **single cell suspension**.
- Minimizing the presence of cellular aggregates, dead cells, non-cellular nucleic acids and potential inhibitors of reverse transcription is critical to obtaining high quality data.
- Suspension cell lines, bead-enriched and flow-sorted cells can be used directly after washing.



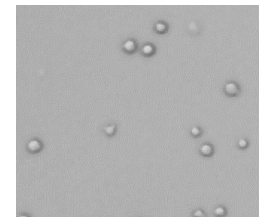
## Importance of Input Cell Quality

- Ideally, input cell suspensions should contain more than **90% viable cells**.
- The presence of a high fraction of non-viable or dying cells may decrease recovery.
  - The presence of ambient RNA and cellular debris may impact application performance and negatively impact quality metrics reported by Cell Ranger.



## Cell Handling

- It is important to **treat cells gently** to minimize cell lysis and loss:
  - When cells lyse, the released ambient mRNA will contaminate other GEMs
  - Wash cells twice using a wide-bore pipette tip to remove ambient RNA and contaminants.
  - Wash and resuspend in PBS + 0.04% non-acetylated BSA to minimize cell loss during handling.



# General Cell Handling Recommendations

## Debris/Aggregate Removal

- Use a cell strainer to remove aggregates or debris from washed cells.
- The presence of cell aggregates, debris and/or fibers can result in inaccurate cell counts.
- GEM generation occurs in microfluidic channels that are narrower than the typical human hair (i.e.  $< 100 \mu\text{m}$ ) and the presence of cell debris or large aggregates may clog or wet the chip.



## Cell Counting

- Quantitate cells accurately before loading into the system
  - Approximately 65% loaded cells will be recovered.
  - To maximize the likelihood of achieving the desired recovery target, the optimal input cell concentration is 700-1200 cells/ $\mu\text{l}$ .
  - Recommended range: 500 to 10,000 recovered cells.
  - Under- or over-loading may impact application performance.






## Storage of Single Cell Suspensions

- Cell suspensions should always be kept on ice and where possible proceed with cell loading immediately after sample preparation.
  - Ideally incubation time should be kept to a minimum ( $< 30 \text{ min}$ ).
- Some cell types are more fragile and cell viability may decrease significantly if not processed and loaded immediately.



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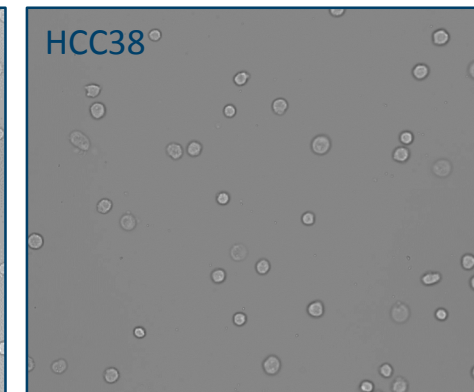
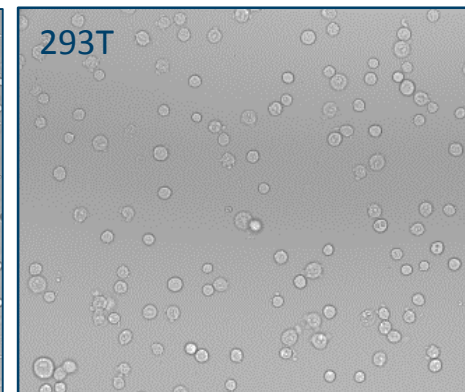
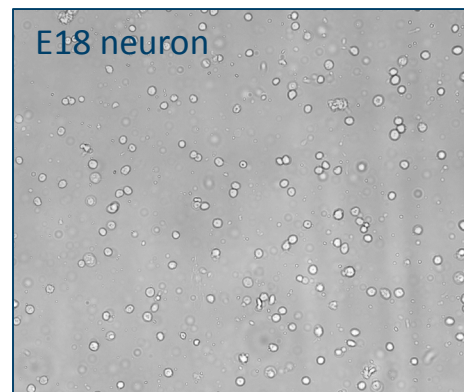
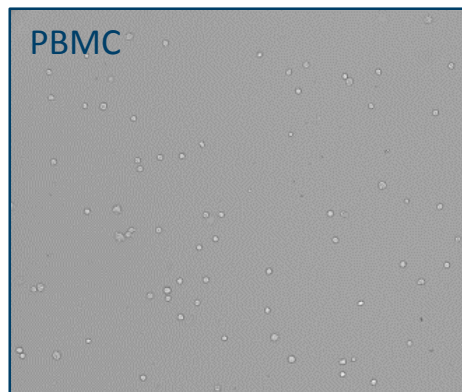
## *Diverse Sample Types Validated*

Sample Type	Gene Expression 	Feature Barcode Cell Surface Protein 	Feature Barcode CRISPR Screening 
HEK293T	✓	✓	
Jurkat	✓	✓	✓
K562	✓		✓
Raji	✓	✓	
NA12878	✓	✓	
NIH3T3	✓		
Embryonic Mouse Cortex, Hippocampus, Ventricular Zone	✓		
Embryonic Mouse Whole Heart (Pre-dissociated)	✓		
Glioblastoma Multiforme (Stage III-B)	✓	✓	
Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma (Mucosa Associated Lymphoid Tissue)	✓	✓	
Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells – Human	✓	✓	
Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells – Human : Pig	✓		
Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells – Human : Mouse	✓	✓	
Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells – Human (Multiple Myeloma)	✓	✓	
Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells – Human (Lupus)	✓	✓	
Bone Marrow Mononuclear Cells	✓	✓	

# Cell Types Tested at 10x Genomics

Cells Tested	Species	Cell Source	Total RNA (pg/cell)*	Cell Size (µm)
PBMC	human	extracted from blood	~0.75	~5-10
E18 neuron	mouse	brain tissue	~ 2 - 3	~9
Jurkat	human	suspension	5.5	~12
Raji	human	suspension	7.3	~12
293T	human	adherent	14.2	~18
3T3	mouse	adherent	16.1	~18
HCC1954	human	adherent	15.7	~18
HCC38	human	adherent	21.6	~30

*\*Determined by Qubit assay & extracted by using Maxwell RSC SimplyRNA cells kit*



# Wide Working Window of Total RNA Input

# of Cells Recovered	Total RNA Input*			
	PBMC's (RNA content per cell: 1 pg)	Jurkat Cells (RNA content per cell: 6 pg)	293T cells (RNA content per cell: 15 pg)	HCC38 cells (RNA content per cell: 22 pg)
500	0.5 ng	3 ng	7.5 ng	11 ng
1000	1 ng	6 ng	15 ng	22 ng
2000	2 ng	12 ng	30 ng	44 ng
3000	3 ng	18 ng	45 ng	66 ng
4000	4 ng	24 ng	60 ng	88 ng
5000	5 ng	30 ng	75 ng	110 ng
6000	6 ng	36 ng	90 ng	132 ng
7000	7 ng	42 ng	105 ng	154 ng
8000	8 ng	48 ng	120 ng	176 ng
9000	9 ng	54 ng	135 ng	198 ng
10000	10 ng	60 ng	150 ng	220 ng

\*Cell lines we have worked with in-house

- Wide working window of total RNA input drives several key workflow decisions.
- Supporting potentially 0.5 – 220 ng of total RNA input requires high ligation adaptor, sample index and SI-PCR primer concentrations.
- To ensure high quality sequencing libraries two double-sided SPRI's have been included into the workflow (1) after Fragmentation / End Repair and A-tailing and (2) after sample index PCR.

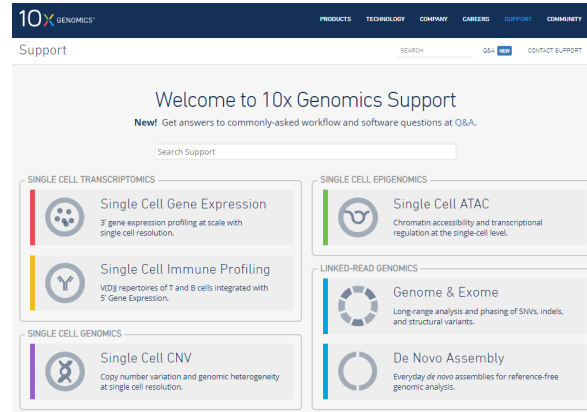
# Rough Pipetting Leads to Cell Lysis and Lower Reads in Cells

## *Application Performance Metrics Reflect Rough Cell Handling*

Metric	Control	Wide Bore (Rough)	Narrow Bore (Rough)	Vortex 5s
Number of Cells	1,118	846	1,012	983
Reads per Cell	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Fraction Reads in Cells	79.40%	72.80%	54.00%	63.10%
Median Genes per Cell	3,137	3,180	2,833	2,934
Median UMI counts per Cell	10,726	11,053	8,832	9,503

- If cells are handled too roughly, many will lyse, releasing mRNA into the cell suspension buffer.
- The ambient RNA will be incorporated into the sequenced library, but will not be associated with cell-containing GEMs. This effectively increases the background, while decreasing the Fraction of Reads in Cells.

# Single Cell Sample Prep Resources from 10x Genomics



- [support.10xgenomics.com](https://support.10xgenomics.com)
- Protocols are free to download
- Start with the flowchart “Guidelines for Optimal Sample Preparation”

## General Sample Preparation Guidelines

- Guidelines for Optimal Sample Preparation
- Guidelines for Accurate Target Cell Counts
- General Cell Preparation Guide
- Preparation of Single Cell Suspensions from Cultured Cell Lines
- Isolation of Nuclei

## Preparation of Specific Sample Types

- Fresh Frozen Human-Mouse Cell Line Mixtures
- Fresh Frozen Human Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells
- Dissociation of Mouse Embryonic Neural Tissue
- Tumor Dissociation
- Methanol Fixation of Cells
- Moss Protoplast Suspensions

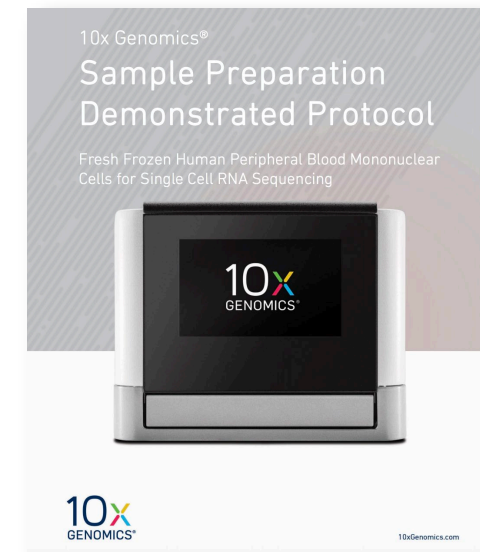
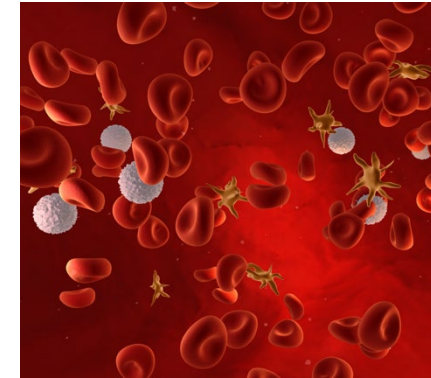
## Sample Improvement

- Enrichment of CD3+ T Cells from Dissociated Tissues
- Removal of Dead Cells from Single Cell Suspensions

# Sample Types

## PBMCs (*Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells*)

- Optimal freezing conditions for cryopreservation
  - 40 % FBS, 10 or 15% DMSO in IMDM; 1 – 10 million cells per cryotube, 4 °C
- Thawing protocol
  - Rapidly thaw cryovial (37 °C water bath for 2-3 minutes)
  - Add 1 mL warm media dropwise (1 drop per 5 sec)
  - Serially dilute cells with thawing medium, with steps of 1:1 volume additions
    - Critical: dropwise addition of medium allows cells sufficient time for gradual loss of DMSO and therefore prevents osmotic lysis.
  - Wash with medium followed by PBS/BSA



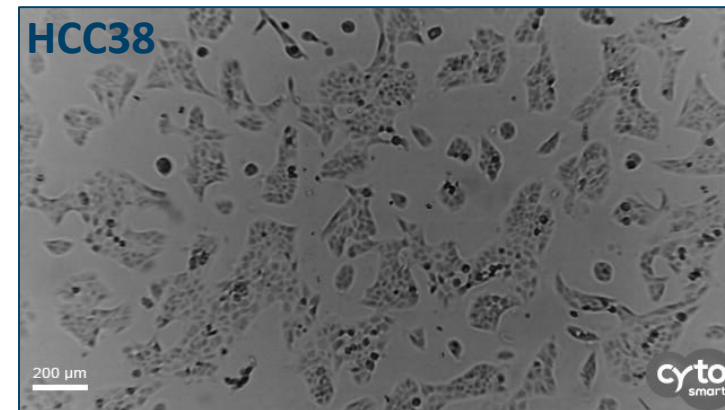
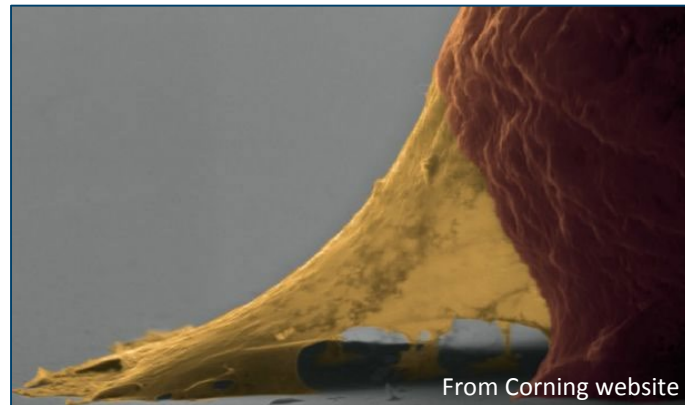


# Sample Types

## *Adherent Cells Require Trypsin Treatment to Dissociate Cells from Culture Surface*

- Incubation time varies with cell type: over-incubation may damage cells
- Confirm the complete digestion using a light microscope

Cell Type	Approximate Cell Dissociation Time
Embryonic Cells (293T, 3T3)	5 min
Breast Cancer HCC38, HCC1954	10 min
Breast Cancer HCC1143	15 min



# Sample Types

## *Dissociating Cultured Cell Lines, Primary cells, and Solid tissue*

- Cultured cell lines
  - Enzymatic dissociation
    - Collagenase (e.g. differentiated cells in culture), Dispase (e.g. differentiated cells in culture), Accutase (e.g. iPSCs, hESCs), Accumax (e.g. iPSCs, hESCs), Trypsin-EDTA (e.g. fibroblasts), TrypLE (e.g. fibroblasts)
- Primary cells
  - FAC-sorted
  - Magnetic-bead purified (e.g. Miltenyi Microbeads)
  - Gradient-purified (e.g. Percoll, Optiprep, Apheresis)
- Solid tissue
  - Best practices in 10x Genomics DP for mouse neuronal cells
  - Refer to publications (Worthington database)
  - Enzymatic dissociation
    - Papain (neurons), Collagenase, Dispase, Accutase, Accumax, Trypsin-EDTA
  - Mechanic dissociation (less frequent)
    - Cut, pipette, centrifugal mill

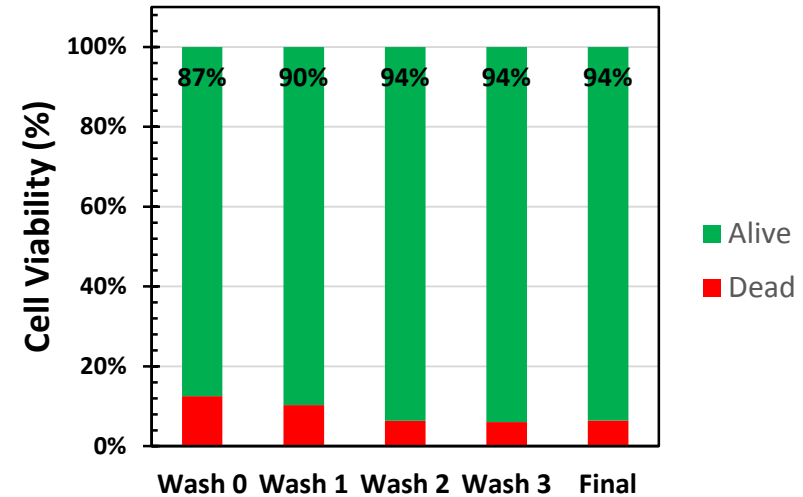
# Cell Washing

## Washing isolated cells

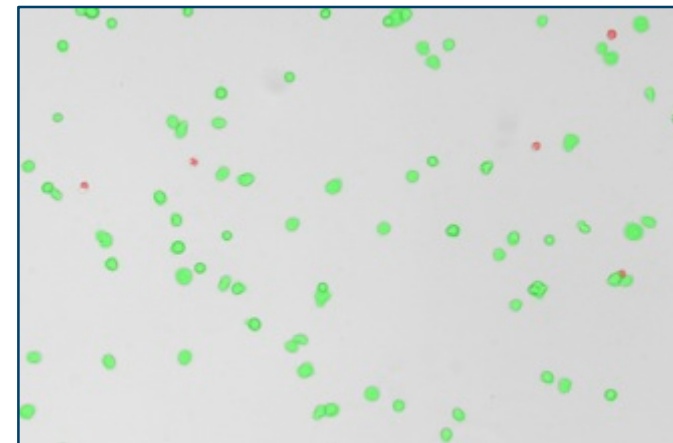
- Transfer cells in media to a 2 mL Eppendorf tube
- Spin down cells to form pellet
  - Depending on cell size and concentration, pellet size varies
- Remove supernatant
- Gently add 1x PBS + 0.04% BSA away from cell pellet
- Gently pipette mix with Wide Bore pipette tip
- Repeat the wash one more time
- Spin down cells to form pellet
- Remove supernatant
- Resuspend cells in 1x PBS + 0.04% BSA with gentle pipette mix
  - **For accurate cell counting, do not invert tubes**
- Adjust to desired cell concentration

**Note:** PBS can be replaced with most common cell culture buffers and media if cells are unstable in PBS

### Jurkat: PBS Washes



### Live/Dead Staining of Final Suspension



# Recommendations for Limited Samples

## *Samples with low starting numbers of cells*

- If using FACS, directly sort cells into the optimal media for the cell type
- If necessary, strain cells when cells are still dilute and in media
- Count cells before washing to estimate the approximate cell number
  - This step will minimize cells lost to counting
  - This step will allow one to add appropriate volume of PBS for resuspension to achieve a target concentration
- Spin down cells in 2mL Round bottom LoBind tubes
  - Inefficient centrifugation may lead to further loss of cells
  - Smaller cells: use higher speed and longer time for centrifugation
  - Important: know the expected position of the pellet as pellet may be invisible to naked eyes
- Washing may be skipped if the number of available cells are very small
  - Recommend washing cells once.
  - Centrifuge once, remove supernatant but ~ 50  $\mu$ l, and resuspend cells in the leftover supernatant.
  - Important to remove residual Mg<sup>2+</sup> and EDTA. A 2-fold change up or down in Mg<sup>2+</sup> concentration will affect the efficiency of the RT step.

# Alternative Buffer and Media

## *Tested in-house*

- Tested input volume: 2.5 and 33  $\mu$ l
- **Alternative Buffer:** no influence on performance
  - Dulbecco's Phosphate-Buffered Saline (DPBS)
  - Hank's Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS)
- **Alternative Media:** minimal reduction to no loss in performance
  - Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium (EMEM) + 10% FBS
  - Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM) + 10% FBS
  - Iscove's Modified Eagle Medium (IMEM) + 10% FBS
  - Roswell Park Memorial Institute (RPMI) + 10% FBS
  - Ham's F12 + 10% FBS
  - 1:1 DMEM/F12 +10% FBS
  - M199



# Debris Removal

## Filtering cell suspensions

- Strainers with appropriate pore sizes should be used to allow cells to pass through the filter while cellular debris and aggregates are retained



**Pro:** required sample volume is low

**Con:** sample concentration is decreased by 20 to 40% after straining

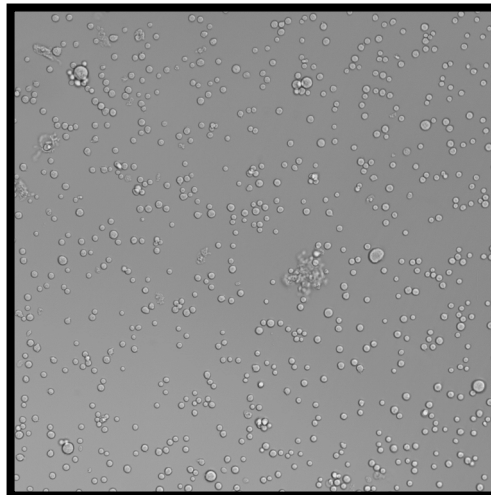


**Pro:** minimal change in sample concentration

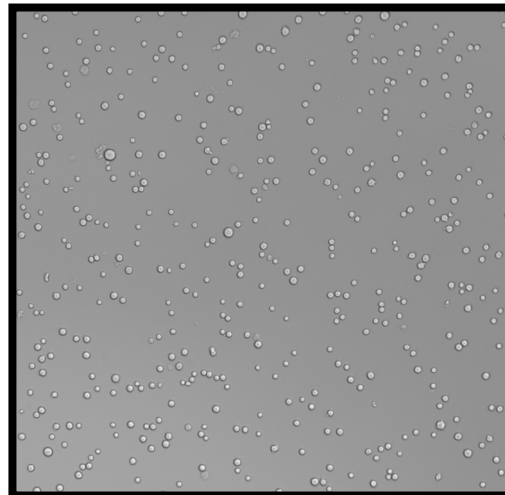
**Con:** required minimal volume is ~ 500  $\mu$ L + loss of sample by 100 - 150  $\mu$ L

Flowmi™ Cell Strainer (Bel-Art Products)

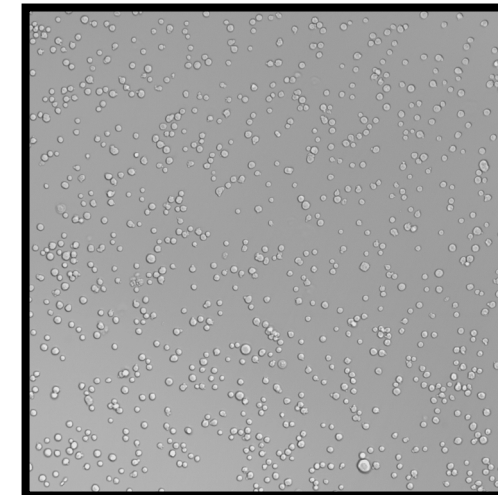
MACS® SmartStrainer (Miltenyi Biotec)



Unfiltered Jurkat cells



Jurkat cells filtered with FlowMi (40  $\mu$ m)



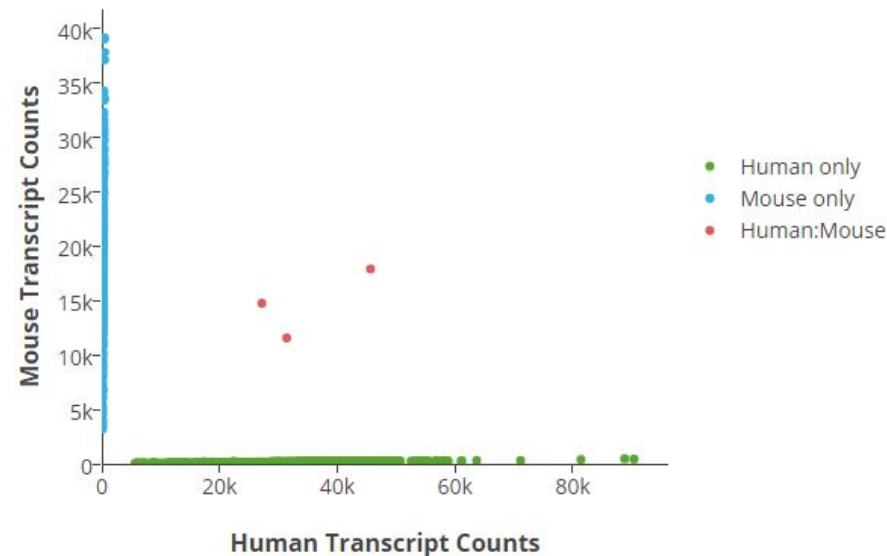
Jurkat cells filtered with MACS (30  $\mu$ m)

# Human-mouse mixture control (Optional)

- 1:1 mixture of cryopreserved 293T (human) and 3T3 (mouse) cells
- No cell culture required
- Rapidly thaw cryovial (37 °C water bath for 2-3 minutes)
- Wash in PBS + 0.04% BSA and count cells
- Add to Master Mix for GEM generation

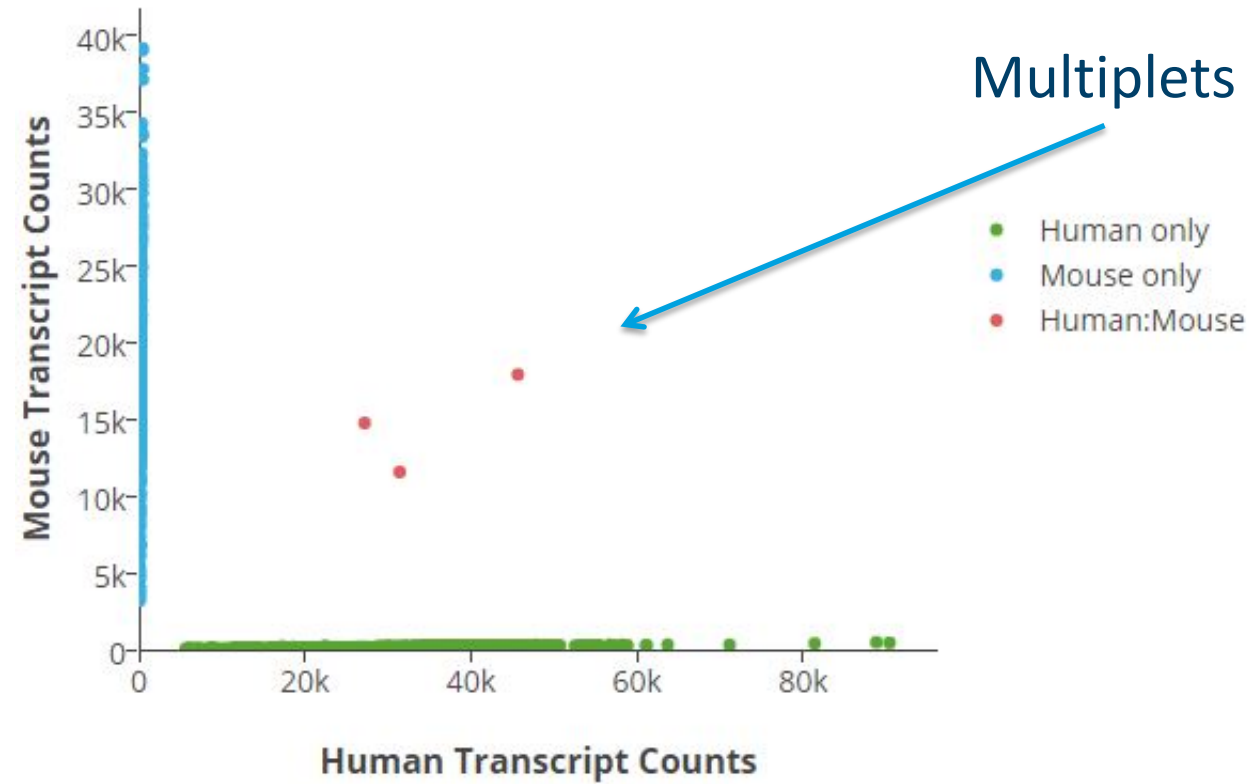
# Human-mouse mixture control (Optional)

- Goal: Establish functionality of the system
- Mix ~500 human and ~500 mouse cells
- 5,000 reads per cell is sufficient sequencing depth for the human-mouse mixture and for library QC.
- Cell Ranger reports specific metrics when given a mouse-human mixture that cannot be obtained otherwise:
  - Multiplet rate
  - UMI count purity



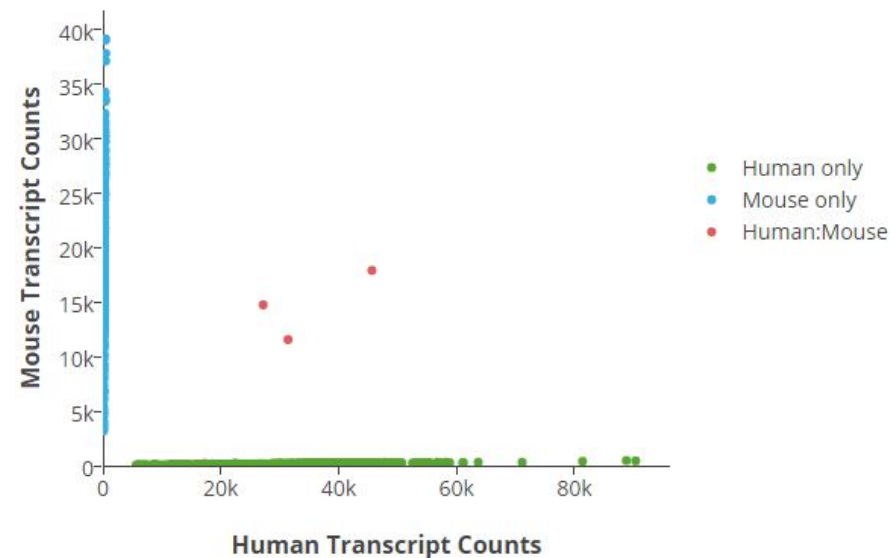
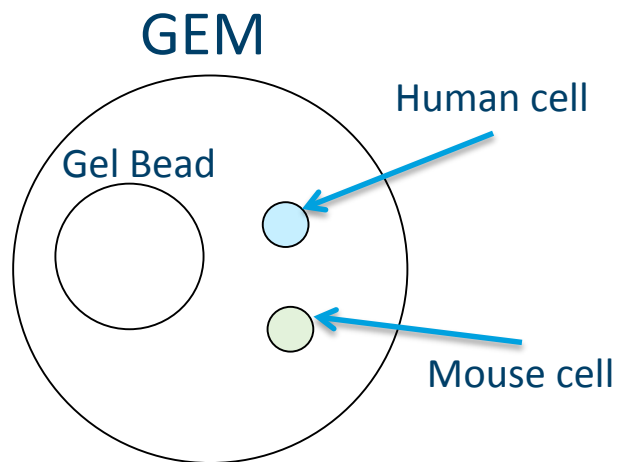


# The human-mouse mixing experiment



# Calculating the Multiplet Rate






- Count GEMs that are more likely to be multiplets than singletons
- Infer the number of unobserved multiplets
  - In a 1:1 mixing ratio, this should be equal to the number of observed multiplets
- The reported multiplet rate will be approximately twice the number of “Multiplet” dots seen on the plot.



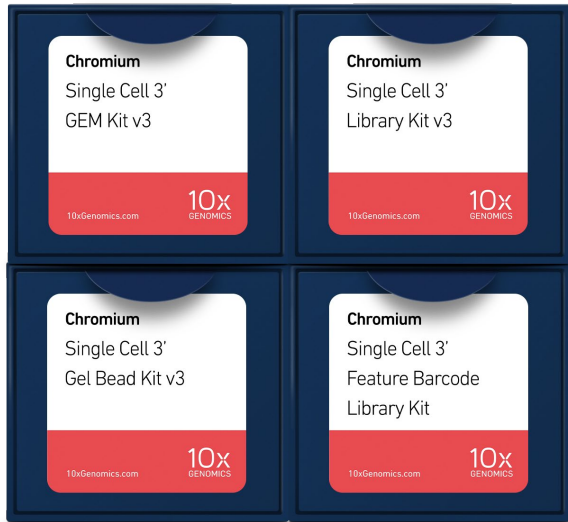
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Workflow

# Protocol Steps & Timing

Day	Steps	Timing	Stop & Store
2 h	<b>Cell Preparation</b>		
	Dependent on Cell Type	~1-1.5 h	
4 h	<b>Step 1 – GEM Generation &amp; Barcoding</b>		
	1.1 Prepare Reaction Mix	20 min	
	1.2 Load Chromium Single Cell B Chip	10 min	
	1.3 Run the Chromium Controller	8.5 min	
	1.4 Transfer GEMs	3 min	
	1.5 GEM-RT Incubation	55 min	 4°C ≤72 h or -20°C ≤1 week
6 h	<b>Step 2 – Post GEM-RT Cleanup &amp; cDNA Amplification</b>		
	2.1 Post GEM RT-Cleanup – Dynabead	45 min	
	2.2 cDNA Amplification	40 min	 4°C ≤72 h or -20°C ≤1 week
	2.3 cDNA Cleanup – SPRIselect	20 min	 4°C ≤72 h -20°C ≤4 weeks
	2.4 cDNA QC & Quantification	50 min	
8 h	<b>Step 3 – 3' Gene Expression Library Construction</b>		
	3.1 Fragmentation, End Repair & A-tailing	50 min	
	3.2 Post Fragmentation, End Repair & A-tailing Double Sided Size Selection – SPRIselect	30 min	
	3.3 Adaptor Ligation	25 min	
	3.4 Post Ligation Cleanup- SPRIselect	20 min	
	3.5 Sample Index PCR	40 min	 4°C ≤72 h
	3.6 Post Sample Index PCR Double Sided Size Selection- SPRIselect	30 min	 4°C ≤72 h or -20°C long term
3.7 Post Library Construction QC	50 min		

# Getting Started: Equilibrate Reagents



From -80 °C storage – Place at room temperature:



Remove the **Chromium Single Cell 3' v3 Gel Beads** from -80 °C storage and equilibrate to room temperature for **30 min.**

**Failure to equilibrate Gel Beads for 30 minutes will lead to run failure.**

From -20 °C storage – Place at room temperature:



Remove the:

- **RT Reagent (blue cap)**
- **Reducing Agent B (white cap)**
- **Template Switch Oligo (blue cap)** provided as lyophilized oligos; after resuspension, *store unused primers at -80°C*

from the **Single Cell 3' GEM Kit v3** stored at -20 °C and equilibrate to room temperature for at least **10 min.**

From -20 °C storage – Place on ice:

Remove the:

- **RT Enzyme C (blue cap)**

from the **Single Cell 3' GEM Kit v3** stored at -20 °C and place on ice.

From room temperature storage:

Remove the:

- **Partitioning Oil (clear cap)**
- **Chip B Single Cell, Gasket, Chip Holder**

from room temperature storage.

# Targeted Number of Cells

## Calculate Volumes of Cell suspension and Water Required to Achieve Targeted Cell Recovery

- Cell Suspension Volume Calculator Table is provided in the User Guide
- Targeted Cell Recovery numbers take into account a 65% cell processing efficiency
- For Example:
  - Targeting 5000 cells with a cell concentration of 1000 cells/ $\mu$ l:
    - Add 38.6  $\mu$ l water
    - Add 8.0  $\mu$ l cell suspension

**Cell Suspension Volume Calculator Table (for step 1.2)**

**Volume of Cell Suspension Stock per reaction ( $\mu$ l) | Volume of Nuclease-free Water per reaction ( $\mu$ l)**

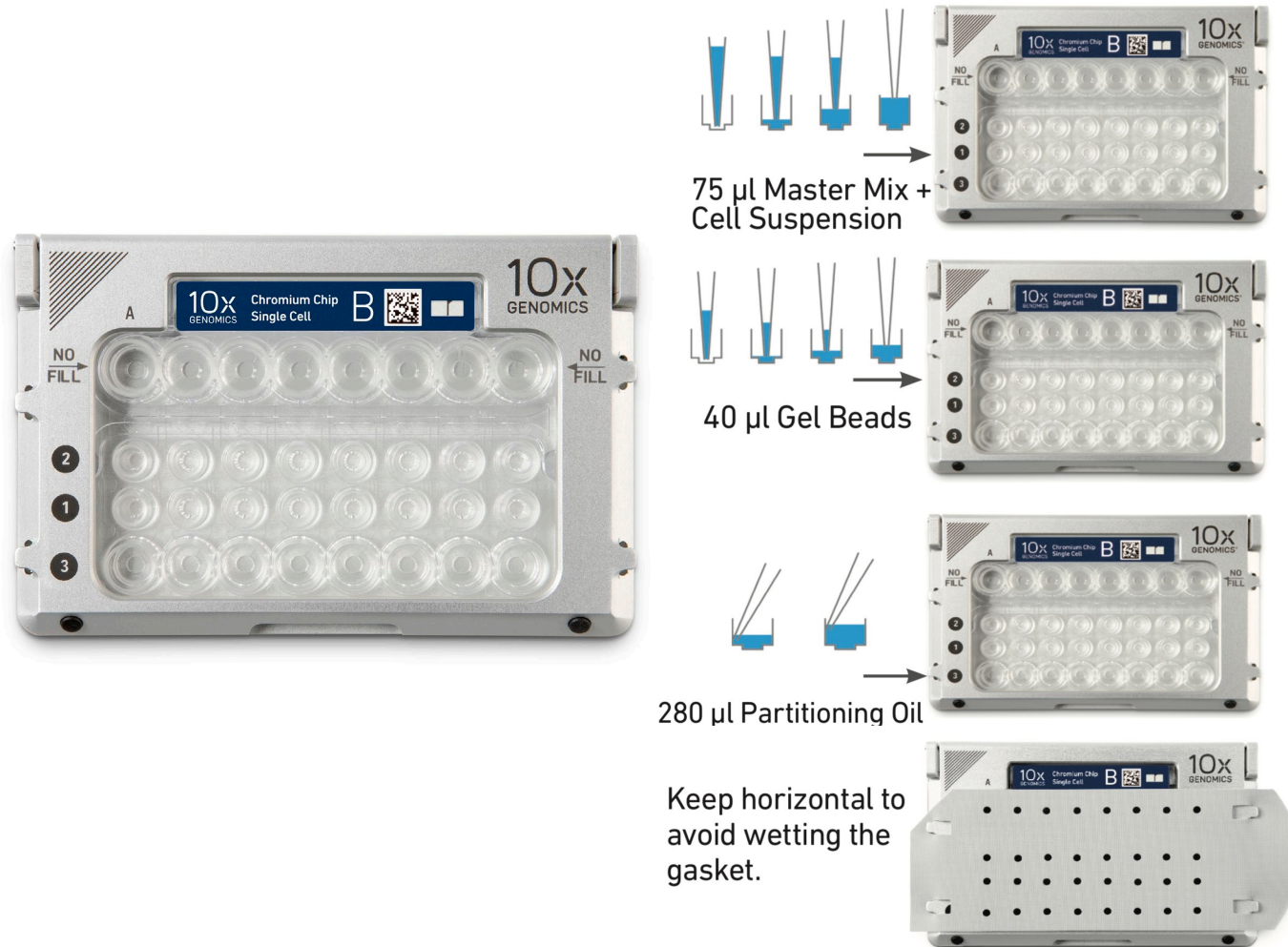
Cell Stock Concentration (Cells/ $\mu$ l)	Targeted Cell Recovery										
	500	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000	9000	10000
100	8.0 38.6	16.0 30.6	32.0 14.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
200	4.0 42.6	8.0 38.6	16.0 30.6	24.0 22.6	32.0 14.6	40.0 6.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
300	2.7 43.9	5.3 41.3	10.7 35.9	16.0 30.6	21.3 25.3	26.7 19.9	32.0 14.6	37.3 9.3	42.7 n/a	n/a	n/a
400	2.0 44.6	4.0 42.6	8.0 38.6	12.0 34.6	16.0 30.6	20.0 26.6	24.0 22.6	28.0 18.6	32.0 14.6	36.0 10.6	40.0 6.6
500	1.6 45.0	3.2 43.4	6.4 40.2	9.6 37.0	12.8 33.8	16.0 30.6	19.2 27.4	22.4 24.2	25.6 21.0	28.8 17.8	32.0 14.6
600	1.3 45.3	2.7 43.9	5.3 41.3	8.0 38.6	10.7 35.9	13.3 33.3	16.0 30.6	18.7 27.9	21.3 25.3	24.0 22.6	26.7 19.9
700	1.1 45.5	2.3 44.3	4.6 42.0	6.9 39.7	9.1 37.5	11.4 35.2	13.7 32.9	16.0 30.6	18.3 28.3	20.6 26.0	22.9 23.7
800	1.0 45.6	2.0 44.6	4.0 42.6	6.0 40.6	8.0 38.6	10.0 36.6	12.0 34.6	14.0 32.6	16.0 30.6	18.0 28.6	20.0 26.6
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1100	0.7 45.9	1.5 45.1	2.9 43.7	4.4 42.2	5.8 40.8	7.3 39.3	8.7 37.9	10.2 36.4	11.6 35.0	13.1 33.5	14.5 32.1
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1300	0.6 46.0	1.2 45.4	2.5 44.1	3.7 42.9	4.9 41.7	6.2 40.4	7.4 39.2	8.6 38.0	9.8 36.8	11.1 35.5	12.3 34.3
1400	0.6 46.0	1.1 45.5	2.3 44.3	3.4 43.2	4.6 42.0	5.7 40.9	6.9 39.7	8.0 38.6	9.1 37.5	10.3 36.3	11.4 35.2
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1600	0.5 46.1	1.0 45.6	2.0 44.6	3.0 43.6	4.0 42.6	5.0 41.6	6.0 40.6	7.0 39.6	8.0 38.6	9.0 37.6	10.0 36.6
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Grey boxes: Volumes that would exceed the allowable water volume in each reaction  
 Yellow boxes: Indicate a low transfer volume that may result in higher cell load variability  
 Blue boxes: Optimal range of cell stock concentration to maximize the likelihood of achieving the desired cell recovery target



# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow

## Partitioning Cells into GEMs



- Prepare and aliquot Master Mix
  - Add water to Master Mix
  - Add cells to Master Mix
    - \*\*Gently resuspend each cell sample immediately before adding to master mix
- Load Chromium Chip B:
  - Load Row 1: 75 µl Cells and Master Mix
  - Prime Chip and Vortex Gel Beads for 30 seconds
  - Load Row 2: 40 µl Gel beads
  - Load Row 3: 280 µl Partitioning Oil
- Attach 10x Gasket
- Run on Chromium Controller within 2 minutes from loading (Run time ~8.5 mins)

Firmware 3.16 is required for running this assay

# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow

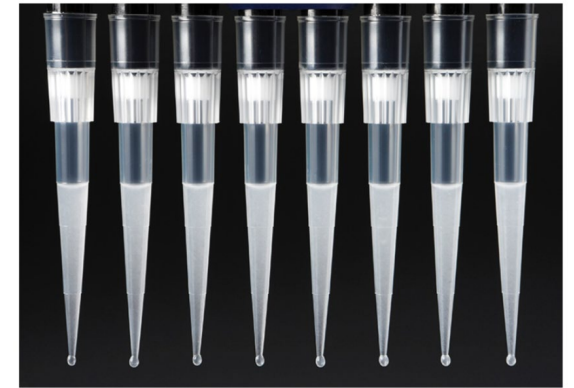
## *Recovering GEMs*



Expose wells at 45 Degrees



Slowly aspirate GEMs from the lowest points of the Recovery Wells

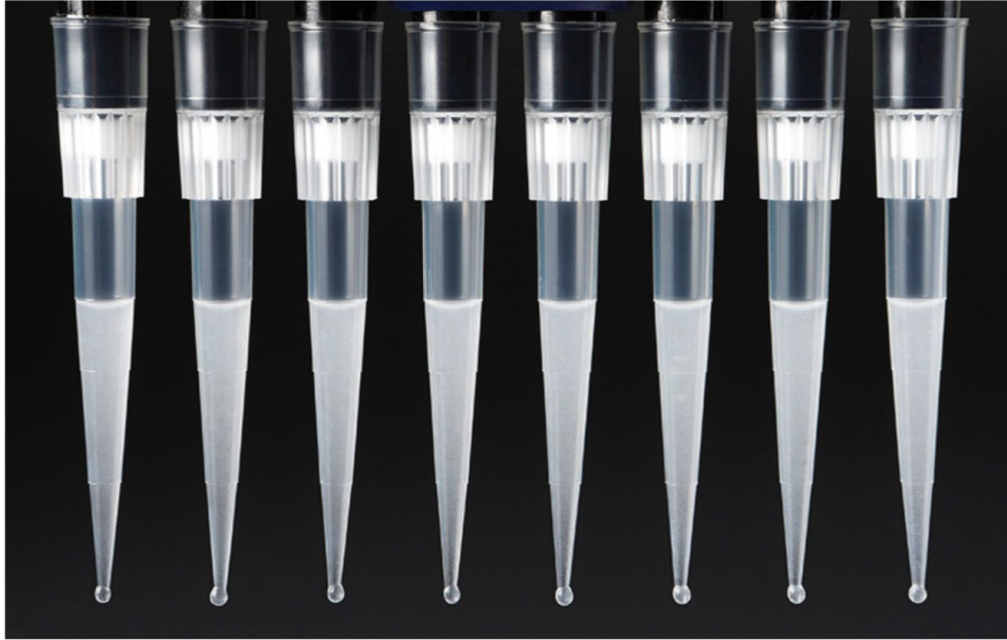


GEMs should appear opaque and uniform across all channels

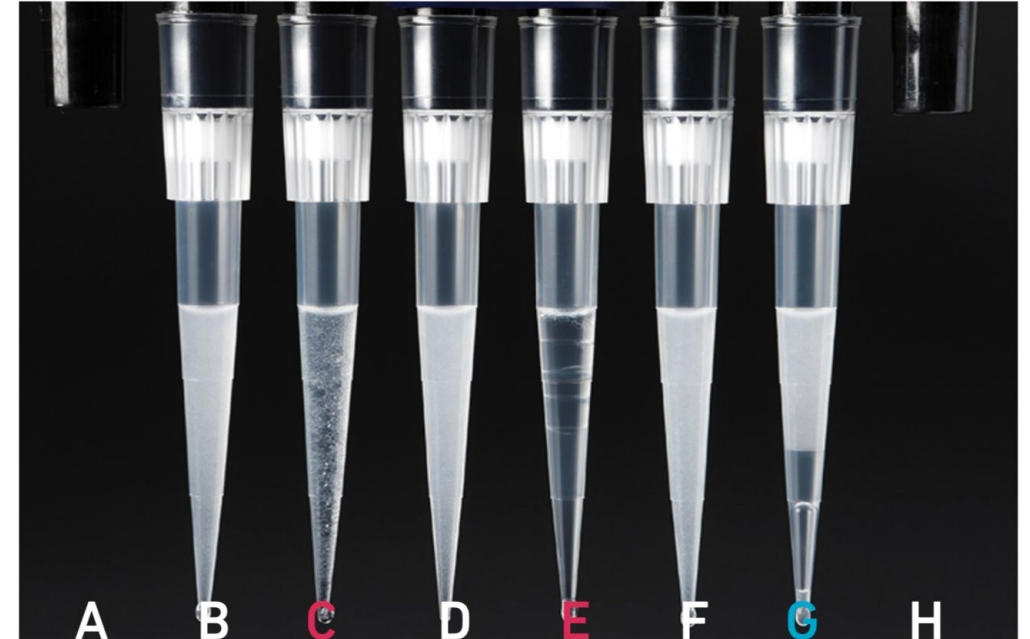


# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow

*Visually Inspect Gems to Confirm the Presence of a Uniform Emulsion*



All liquid levels are similar in volume and opacity without air trapped in the pipette tips.



Pipette tips C and E indicate a wetting failure. Pipette tip C contains partially emulsified GEMs. Emulsion is absent in pipette tip E. Pipette tip G indicates a reagent clog.

# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow

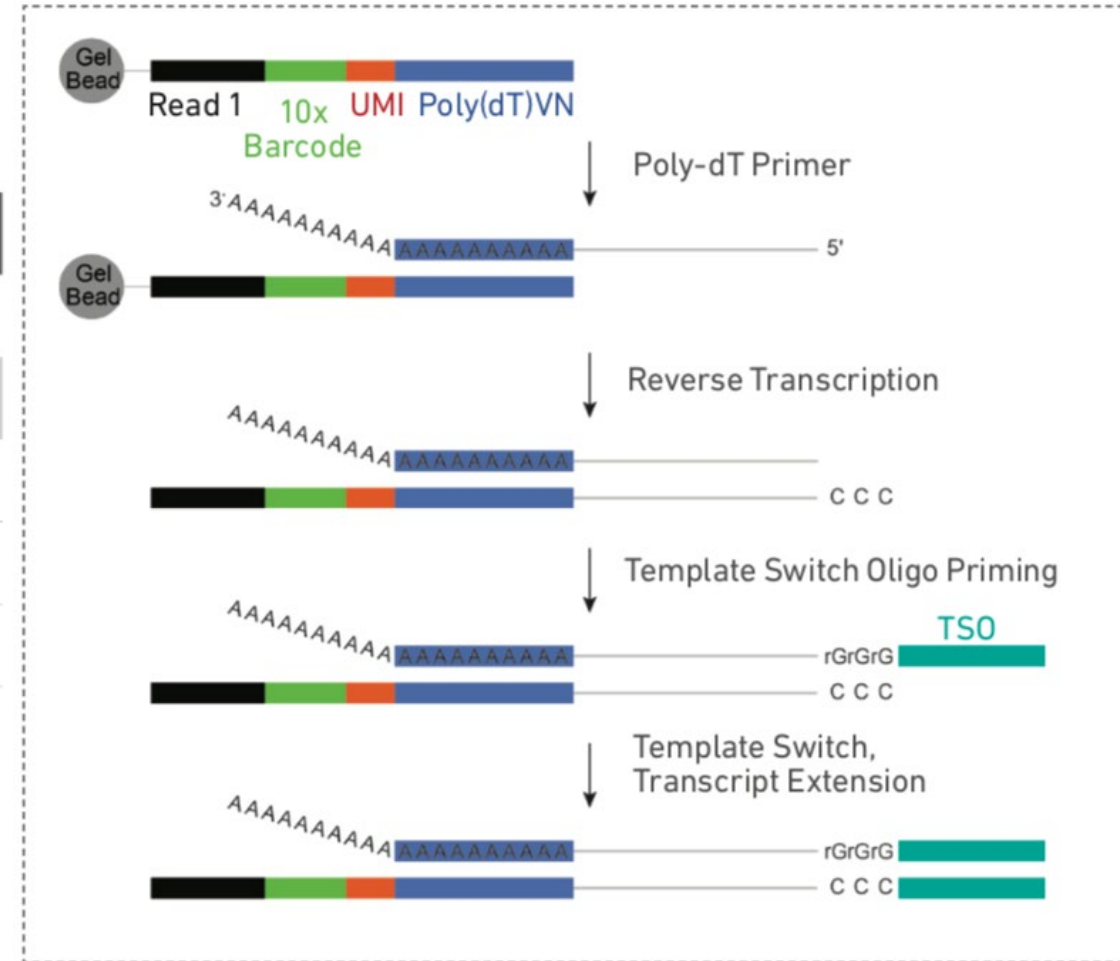
## GEM RT Incubation

Lid Temperature	Reaction Volume	Run Time
53°C	125 µl	~55 min

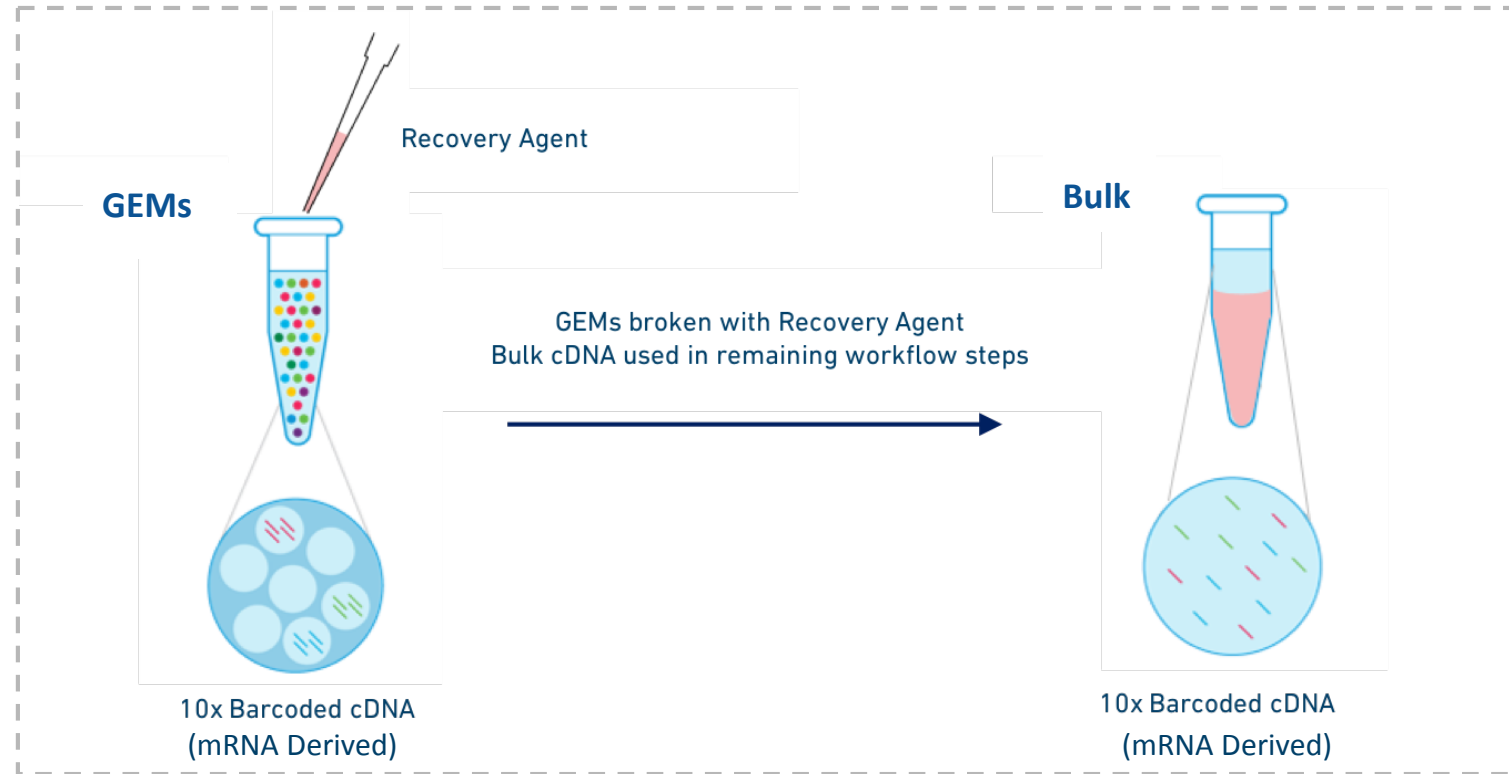
Step	Temperature	Time
1	53°C	00:45:00
2	85°C	00:05:00
3	4°C	Hold

### Inside individual GEMs




# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow

## *Breaking GEMs*



# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow

## *Post GEM Incubation Cleanups – Dynabeads*

- Prepare Dynabeads Cleanup Mix 
  - Vortex Dynabeads thoroughly for 30 sec
  - Use only Reducing Agent B and Cleanup Buffer from Chromium Single Cell Gene Expression Reagent kits
- Always use fresh preparations of 80% Ethanol
- Elute in 35  $\mu$ l of Elution Solution I



# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow

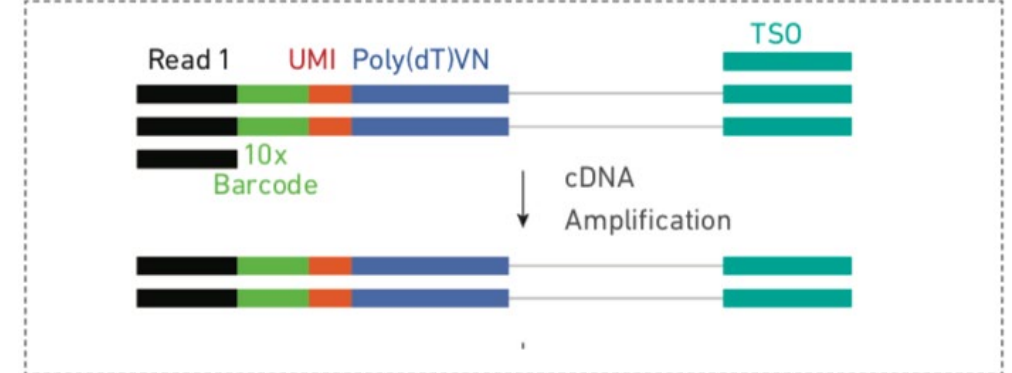
## cDNA Amplification

- Prepare cDNA Amplification Reaction Mix
  - Primers must be selected based on whether generating only Gene Expression Libraries, or Gene Expression and Cell Surface Protein or CRISPR Libraries.
- Add 65  $\mu$ l cDNA Amplification Reaction Mix to 35  $\mu$ l of sample

Lid Temperature	Reaction Volume	Run Time
105°C	100 $\mu$ l	~30-45 min
Step	Temperature	Time
1	98°C	00:03:00
2	98°C	00:00:15
3	63°C <small>Version Specific Updated Temperature</small>	00:00:20
4	72°C	00:01:00
5	Go to Step 2, see table below for total # of cycles	
6	72°C	00:01:00
7	4°C	Hold

- Use Cell Load to determine number of Total Cycles for cDNA amplification


Pooled cDNA amplification



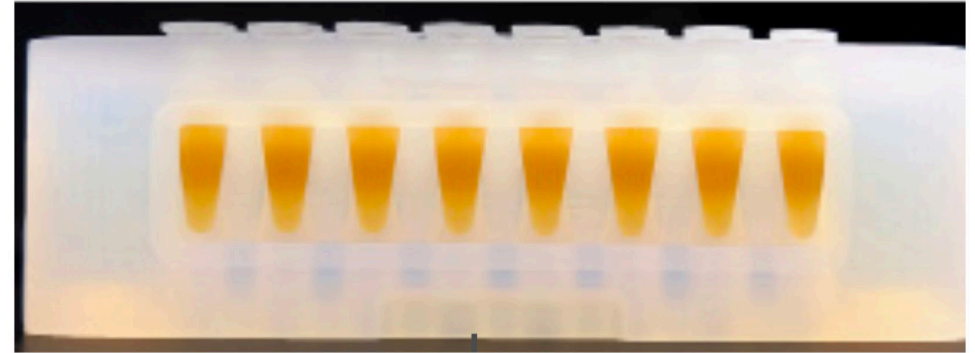
Cell Load	Total Cycles
<500	13
500-6,000	12
>6,000	11

# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow

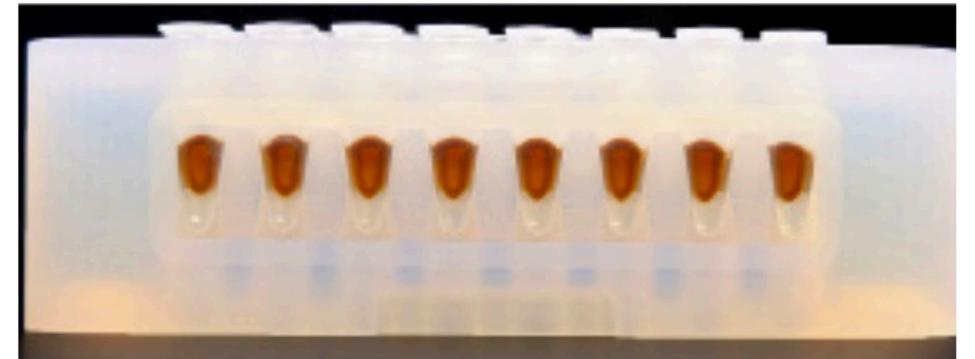
## *SPRIselect cDNA Cleanup*

- Vortex SPRIselect Reagent thoroughly before adding to samples and ensure samples are fully mixed with beads
- If generating Cell Surface Protein or CRISPR screening libraries, **DO NOT** discard supernatant after the first bead incubation. See appropriate User Guide for application-specific guidance. 
- Always use fresh preparations of 80% Ethanol
- Perform a 0.6x Single sided SPRI cleanup, eluting in 40 µl of Buffer EB

Magnetic beads mixed with reagent

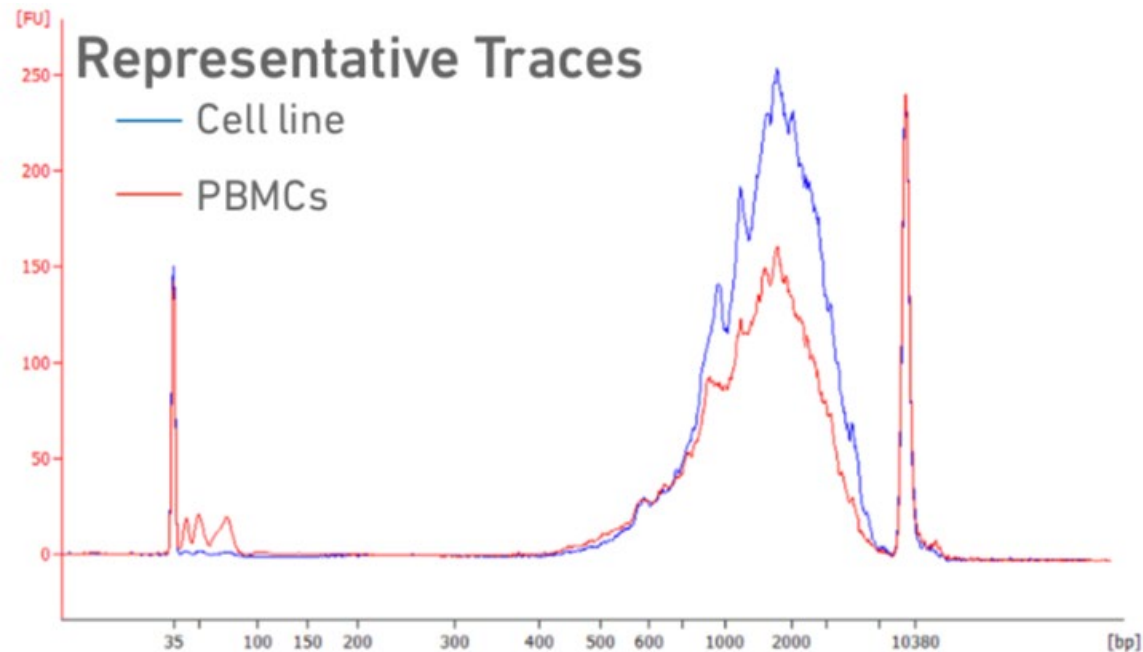


Separation complete; solution is clear



# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow

## *cDNA QC and Quantification*



- For input cells with low RNA content (<1 pg total RNA/cell), 1  $\mu$ l undiluted product may be run
- Lower molecular weight product (35-150 bp) may be present. This is normal and does not affect sequencing or application performance
- Carry forward **only 25%** of total cDNA yield into 3' Gene Expression Library Construction
  - i.e. use only 10  $\mu$ l of total 40  $\mu$ l elution volume
  - Quantification (based on BioAnalyzer estimate) will be used to determine number of Sample Index PCR cycles
  - You can save remaining cDNA for future uses if desired

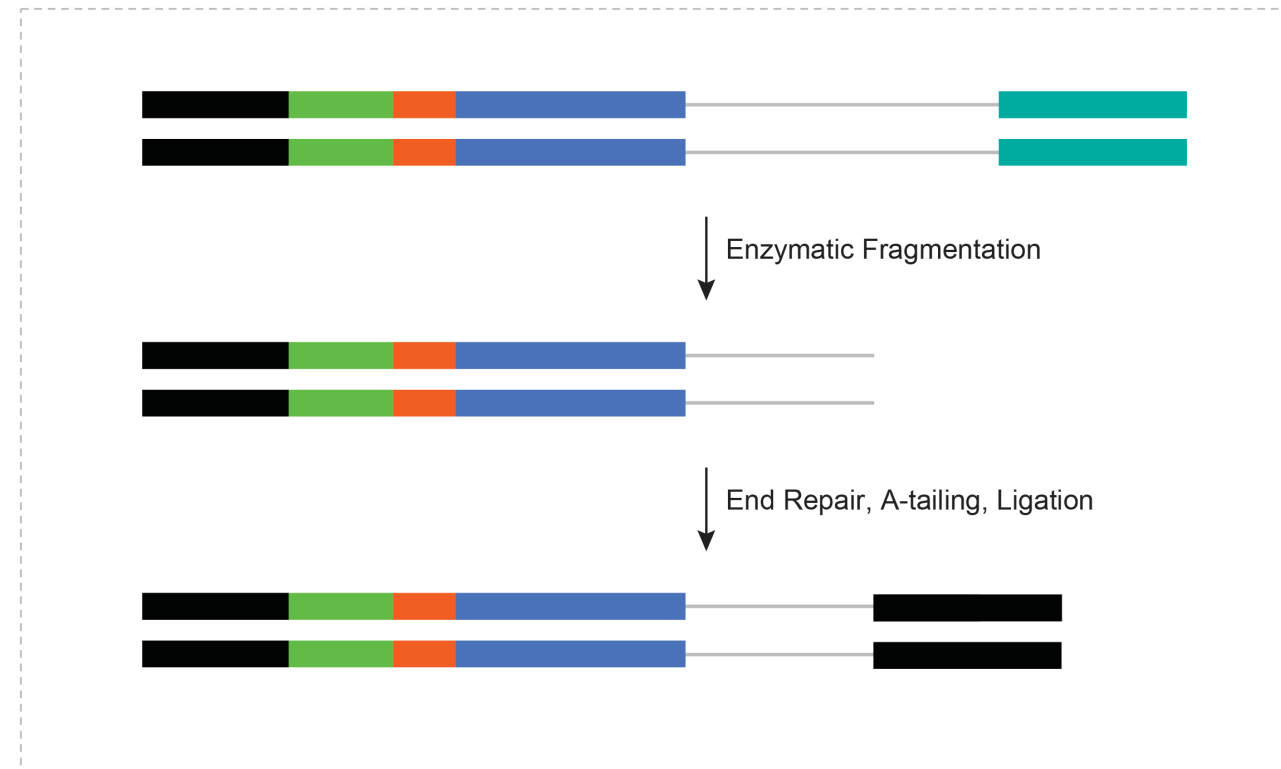


# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow

## Library Construction

- Fragmentation
  - It is critical to pre-chill the thermal cycler block to 4°C prior to assembling the reaction
- End Repair and A-tailing
- SPRIselect cleanup
- Adaptor Ligation
- SPRIselect cleanup

### Pooled Library Construction





# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow

## Sample Index PCR

- Uses Chromium i7 Sample Index Plate (PN 220103)
  - Record the Well ID used for each sample. This is needed for demultiplexing the sequencing data.
- Incubate on the thermal cycler using the appropriate number of cycles
  - cDNA input informs total cycles
  - Should be optimized based off of 25% carry forward
- Double-sided size selection with SPRIselect (0.6X, 0.8X) to remove excess primers and optimize final library size distribution

## Pooled Library Construction

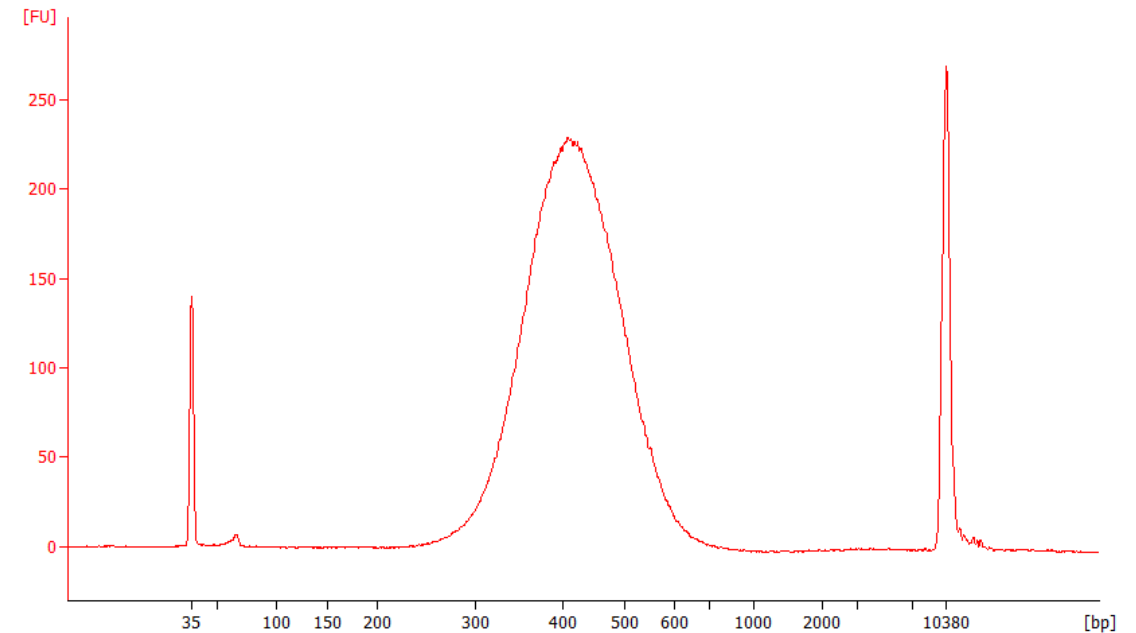


# Single Cell Gene Expression Workflow

## *Post Library Construction QC and Quantification*

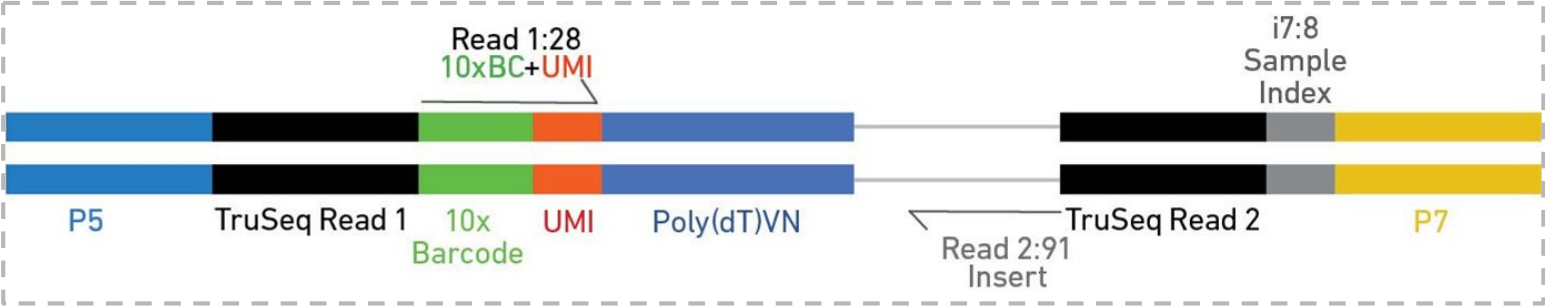
- Final library shows size distribution between ~300-600 bp
- Libraries should be quantified by qPCR, using the KAPA Library Quantification Kit for Illumina Platforms

Representative Trace



# Recommended Read Length

## Single Cell 3' Gene Expression Library

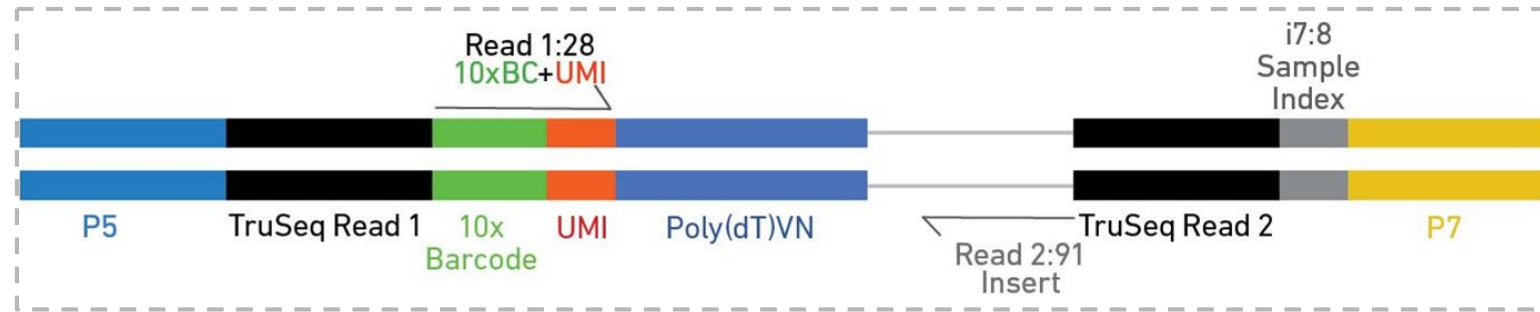


	Read 1	i7 Index	i5 Index	Read 2
Purpose	10x Barcode & UMI	Sample Index	N/A	Transcript
Length	28*	8	0	91

Note: \* If pooled with Single Cell 3' Gene Expression Libraries v2, ensure that the Read 1 length is adjusted to 28 bp

# Supported Sequencers

## Single Cell 3' Gene Expression Library



	Single Cell 3' Gene Expression
Raw Read Pairs per Cell	Minimum 20,000



MiSeq



NextSeq



HiSeq2500



HiSeq 3000/4000



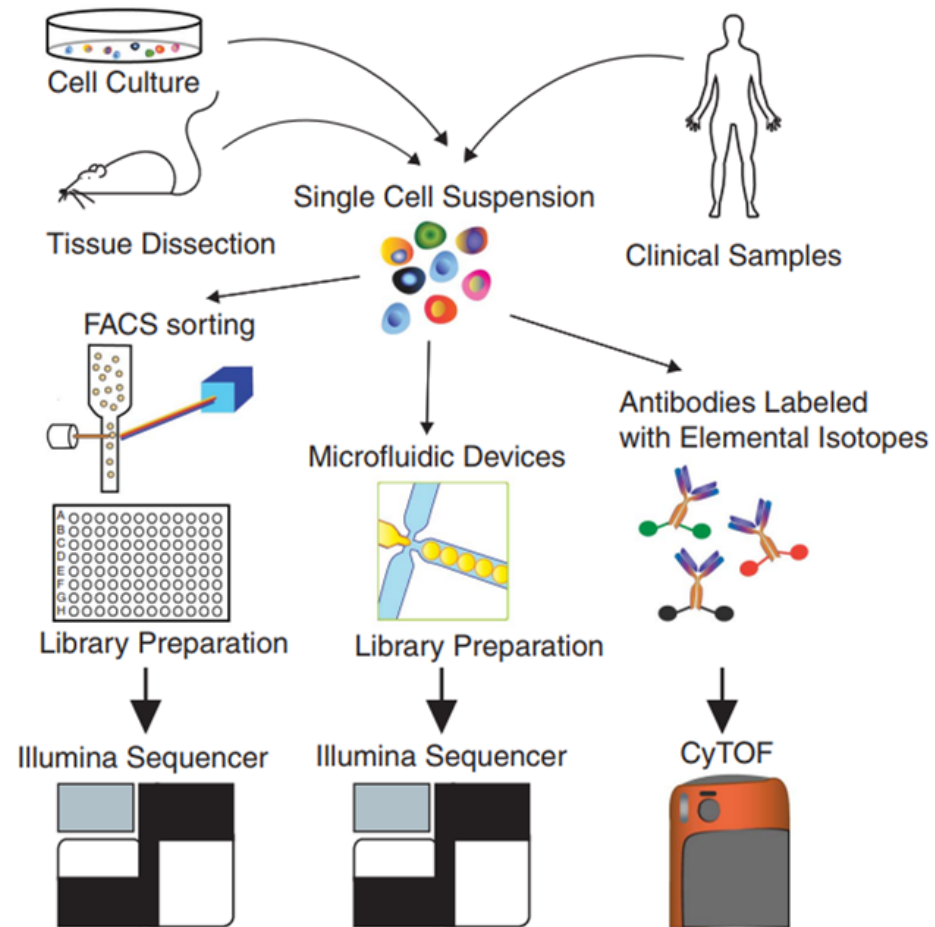
NovaSeq

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Cell Surface Protein

# Single Cell Gene Expression and Cell Surface Proteins

## *More Information from a Single Assay*



- Measure cell surface protein markers, splice isoforms, and post-translational modifications, to identify cell types and states, and detect rare cell types, all in a single assay in single cells
- Detect markers that are difficult to measure at the RNA level
- Evaluate differences between mRNA and protein expression profiles
- Obtain a more detailed characterization of cellular phenotypes compared to transcriptome measurements alone

# Single Cell Gene Expression and CRISPR Screening

## Customer Demonstrations

### Perturb-Seq

### CROP-Seq

Resource

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#### Perturb-Seq: Dissecting Molecular Circuits with Scalable Single-Cell RNA Profiling of Pooled Genetic Screens

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#### SUMMARY

Genetic screens help infer gene function in mammalian cells, but it has remained difficult to assay complex phenotypes—such as transcriptional profiles—at scale. Here, we develop Perturb-Seq, combining single-cell RNA sequencing (RNA-seq) and clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats (CRISPR)-based perturbations to perform many such assays in a pool. We demonstrate Perturb-Seq by analyzing 200,000 cells in immune cells and cell lines, focusing on transcription factors regulating the response of dendritic cells to lipopolysaccharide (LPS). Perturb-Seq accurately identifies individual gene targets, gene signatures, and cell states affected by individual perturbations and their genetic interactions. We point new functions for regulators of differentiation, the anti-viral response, and mitochondrial function during immune activation. By decomposing many high content measurements into the effects of perturbations, their interactions, and diverse cell metadata, Perturb-Seq dramatically increases the scope of pooled genetic assays.

#### INTRODUCTION

Genetic screens systematically analyze gene function in mammalian cells. Such screens are designed in either (1) an individual (“arrayed”) format, where each perturbation

is delivered and assessed separately, or (2) a pooled format, performed en masse. Pooled readouts measure cell autonomous phenotypes, such as growth, drug resistance, or marker expression. Pooled screens are more efficient and scalable, but have been limited to low-content readouts. Distinguishing between different molecular mechanisms that yield similar phenotypes requires time and labor intensive follow-up.

Bridging the gap between rich profiles and pooled screens has been challenging. In mammalian cells, a few studies transcriptionally profiled hundreds of individual perturbations (Berg et al., 2016; Parnas et al., 2016). In yeast (Hughes et al., 2003; Ko et al., 2000) knock-out (KO) strains have been assessed (Kramer et al., 2014). Even signature screens were only performed in optimized efforts (Luria et al., 2008). Profiling may particularly help interpret the combined nonlinear effects of multiple factors. Comprehensive analysis of genetic interactions in growth phenotypes between pairs of genes has been performed in yeast (Costanzo et al., 2016). In mammals, only small sets of pre-selected pairs have been assessed for cell viability (Finnell et al., 2013) or morphology (Lewer et al., 2013). One yeast study determined the combined effects of regulatable gene expression profiles in a cradle of three to five genes (Gaspard et al., 2009). Very few studies have examined higher order interactions (Elina and Lemke, 1997; Haber et al., 2013) and none have coupled those with a high content scalable readout.

To address this challenge, we develop Perturb-Seq, combining the modularity of clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats (CRISPR)/Cas9 to perform multi-focus gene perturbation (Cong et al., 2013; Qi et al., 2013) with the scale of massively parallel single cell RNA sequencing

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ARTICLES

#### Pooled CRISPR screening with single-cell transcriptome readout

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CRISPR-based genetic screens are accelerating biological discovery, but current methods have inherent limitations. Widely used pooled screens are restricted to simple readouts reflecting cell proliferation and sortable marker proteins. Arrayed screens allow for comprehensive molecular readouts such as transcriptome profiling, but at much lower throughput. Here we combine pooled CRISPR screening with single-cell RNA sequencing into a broadly applicable workflow, directly linking guide RNA expression to transcriptional responses in thousands of individual cells. Our method for CRISPR droplet sequencing (CROP-seq) enables pooled CRISPR screens with single-cell transcriptome resolution, which will facilitate high-throughput functional dissection of complex regulatory mechanisms and heterogeneous cell populations.

Pooled CRISPR screening is a powerful and widely used method for identifying genes involved in biological mechanisms such as cell proliferation<sup>1,2</sup>, drug resistance<sup>3</sup>, and viral infection<sup>4</sup>. Cells are transduced in bulk with a library of guide RNA (gRNA)-encoding vectors, and the distribution of gRNAs is measured before and after applying a selective challenge (Fig. 1A). Pooled CRISPR screens work well for mechanisms that affect cell survival and proliferation, and they can be extended to measure the activity of individual genes (e.g., by using engineered reporter cell lines). However, they do not support complex molecular readouts such as transcriptome profiling, which is one of the most comprehensive and informative measures of cellular response<sup>5</sup>. Arrayed CRISPR screens, in which only one gene is targeted at a time, make it possible to use RNA-seq as the readout<sup>6</sup>, but this comes at the cost of much lower throughput because cells transduced with individual gRNAs need to be physically separated (Fig. 1B).

Here we propose a third and complementary screening paradigm, single-cell CRISPR screens, based on the idea that gRNAs and their molecular cellular responses are already compartmentalized within single cells. Detecting which cells gRNAs along with their single-cell transcriptome would thus provide gene expression signatures for individual gene knockouts in a complex pool of cells (Fig. 1C). Implementing this concept, our CROP-seq method combines four

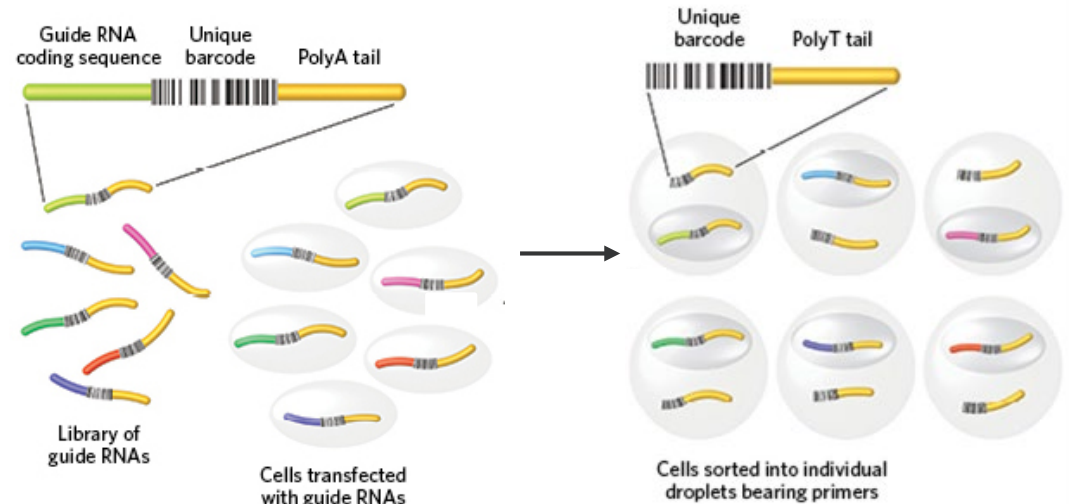
key components: a gRNA vector that makes individual gRNAs detectable in single-cell RNA-seq experiments, a high-throughput assay for single-cell RNA-seq<sup>7,8</sup>, a computational pipeline for assigning single-cell transcriptomes to gRNAs, and a bioinformatic method for analyzing and interpreting gRNA-induced transcriptional profiles. CROP-seq thereby enables pooled screens with single-cell transcriptome readout, providing a scalable method for dissecting complex signaling pathways and other biological mechanisms that are not easily reduced to a single-selectable marker (Fig. 1D).

**RESULTS**  
**Direct detection of gRNAs from single-cell transcriptome data**  
 CRISPR gRNAs are typically transcribed by RNA polymerase III from a human U6 promoter (hU6). They lack a polyadenylated (poly-A) tail and are not detectable with current single-cell RNA-seq assays. We thus re-engineered a popular construct for pooled CRISPR screening (LentiGuide-Puro) to include the gRNA in a polyadenylated mRNA transcript (Fig. 1E, Supplementary Data, and Supplementary Fig. 1). Because LentiGuide-Puro was originally derived from a lentiviral vector rendered self-inactivating by a 400-bp deletion of key promoter elements, we hypothesized that this position within the 3' long terminal repeat (LTR) would tolerate the insertion of the similarly sized hU6-gRNA cassette. At this position, the gRNA becomes part of the provirus-resistance mRNA transcribed by RNA polymerase II and detectable by RNA-seq protocols that use poly-A enrichment. Functional gRNAs continue to be expressed from the hU6 promoter. In addition, the entire hU6-gRNA cassette is copied to the 5' LTR during reverse transcription and integration of the virus (Supplementary Fig. 1). This results in a second copy upstream of the possibly interfering EF-1α promoter—a design reminiscent of an early gRNA expression vector<sup>9</sup>. CROP-seq thereby solves the challenge of detecting gRNAs in single-cell transcriptomes at the vector level, which makes it compatible with various single-cell RNA-seq assays and with widely used dosing protocols for pooled screening.

Having assembled our CROP-seq-Guide-Puro plasmid from four PCR products using the ligation-cycling reaction<sup>10</sup> (Supplementary Fig. 1 and Supplementary Table 1), we extensively validated its

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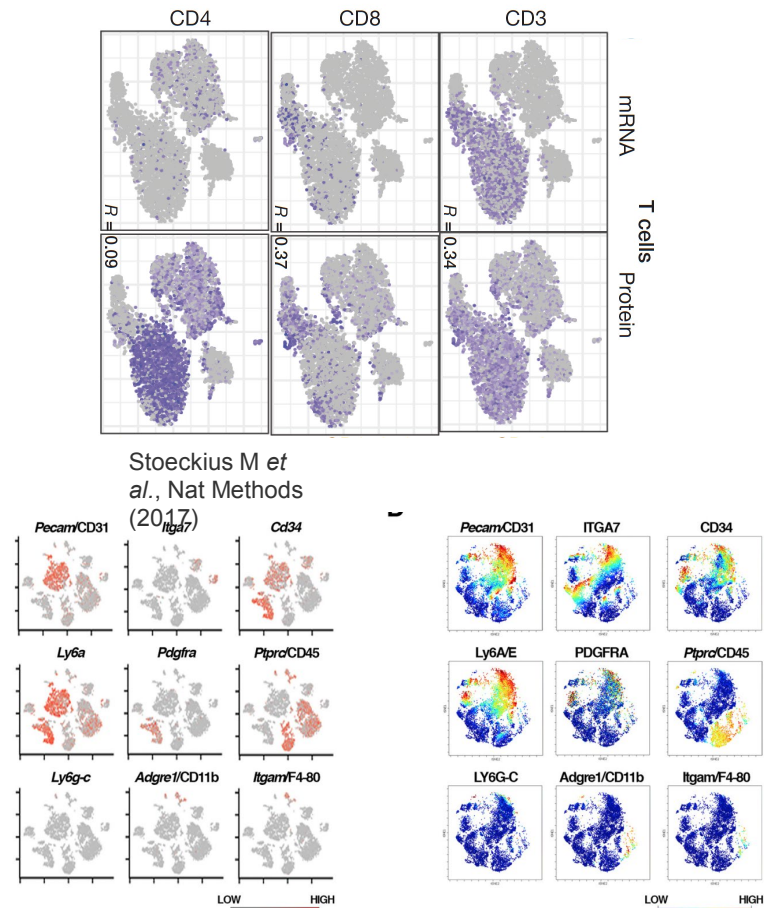
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# Single Cell Gene Expression and Cell Surface Proteins

## Applications and Research Areas



Stoeckius M *et al.*, Nat Methods (2017)

Giordani L *et al.*, bioRxiv (2018)

### Cancer

- Study cancer disease pathways and other complex biological systems
- Identify biomarkers for different types of cancers
- Protein and/or transcript based cancer drug development
- More comprehensive profiling of tumor microenvironment

### Immunology

- Study mechanisms at the level of receptor, the cell, the population of responding cells
- Study dynamic interactions between lymphocytes and target cells
- T-cell genetic engineering & TCR-based fusion protein screens
- Develop effective vaccination (antibody screening)

### Neuroscience & Infectious Disease

- Discover rare cell types and new biomarkers
- More complete pathway and cell signaling analysis

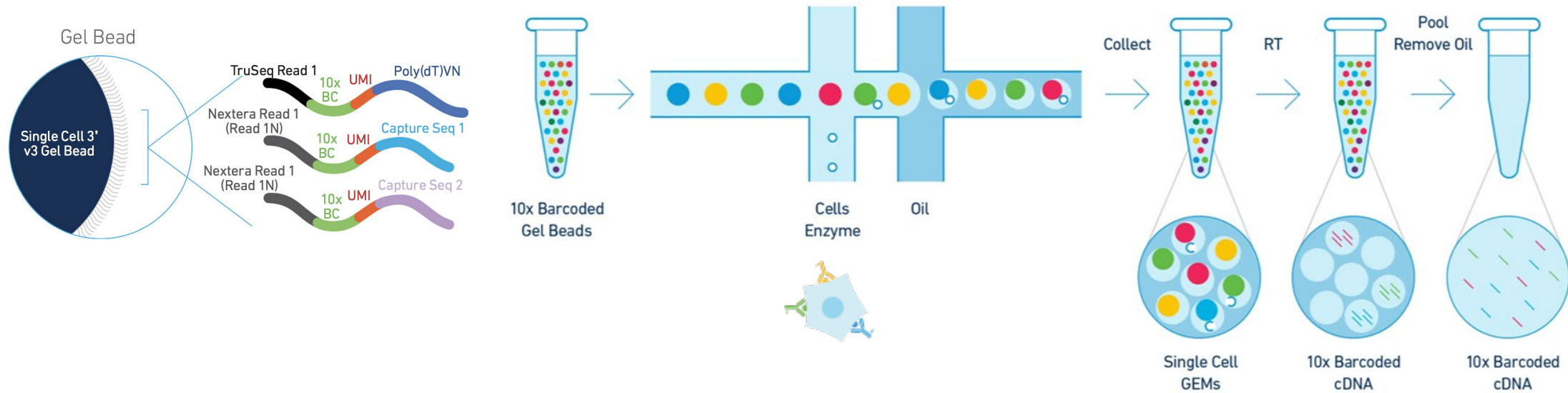
### Human Cell Atlas/Tissue Cataloguing

- Enhanced phenotyping of tissues and organs
- Build more complete frameworks to better understand disease states



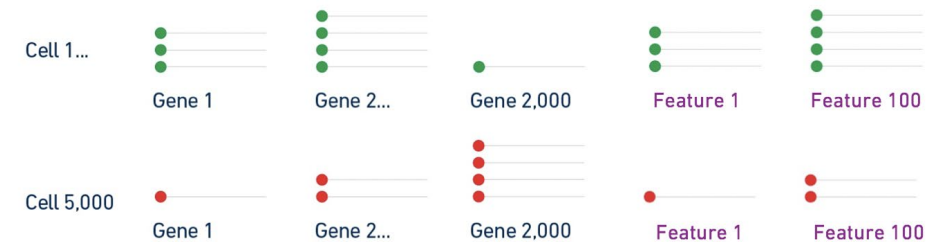
# Single Cell Gene Expression and Cell Surface Protein Solution

## Biochemistry Overview



- **Inputs:**  
10x Gel Beads, Reagents and single cells in suspension
- **Outputs:**  
Digital gene expression and cell surface protein expression profiles from every partitioned cell

Transcriptional profiling of individual cells



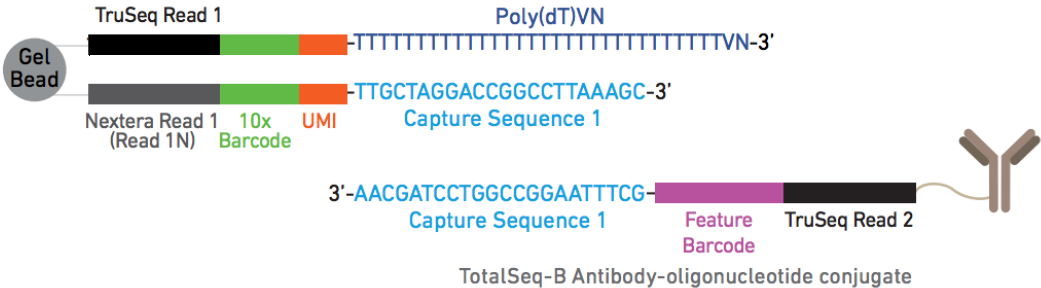
# BioLegend's TotalSeq™ - Antibody Reagents

10x Compatible Partner

## TotalSeq-B



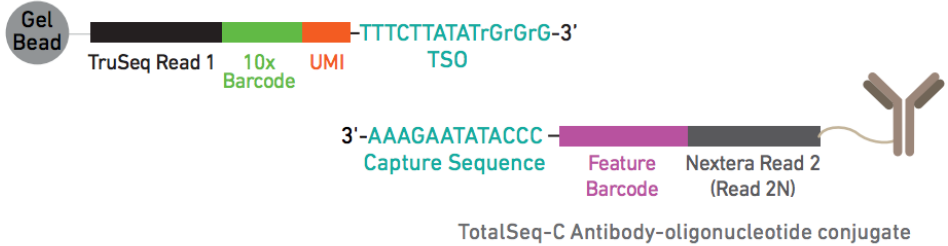
**Illustrative Overview of Antibody-Oligonucleotide Conjugate Capture**  
 Single Cell 3' v3 – Cell Surface Protein (CG000185)



## TotalSeq-C





**Single Cell V(D)J – Cell Surface Protein (CG000186)**



# Feature Barcode Structure

- Barcode structure can be found in User Guide Appendices and the Cell Labeling / Custom Conjugation DP

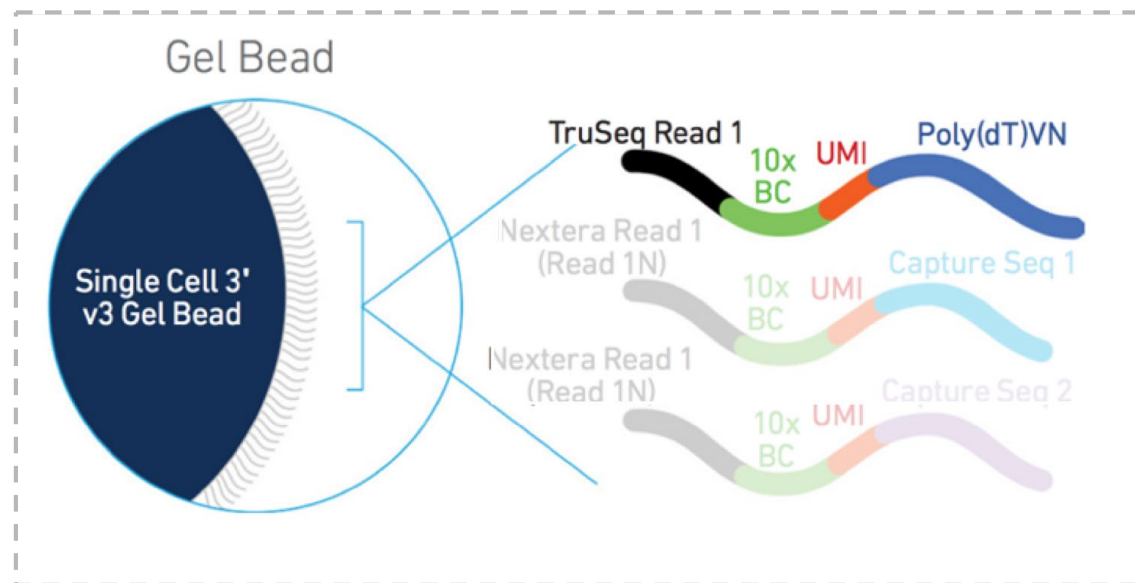
10x Genomics Protocol	Feature Barcode Oligonucleotide Sequence				
 Single Cell 3' v3 – Cell Surface Protein (CG000185)	/5AmMC12/GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTCCGATCTNNNNNNNNNN- <small>TruSeq Read 2</small>	10 nt	NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN <small>Feature Barcode (15 nt)</small>	9 nt	NNNNNNNNNNGCTTTAAGGCCGGTCCTAGCAA <small>Capture Sequence 1</small>
 Single Cell V(D)J – Cell Surface Protein (CG000186)	/5AmMC12/CGGAGATGTGTATAAGAGACAGNNNNNNNNNN- <small>Nextera partial Read 2</small>	10 nt	NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN <small>Feature Barcode (15 nt)</small>	9 nt	NNNNNNNNNNCCCATATAAGAAA <small>Capture Sequence</small>

**Link to protein --- 5' - Read 2 - 10N - Feature BC (15N) - 9N - Capture sequence**

- The diversity sequence flanking the Feature Barcode is a UMI that can be used in custom analysis to demonstrate the absence of intra-GEM barcode exchange in Feature Barcode Libraries.
- Increases Feature Barcode R2 sequencing quality
- Is not directly used by CR3.0, but is flagged in the Feature Reference File

# Single Cell Gene Expression with Feature Barcoding technology

## *Feature Barcoding technology Enabled via Single Cell 3' v3 Gel Beads*



### i. **TruSeq Read 1**

22 nt Partial Illumina TruSeq Read 1 sequence

### ii. **10x BC**

16 nt 10x Barcode  
~3.6 M defined barcode sequences

### iii. **UMI**

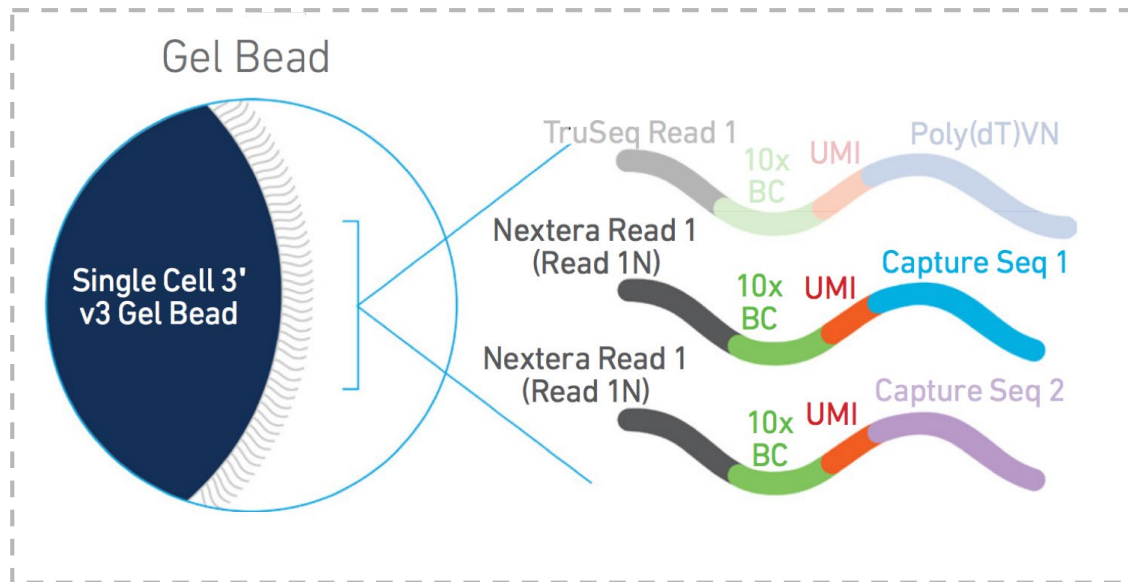
12 nt Unique Molecular Identifier

### iv. **Poly(dT)VN**

30 nt Poly(dT) sequence  
Enables capture of poly-adenylated mRNA molecules

# Single Cell Gene Expression with Feature Barcoding technology

## *Feature Barcoding technology Enabled via Single Cell 3' v3 Gel Beads*



### i. Nextera Read 1 (Read 1N)

22 nt Partial Illumina Nextera Read 1 sequence  
(Enables selective enrichment of the Feature Barcode construct)

### ii. 10x BC

16 nt 10x Barcode  
~3.6 M defined barcode sequences

### iii. UMI

12 nt Unique Molecular Identifier

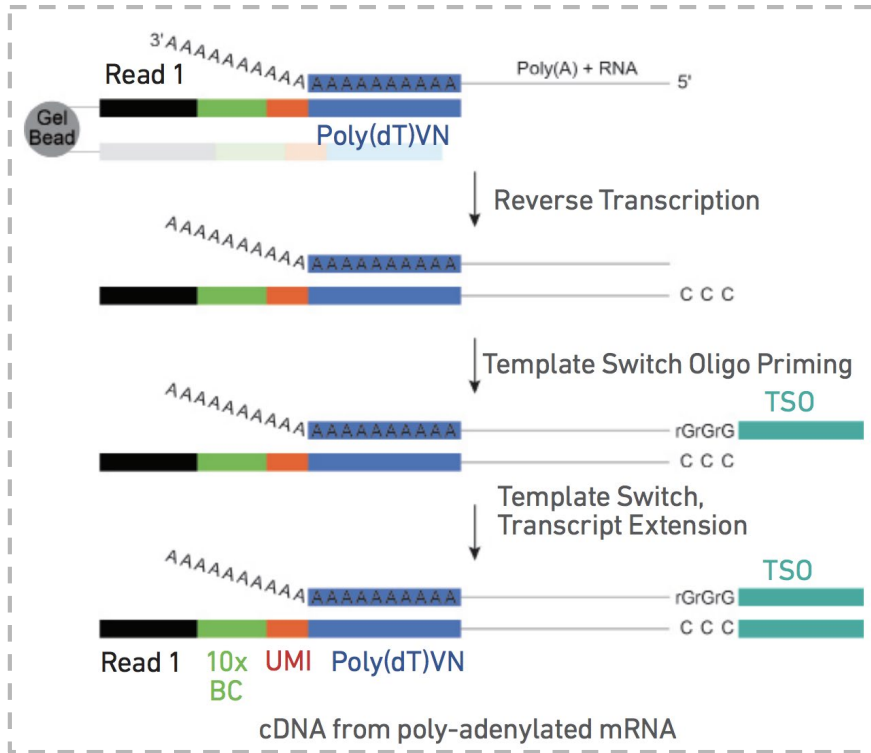
### iv. Capture Sequence 1 or 2

22 nt sequence that is the reverse complement of the sequence inserted into the DNA (Antibody) or RNA (sgRNA) based Feature

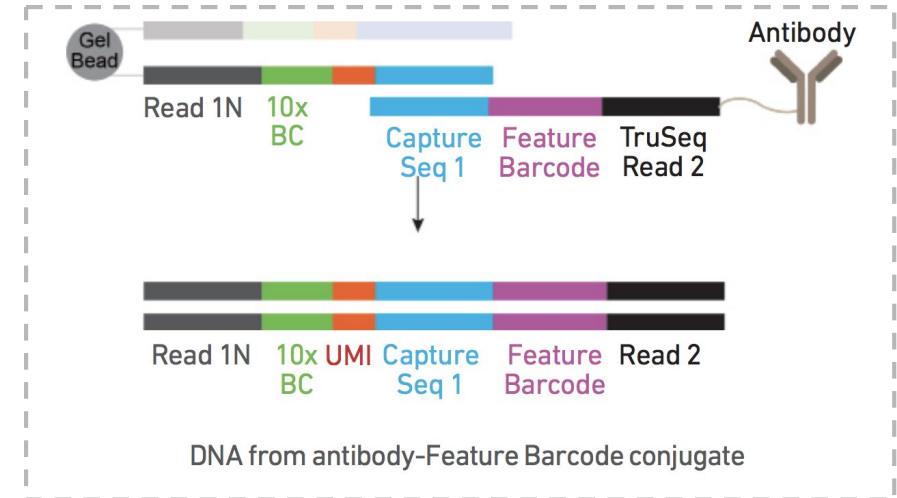
# Feature Barcoding Workflow: In GEM Target Capture

## Direct Capture of Multiple Targets Inside Individual GEMs

Barcoded, full-length cDNA from poly-adenylated mRNA

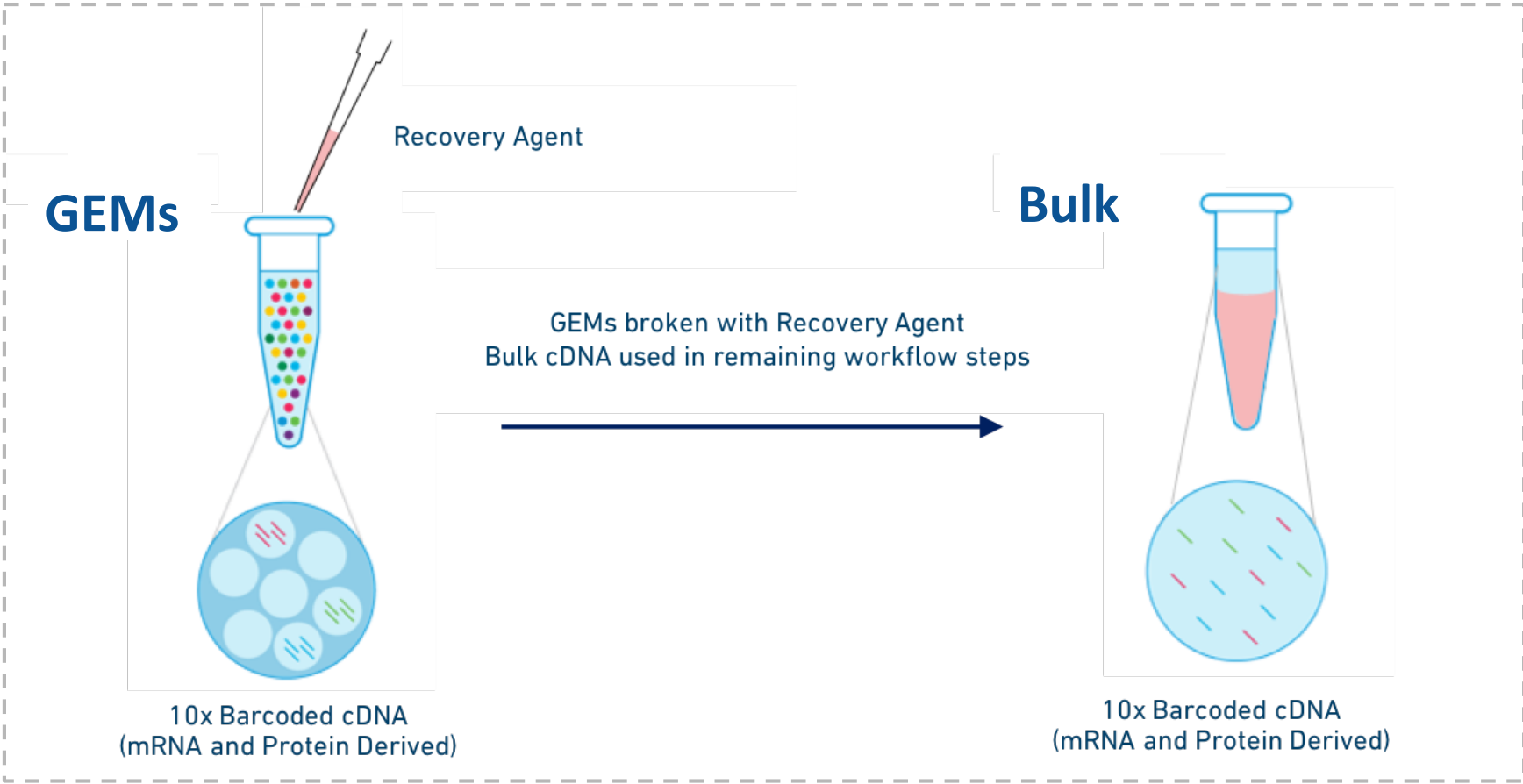


Barcoded, cell surface protein conjugated oligonucleotide



Note: Gene Expression and Feature Barcode molecules are all directly captured by the corresponding gel bead oligo, however the mechanism of capture is different.  
 Poly-adenylated mRNA: Reverse Transcription and Template Switching  
 Cell surface protein conjugated oligonucleotide: Prime and Extend

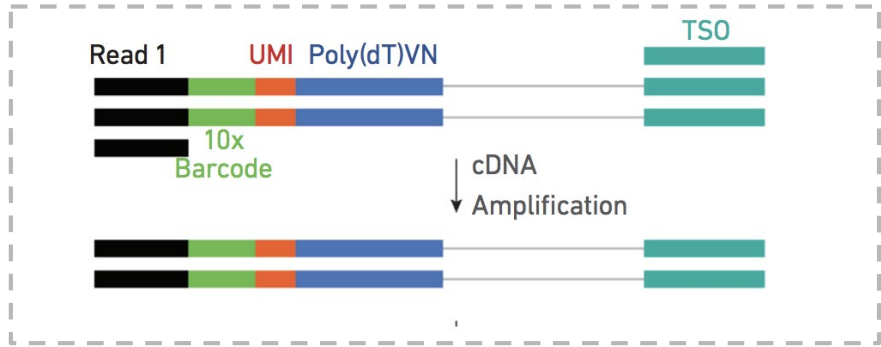
# Feature Barcoding Workflow: Breaking GEM's



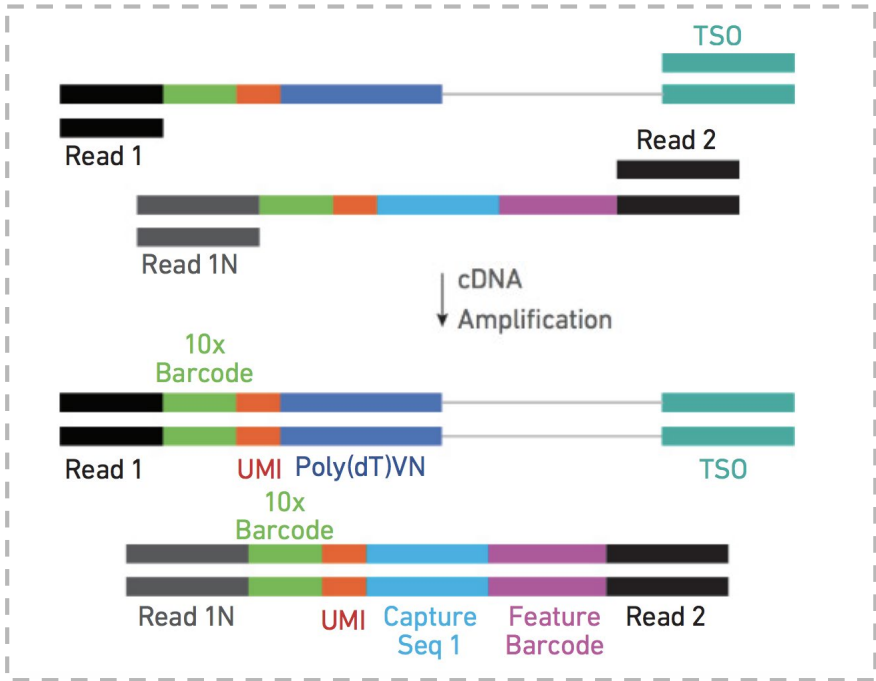
# Feature Barcoding Workflow: cDNA Amplification

## In Bulk Amplification of mRNA and Protein-Feature Barcode Targets

cDNA Amplification of poly-adenylated mRNA only



cDNA Amplification of poly-adenylated mRNA and cell surface protein conjugated oligonucleotide



Note: For cDNA Amplification of poly-adenylated mRNA only please use:  
 For cDNA Amplification of poly-adenylated mRNA and protein please use:

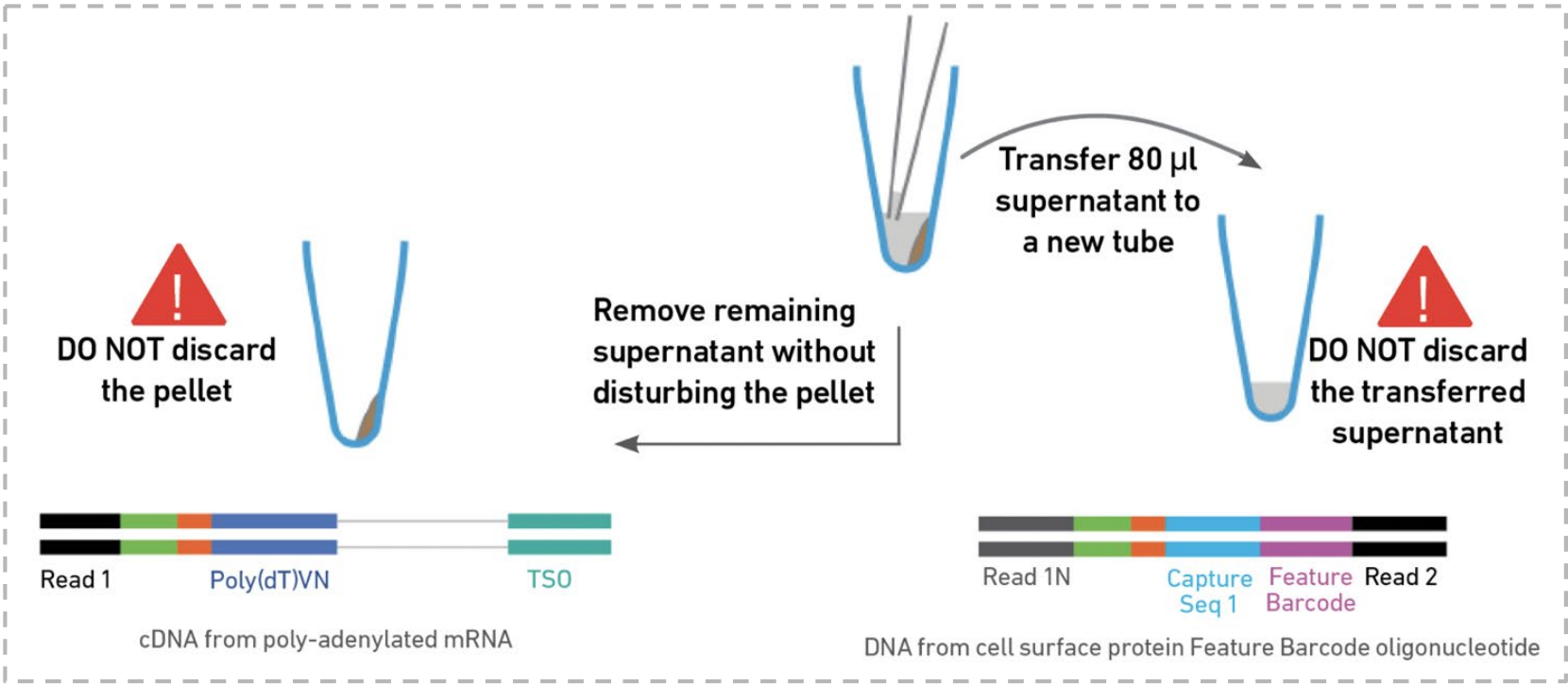


- cDNA Primers (PN 2000089)
- Feature cDNA Primers 2 (PN 2000097)



# Feature Barcoding Workflow: cDNA Cleanup

*Sample Bifurcation Critical to Success*

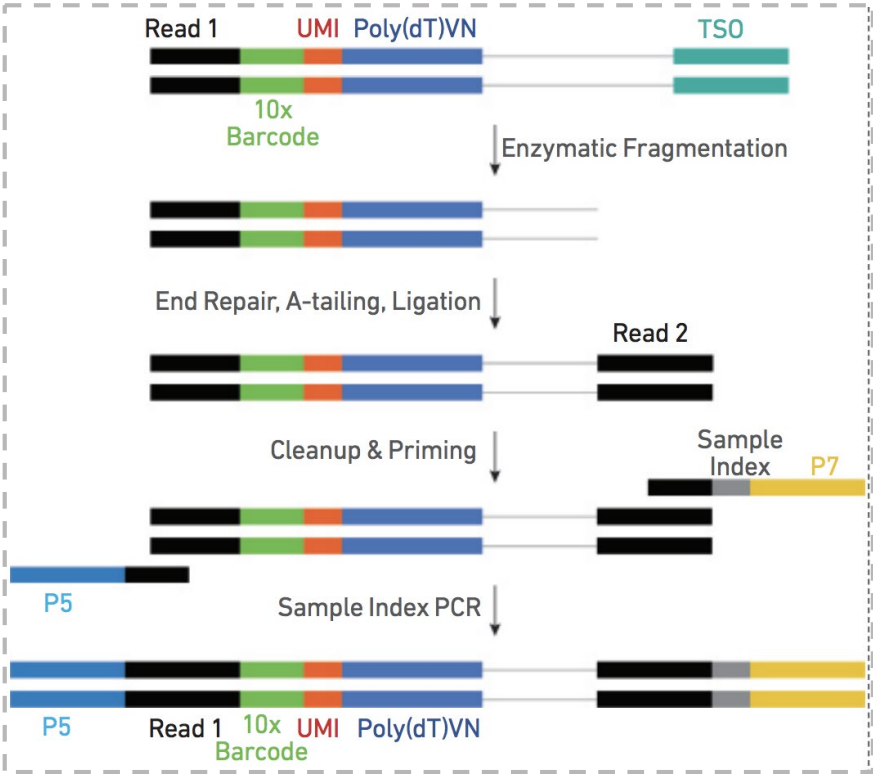


# Feature Barcoding Workflow: Library Construction

*Sample Bifurcation Enables Generation of Two Sequenceable Library Constructs*

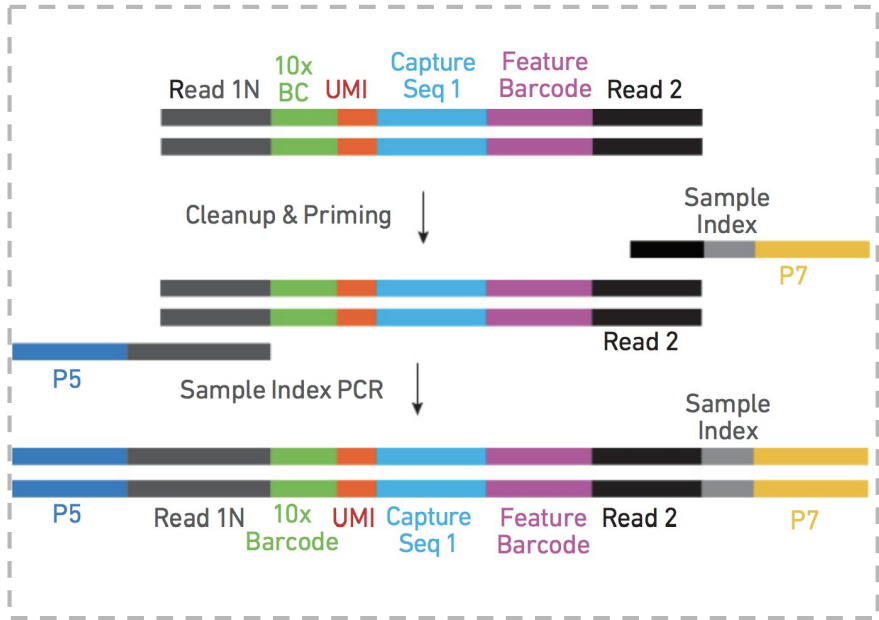
## Pellet

Single Cell Gene Expression Library Construction



## Transferred Supernatant

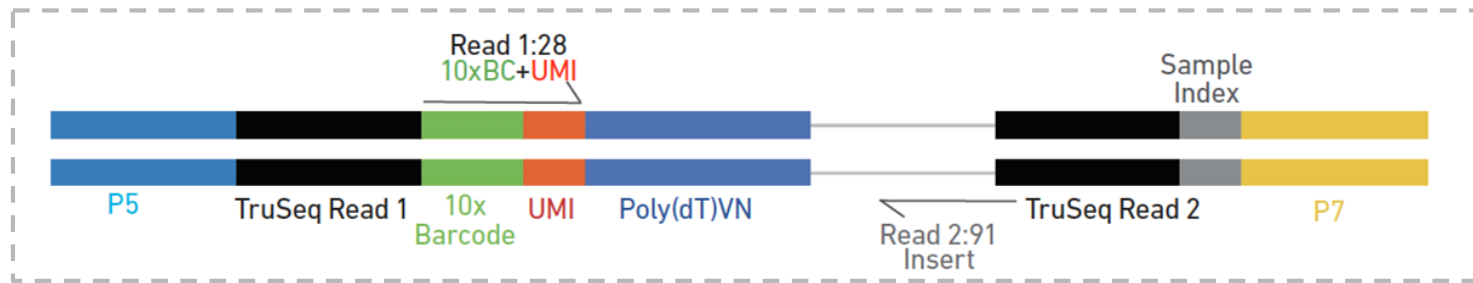
Single Cell 3' Cell Surface Protein Library Construction



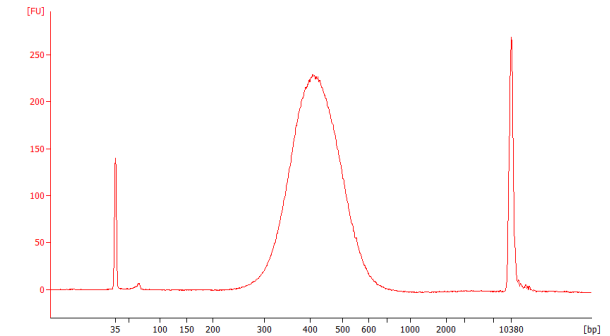
# Feature Barcoding Workflow

## Final Library Constructs

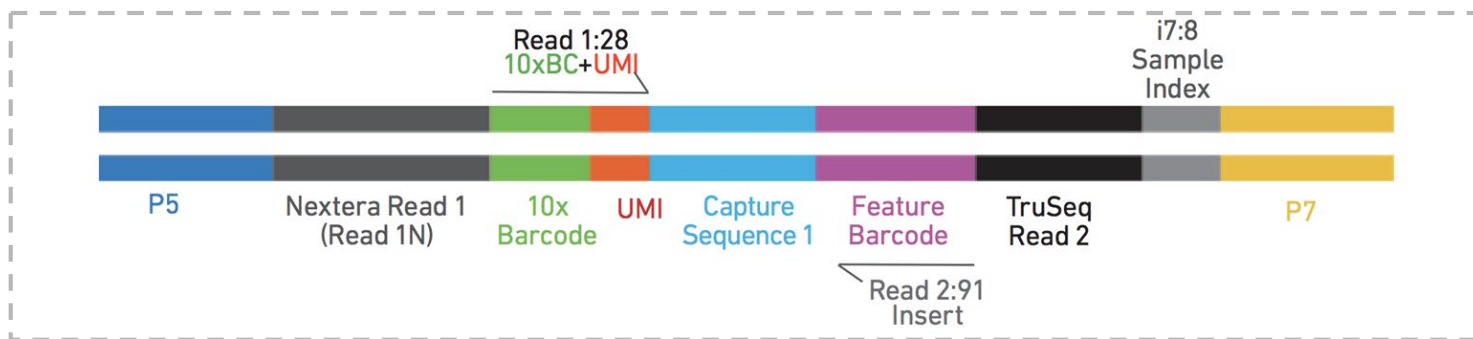
### Chromium Single Cell 3' Gene Expression Library



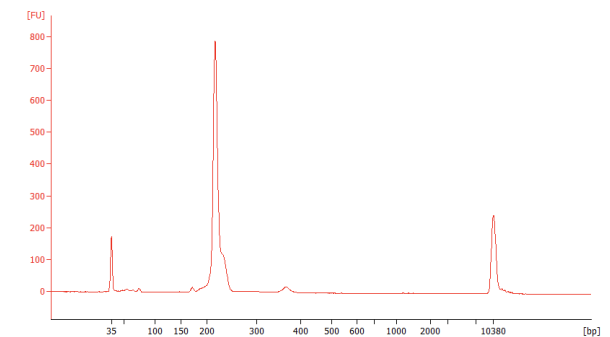
### Representative Trace



### Chromium Single Cell 3' Cell Surface Protein Library



### Representative Trace



# Chromium Single Cell Gene Expression Solution with Feature Barcoding technology

Sample Preparation

# Antibody Preparation

## Custom Conjugation

### Specific Reagents and Consumables

Vendor	Item	Part Number
Expedeon	ThunderLink Plus	425-0300
IDT	Feature Barcode Oligonucleotide (see Table 1 & Appendix)	-
	100 µg Purified Azide-free Antibody	

To perform custom conjugation, a customer needs to acquire:

- ThunderLink Plus kit
- Feature Barcode Oligonucleotide
  - 10 nmoles, HPLC purified, lyophilized
  - **NOT** resuspended in TE buffer
  - The BC structure must be compatible with desired assay
  - The BC sequence should be selected from the provided whitelist
    - This ensures compatibility if pooled with commercially available Feature Barcoding technology compatible antibodies
- 100 µg Antibody

10x Genomics Protocol	Feature Barcode Oligonucleotide Sequence					
Single Cell 3' v3 – Cell Surface Protein (CG000185)	/5AmMC12/GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTNNNNNNNNNNN-NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN-NNNNNNNNNNGCTTTAAGGCCGGTCCTAGCAA	TruSeq Read 2	10 nt	Feature Barcode (15 nt)	9 nt	Capture Sequence 1
Single Cell V(D)J – Cell Surface Protein (CG000186)	/5AmMC12/CGGAGATGTGTATAAGAGACAGNNNNNNNNNNN-NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN-NNNNNNNNNNCCCATATAAGAAA	Nextera partial Read 2	10 nt	Feature Barcode (15 nt)	9 nt	Capture Sequence

Note: Consult Barcode Whitelist for Custom Feature Barcoding conjugates (Document CG000193), for more information

# Antibody Preparation

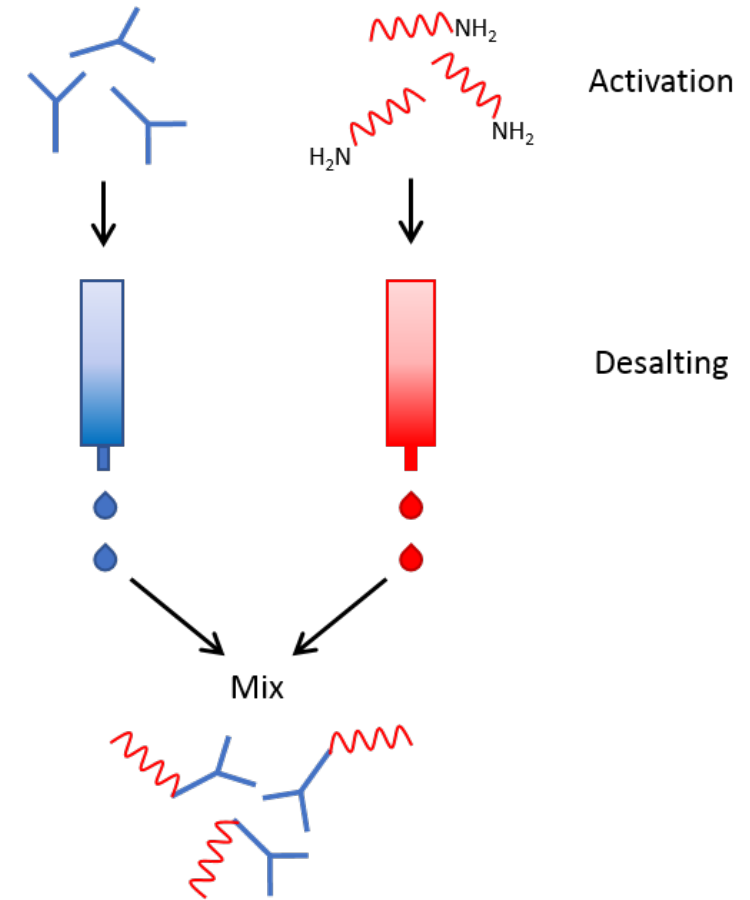
## Thunder-Link® PLUS Oligo Conjugation System



**Innova  
Biosciences**

### Key Workflow Steps

1. Suspend oligo and antibody in compatible buffer
2. Activate antibody, activate oligo (mix with lyophilized activation reagent)
3. Purify activated antibody, purify activated oligo
4. Mix purified species together & incubate
5. Purify the conjugate from unconjugated oligo
6. QC using non-reducing SDS-PAGE



Thunderlink Plus Protocol: [https://www.expedeon.com/images/stories/innova/pdfs/thunderlink\\_plus\\_oligo\\_protocol\\_r1.pdf](https://www.expedeon.com/images/stories/innova/pdfs/thunderlink_plus_oligo_protocol_r1.pdf)

# Sample Preparation

## Cell Surface Protein Labeling Demonstrated Protocol

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### Key Workflow Steps

1. Block cells (optional), on ice
  - a. FcX: block cell Fc receptors
  - b. Dextran Sulfate: block positive charges
2. Prepare antibody pool
3. Remove antibody aggregates (14,000xg, 10 min)
4. Label cells by incubating with antibody pool
5. Wash cells to remove unbound antibodies
6. Count cells and load GEMs

### DEMONSTRATED PROTOCOL

## Cell Surface Protein Labeling for Single Cell RNA Sequencing Protocols with Feature Barcoding technology

### Overview

Cell surface proteins can be labeled using a specific protein binding molecule, such as an antibody conjugated to a Feature Barcode oligonucleotide. This protocol provides guidance for antibody-oligonucleotide conjugation and outlines cell surface protein labeling for use with:

- Chromium Single Cell 3' Reagent Kits v3 User Guide with Feature Barcoding technology for Cell Surface Protein (CG000185)
- Chromium Single Cell V(D)J Reagent Kits User Guide with Feature Barcoding technology for Cell Surface Protein (CG000186)

### Additional Guidance

Consult Demonstrated Protocol Cell Preparation Guide (Document CG00053) for Tips & Best Practices on handling cells and Technical Note Guidelines on Accurate Target Cell Counts (Document CG000091) for determining accurate cell counts.

Cells carry potentially hazardous pathogens. Follow material supplier recommendations and local laboratory procedures and regulations for the safe handling, storage and disposal of biological materials.

### Preparation – Buffers

Buffers	Composition
Maintain at 4°C	
Labeling Buffer	PBS + 1% BSA
Resuspension Buffer	PBS + 0.04% BSA
Dextran Sulfate Solution	1% w/v (10 mg/ml) Dextran Sulfate Sodium Salt in Nuclease-free Water

### Specific Reagents & Consumables

For Antibody-Oligonucleotide Conjugation		
Vendor	Item	Part Number
Expedon	Thunder-Link PLUS Conjugation Kit	425-0300
IDT	Custom DNA Oligos (see Table 1)	-
-	100 µg Purified Azide-free Antibody (1 mg/ml)	-
For Cell Surface Protein Labeling		
Vendor	Item	Part Number
BioLegend	Human TruStain FcX (Fc Receptor Blocking Solution)	422301
	TotalSeq Antibody-Oligonucleotide Conjugate*	-
MP Biomedicals	Dextran Sulfate Sodium Salt	101516
Thermo Fisher Scientific	Dextran Sulfate Sodium Salt (alternative to MP Biomedicals product)	AC44149050
	UltraPure Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA, 50 mg/ml)	AM2616
Millipore Sigma	Phosphate-Buffered Saline (PBS) with 10% Bovine Albumin (alternative to Thermo Fisher product)	SRE0036
Corning	Phosphate-Buffered Saline, 1X without Calcium and Magnesium	21-040-CV

\*TotalSeq-B for Single Cell 3' v3 protocol with Feature Barcoding technology for Cell Surface Protein

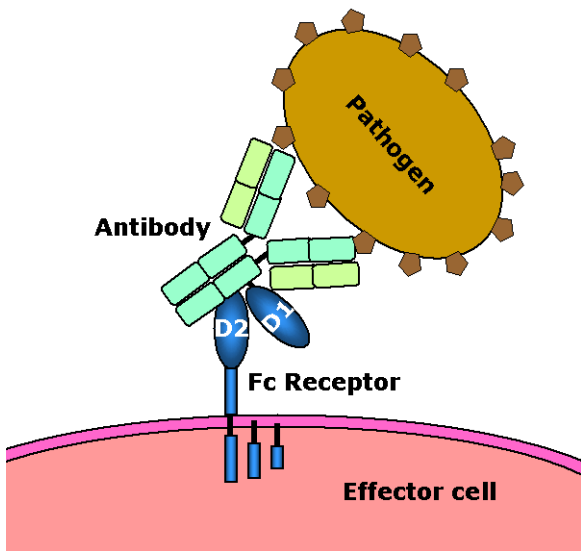
\*TotalSeq-C for Single Cell V(D)J protocol with Feature Barcoding technology for Cell Surface Protein



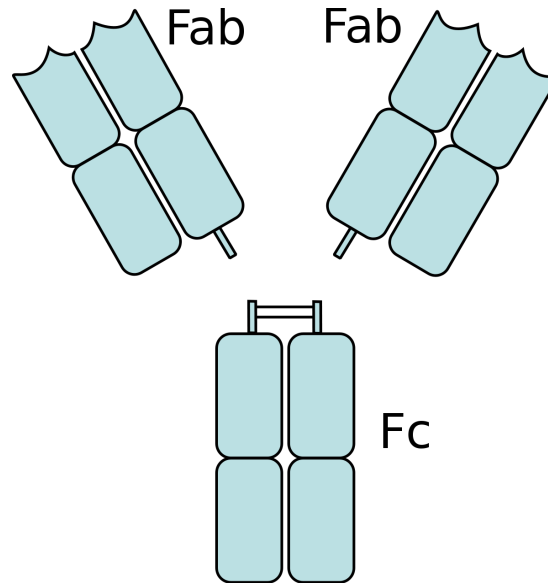
# FcX (Fc block) decreases nonspecific binding to Fc receptors

*Optional, but Recommended, Step Prior to Labeling Cells with Specific Antibodies*

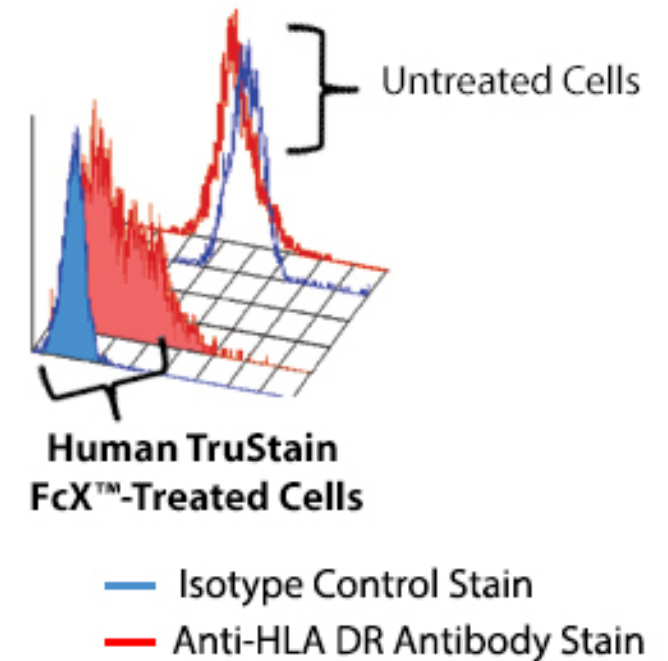
FC Receptor binds antibodies



We want to capture specific interaction via the Fab region



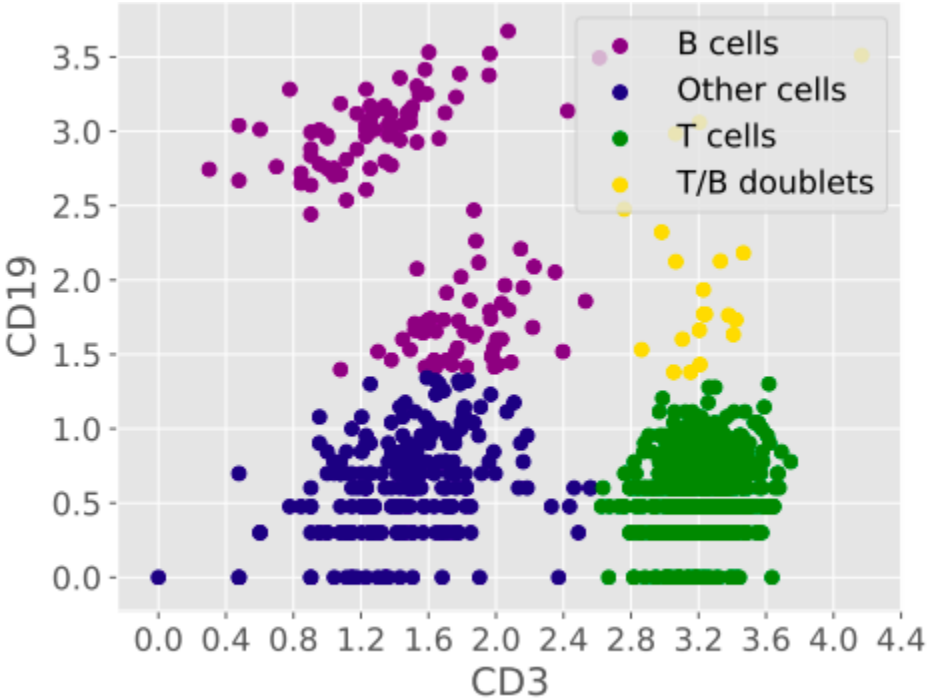
FcX helps Feature Barcoding technology in the same way it helps Flow Cytometry



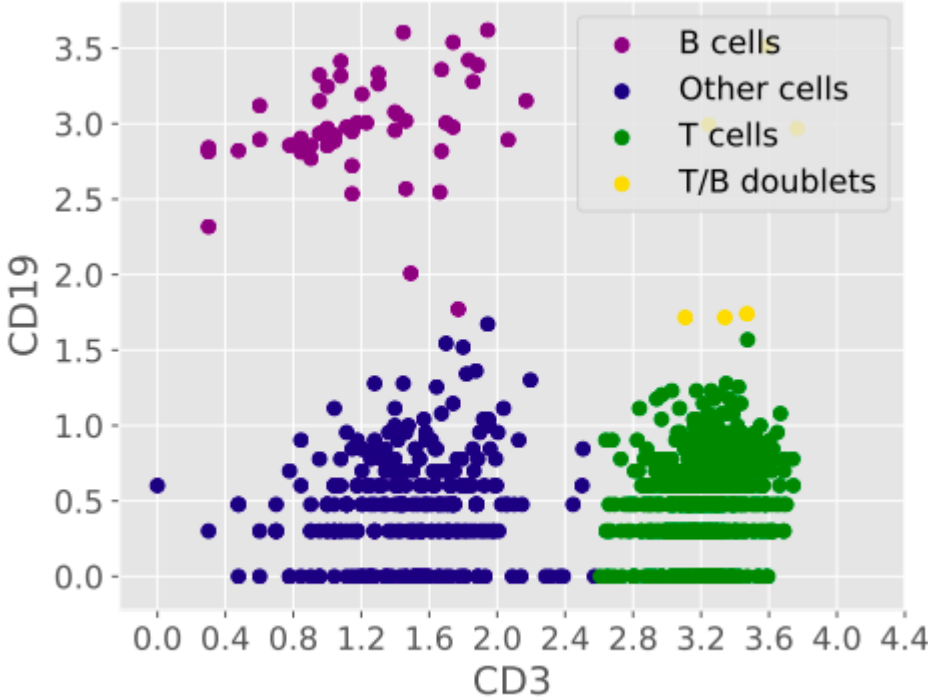
<https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/human-trustain-fcx-fc-receptor-blocking-solution-6462>

# Dextran sulfate increases T/B cell purity

Without Dextran Sulfate  
Increased Background staining on  
non T/B cells



With Dextran Sulfate: cleaner staining



# Prepare the Antibody Pool

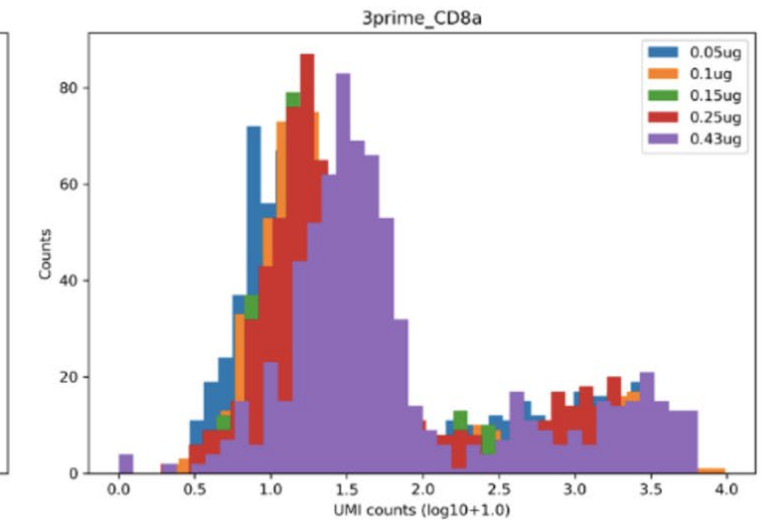
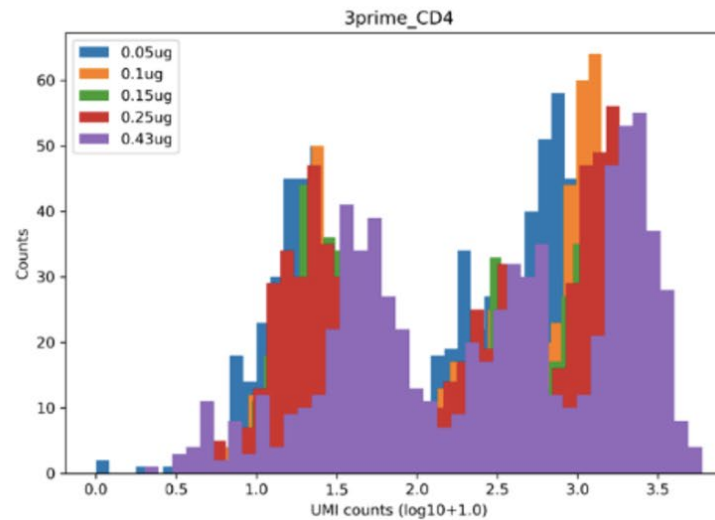
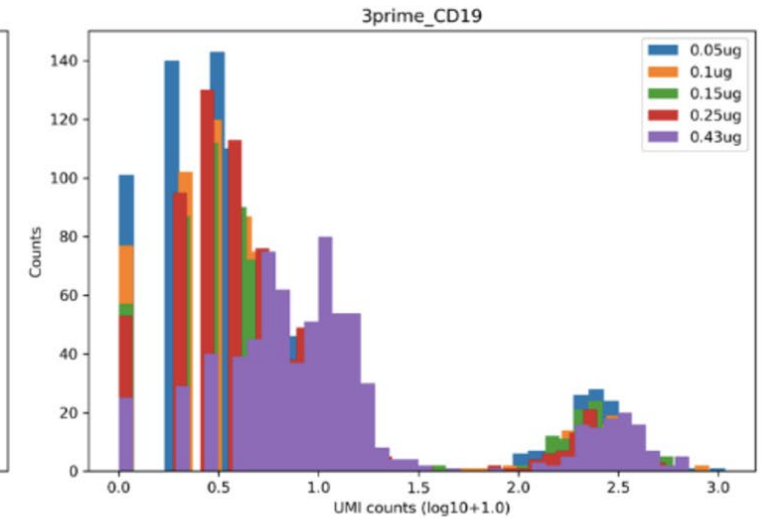
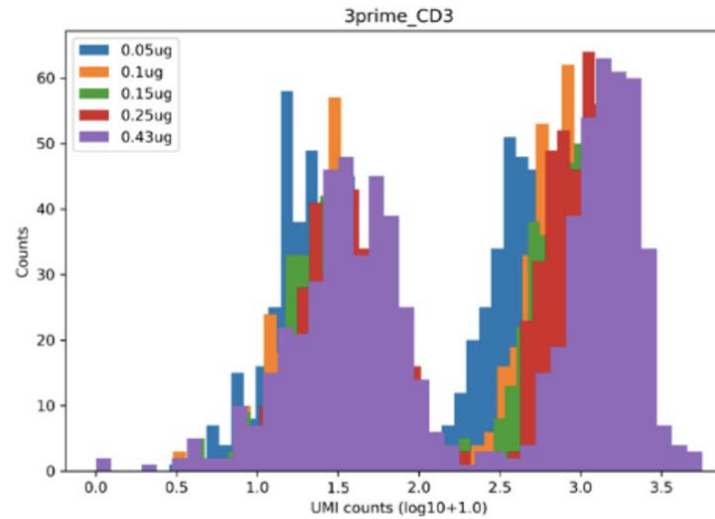
- Target compatibility
  - Very common markers (ie, CD45) can overtake a library when pooled with rare markers
  - Can compensate by sequencing deeper
  
- Antibody titration
  - BioLegend recommendation: 1 µg per Ab/ 100 µL
  - 10x Verification and Validation data collected at 0.25 µg / 100 µL
  - Recommend using flow cytometry titrated concentrations

Target	Clone	Cell Type Target
CD3	UCHT1	T Cells
CD4	RPA-T4	CD4 T Cells
CD8a	RPA-T8	CD8 T Cells
CD14	M5E2	Monocytes
CD15	W6D3	Haematopoietic Cells
CD16	3G8	Natural Killer Cells/ Monocytes
CD56	QA17A16	Natural Killer Cells
CD19	HIB19	B Cells
CD25	BC96	Regulatory T Cells
CD45	HI30	Lymphocytes
CD45RA	HI100	Naive T Cells
CD45RO	UCHL1	Experienced T Cells
PD-1	EH12.2H7	Exhausted T Cells
TIGIT	A15153G	Exhausted T Cells
CD127	A019D5	Immature B and T Cells
Isotype control IgG1	MOPC-21	IgG1
Isotype control IgG2a	MOPC-173	IgG2a
Isotype control IgG2b	MPC-11	IgG2b

# Feature Barcode Titration

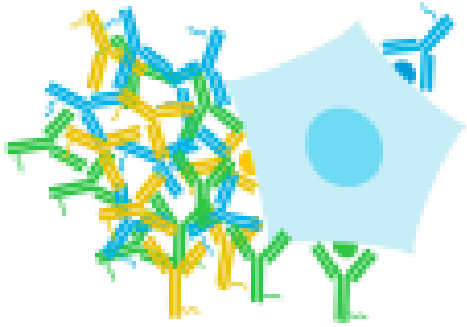
## Specificity over ~1 log of concentration

- Tested antibodies are broadly resilient to input concentration
- Matching flow cytometry concentrations is a good starting place
- BioLegend can provide additional support on titration.



# All Antibodies in Suspension Form Aggregates Over Time

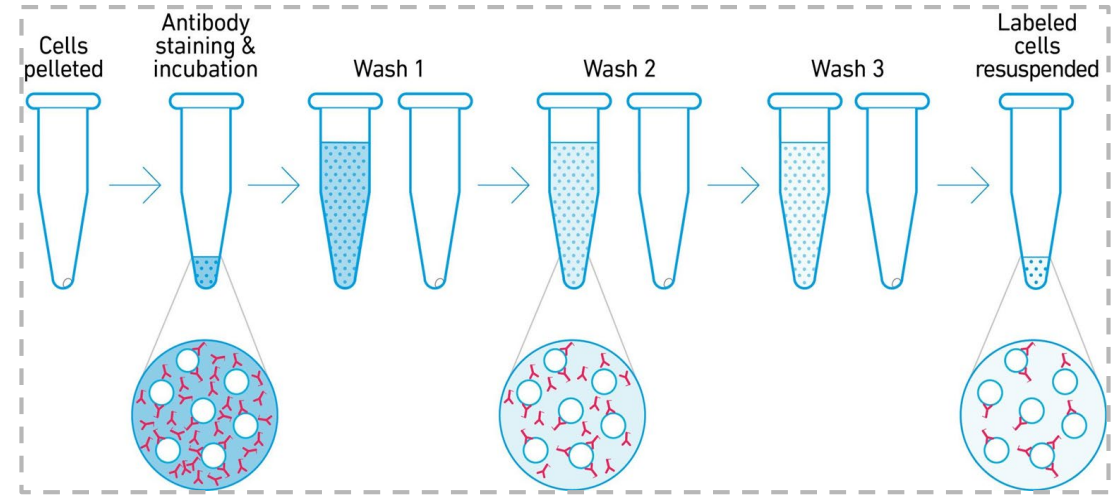
## *Remove Aggregates Before Staining*



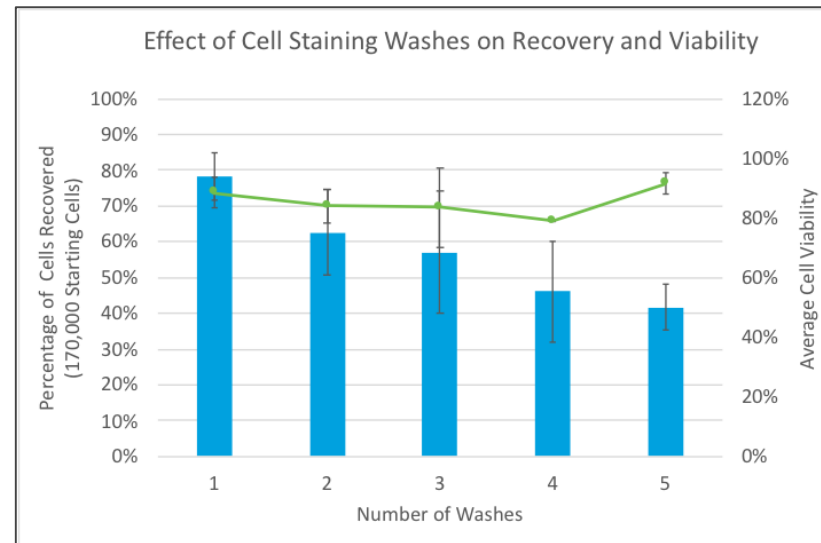
1. Make a pool of the desired antibodies for staining, allowing ~10% excess volume
2. Centrifuge at 14,000 rcf for 10 minutes (room temperature or 4°C)
3. Carefully remove the supernatant for use
4. Stain with appropriate volume of antibody pool
  - Alternate: filter antibody pool through 0.2 um filter
  - 10x have not validated storage of pooled antibodies, refer to BioLegend for recommendations

# Labeling and Washing Cells

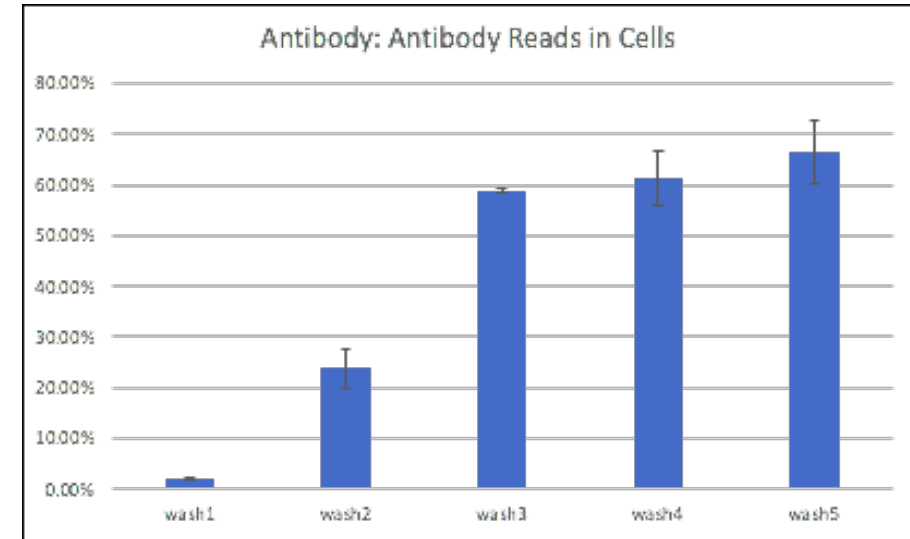
- For delicate cell types, staining can be done in media, buffer + FBS, or any cell-compatible buffer
- Cell centrifugation should be done at a speed appropriate for cell type
- Recommended: final resuspension in PBS + 0.04% BSA



## Cells are lost with each subsequent wash



## Three washes results in high Antibody Reads in Cells



# TotalSeq-B Antibodies Tested In-House

## Immune Based Panel

- Control cells will depend on the experimental design and the panel constituents.
- Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells (PBMCs)\*  
From AllCells (Catalog # PB003F)  
Cryopreserved, 15 million cells
- Normal Peripheral Blood Pan T Cells  
From AllCells (Catalog # PB009-1F)  
Cryopreserved, 20 million cells  
Negatively isolated from mononuclear cells with magnetic beads
- Normal Peripheral Blood CD19+ B Cells  
From AllCells (Catalog # PB010F)  
Cryopreserved, 10 million cells  
Negatively isolated from mononuclear cells with magnetic beads

Target	Clone	Cell Type Target
CD3	UCHT1	T Cells
CD4	RPA-T4	CD4 T Cells
CD8a	RPA-T8	CD8 T Cells
CD14	M5E2	Monocytes
CD15	W6D3	Haematopoietic Cells
CD16	3G8	Natural Killer Cells/ Monocytes
CD56	QA17A16	Natural Killer Cells
CD19	H1B19	B Cells
CD25	BC96	Regulatory T Cells
CD45	HI30	Lymphocytes
CD45RA	HI100	Naive T Cells
CD45RO	UCHL1	Experienced T Cells
PD-1	EH12.2H7	Exhausted T Cells
TIGIT	A15153G	Exhausted T Cells
CD127	A019D5	Immature B and T Cells
Isotype control IgG1	MOPC-21	IgG1
Isotype control IgG2a	MOPC-173	IgG2a
Isotype control IgG2b	MPC-11	IgG2b

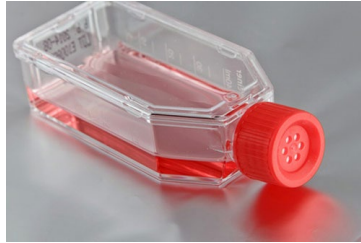


# Chromium Single Cell Gene Expression Solution with Feature Barcoding technology

Workflow Considerations and Sequencing Metrics

# Samples Validated In-House

**Human Cell Lines**



Suspension Cells: Jurkat, Raji, GM12878



**Primary Immune Cells**



Human PBMC's  
Human BMMC's  
Mouse PBMC's



**Dissociated Primary Tissues**



Mouse  
Splenocytes

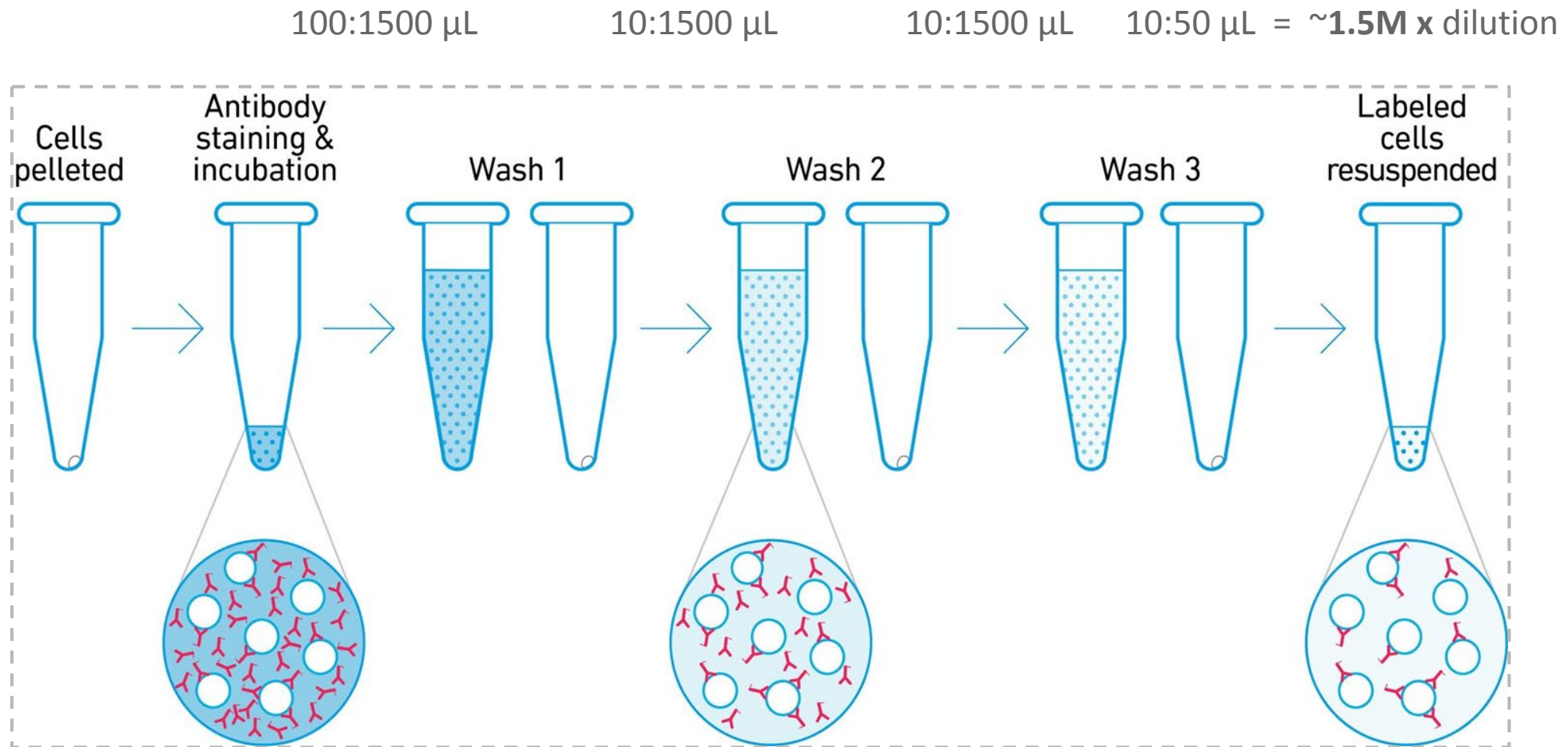


Mucosa  
Associated  
Lymphoid Tissue  
Lymphoma



# Workflow Considerations, Critical Steps and Performance Impacts

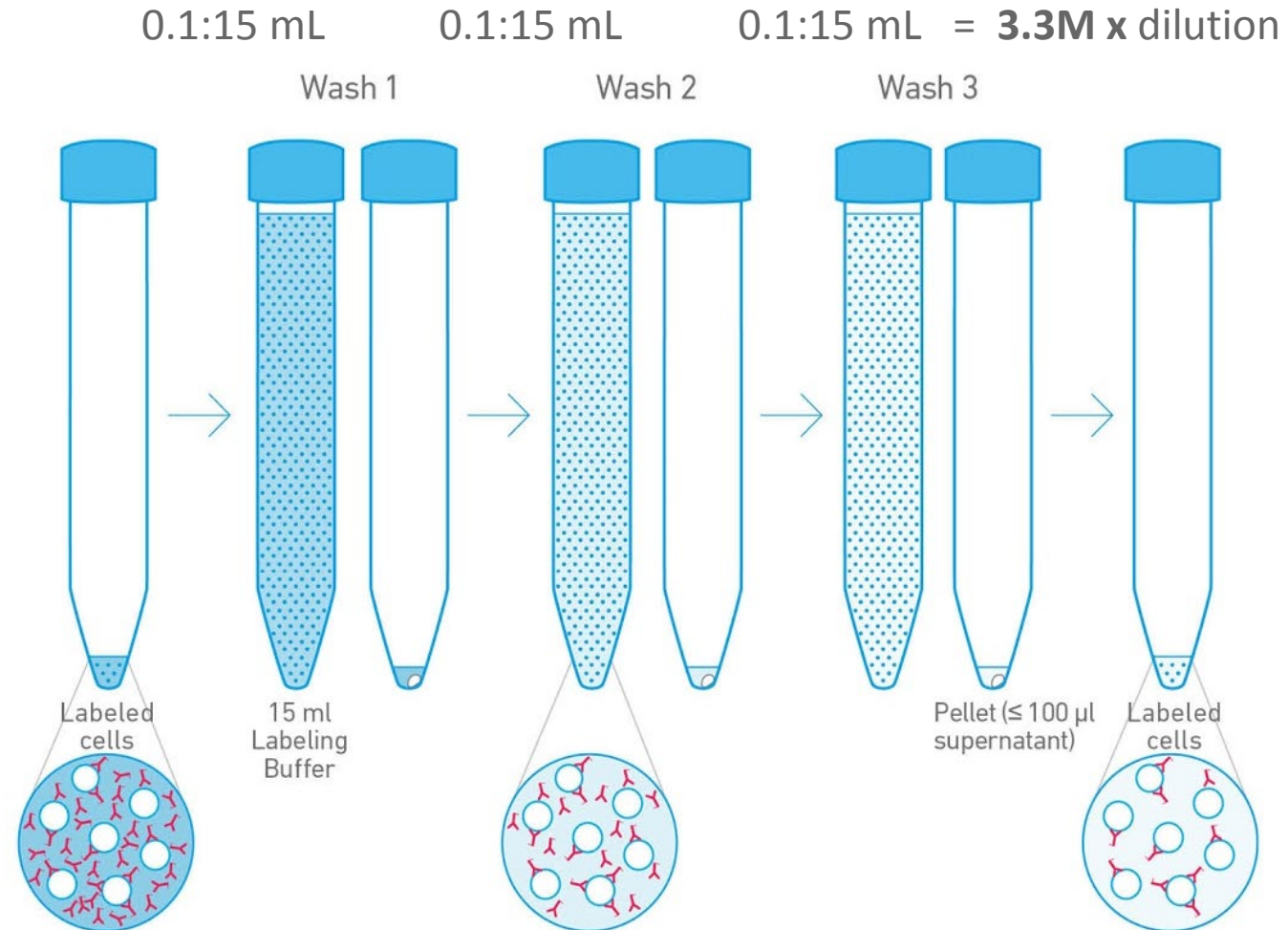
## *Staining and Washing Labeled Cells Reduces Non-specifically Bound Antibodies*



# Larger Wash Volume is Compatible

## Performing Wash in 15 mL Centrifuge

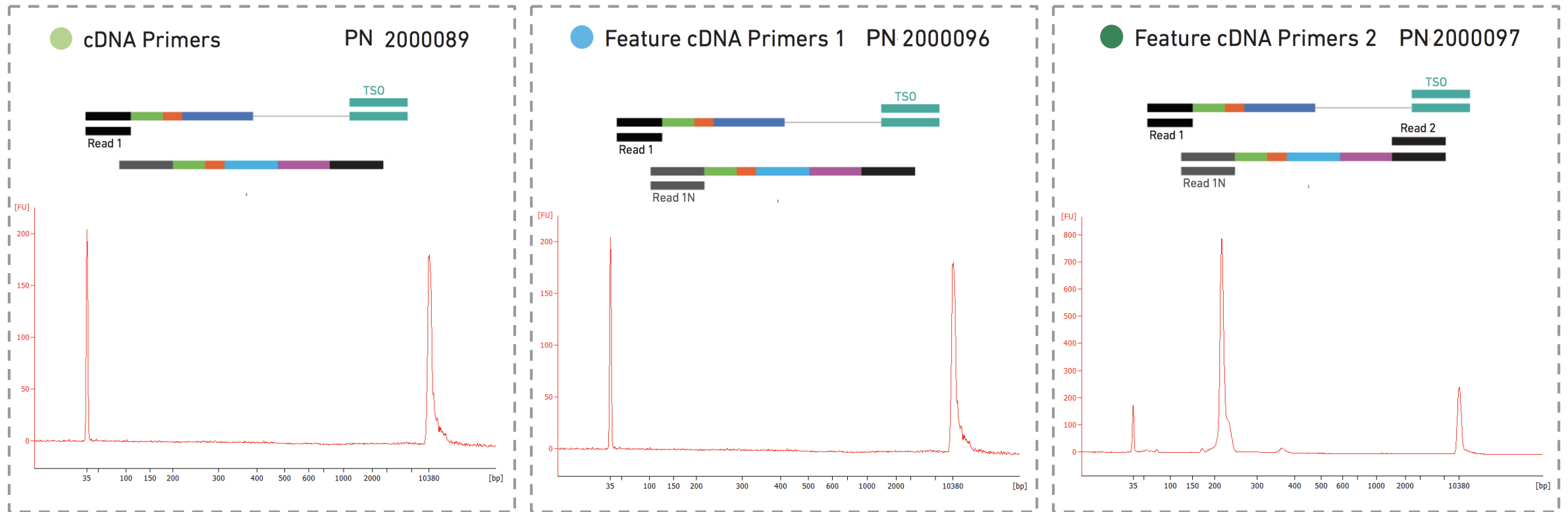
- Increasing the wash volume to 15 ml may be preferred by some customers
- Remove supernatant, and leave <math><100\ \mu\text{l}</math> of buffer behind with cell pellet
- Overall background dilution is the same as 1.5 ml wash with 1  $\mu\text{l}$  pellet



# Workflow Considerations, Critical Steps and Performance Impacts

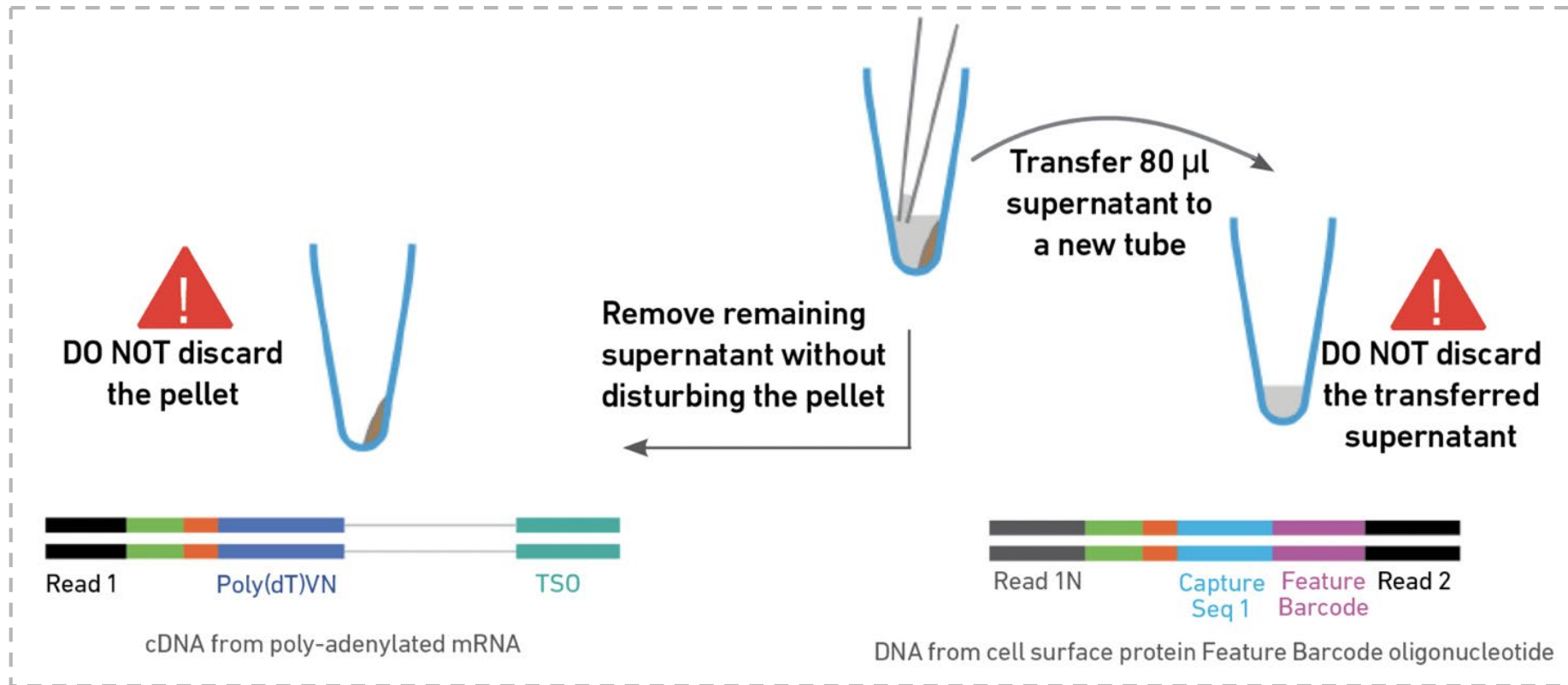
## *Correct cDNA Primer Choice Enables Successful Feature Barcode Amplification*

Feature cDNA Primers 2 enables successful amplification of the Feature Barcode target



# Workflow Considerations, Critical Steps and Performance Impacts

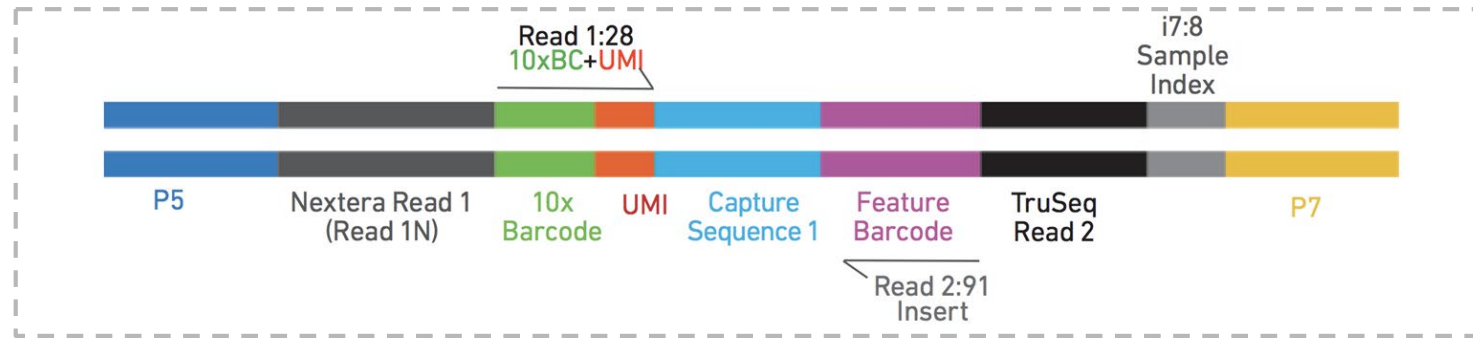
## *Save the Supernatant - Sample Bifurcation Enables Feature Barcode Library Construction*





# Supported Sequencers

## Single Cell 3' Cell Surface Protein Library



	Single Cell 3' Gene Expression	Single Cell 3' Cell Surface Protein
Raw Read Pairs per Cell	Minimum 20,000	Minimum 5,000



MiSeq



NextSeq



HiSeq2500



HiSeq 3000/4000

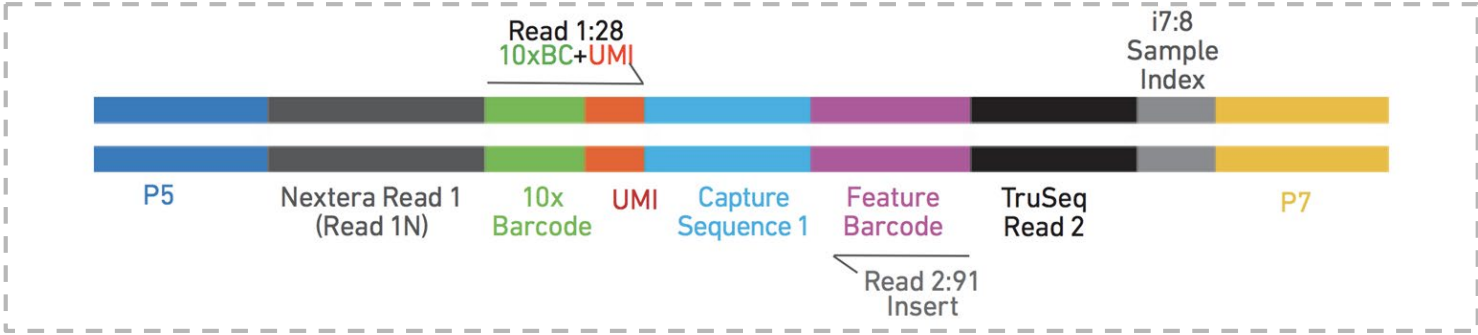


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# Recommended Read Length

## Single Cell 3' Cell Surface Protein Library

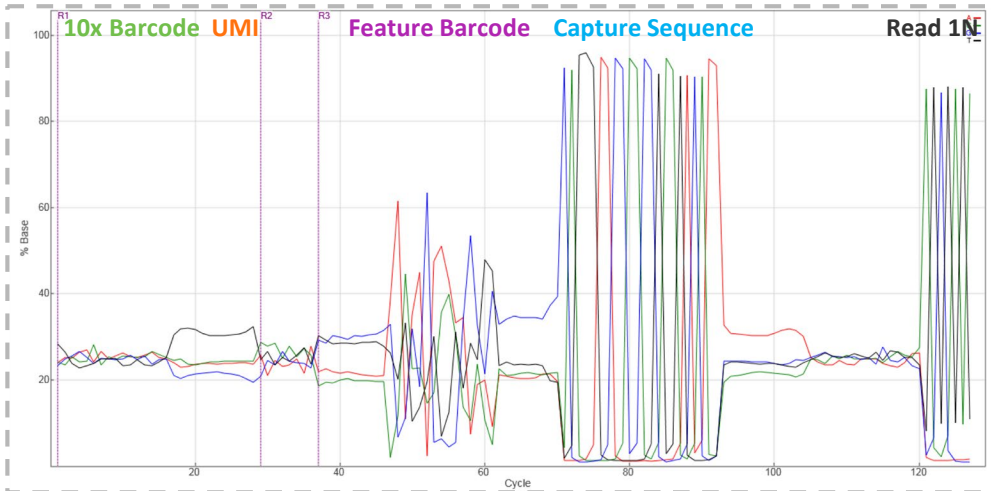
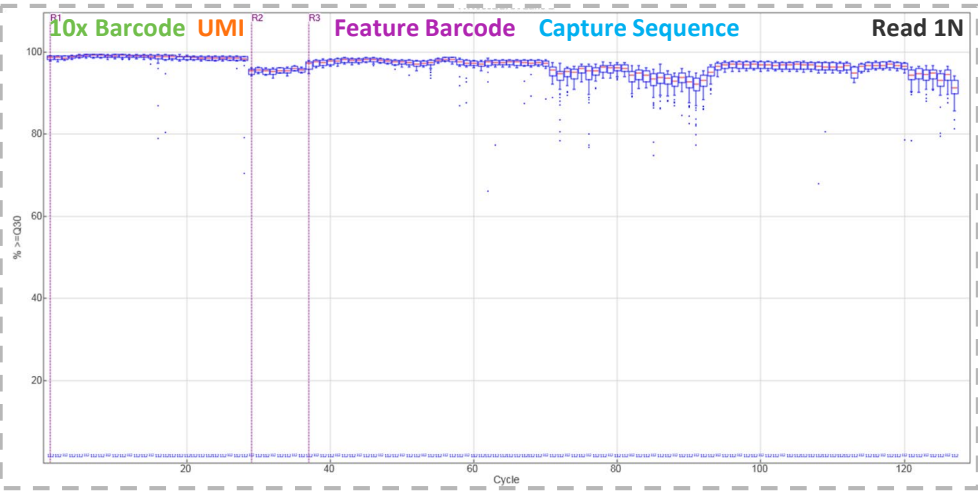
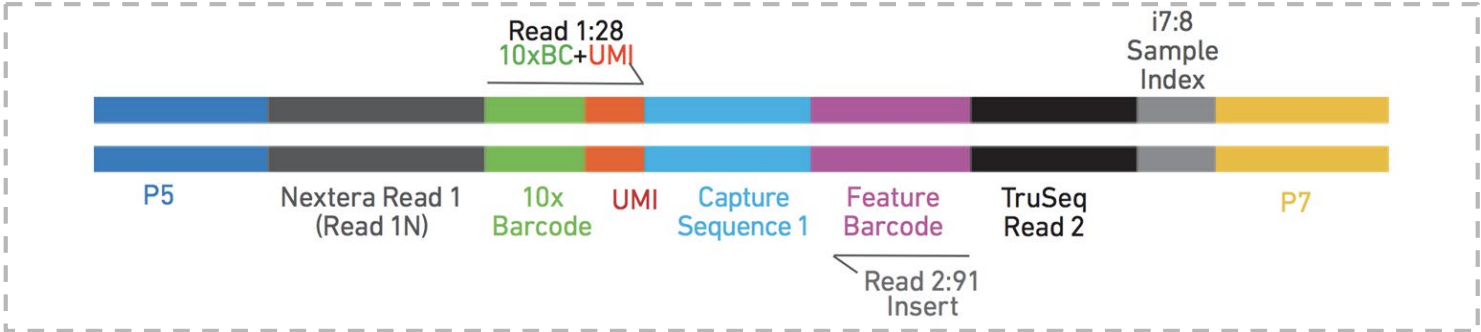


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Purpose	10x Barcode & UMI	Sample Index	N/A	Insert
Length	28	8	0	91*

Note: \* Single Cell 3' Cell Surface Protein Libraries are typically pooled with Single Cell Gene Expression Libraries and sequenced using these parameters. The minimum required Read 2 length for Cell Surface Protein Libraries is 25 bp.

# Base Balance Composition

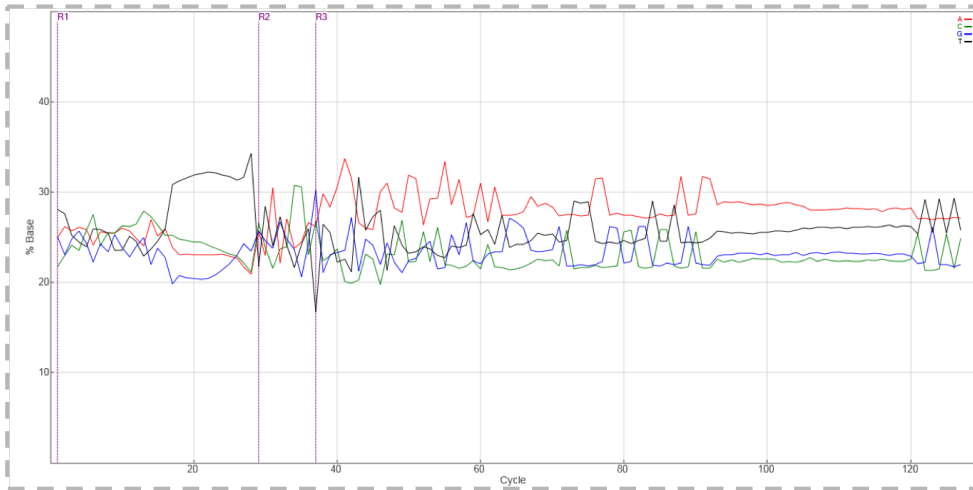
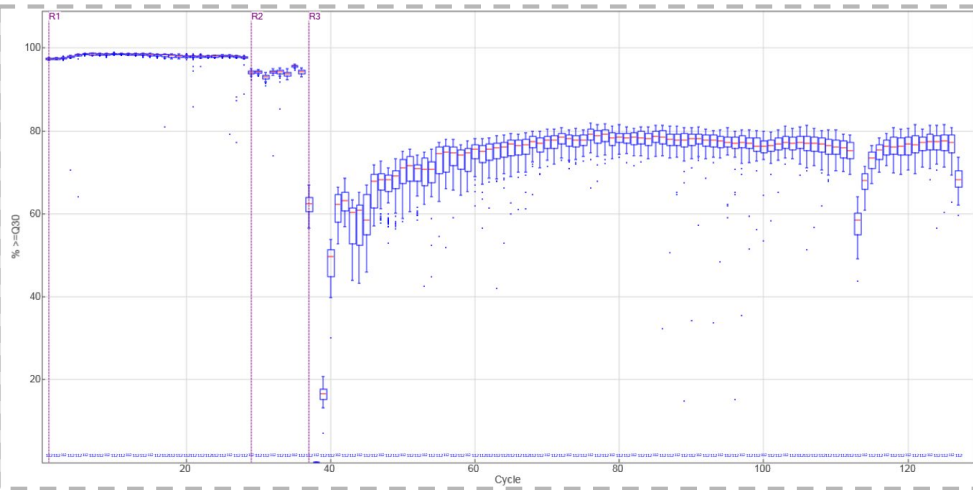
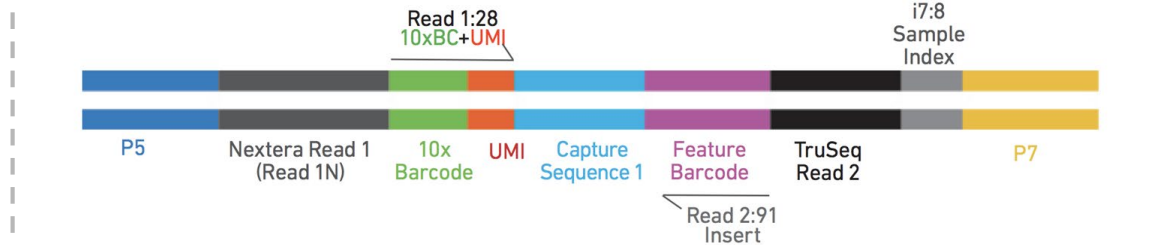
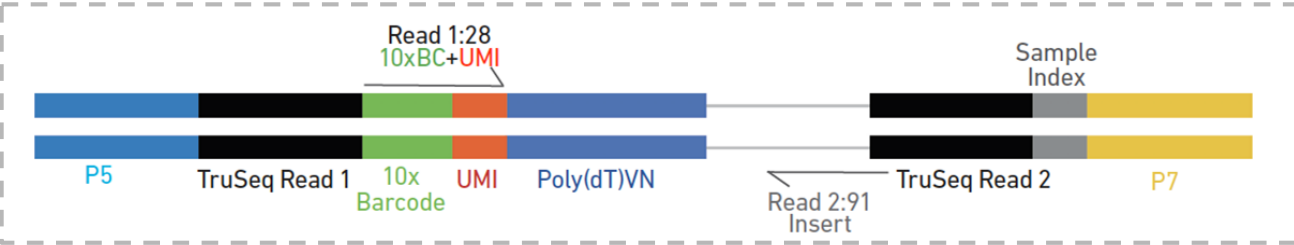
## Single Cell 3' Cell Surface Protein Library



Note: \* Pool of 4 Single Cell 3' Cell Surface Protein Libraries run on one lane of a HiSeq 4000

# Base Balance Composition

## Pooled Single Cell Gene Expression and Cell Surface Protein Libraries



Note: \* Pool of 2 Single Cell 3' Gene Expression and 2 Cell Surface Protein Libraries run on one lane of a HiSeq 4000

# Sequencing Recommendations: Pooling Guidelines

## *Single Cell 3' Cell Surface Protein Libraries*

Single Cell 3' Cell Surface Protein libraries may be pooled for sequencing with:



Single Cell 3' Gene Expression v3 libraries



Single Cell 3' Gene Expression v2 libraries (if run as a 28 x 91 read length configuration)



Single Cell 5' Gene Expression libraries (if run as a 28 x 91 read length configuration)



Single Cell 5' Cell Surface Protein libraries (if run as a 28 x 91 read length configuration)

We have not tested the compatibility of pooling for sequencing with:



Single Cell ATAC libraries



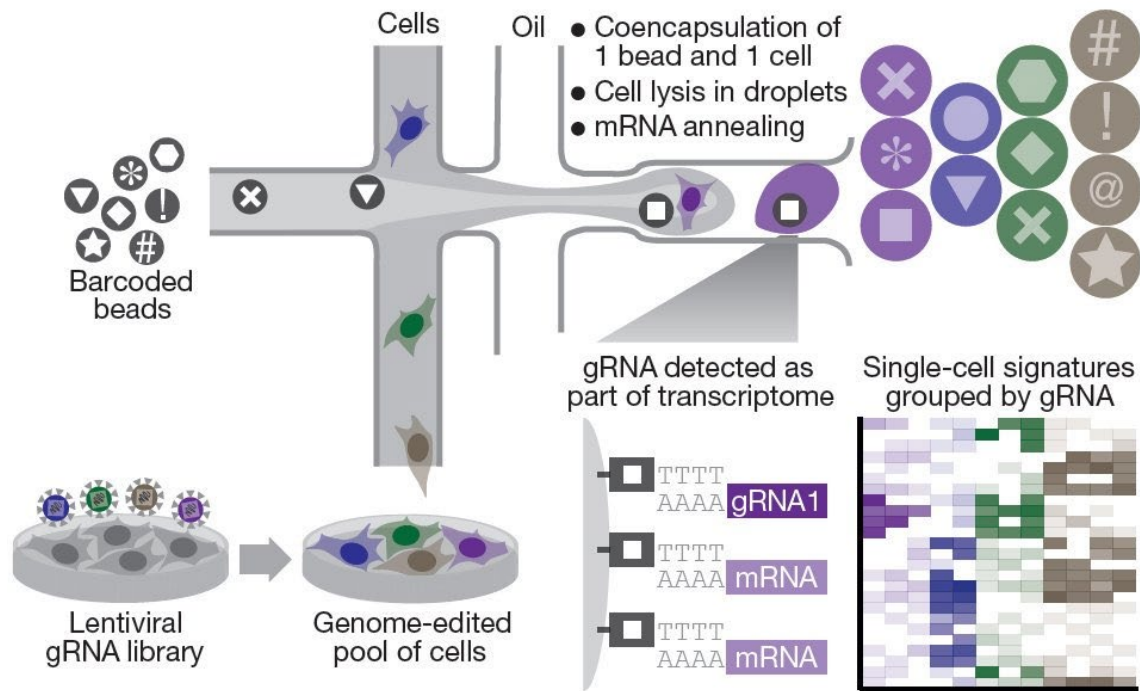
Single Cell CNV libraries

# Chromium Single Cell Gene Expression Solution with Feature Barcoding technology

CRISPR Screening

# Single Cell Gene Expression and CRISPR Screening

## *More Information from a Single Assay*



- Simultaneously assess perturbation phenotypes and gene expression from the same cell
- Enable high throughput and high resolution functional genetic screens in hundreds to tens of thousands of cells simultaneously
- Detect heterogeneity that would otherwise go undetected in analyses of pooled cells
- Determine comprehensive gene expression phenotypes for individual perturbations
- Directly capture and sequence gRNAs, eliminating the need for proxy barcodes



# Single Cell Gene Expression and CRISPR Screening

## Customer Demonstrations

### Perturb-Seq

### CROP-Seq

Resource

Cell

#### Perturb-Seq: Dissecting Molecular Circuits with Scalable Single-Cell RNA Profiling of Pooled Genetic Screens

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#### SUMMARY

Genetic screens help infer gene function in mammalian cells, but it has remained difficult to assay complex phenotypes—such as transcriptional profiles—at scale. Here, we develop Perturb-Seq, combining single-cell RNA sequencing (RNA-seq) and clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats (CRISPR)-based perturbations to perform many such assays in a pool. We demonstrate Perturb-Seq by analyzing 200,000 cells in immune cells and cell lines, focusing on transcription factors regulating the response of dendritic cells to lipopolysaccharide (LPS). Perturb-Seq accurately identifies individual gene targets, gene signatures, and cell states affected by individual perturbations and their genetic interactions. We point new functions for regulators of differentiation, the anti-viral response, and mitochondrial function during immune activation. By decomposing many high content measurements into the effects of perturbations, their interactions, and diverse cell metadata, Perturb-Seq dramatically increases the scope of pooled genetic assays.

#### INTRODUCTION

Genetic screens systematically analyze gene function in mammalian cells. Such screens are designed in either (1) an individual (arrayed) format, where each perturbation

is delivered and assessed separately, or (2) a pooled format, performed en masse. Pooled readouts measure cell autonomous phenotypes, such as growth, drug resistance, or marker expression. Pooled screens are more efficient and scalable, but have been limited to low-content readouts. Distinguishing between different molecular mechanisms that yield similar phenotypes requires time and labor intensive follow-up.

Bridging the gap between rich profiles and pooled screens has been challenging. In mammalian cells, a few studies transcriptionally profiled hundreds of individual perturbations (Berg et al., 2016; Parnas et al., 2016). In yeast (Hughes et al., 2003; Kuo et al., 2000) knock-out (KO) strains have been assessed (Kramer et al., 2014). Even signature screens were only performed in contrasted cells (Liu et al., 2008). Profiling may particularly help interpret the combined nonlinear effects of multiple factors. Comprehensive analysis of genetic interactions in growth phenotypes between pairs of genes has been performed in yeast (Costanzo et al., 2016). In mammals, only small sets of pre-selected pairs have been assessed for cell viability (Finnell et al., 2013) or morphology (Lawler et al., 2013). One yeast study determined the combined effects of regulatable gene expression profiles in a cocktail of three to five genes (Gaspard et al., 2009). Very few studies have examined higher order interactions (Elina and Lemke, 1997; Haber et al., 2013) and none have coupled those with a high content scalable readout.

To address this challenge, we develop Perturb-Seq, combining the modularity of clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats (CRISPR)/Cas9 to perform multi-focus gene perturbation (Cong et al., 2013; Qi et al., 2013) with the scale of massively parallel single cell RNA sequencing

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ARTICLES

#### Pooled CRISPR screening with single-cell transcriptome readout

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CRISPR-based genetic screens are accelerating biological discovery, but current methods have inherent limitations. Widely used pooled screens are restricted to simple readouts reflecting cell proliferation and sortable marker proteins. Arrayed screens allow for comprehensive molecular readouts such as transcriptome profiling, but at much lower throughput. Here we combine pooled CRISPR screening with single-cell RNA sequencing into a broadly applicable workflow, directly linking guide RNA expression to transcriptional responses in thousands of individual cells. Our method for CRISPR droplet sequencing (CROP-seq) enables pooled CRISPR screens with single-cell transcriptome resolution, which will facilitate high-throughput functional dissection of complex regulatory mechanisms and heterogeneous cell populations.

Pooled CRISPR screening is a powerful and widely used method for identifying genes involved in biological mechanisms such as cell proliferation<sup>1,2</sup>, drug resistance<sup>3</sup>, and viral infection<sup>4</sup>. Cells are transduced in bulk with a library of guide RNA (gRNA)-encoding vectors, and the distribution of gRNAs is measured before and after applying a selective challenge (Fig. 1A). Pooled CRISPR screens work well for mechanisms that affect cell survival and proliferation, and they can be extended to measure the activity of individual genes (e.g., by using engineered reporter cell lines). However, they do not support complex molecular readouts such as transcriptome profiling, which is one of the most comprehensive and informative measures of cellular response<sup>5</sup>. Arrayed CRISPR screens, in which only one gene is targeted at a time, make it possible to use RNA-seq as the readout<sup>6</sup>, but this comes at the cost of much lower throughput because cells transduced with individual gRNAs need to be physically separated (Fig. 1B).

Here we propose a third and complementary screening paradigm, single-cell CRISPR screens, based on the idea that gRNAs and their molecular cellular responses are already compartmentalized within single cells. Detecting which cells gRNAs along with their single-cell transcriptome would thus provide gene expression signatures for individual gene knockouts in a complex pool of cells (Fig. 1C). Implementing this concept, our CROP-seq method combines four

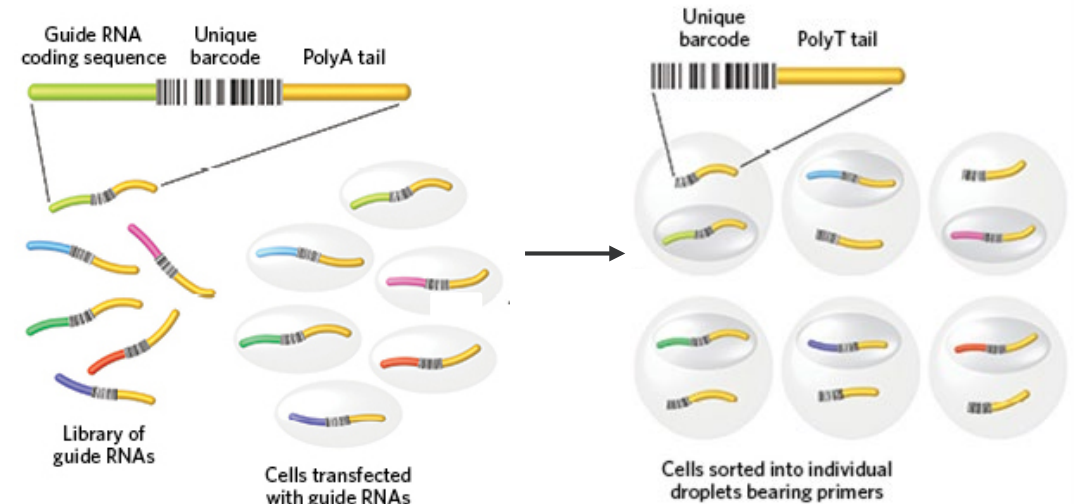
key components: a gRNA vector that makes individual gRNAs detectable in single-cell RNA-seq experiments, a high-throughput assay for single-cell RNA-seq<sup>7,8</sup>, a computational pipeline for assigning single-cell transcriptomes to gRNAs, and a bioinformatic method for analyzing and interpreting gRNA-induced transcriptional profiles. CROP-seq thereby enables pooled screens with single-cell transcriptome readout, providing a scalable method for dissecting complex signaling pathways and other biological mechanisms that are not easily reduced to a single-selectable marker (Fig. 1D).

**RESULTS**  
**Direct detection of gRNAs from single-cell transcriptome data**  
 CRISPR gRNAs are typically transcribed by RNA polymerase III from a human U6 promoter (hU6). They lack a polyadenylated (poly-A) tail and are not detectable with current single-cell RNA-seq assays. We thus re-engineered a popular construct for pooled CRISPR screening (LentiGuide-Puro) to include the gRNA in a polyadenylated mRNA transcript (Fig. 1E, Supplementary Data, and Supplementary Fig. 1). Because LentiGuide-Puro was originally derived from a lentiviral vector rendered self-inactivating by a 400-bp deletion of key promoter elements, we hypothesized that this position within the 3' long terminal repeat (LTR) would tolerate the insertion of the similarly sized hU6-gRNA cassette. At this position, the gRNA becomes part of the provirus-resistance mRNA transcribed by RNA polymerase II and detectible by RNA-seq protocols that use poly-A enrichment. Functional gRNAs continue to be expressed from the hU6 promoter. In addition, the entire hU6-gRNA cassette is copied to the 5' LTR during reverse transcription and integration of the virus (Supplementary Fig. 1). This results in a second copy upstream of the possibly interfering EF-1α promoter—a design reminiscent of an early gRNA expression vector<sup>9</sup>. CROP-seq thereby solves the challenge of detecting gRNAs in single-cell transcriptomes at the vector level, which makes it compatible with various single-cell RNA-seq assays and with widely used dosing protocols for pooled screening.

Having assembled our CROP-seq-Guide-Puro plasmid from four PCR products using the ligation cycling reaction<sup>10</sup> (Supplementary Fig. 1 and Supplementary Table 1), we extensively validated its

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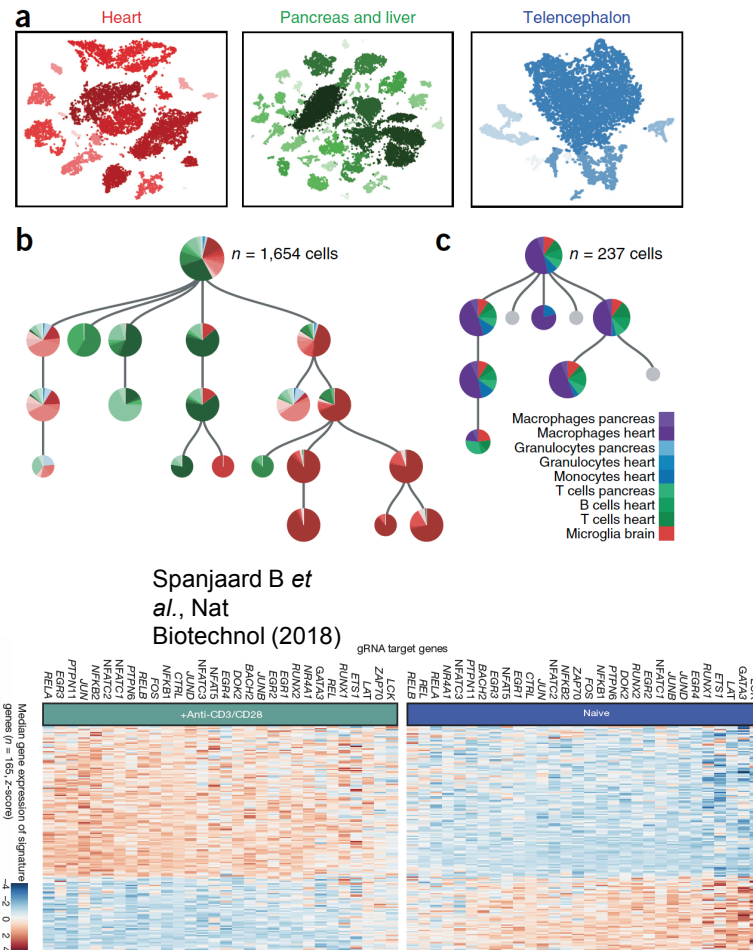
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# Single Cell Gene Expression and CRISPR Screening

## Applications and Research Areas



Datlinger P *et al.*, Nat Methods (2017)

### Drug Screening

- Comprehensive characterization of large CRISPR libraries
- Study p53, kinase, apoptosis, Jak-Stat and other pathways
- Study impact of perturbation of many members of the same pathway

### Stem Cell & Dev Biology

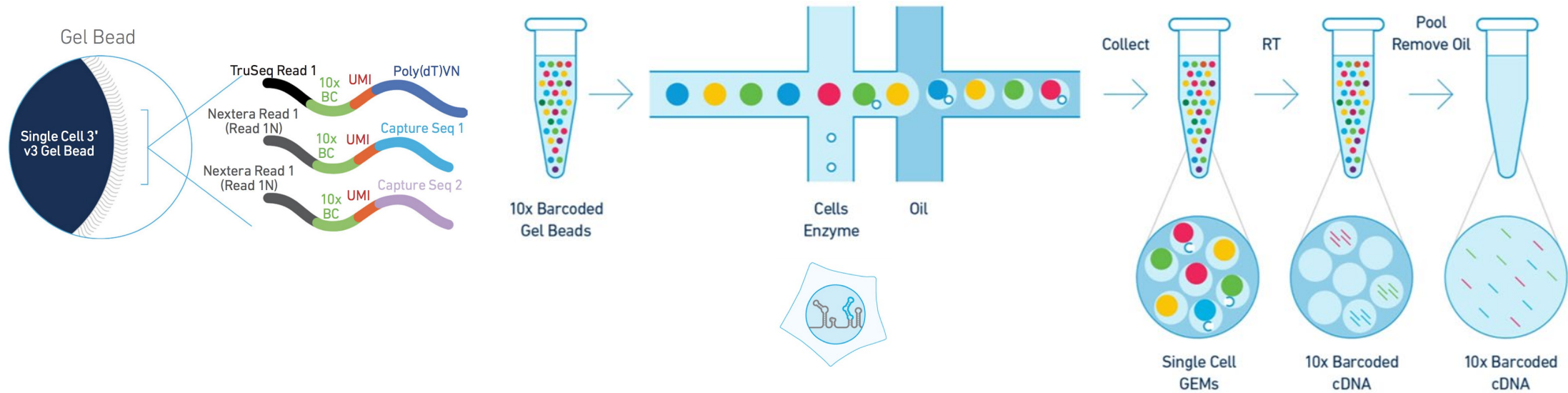
- Cell lineage tracing during development and disease
- Establish cellular differentiation hierarchies
- Adapt to many model organisms including mammalian, *Zebrafish*, *C. elegans*, *D. melanogaster*
- Resolve complex gene regulatory networks

### Immunology and Immune-oncology

- Screen T cell receptor activation
- Study cellular signaling events

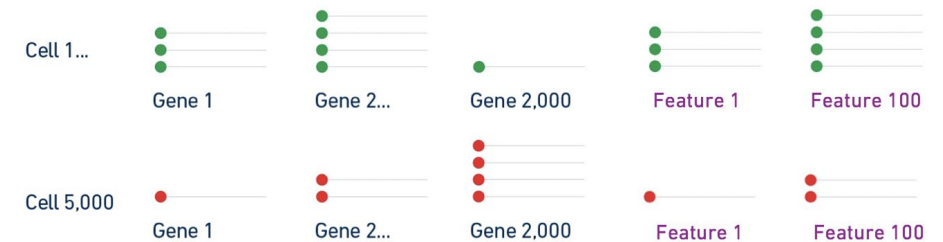
# Single Cell Gene Expression and CRISPR Screening Solution

## Biochemistry Overview



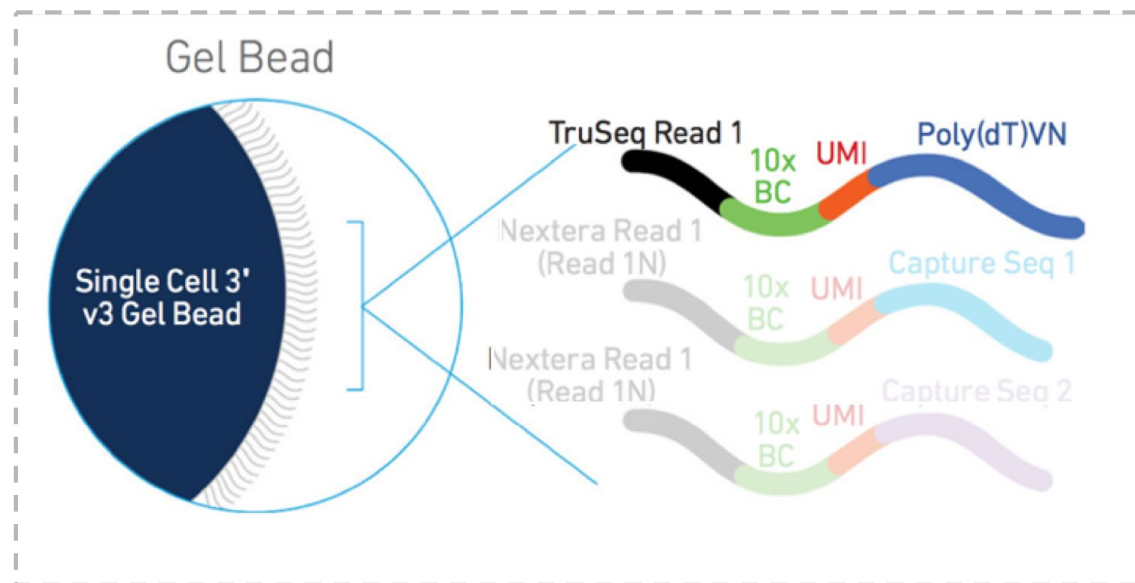
- **Inputs:**  
10x Gel Beads, Reagents and single cells in suspension
- **Outputs:**  
Digital gene expression and CRISPR perturbation profiles from every partitioned cell

Transcriptional profiling of individual cells



# Single Cell Gene Expression and CRISPR Screening Solution

*Feature Barcoding technology Enabled via Single Cell 3' v3 Gel Beads*



## i. TruSeq Read 1

22 nt Partial Illumina TruSeq Read 1 sequence

## ii. 10x BC

16 nt 10x Barcode

~3.6 M defined barcode sequences

## iii. UMI

12 nt Unique Molecular Identifier

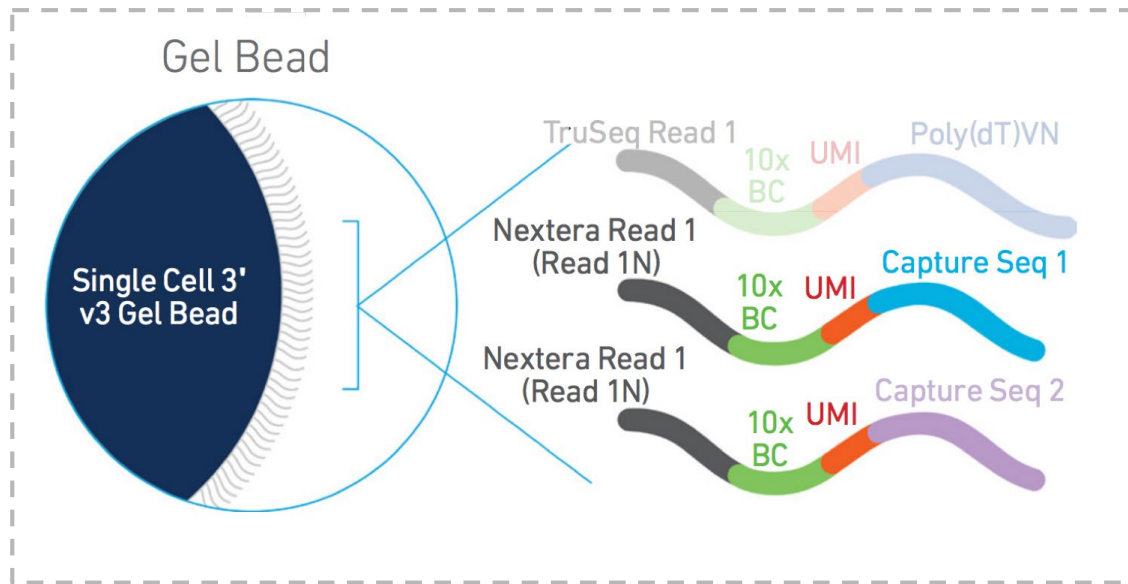
## iv. Poly(dT)VN

30 nt Poly(dT) sequence

Enables capture of poly-adenylated mRNA molecules

# Single Cell Gene Expression and CRISPR Screening Solution

## Feature Barcoding technology Enabled via Single Cell 3' v3 Gel Beads



### i. Nextera Read 1 (Read 1N)

22 nt Partial Illumina Nextera Read 1 sequence enables selective enrichment of the Feature Barcode construct

### ii. 10x BC

16 nt 10x Barcode  
~3.6 M defined barcode sequences

### iii. UMI

12 nt Unique Molecular Identifier

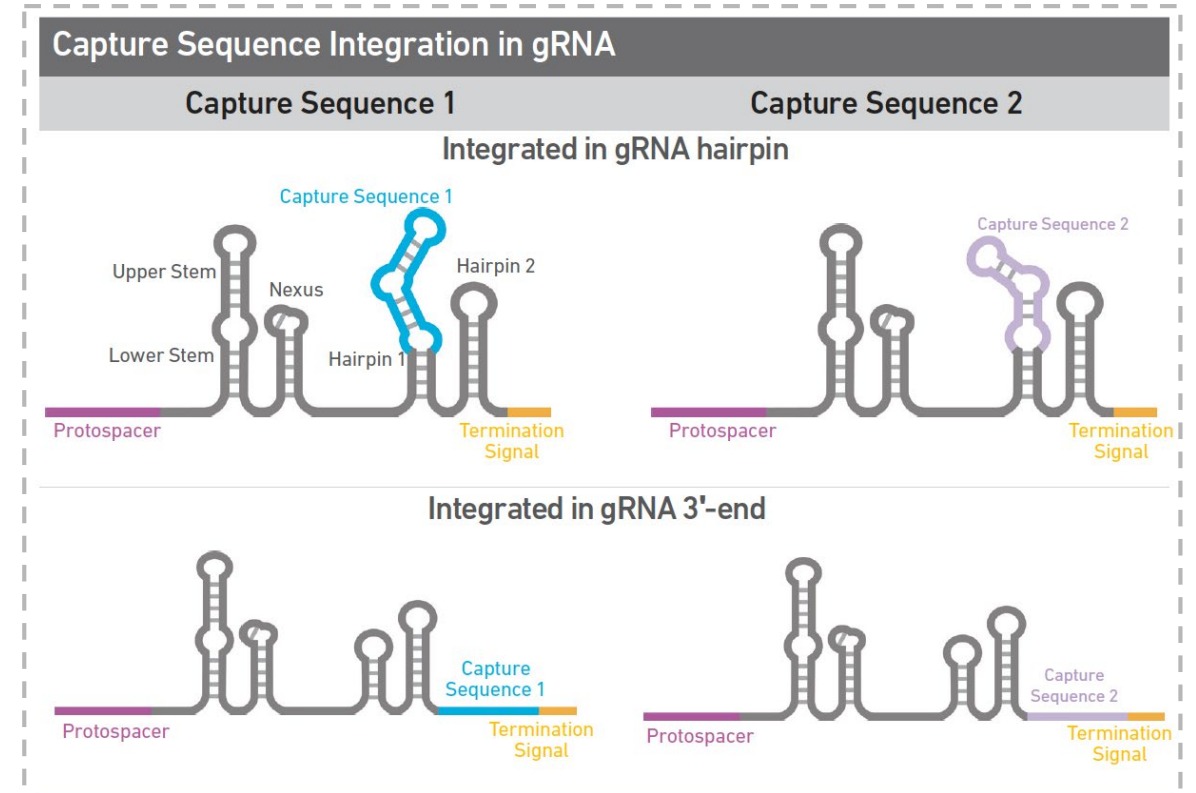
### iv. Capture Sequence 1 or 2

22 nt sequence that is the reverse complement of the sequence inserted into the DNA (Antibody) or RNA (sgRNA) based Feature

# Single Cell 3' Gene Expression and Feature Barcoding Technology

## Feature Barcoding technology for CRISPR Screening

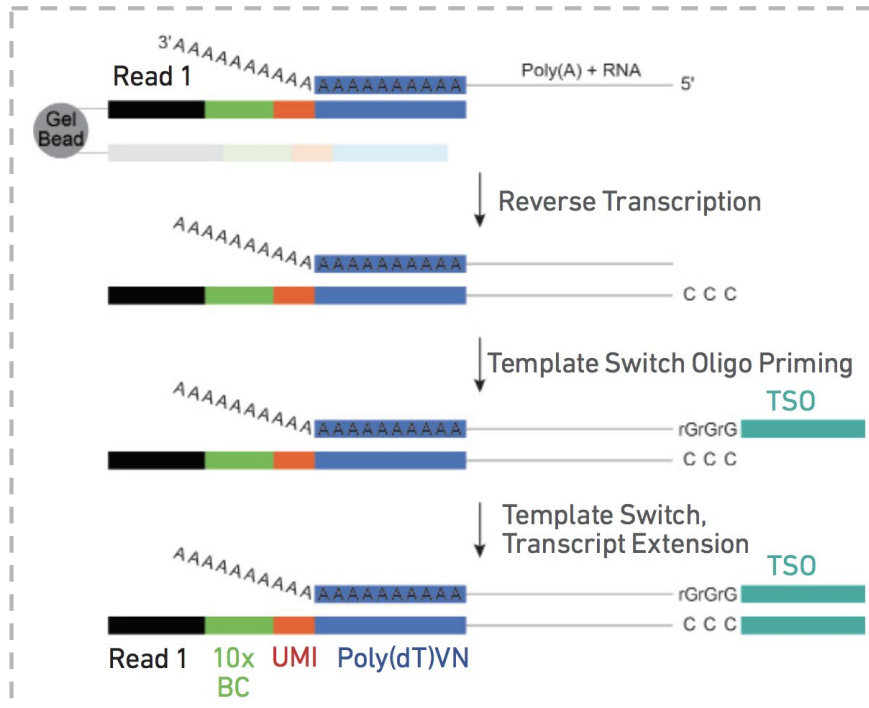
- sgRNA should incorporate one of the two Capture Sequences
  - 22 nt capture sequence inserted into the guide RNA backbone (reverse complement of the sequence on the Single Cell 3' v3 Gel Beads)
  - Enables 'direct capture' of the guide which eliminates the need for proxy barcodes.
  - Integration site options:
    - 20 bp upstream of the 3' termination signal
    - Immediately adjacent to the 3' termination signal
- Performing sgRNA QC by qPCR, NGS or other methods is recommended prior to proceeding with the Single Cell Gene Expression and CRISPR Screening Solution



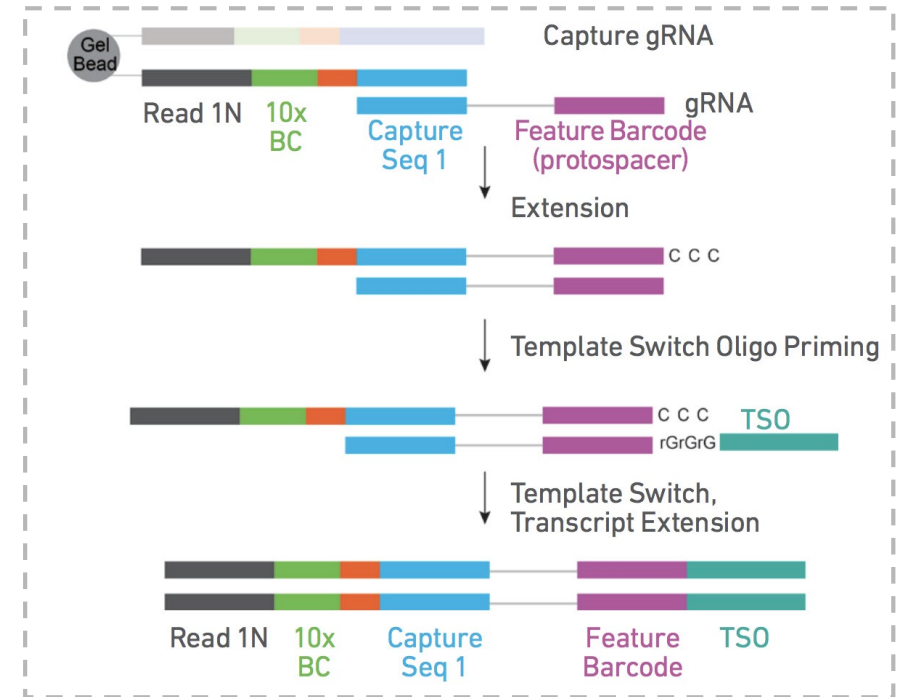
# Feature Barcoding Workflow: In GEM Target Capture

## *Direct Capture of Multiple Targets Inside Individual GEMs*

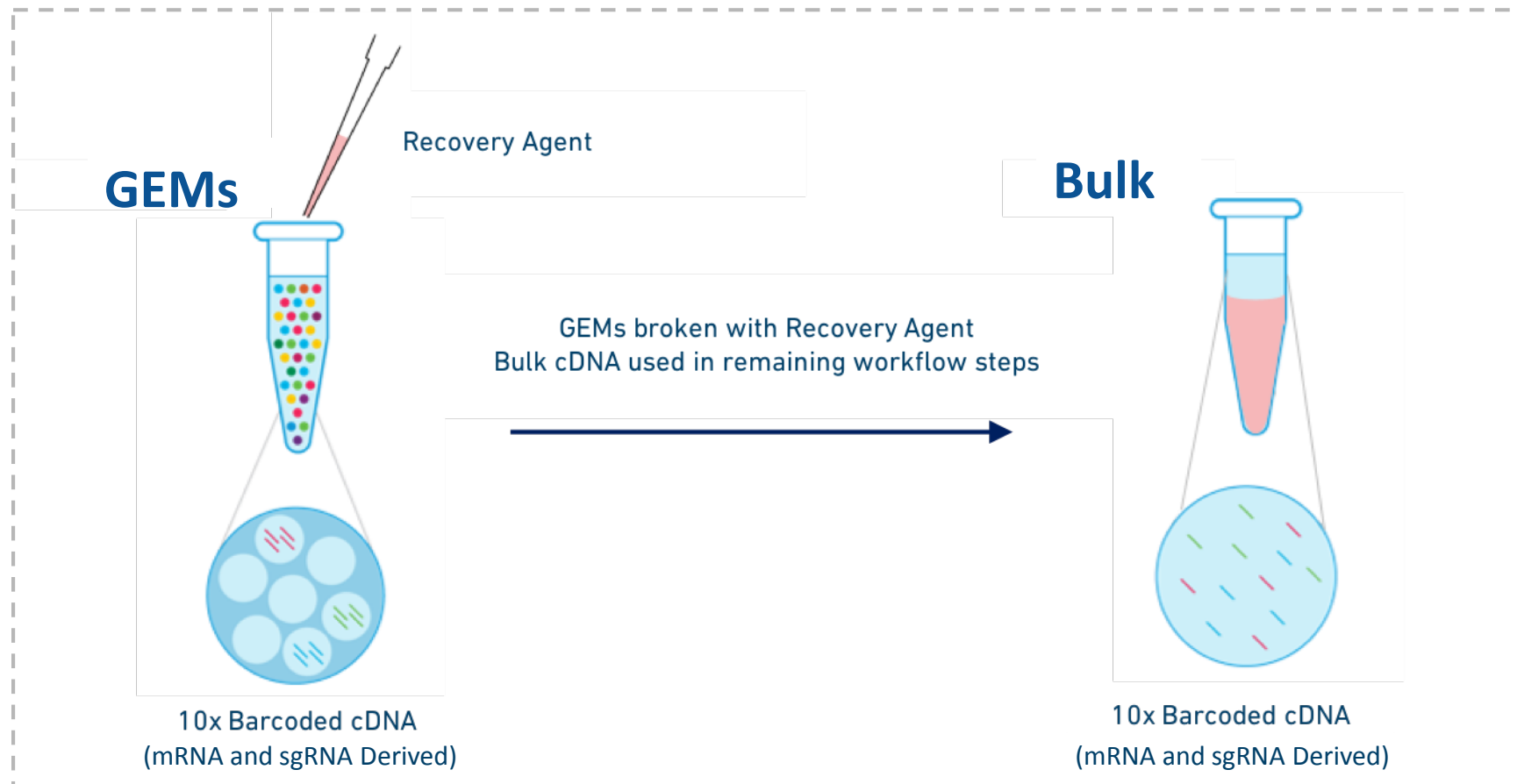
Barcoded, full-length cDNA from poly-adenylated mRNA



Barcoded cDNA from sgRNA



# Feature Barcoding Workflow: Breaking GEMs

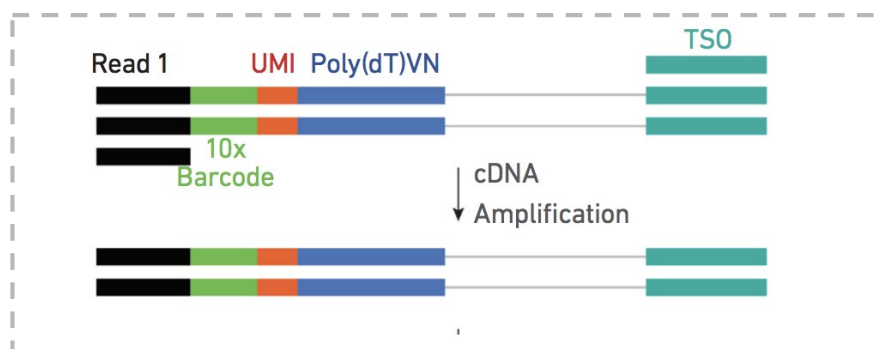




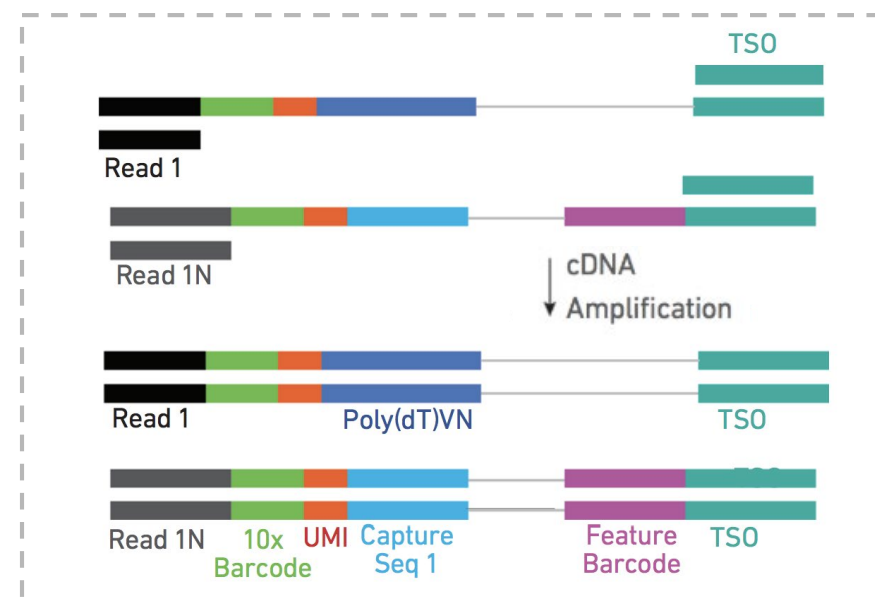
# Feature Barcoding Workflow: cDNA Amplification

## *In Bulk Amplification of mRNA and sgRNA Feature Barcode Targets*

cDNA Amplification of **poly-adenylated mRNA** **only** with cDNA Primers



cDNA Amplification of **poly-adenylated mRNA** and **sgRNA** with Feature cDNA Primers 1

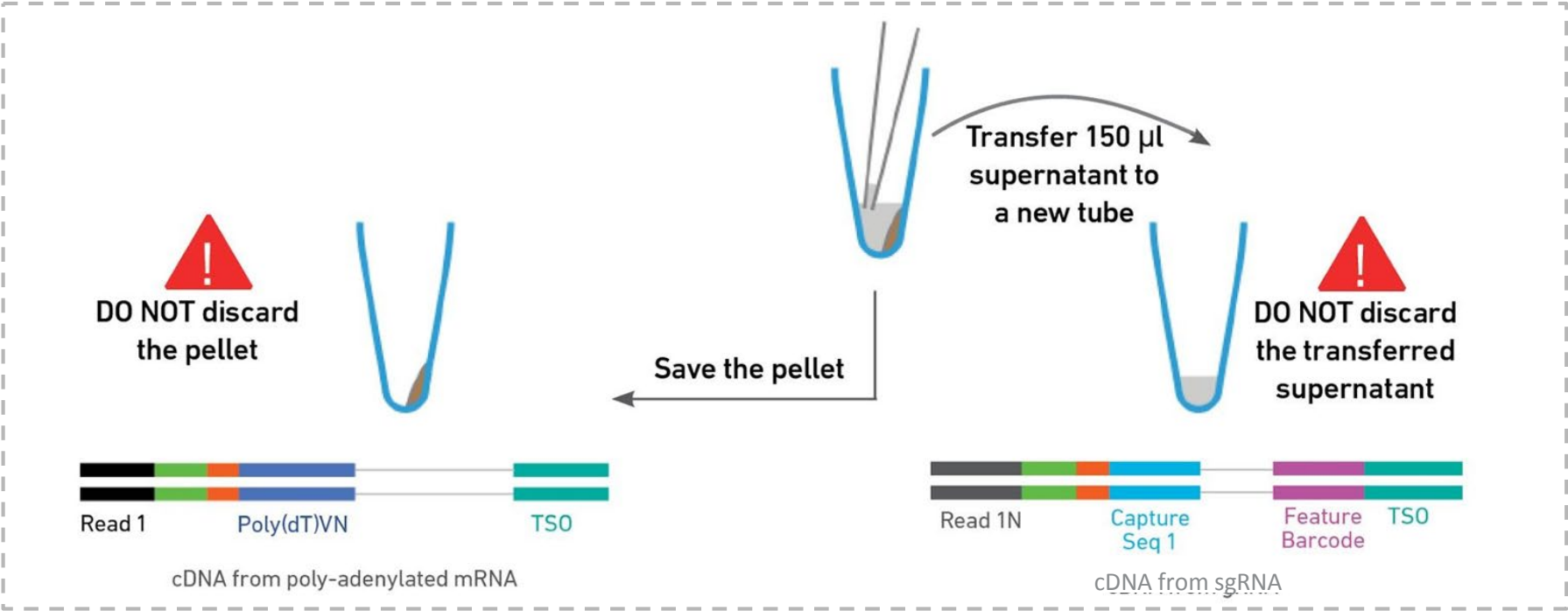


Note: For cDNA Amplification of **poly-adenylated mRNA** only please use: ● cDNA Primers (PN 2000089)  
 For cDNA Amplification of **poly-adenylated mRNA** and **sgRNA** please use: ● Feature cDNA Primers 1 (PN 2000096)



# Feature Barcoding Workflow: cDNA Cleanup

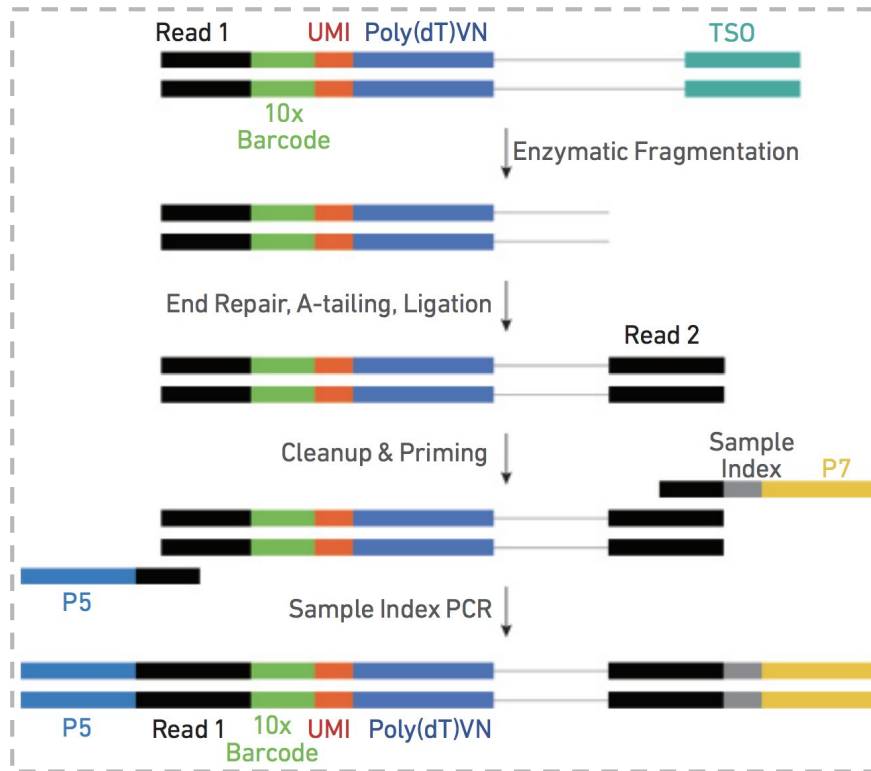
*Sample Bifurcation Critical to Success*



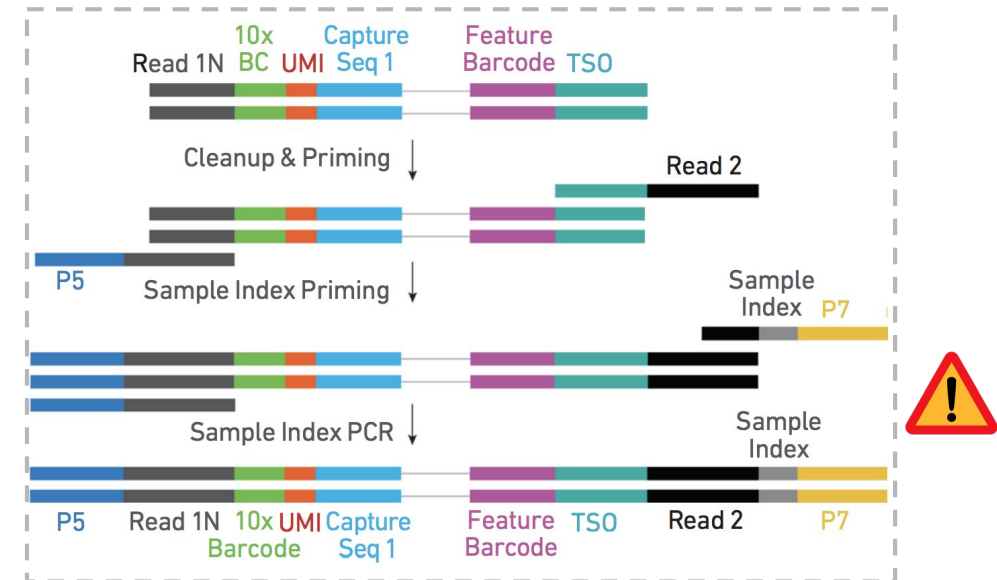
# Feature Barcoding Workflow: Library Construction

## *Sample Bifurcation Enables Generation of Two Library Constructs*

Single Cell Gene Expression Library Construction  
(from pellet)



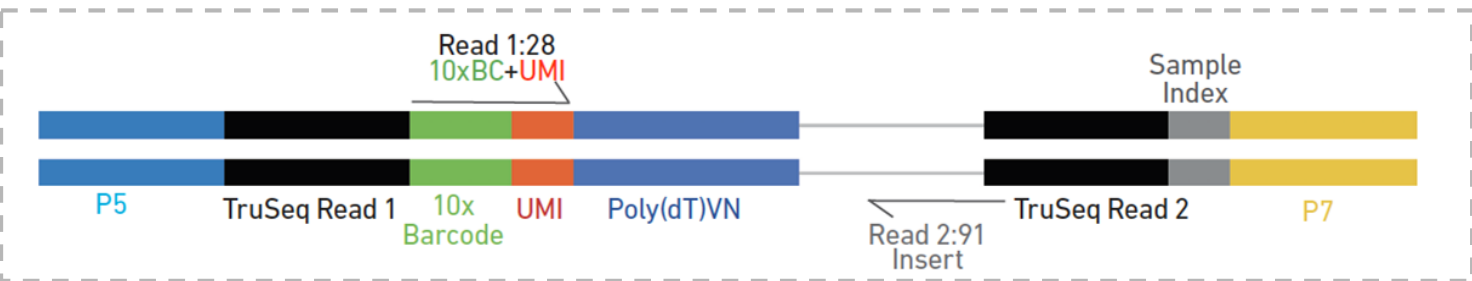
Single Cell 3' CRISPR Screening Library Construction  
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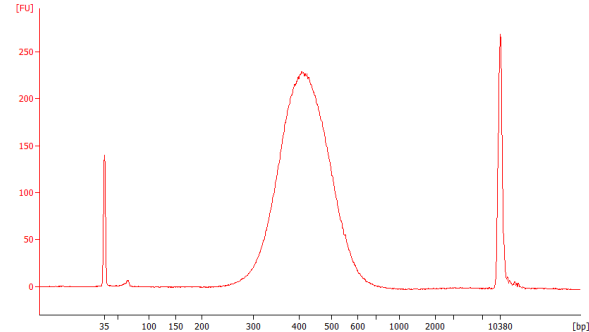
# Feature Barcoding Workflow

## Final Library Constructs

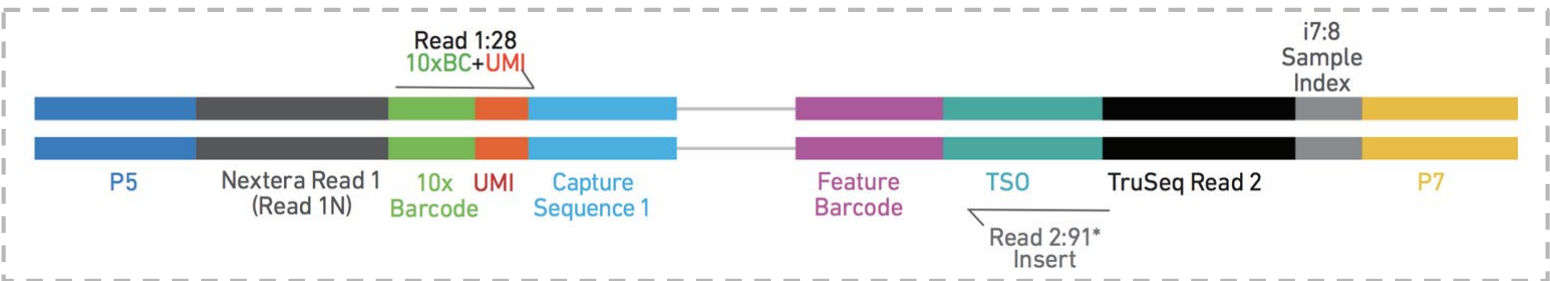
Chromium Single Cell 3' Gene Expression Library



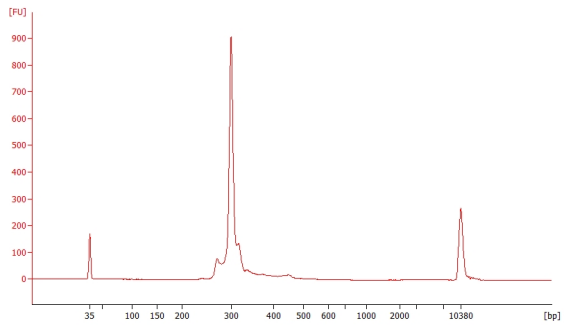
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Representative Trace

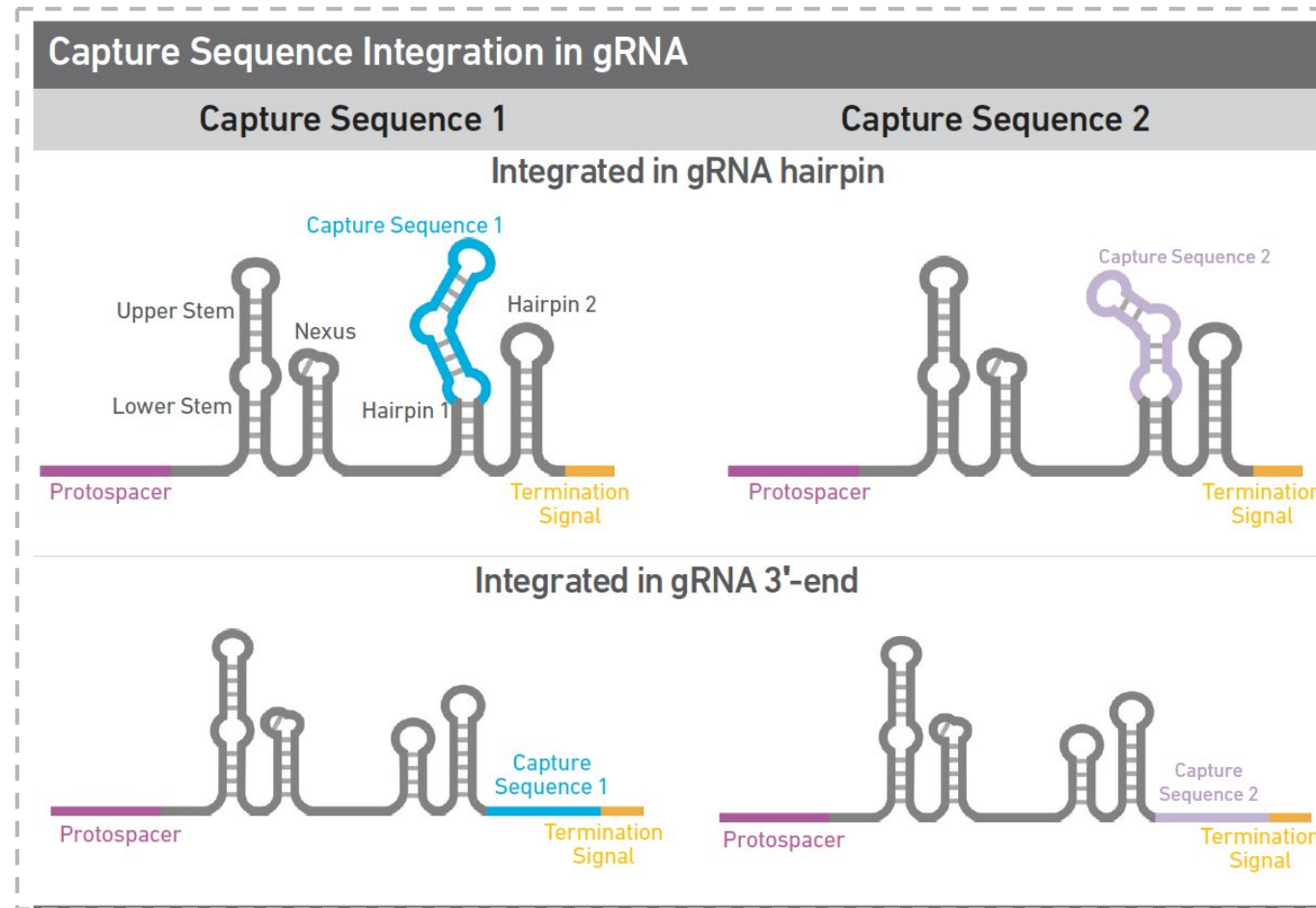


# Chromium Single Cell Gene Expression Solution with Feature Barcoding technology

Workflow Considerations

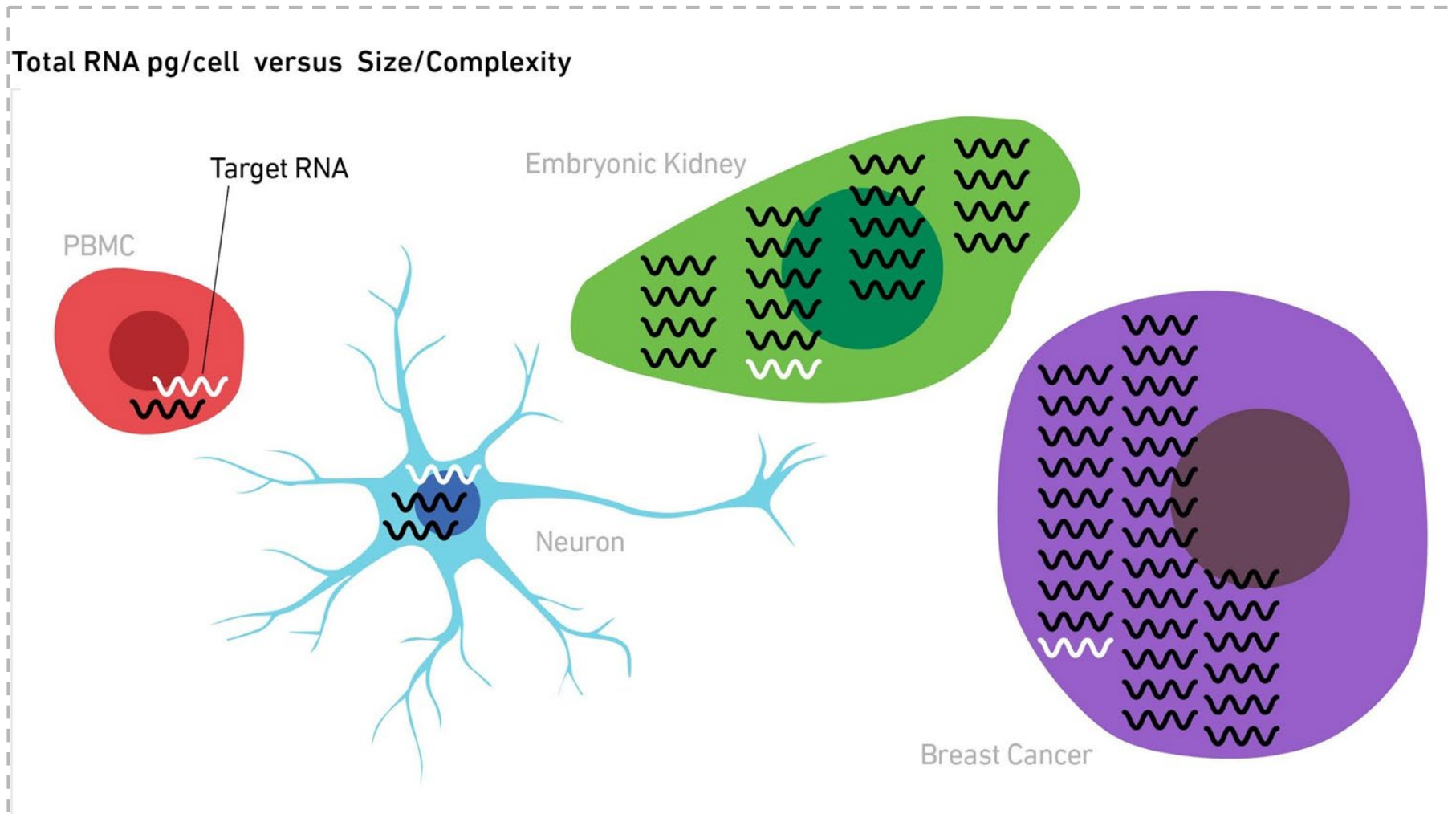
# Workflow Considerations, Critical Steps and Performance Impacts

*Integration of a Feature Barcode Compatible Capture Sequence is critical*



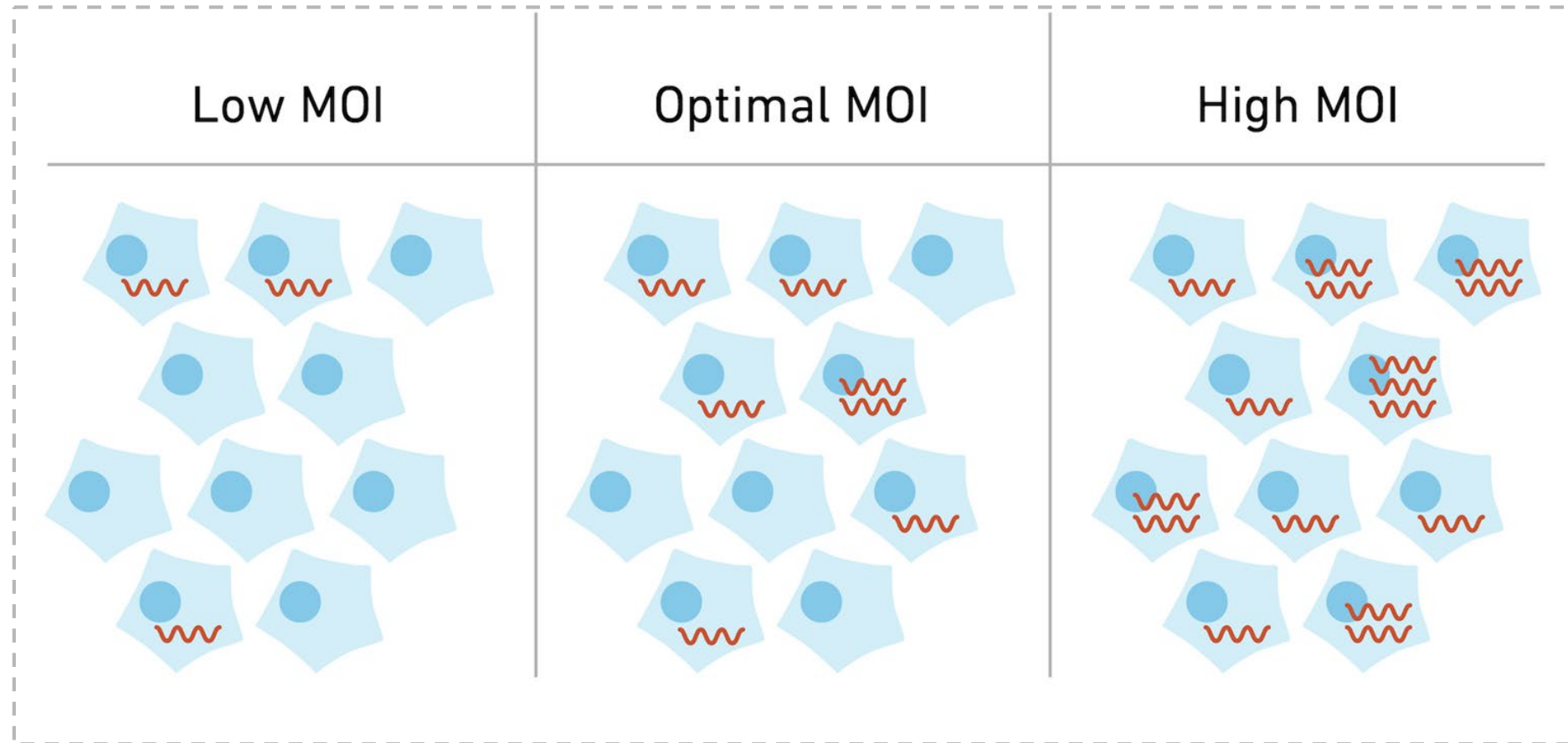
# Workflow Considerations, Critical Steps and Performance Impacts

## Cell Type



# Workflow Considerations, Critical Steps and Performance Impacts

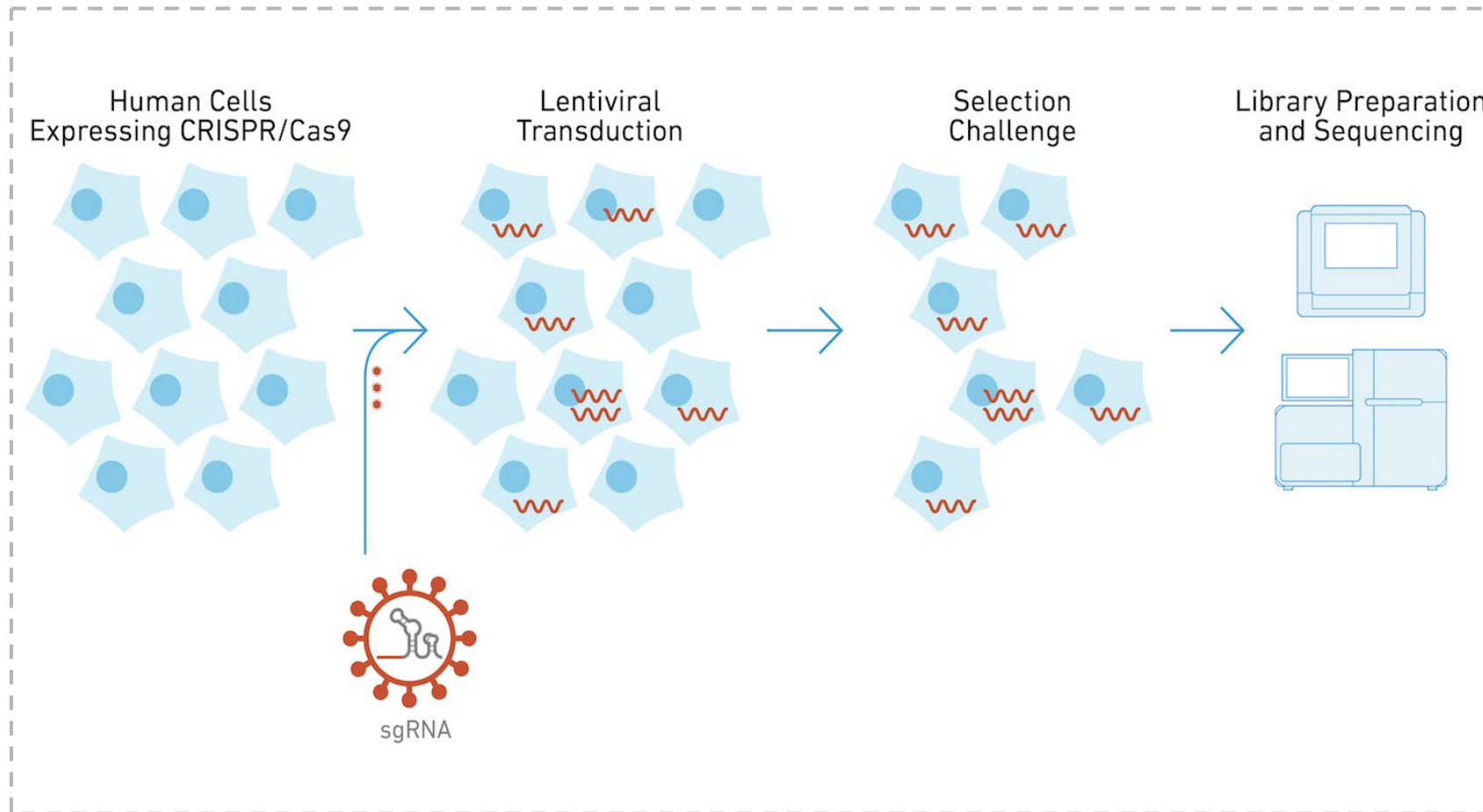
## *Multiplicity of Infection (MOI) and Selection*





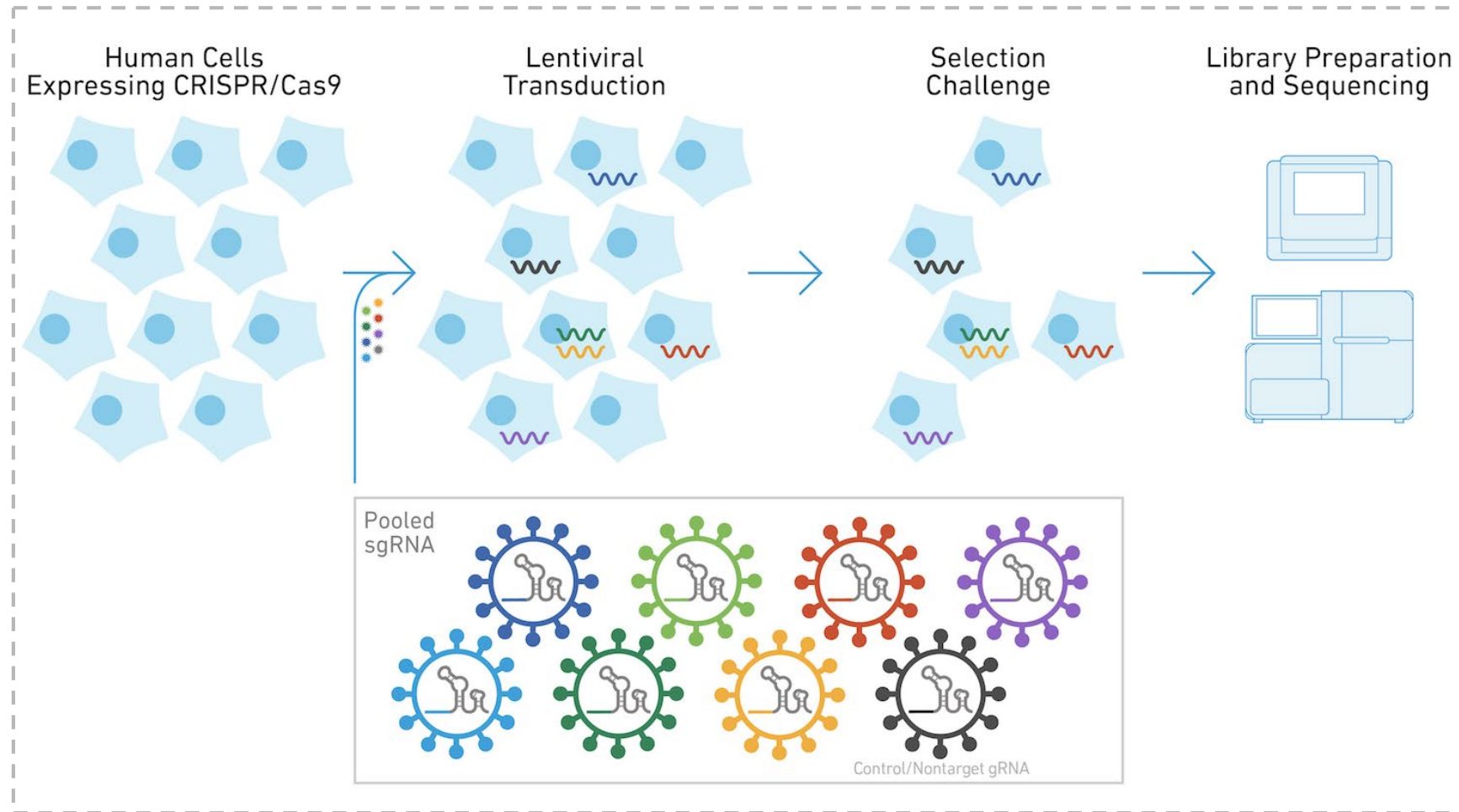
# Workflow Considerations, Critical Steps and Performance Impacts

## Single Guide



# Workflow Considerations, Critical Steps and Performance Impacts

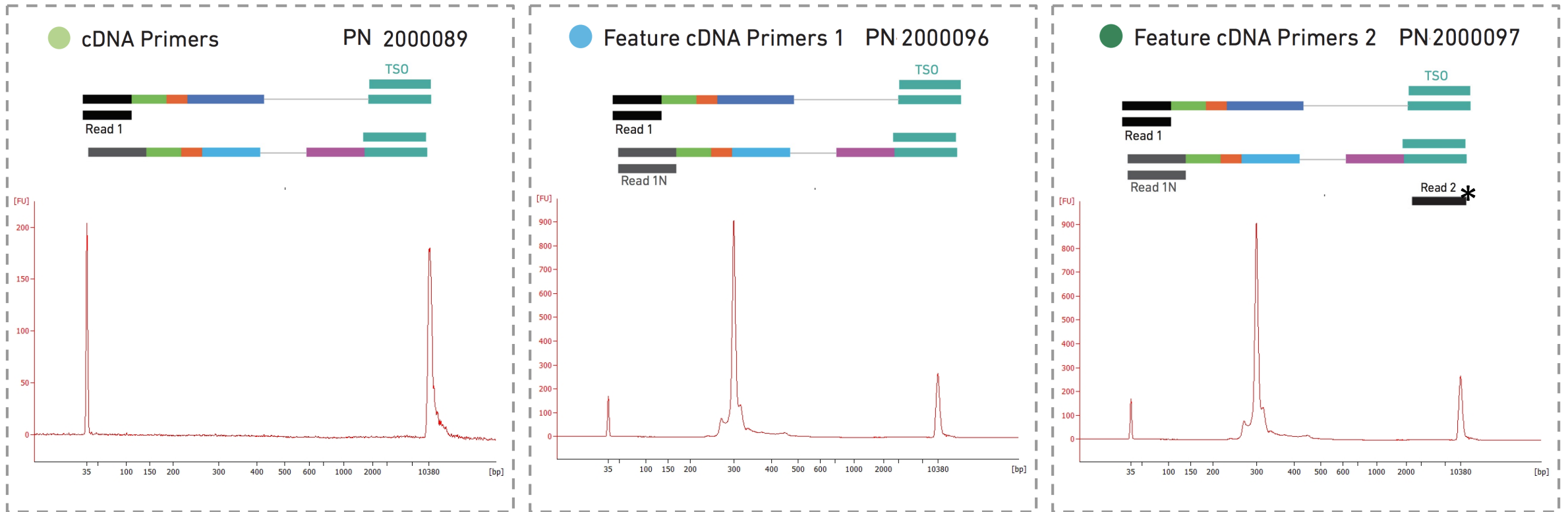
## *Pooled Library*



# Workflow Considerations, Critical Steps and Performance Impacts

## *Correct cDNA Primer Choice Enables Successful Feature Barcode Target Amplification*

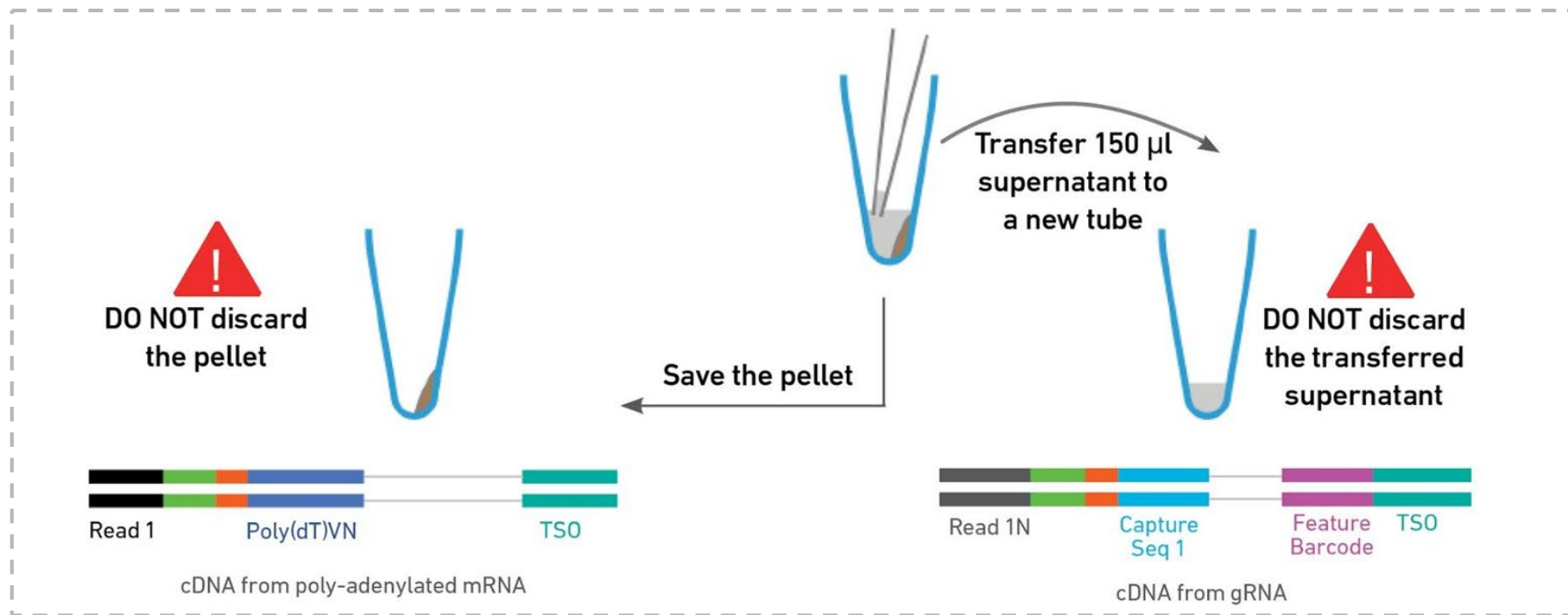
Feature cDNA Primers 1 (and 2) enable successful amplification of the Feature Barcode target



Note: \* Feature cDNA Primers 2 contains a TruSeq Read 2 primer which is not required during sgRNA cDNA Amplification.

# Workflow Considerations, Critical Steps and Performance Impacts

## *Save the Supernatant - Sample Bifurcation Enables Feature Barcode Library construction*

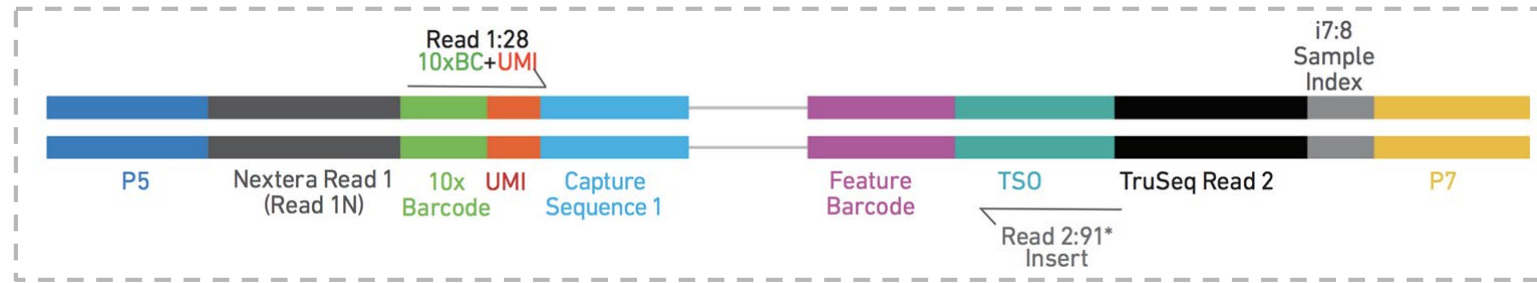


# Chromium Single Cell Gene Expression Solution with Feature Barcoding technology

Technical Specifications and Selected Data

# Supported Sequencers

## Single Cell 3' CRISPR Screening Library



	Single Cell 3' Gene Expression	Single Cell 3' CRISPR Screening
Raw Read Pairs per Cell	Minimum 20,000	5,000



MiSeq



NextSeq



HiSeq2500



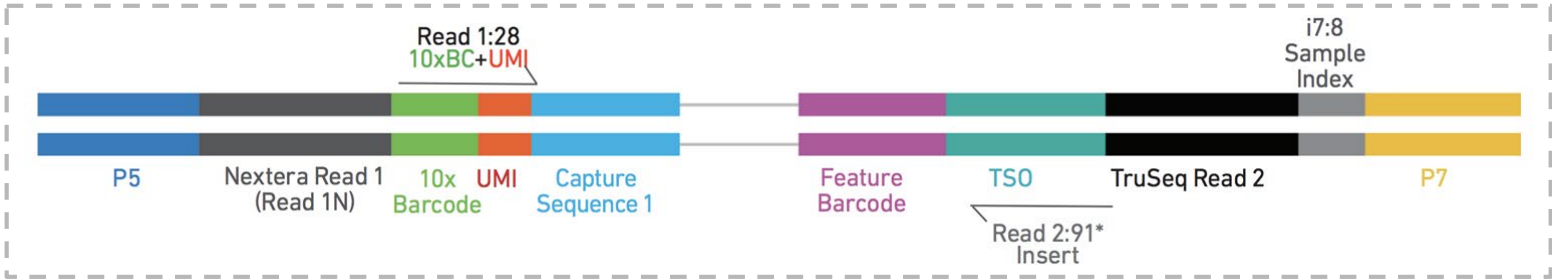
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# Recommended Read Length

## Single Cell 3' CRISPR Screening Library



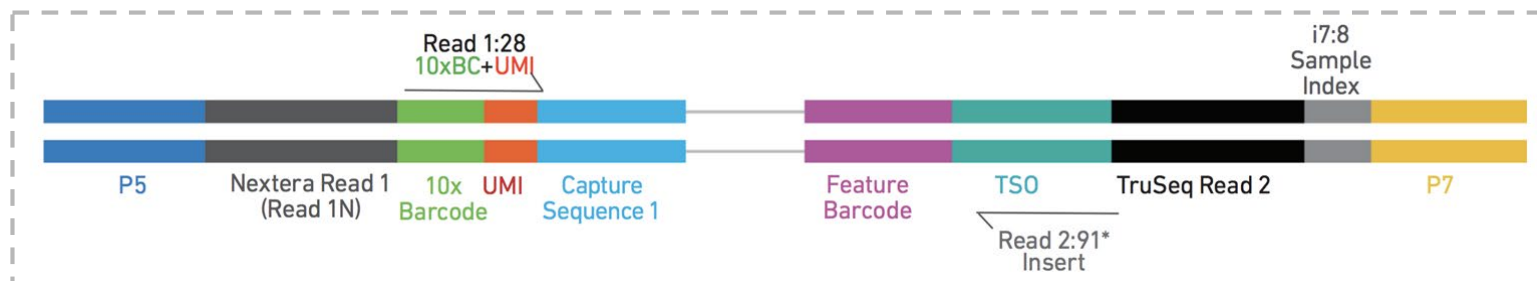
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Length	28	8	0	91*

Note: \* Single Cell 3' CRISPR Screening Libraries are typically pooled with Single Cell Gene Expression Libraries and sequenced using these parameters, however it should be noted that the minimum required Read 2 length is 70 bp.



# Recommended Loading Concentrations

## Single Cell 3' CRISPR Screening Library



Platform	Loading Concentration (pM)	PhiX (%)
MiSeq™	11	1
NextSeq™ 500/550	1.8	20***
HiSeq™ 2500 (Rapid Run)	11	1
HiSeq™ 3000/4000	180*	1
NovaSeq™	300**	1

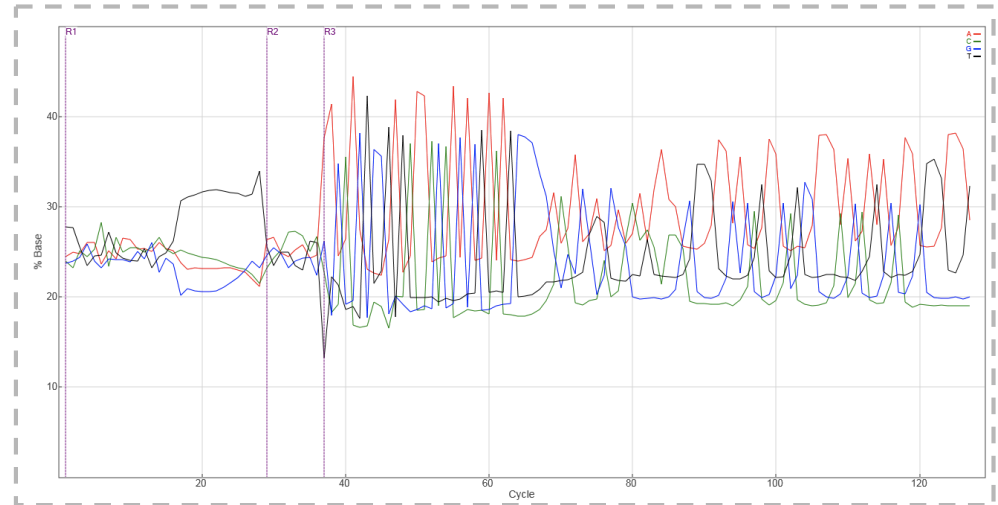
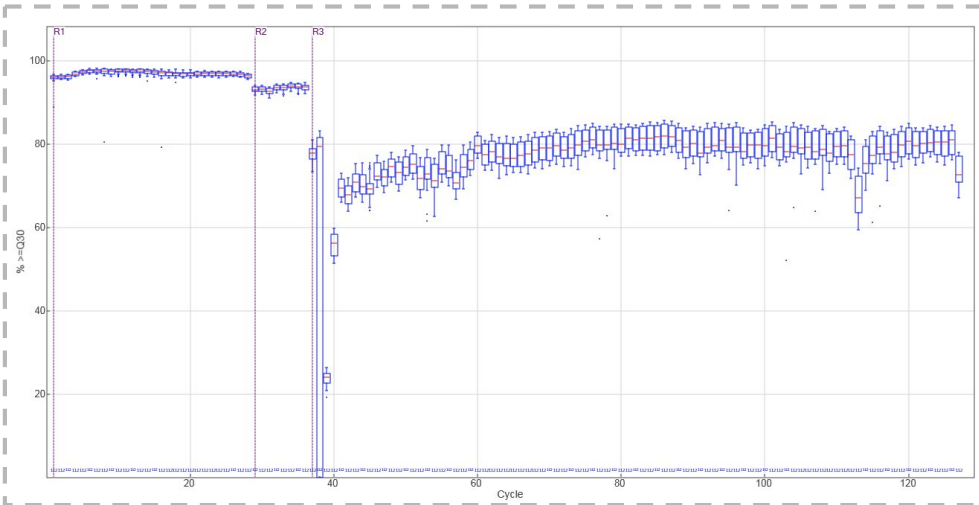
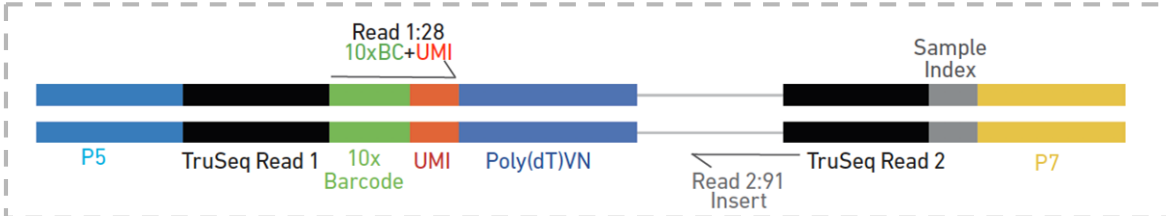
Note: \* If Single Cell 3' CRISPR Screening Libraries are pooled with Single Cell Gene Expression Libraries, adjust the loading concentration to 240 pM.

\*\* If using XP Workflow, adjust the loading concentration to 150 pM.

\*\*\* if Single Cell 3' CRISPR Screening Libraries are run by themselves on the NextSeq 500/550, to prevent a low Q30 score over the first 30 bases of Read 2, 20% PhiX can be added (the preference would be however to pool with Single Cell 3' Gene Expression libraries)

# Base Balance Composition

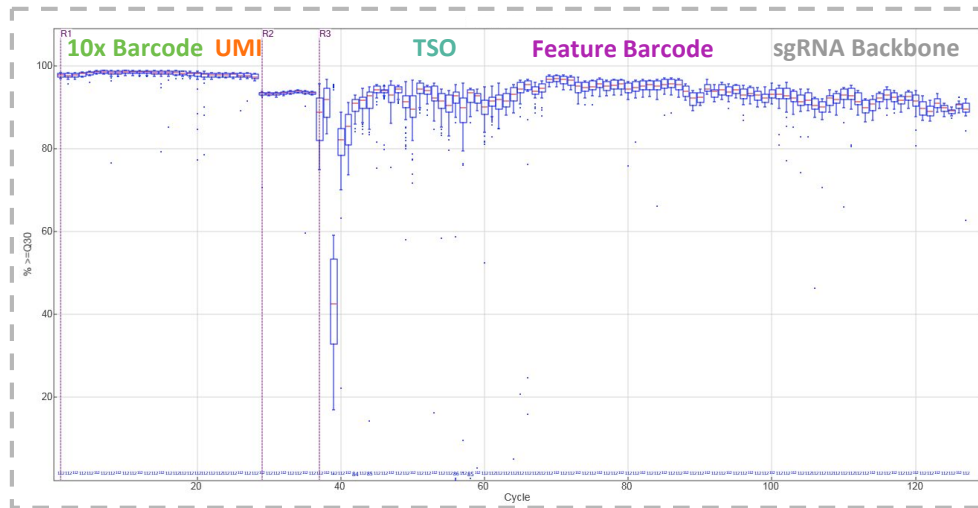
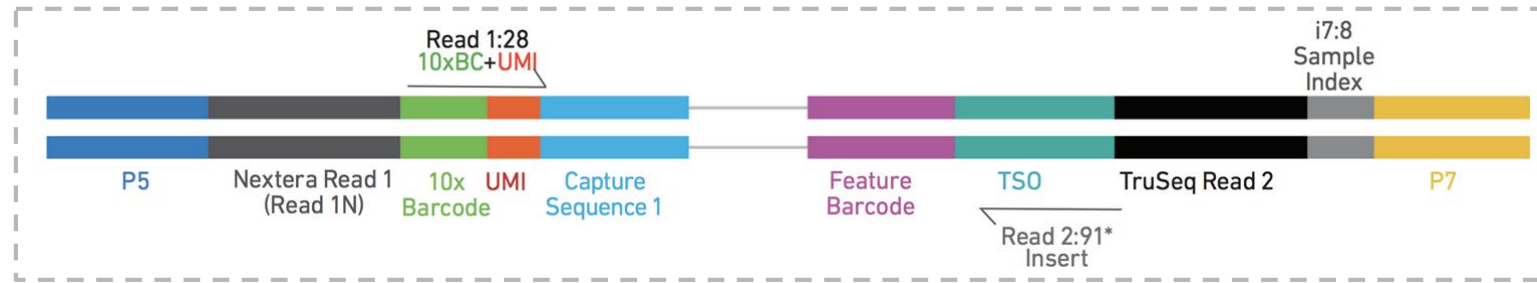
## Pooled Single Cell 3' Gene Expression and CRISPR Screening Libraries



Note: \* Pool of 2 Single Cell 3' Gene Expression and 2 CRISPR Screening Libraries run on one lane of a HiSeq 4000

# Base Balance Composition

## Single Cell 3' CRISPR Screening Library



Note: \* Pool of 4 Single Cell 3' CRISPR Screening Libraries run on one lane of a HiSeq 4000

# Sequencing Recommendations: Pooling Guidelines

## *Single Cell 3' CRISPR Screening Libraries*

Single Cell 3' Cell CRISPR Screening libraries are may be pooled for sequencing with:



Single Cell 3' Gene Expression v3 libraries



Single Cell 3' Gene Expression v2 libraries (if run as a 28 x 91 read length configuration)



Single Cell 5' Gene Expression libraries (if run as a 28 x 91 read length configuration)



Single Cell 5' Cell Surface Protein libraries (if run as a 28 x 91 read length configuration)

We have not tested the compatibility of pooling for sequencing with:



Single Cell ATAC libraries



Single Cell CNV libraries

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