

Designing single cell experiments



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- 2- Sample preparation
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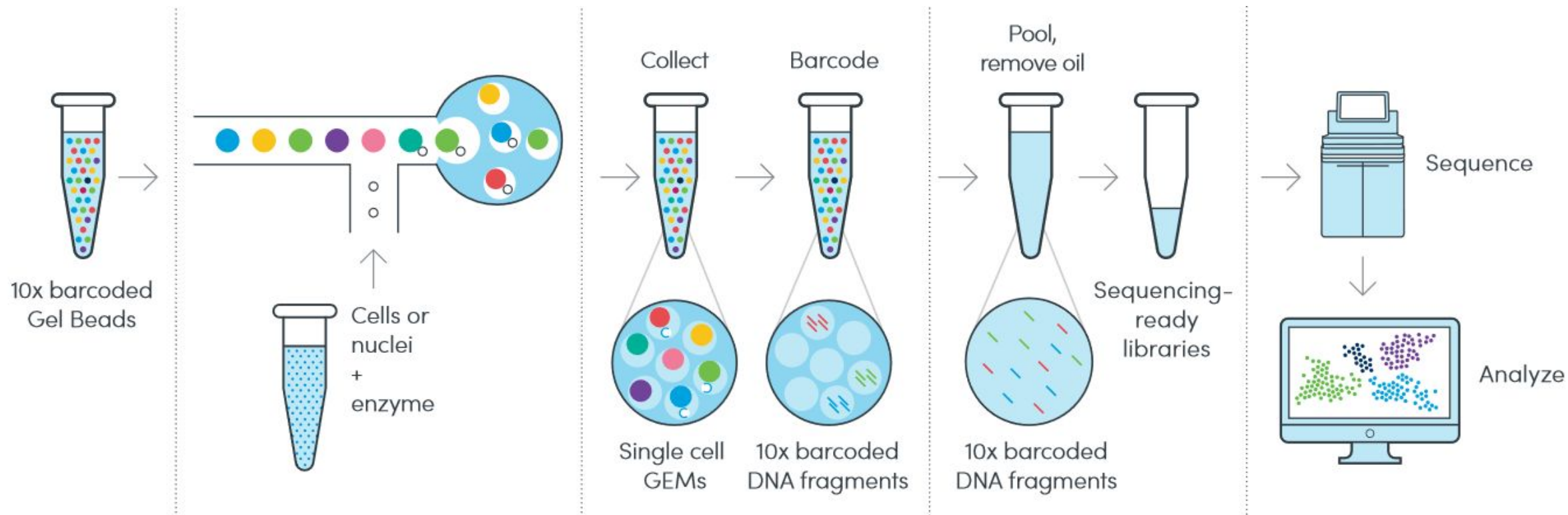
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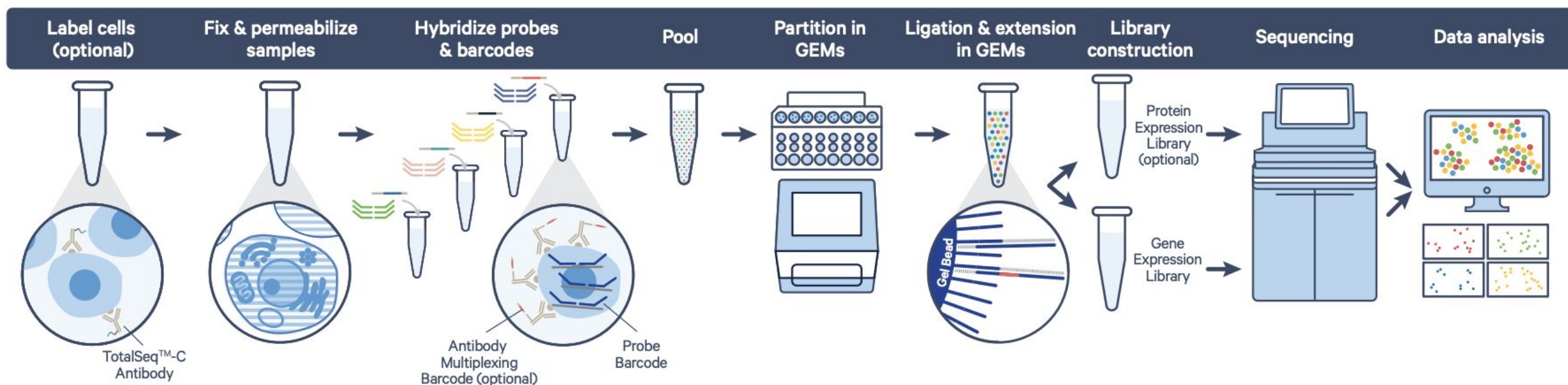


Droplet versus split pool approaches



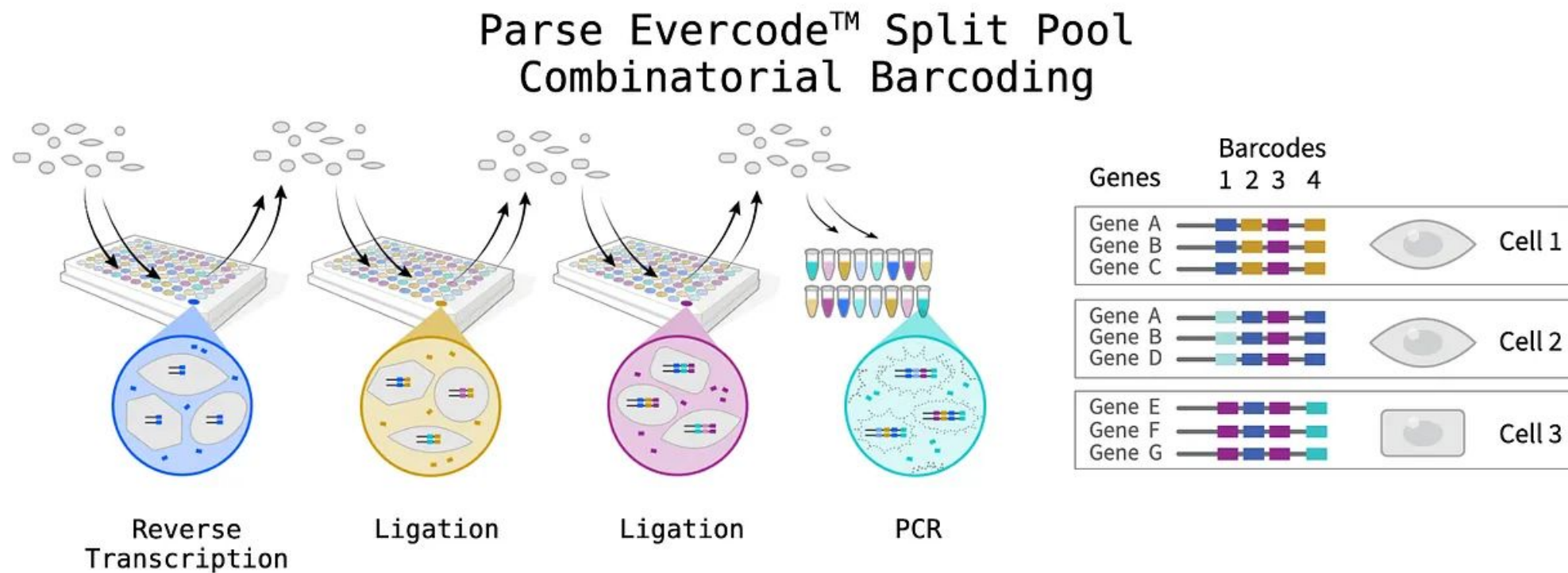


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Superior molecular efficiency of Parse v2 compared to 10x Genomics v3.1

Downsampled Parse v2 data to same reads per cell as 10x Genomics v3.1

- E.g 10x Genomics 207M total reads / 16,181 cells = 12,817 reads per cell
- Accounts for effect of doublet rate and ambient RNA

Metric	Parse v2	10x Genomics v3.1
Cells	3,683 ($\frac{1}{3}$ 10k kit)	16,181 (1 capture)
Doublet rate (Heterotypic)	0.73%	7%
Reads per cell	16,587	12,817
Sequencing saturation	5.5%	54.3%
Reads in cells	84.2%	50.8%
Transcriptome mapping	72.8%	47.3%
Exonic mapping	22.4%	26.3%
Intronic mapping	?	47%



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Combinatorial Indexing

Fixed cells or nuclei

Distribute

First barcode

Pool

Distribute

Second barcode





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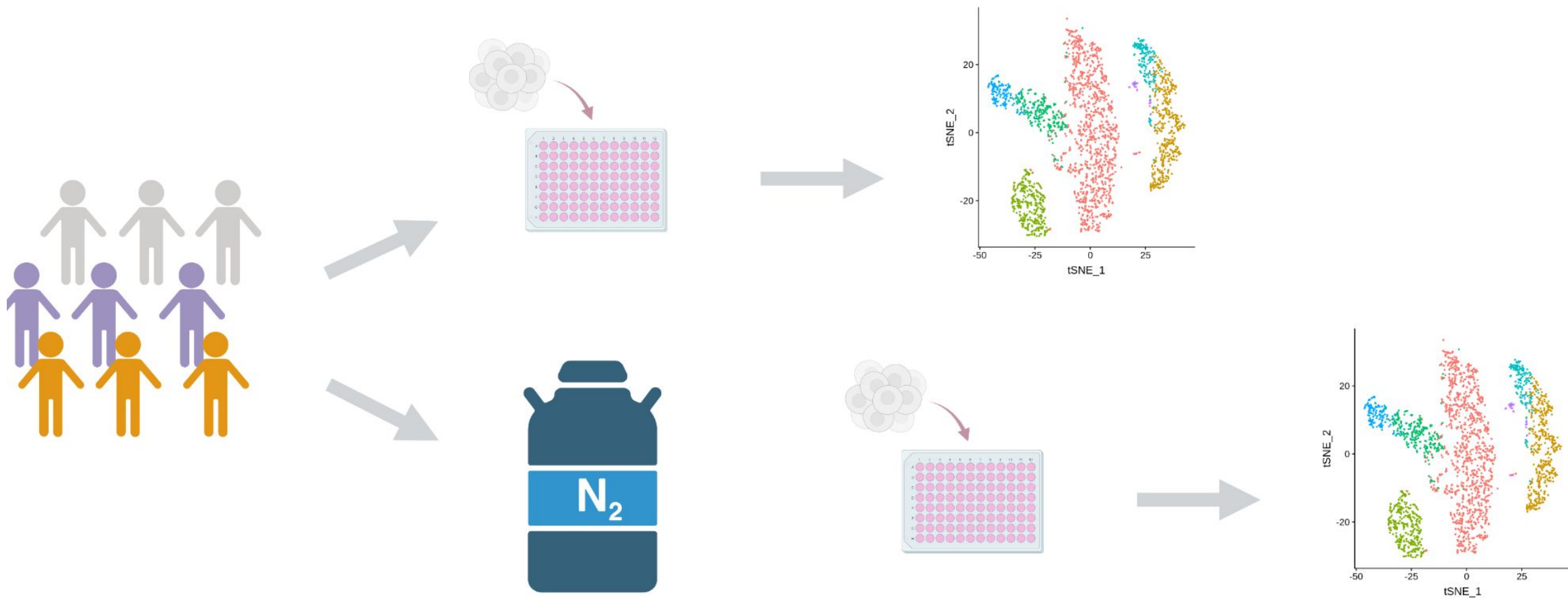
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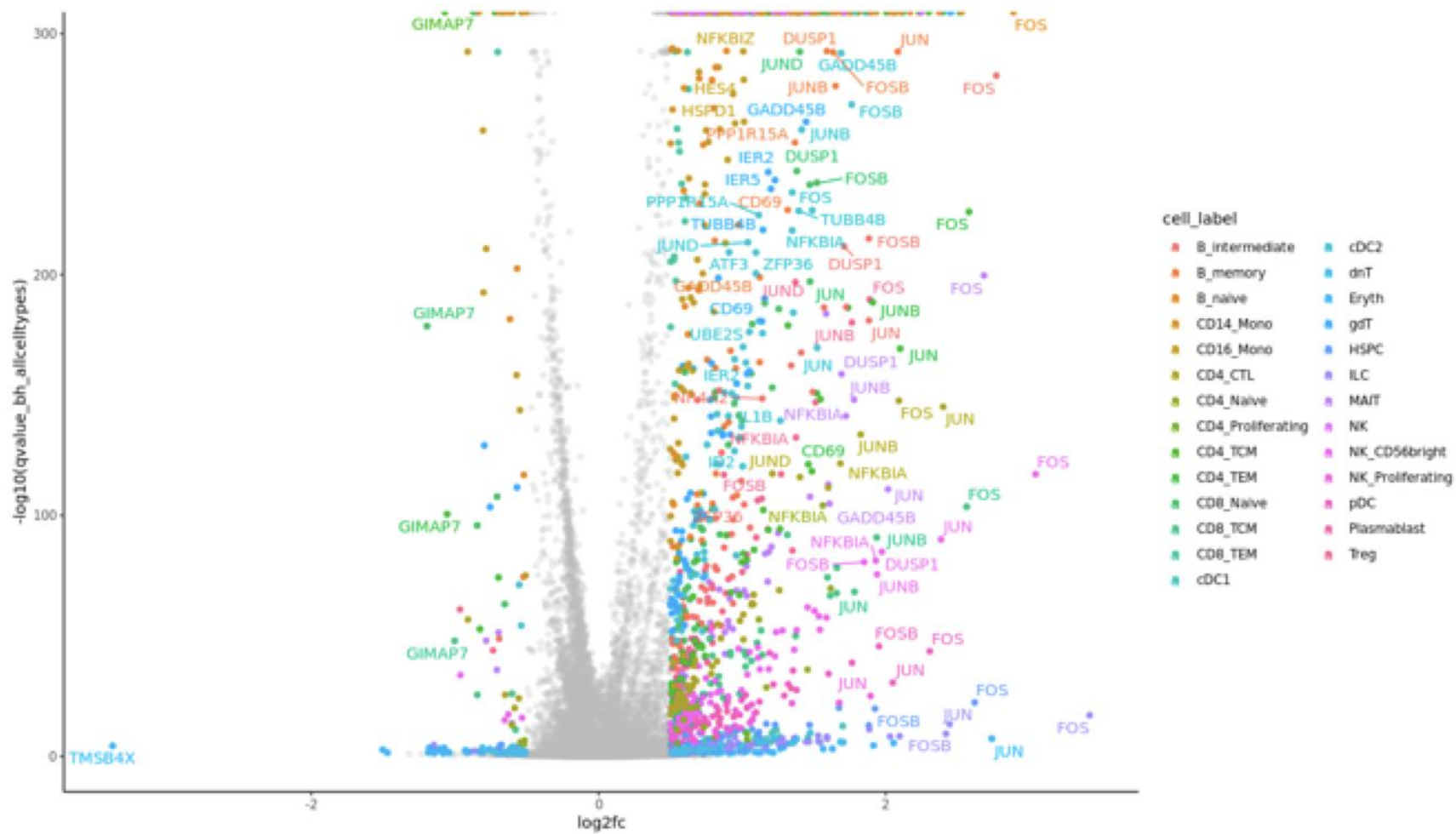


Impact of freezing and resting on PBMC transcriptome





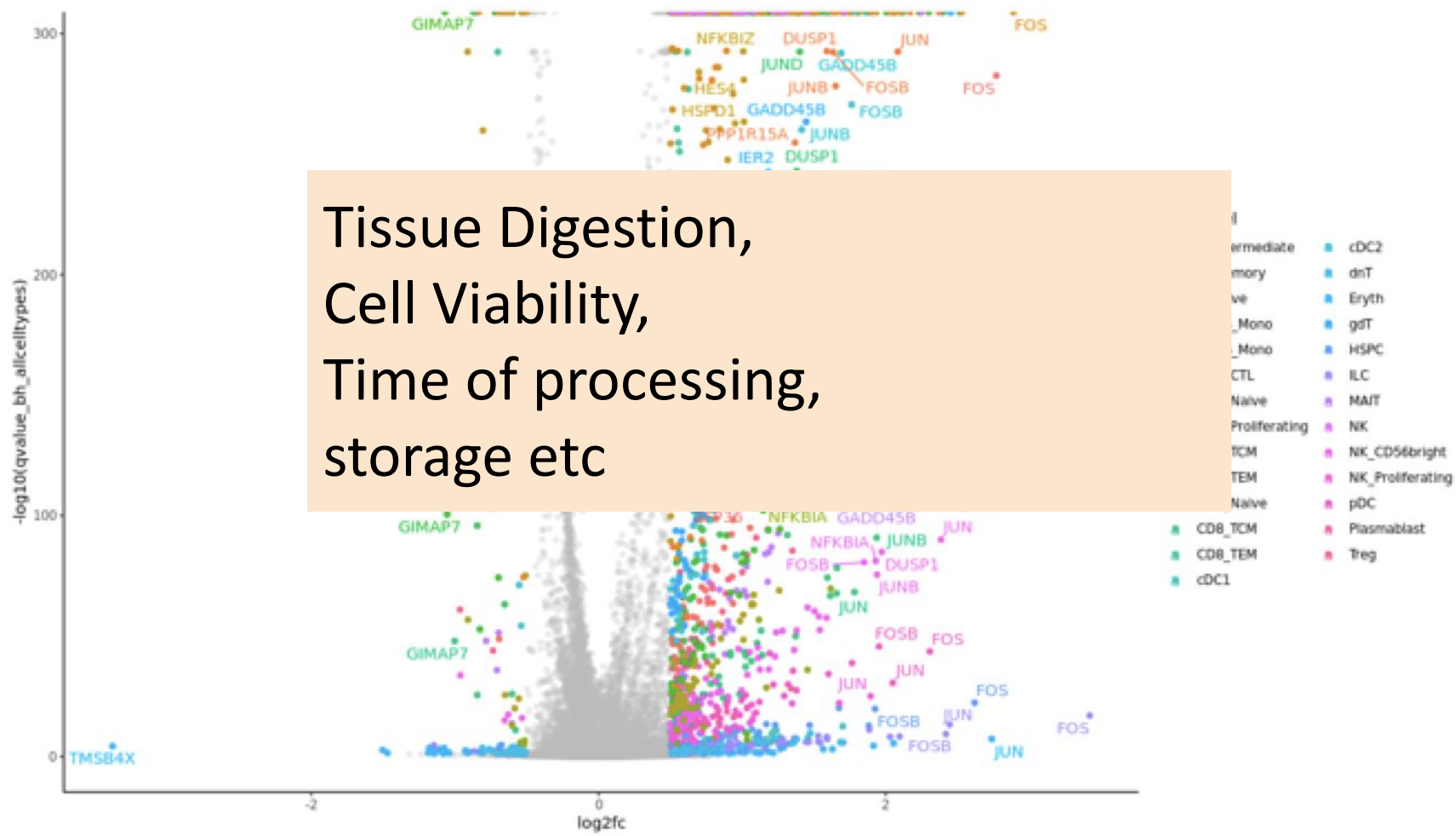
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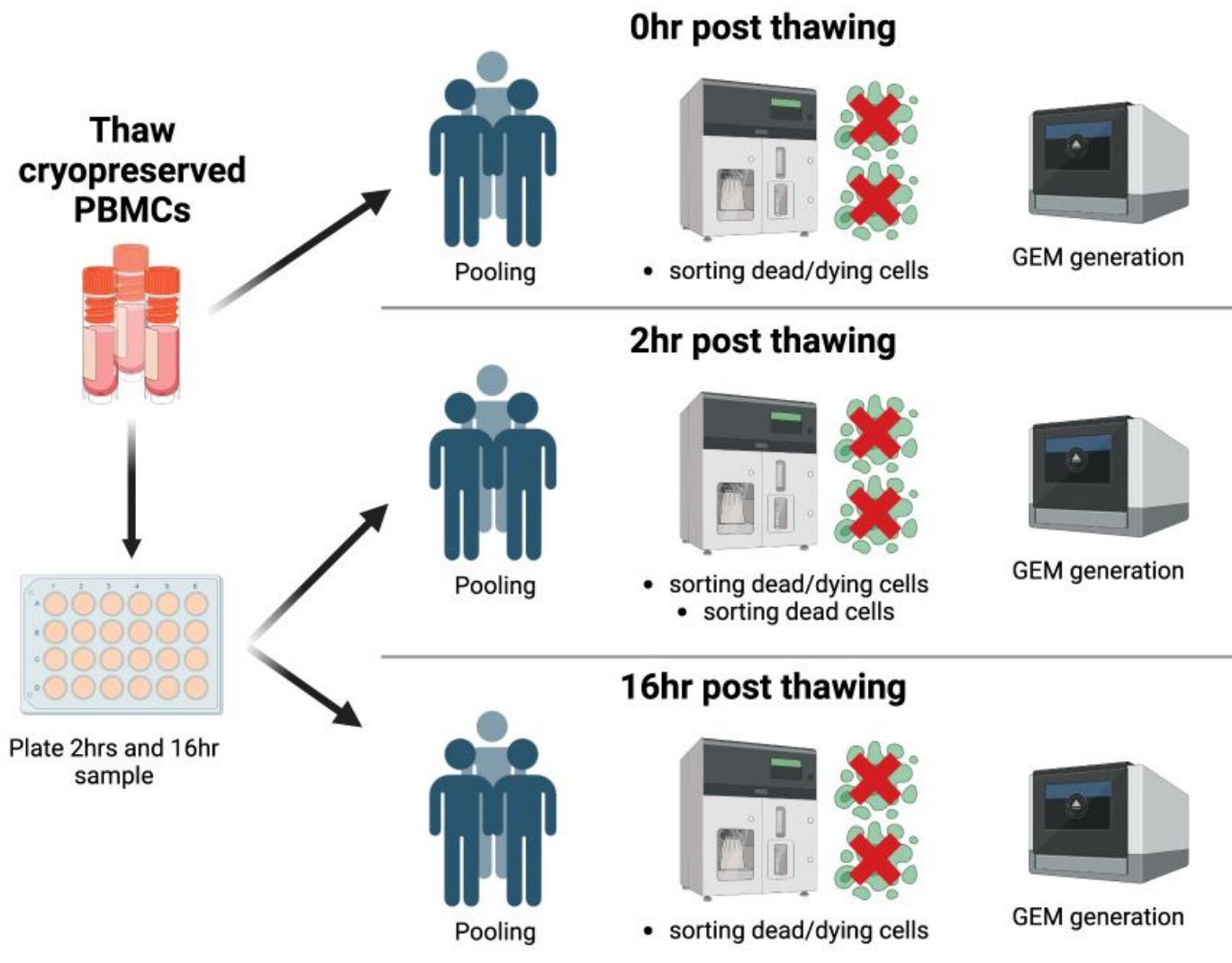
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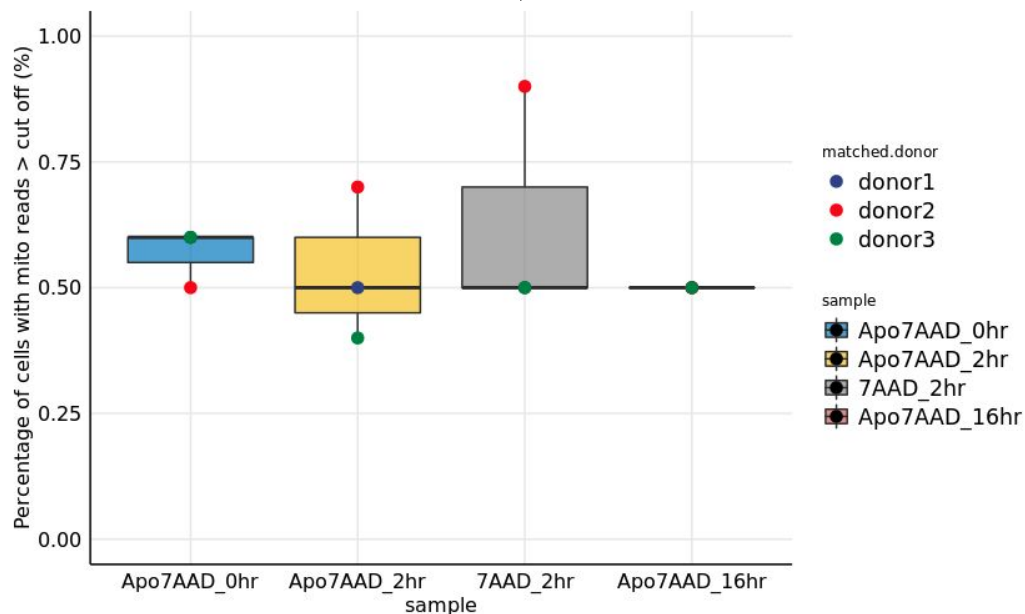
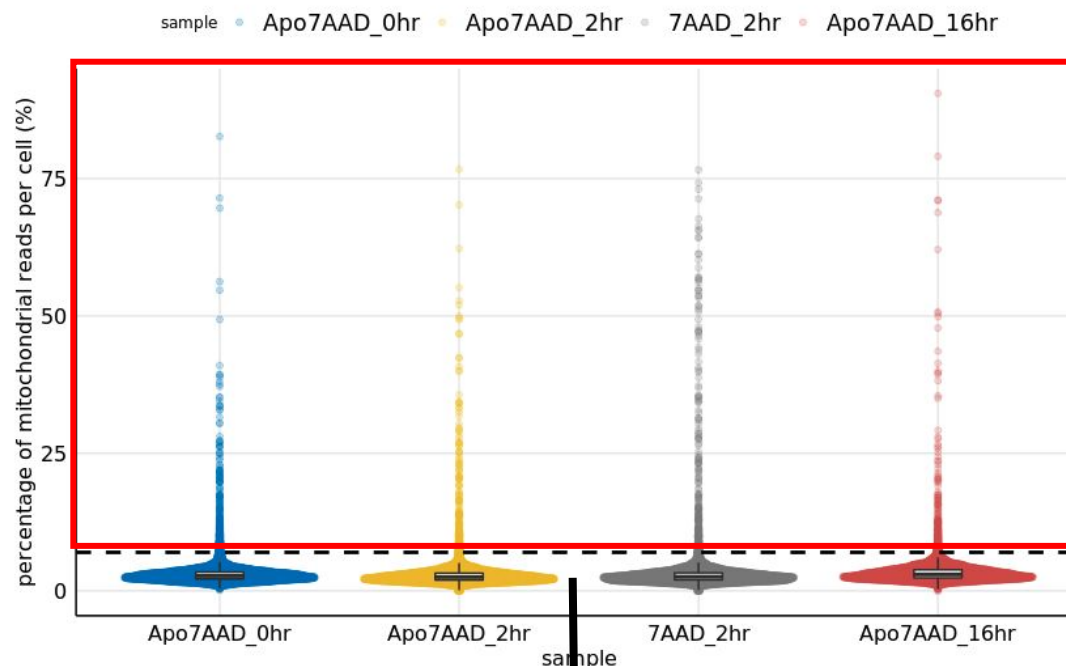


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Would resting cells avoid cryopreservation stress response?



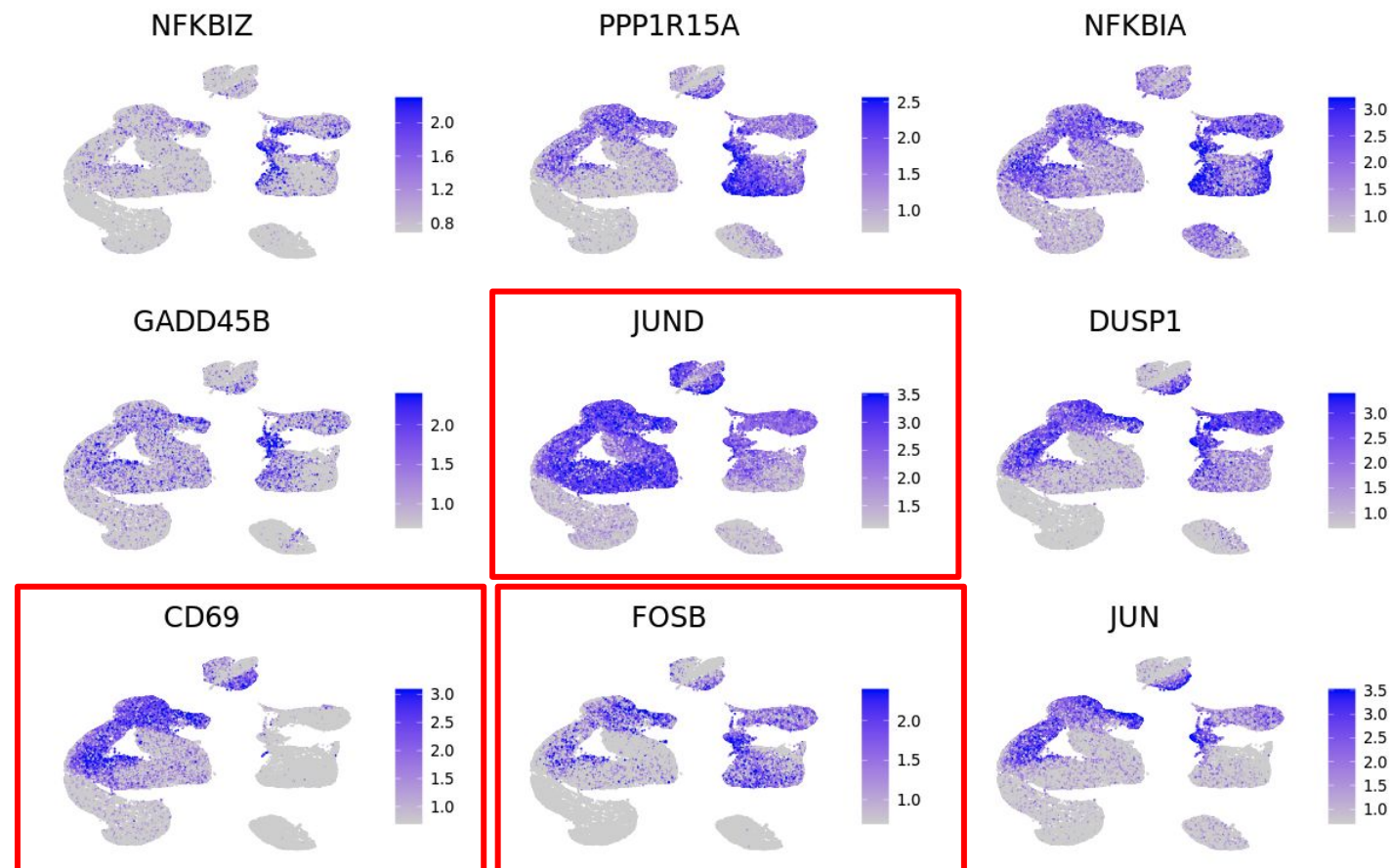
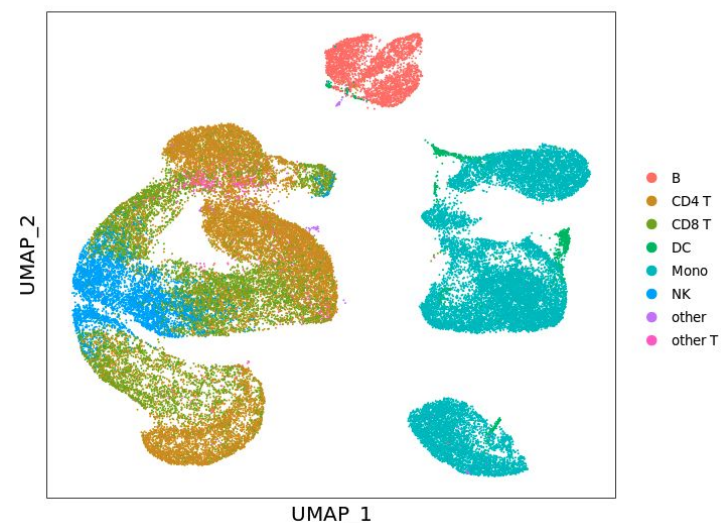
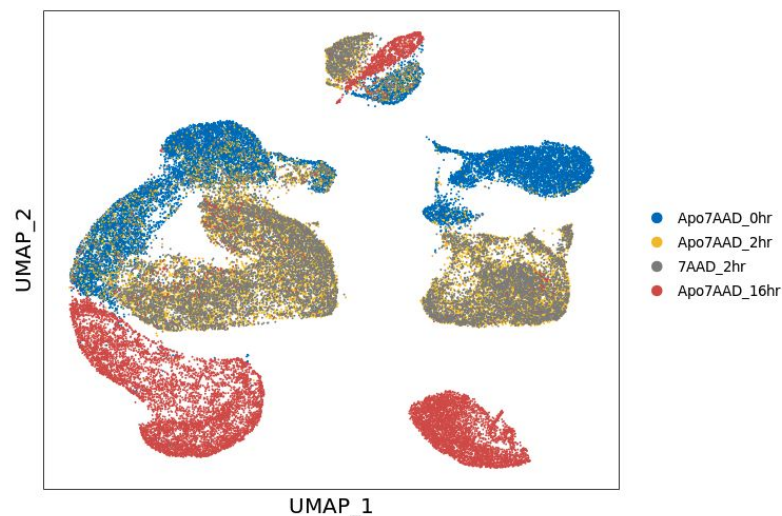


Are there higher levels of mitochondrial reads detected in cells at early time points?

No difference in % of cells expressing high mito reads across timepoints



High expression of stress response genes in multiple cell types at early time points



CAUTION: stress genes are not the only genes being modulated after resting. The choice of resting or not resting is experiment -dependent



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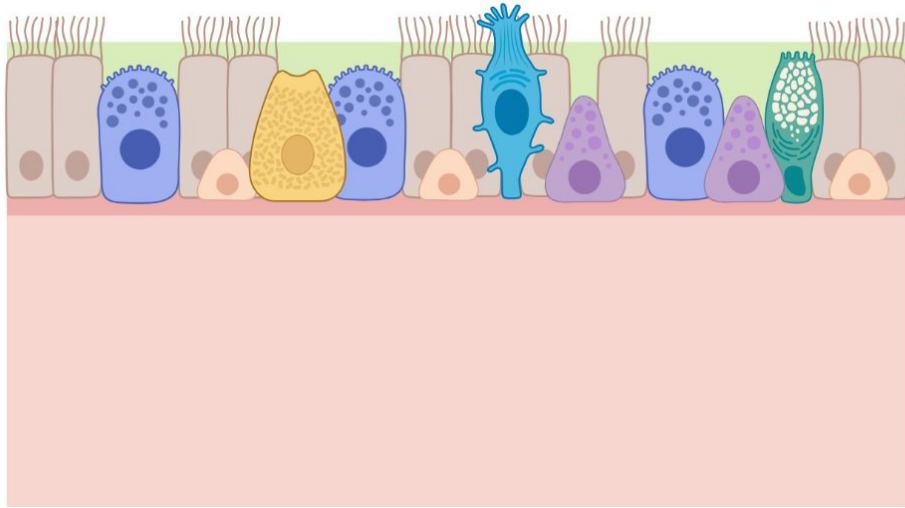
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How many cells do I need per sample

a minimum of ~ 100 cells are required for statistical analysis

Tissue heterogeneity

Distribution of populations of interest





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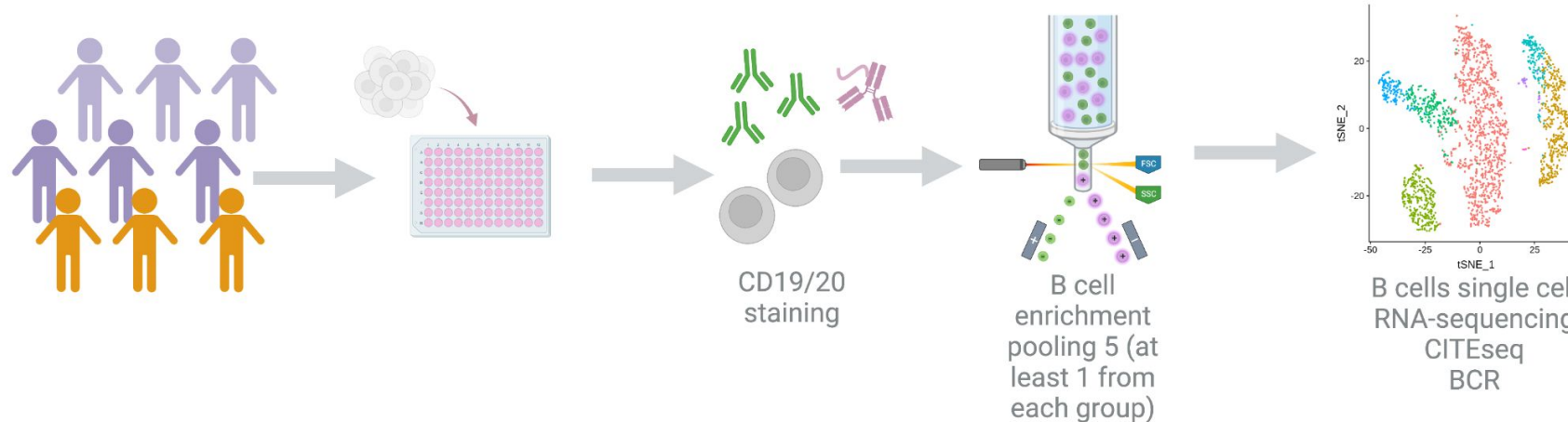
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Oh no! I am
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Enriching rare cell populations for sc-RNA-seq analysis

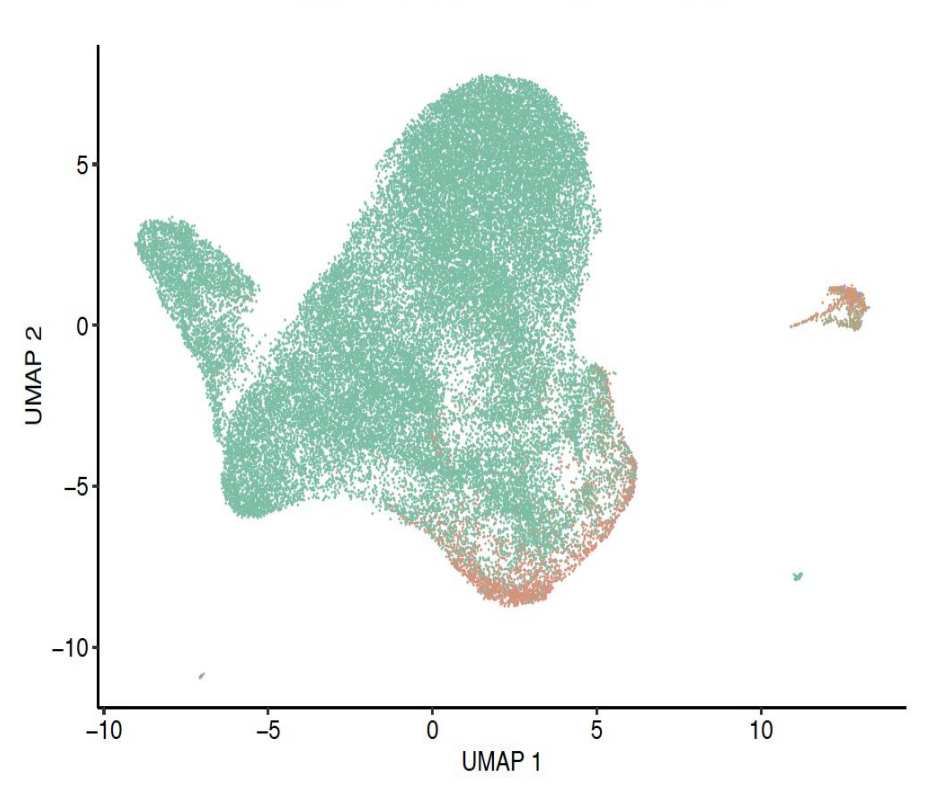
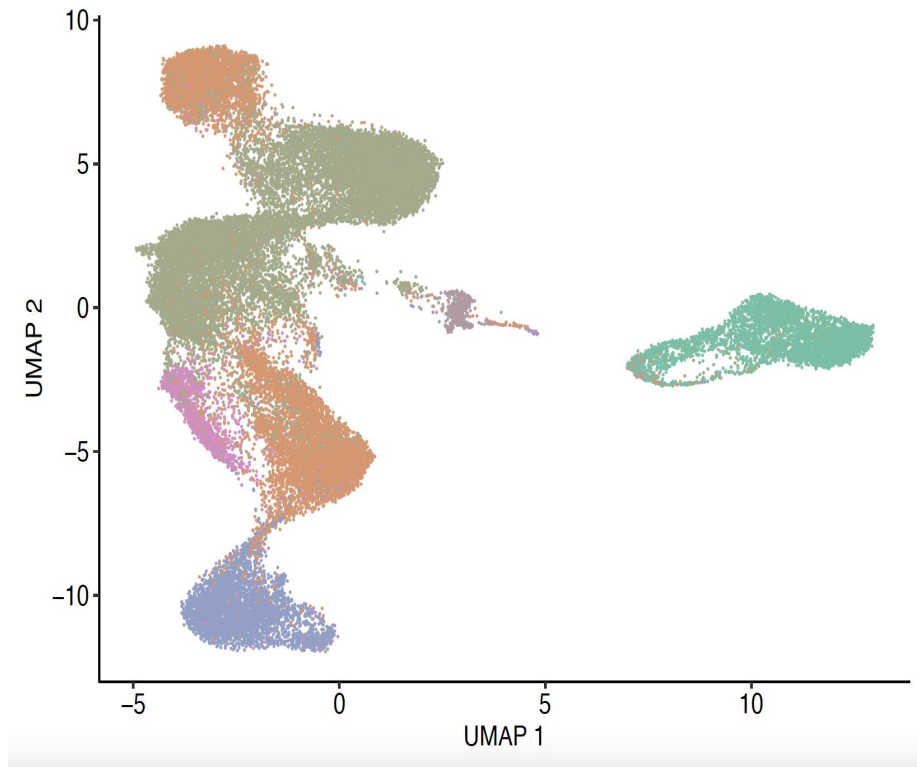




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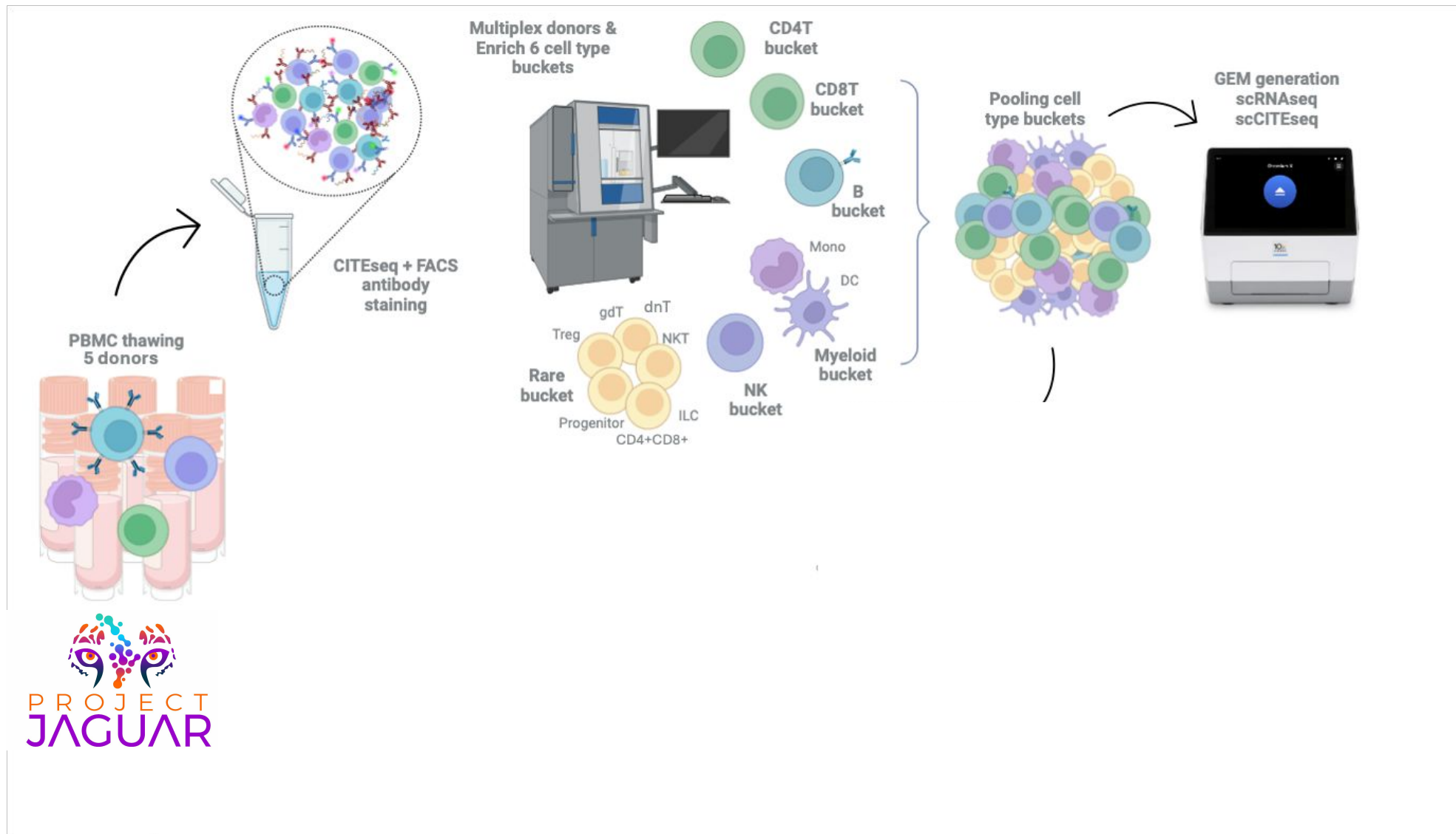
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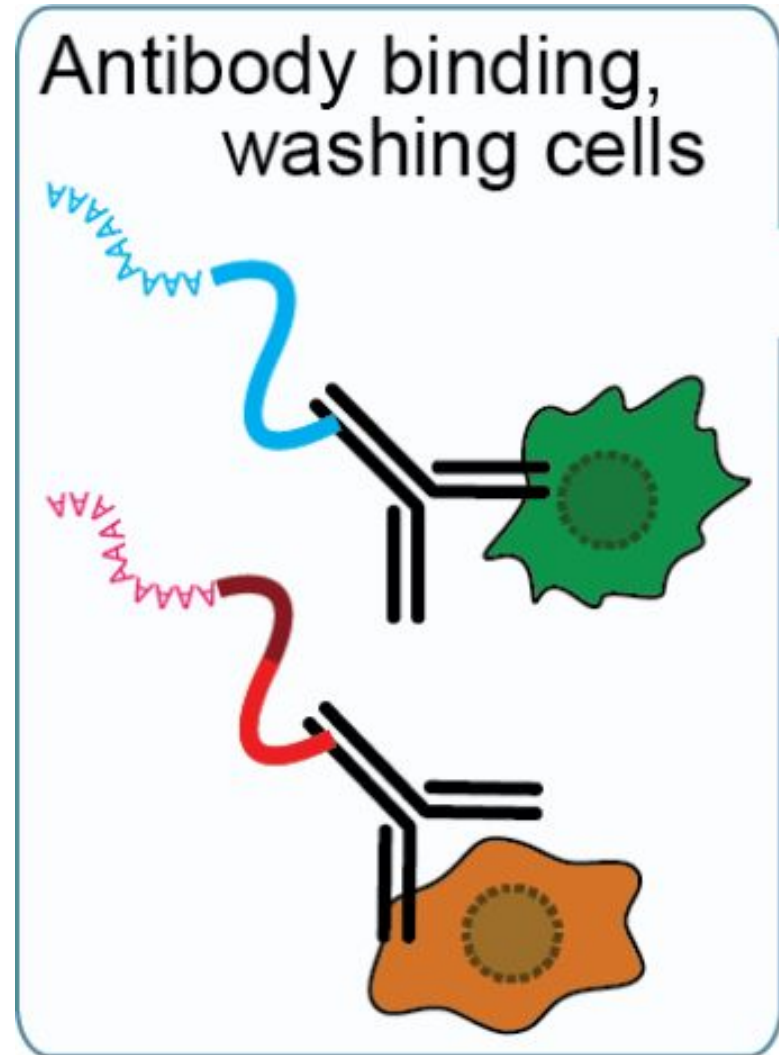


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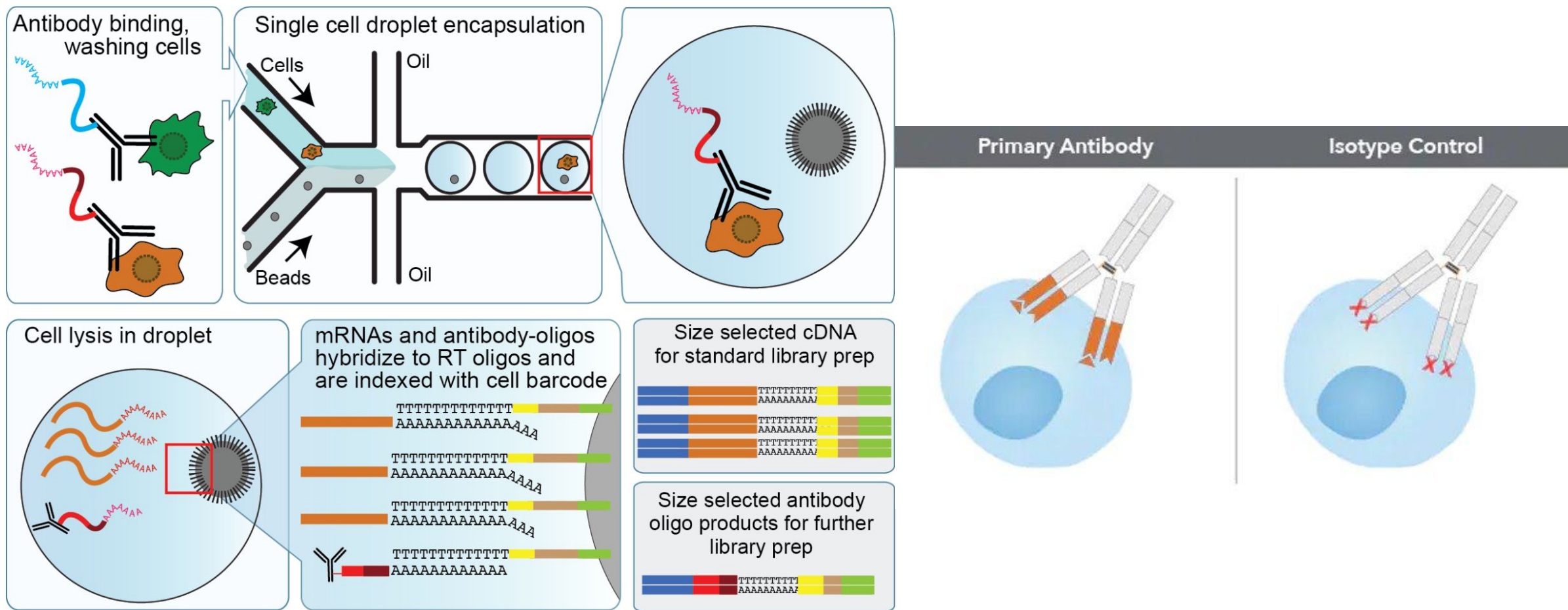


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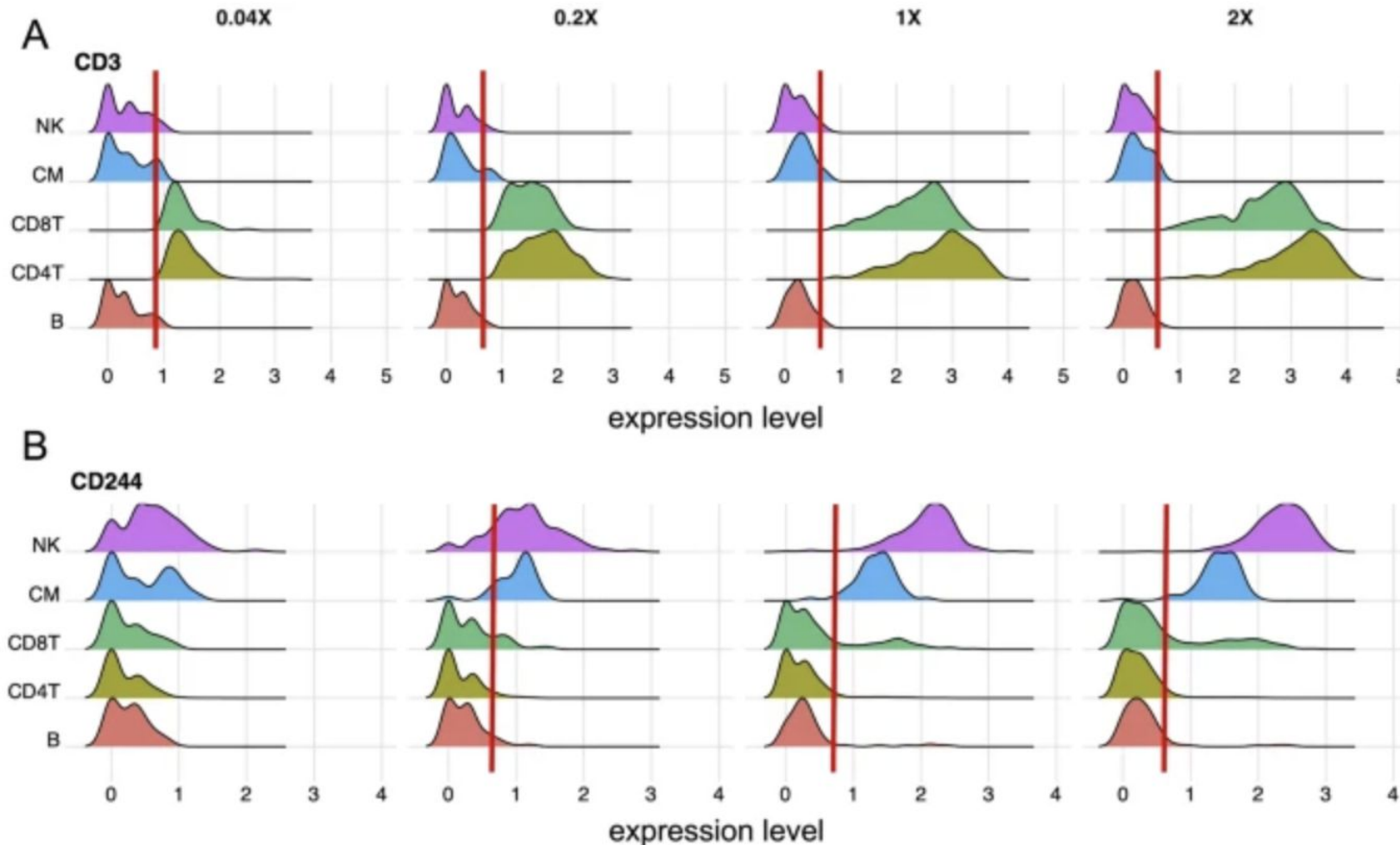
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Optimisation for CITEseq experiments should start with FACS using PE
Followed by single cell sequencing

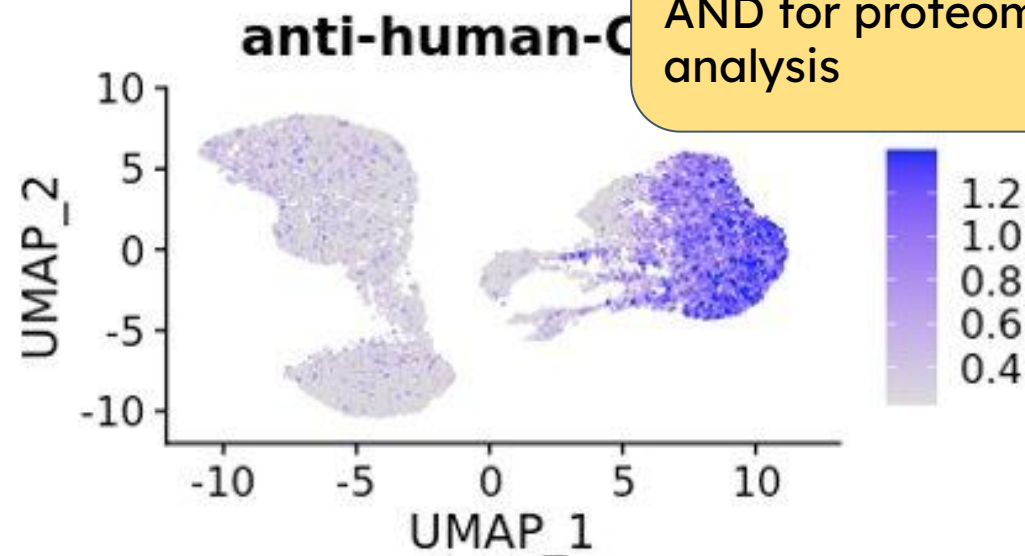
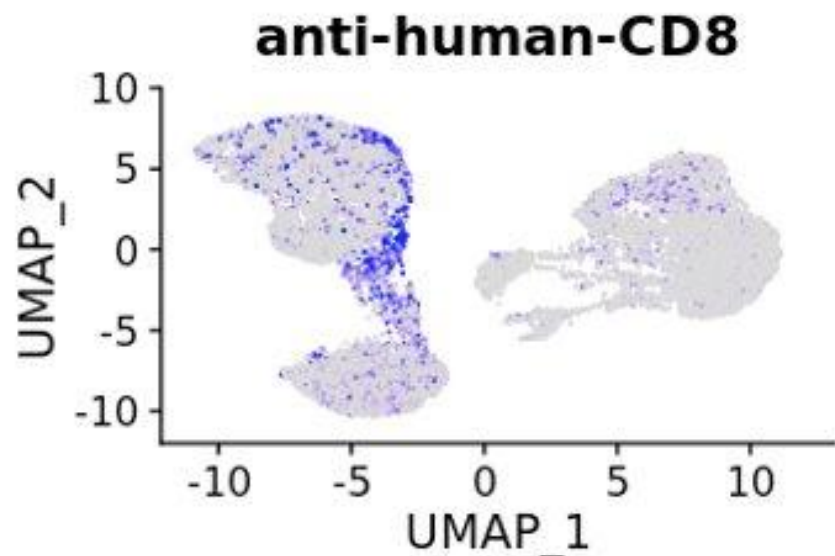
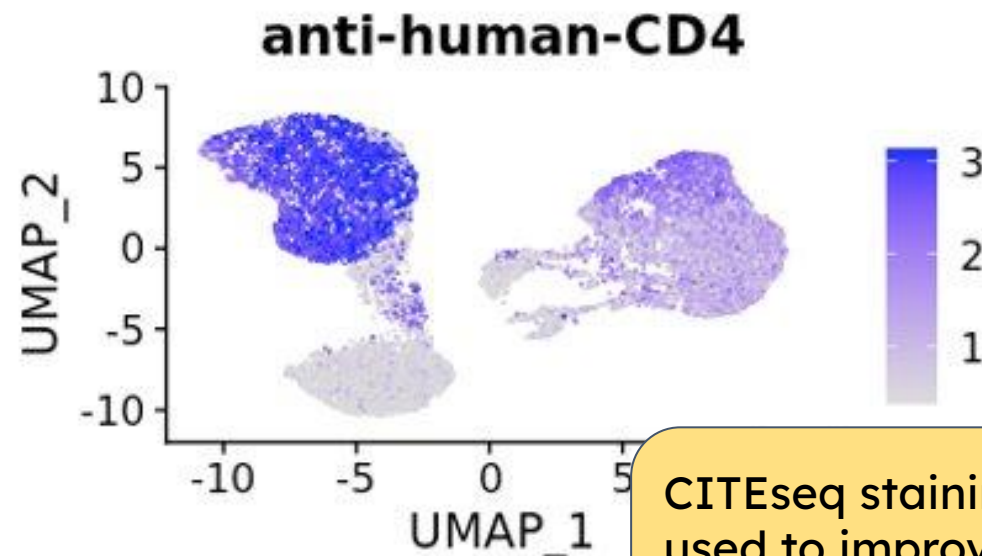
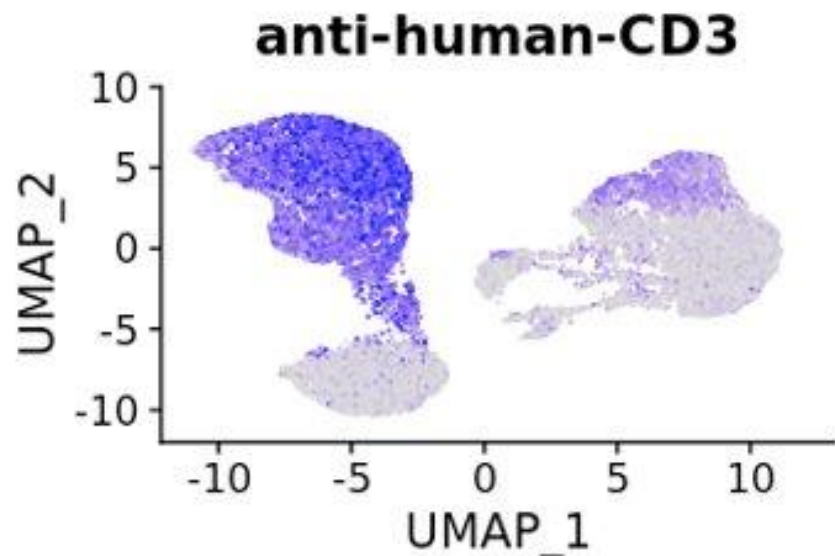


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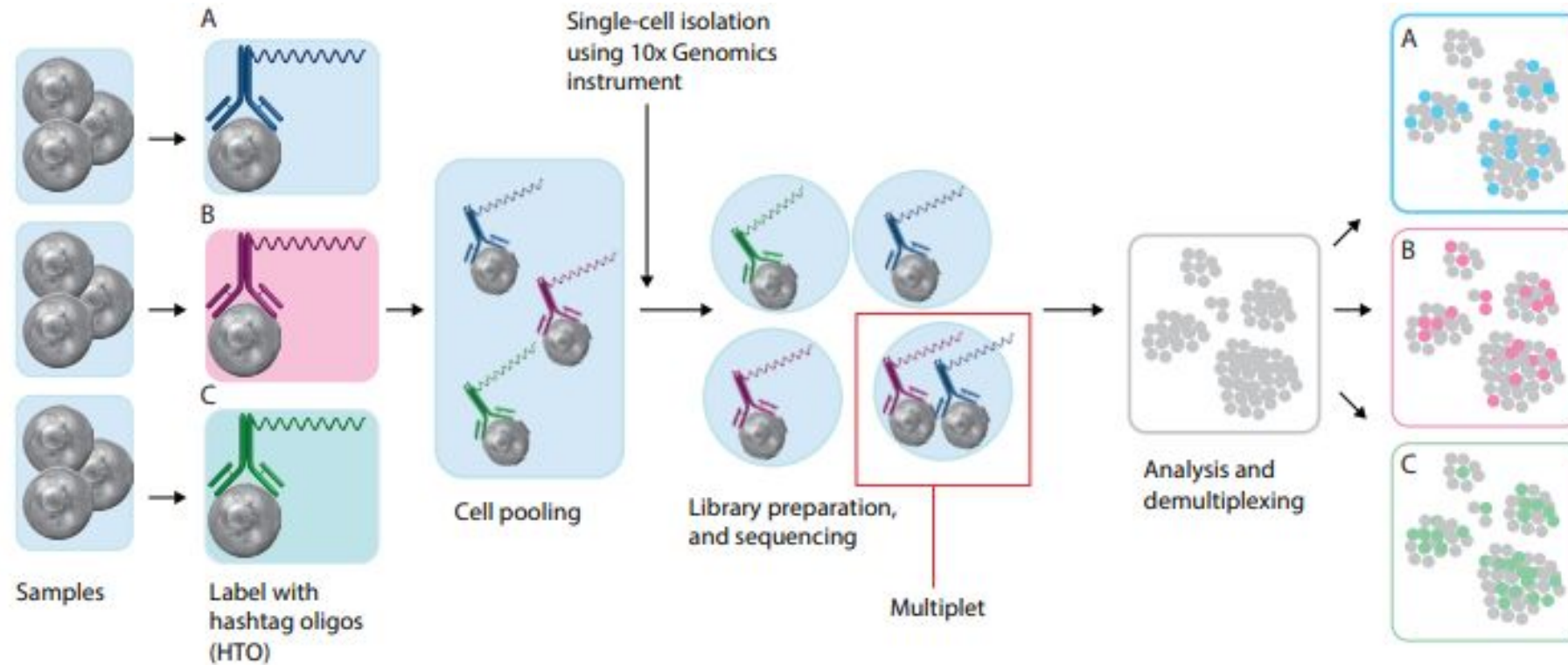
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