

## Pi-ATAC

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### ABSTRACT

Here we introduce Protein-indexed Assay of Transposase Accessible Chromatin with sequencing (Pi-ATAC) that combines single-cell chromatin and proteomic profiling. In conjunction with DNA transposition, the levels of multiple cell surface or intracellular protein epitopes are recorded by index flow cytometry and positions in arrayed microwells, and then subject to molecular barcoding for subsequent pooled analysis. PiATAC simultaneously identifies the epigenomic and proteomic heterogeneity in individual cells. Pi-ATAC reveals a casual link between transcription factor abundance and DNA motif access, and deconvolute cell types and states in the tumor microenvironment *in vivo*. We identify a dominant role for hypoxia, marked by HIF1A protein, in the tumor microenvironment for shaping the regulome in a subset of epithelial tumor cells.

### EXTERNAL LINK

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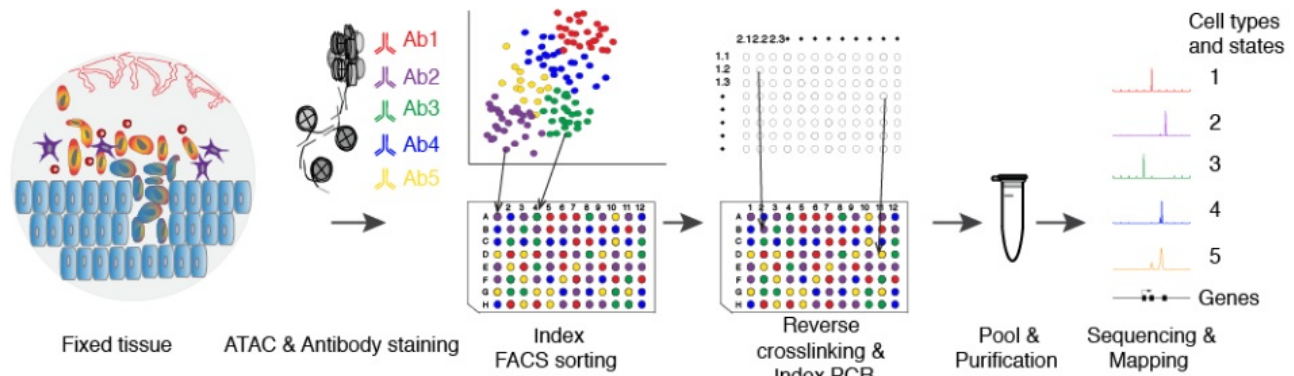
### PROTOCOL STATUS

#### **Working**

We use this protocol in our group and it is working

### GUIDELINES

#### **Overview**



## MATERIALS

NAME	CATALOG #	VENDOR
Nextera DNA library preparation kit 24 samples	FC-121-1030	Contributed by users

## STEPS MATERIALS

NAME	CATALOG #	VENDOR
HBSS – 1% FBS (no collagenase) solution		Contributed by users
PBS		Contributed by users
2%PFA		Contributed by users
Glycine, sodium salt	G-450	Gold Biotechnology
Nextera DNA library preparation kit 24 samples	FC-121-1030	Contributed by users
0.5M EDTA	AM92606	Contributed by users
PBS		Contributed by users
Proteinase K	E00491	Thermo Fisher Scientific
NEBNext High-Fidelity 2X PCR Master Mix - 250 rxns	M0541L	New England Biolabs
MinElute Reaction Cleanup Kit	28204	Qiagen

## SAFETY WARNINGS

For safety warnings and hazard information, please refer to the SDS (Safety Data Sheet).

## BEFORE STARTING

### Prepare before:

2% PFA

1.25 M Glycin

single cell suspension solution: 200 U/ml Collagenase in HBSS-FBS (1%))

Nextera Kit: Illumina #15028212 (containing Tn5, 2X TD buffer)

Permeabilization buffer: 10 mM Tris pH7.5

10 mM NaCl  
3 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>  
add fresh 0.1% NP40 (NOTE: NP40 concentration/other detergents can vary from cell type to cell type)

reverse x-link Buffer: 50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0  
0.5% Tween20  
0.5% Igepal CA-630  
5 ng/ml proteinase K

0.5 M EDTA

2x NEBNext High Fidelity PCR MasterMix

Nextera adapters for scATAC (Buenrostro et al, *Nature* **volume 523**, pages 486–490 (23 July 2015))

- 1 **NOTE**  
Please see the "before start" section of the [Guidelines](#) for buffers and solutions to prepare prior to start.

## Preparation

- 2 If using tissue:  
take out tissue and put on 10 cm dish filled with 10 ml PBS on ice. Weigh

## Then make a single cell suspension


- 3 Remove PBS from dish, but keep on ice.

## Single cell suspension

- 4 Cut tissue in small pieces using a scalpel or razor blade on ice.
- 5 Add single cell dissociation solution to dish (for most tissues: 200 U/ml Collagenase in HBSS-FBS (1%)).
- 6 Try to pipet with 10 ml pipet, fill into 15ml tube.
- 7 Incubate 15 ml tube in 37°C incubator rotating (depending on amount and type of tissue).  
**37 °C Incubation**  
**00:15:00 Incubation**
- 8 Spin down for 5 min at 1000 rpm.  
**00:05:00 Spin down**

9 Aspirate supernatant.

10 Add 2 ml HBSS – FBS (no collagenase) solution.

 HBSS – 1% FBS (no collagenase) solution

 **2 ml HBSS – FBS (no collagenase) solution**

11 Use a glass Pasteur pipet to mechanically disrupt remaining clogs, transfer single cells to a 75µm strainer into a new tube (50 ml or 15 ml).

12 Count cells.

#### Fix


13 Spin down desired amount of cells.


14 Resuspend in 100 µl PBS (for up to 200 000 cells).

 PBS

 **100 µl PBS**

15 Fix cells for 10 min at RT using 100 µl 2%PFA.


 2%PFA

 **100 µl 2%PFA**

 **00:10:00 Fixing cells**


16 Quench reaction using 1 volume Glycin (here 200 µl).

 **200 µl 1.25 M Glycerin**

 Glycine, sodium salt  
by [Gold Biotechnology](#)  
Catalog #: [G-450](#)

17 Spin down.

18 Permeabilize cells using buffer containing 0.1% NP40, no incubation, immediately spin 5 min 1200 rpm.

 00:05:00 Spin

19 If staining is desired: stain with antibodies here.

## ATAC

20 Spin down.

21 ATAC: (for 50,000 cells) 25 µl 2xTD, 22,5 µl H<sub>2</sub>O, 2.5 µl Tn5  
→ 30 min at 37 °C

 25 µl 2xTD

 22.5 µl H<sub>2</sub>O

 2.5 µl Tn5

 37 °C

 00:30:00



Nextera DNA library preparation kit 24  
samples  
Catalog #: [FC-121-1030](#)

22 Stop reaction by adding 40 mM EDTA:  
500 mM Stock: 1:12.5



0.5M EDTA  
Catalog #: AM92606

23 Spin down for 5 minutes at 1200 rpm.

 00:05:00 Spin down

24 Resuspend in PBS – place on ice.



PBS

25 Add Proteinase K 200µg/µl to reverse x-link buffer = 1:100 from 20 mg/ml Stock.



### Proteinase K

by [Thermo Fisher Scientific](#)

Catalog #: [E00491](#)

- 26 Prepare 96-well plates with 25 µl reverse x-link buffer per well.

**25 µl reverse x-link buffer (per well)**

- 27 quick-spin the plates to move all buffer to bottom

## FACS and reverse x-link

- 28 Set up single cell 96 or 384 well sort at a BD FACS Arial or similar and in Diva software check index sort box.

- 29 If stained:  
measure controls (in bulk): e.g. unstained, FMO, uniquely stained samples.  
then measure and record fluorescence intensity.

- 30 Spin down plates immediately after sort.

- 31 Use heat sealer for sealing plates.

- 32 60°C reverse x-link O.N. (min 4 h) in incubator or PCR cycler.

**60 °C reverse x-link O.N.**

**04:00:00 reverse x-link O.N.**

## PCR and clean up

- 33 Inactivate Proteinase K for 10 min at 80°C.

**80 °C ProteinaseK inactivation**

**00:10:00 ProteinaseK inactivation**

- 34 PCR: 100 wells/plate: per well: 25 µl NEBNext PCR MM, 2.5 µl Ad1, 2.5 µl Ad2 individual  
Primerstock concentration: 25 µM

**25 µl NEB MM**

**2.5 µl Ad1**

**2.5 µl Ad2**



NEBNext High-Fidelity 2X PCR Master Mix  
- 250 rxns  
by [New England Biolabs](#)  
Catalog #: [M0541L](#)

### 35 Cycling conditions:

72°C	5min	
98°C	30 s	
98°C	10 s	20 cycles
63°C	30 s	
72°C	1 min	

### 36 Cleanup using MinElute vacuum: pool wells into a reservoir, add PB (6ml /96 well plate) Wash with PE (10 ml/96well plate), spin down, elute in 12 µl EB per 96 well plate.

**12 µl EB (per plate)**



MinElute Reaction Cleanup Kit  
by [Qiagen](#)  
Catalog #: [28204](#)

### 37 Library quantification using KAPA and BioAnalyzer. If required library cleanup using PAGE gel



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