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## s3-ATAC

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### ABSTRACT

Protocol for the s3 ATAC dhe. s3ATAC is a simplified sci-ATAC protocol using in vitro tagmentation to capture regions of open chromatin genome-wide in single cells.

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## MATERIALS

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[☒ IGEPAL-CA630 Sigma](#)

**Aldrich Catalog #I3021 SIGMA-ALDRICH**

[☒ SYBR Green Thermo Fisher Scientific](#)

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[☒ Sodium Chloride Fisher](#)

**Scientific Catalog #S271-3**

[☒ 4,6-Diamidino-2-Phenylindole, Dihydrochloride \(DAPI\) Thermo Fisher](#)

**Scientific Catalog #D1306**

[☒ Cell strainer, 35 µm](#)

**Corning Catalog #352235**

[☒ HEPES Fisher](#)

**Scientific Catalog #BP310-500**

[☒ Triton X-100](#)

**Sigma Catalog #93426**

[☒ Tris-HCl Life](#)

**Technologies Catalog #AM9855**

[☒ High Sensitivity D5000 ScreenTape Agilent](#)

**Technologies Catalog #5067-5592**

[☒ High Sensitivity D5000 Reagents Agilent](#)

**Technologies Catalog #5067-5593**

[☒ Potassium hydroxide Sigma](#)

**Aldrich Catalog #1050121000**

[☒ UltraPure Distilled Water Thermo Fisher](#)

**Scientific Catalog #10977015**

[☒ Ethanol \(EtOH\) 200 Proof Decon-Laboratories](#)

**Inc Catalog #2701**

[☒ QIAquick PCR Purification](#)

**Kit Qiagen Catalog #28106**

[☒ Tagment DNA \(TD\) buffer Illumina,](#)

**Inc. Catalog #20018705**

[☒ NPM Illumina,](#)

**Inc. Catalog #n/a**

[☒ Pierce™ 16% Formaldehyde \(w/v\), Methanol-free Thermo](#)

**Fisher Catalog #28906**

[☒ Pierce™ Protease Inhibitor Mini Tablets, EDTA-free Thermo](#)

**Fisher Catalog #A32955**

[☒ NEBNext Q5U Master Mix – 50 rxns New England](#)

**Biolabs Catalog #M0597S**

[☒ Mag-Bind® TotalPure NGS Omega](#)

**Biotek Catalog #M1378-01**

#### Generation and storage of stock solutions.

1. **1M Potassium Hydroxide (KOH):** Generate 15mL of a 1M solution (841.575mg) in 15mL of ddH<sub>2</sub>O. Store at room temperature (RT).
2. **1M Hydrogen Chloride (HCl):** Generate 15mL of a 1M solution (546.89mg) in 15mL of ddH<sub>2</sub>O. Store at room temperature (RT).
3. **1M HEPES-KOH, pH 7.2:** Generate 1L of 1M HEPES solution (238.3g) in 900mL of ddH<sub>2</sub>O. pH to 7.2 with 1M KOH and bring up to 1L. Filter with a 0.2um rapid-flow filter and store at RT, protected from light.
4. **1M Tris-HCl, pH 7.4:** Generate 1L of 1M Tris solution (121.14g) in 900mL of ddH<sub>2</sub>O. pH to 7.4 with 1M HCl and bring up to 1L. Filter with a 0.2um rapid-flow filter and store at RT.
5. **5M Sodium Chloride (NaCl):** Generate 1L of a 5M solution (292.2g) in 1L of ddH<sub>2</sub>O. Filter with a 0.2um rapid-flow filter and store at RT.
6. **1M Magnesium Chloride (MgCl<sub>2</sub>):** Generate 1L of a 1M solution (95.211g) in 1L of ddH<sub>2</sub>O. Filter with a 0.2um rapid-flow filter and store at RT.
7. **10% Tween-20:** Generate 15mL of a 10% (v/v) solution (1.5mL) in 13.5mL of ddH<sub>2</sub>O. Aliquot into light-protective 1.5mL tubes and store shielded from light at 4C.
8. **10% IGEPAL-630:** Generate 15mL of a 10% (v/v) solution (1.5mL of 100% IGEPAL-630) in 13.5mL of ddH<sub>2</sub>O. Store at RT, protected from light.
9. **10% Triton-X100:** Generate 15mL of a 10% (v/v) solution (1.5mL of 100% Triton-X100) in 13.5mL of ddH<sub>2</sub>O. Store at RT.
10. **0.1% Sodium dodecyl-sulfate (SDS):** Generate 50mL of a 0.1% (w/v) solution (500mg SDS) in 50mL of ddH<sub>2</sub>O. Store at RT.
11. **5mg/mL 4,6-Diamidino-2-Phenylindole, Dihydrochloride (DAPI):** Resuspend solid DAPI to 5 mg/mL in ddH<sub>2</sub>O. Aliquot into light-protected tubes and store at -20C.

#### Supplies List:

- 96-well PCR plates (Eppendorf, 951020427)
- 35 um cell strainer (VWR, 21008-948)

#### Instrument List:

- Table top centrifuge cooled to 4C with rotors for spinning 1) 96-well plates, and 2) 15 mL falcon tubes at 600 rcf
- Fluorescence Activated Cell Sorter (FACS), we use Sony SH800S
- Thermomixer with 96 well plate adapter (55C incubations at 300 rpm), we use Eppendorf Thermomixer C
- Real-Time PCR instrument (Bio-Rad CFX Connect)
- DNA fluorometer or spectrophotometer (Qubit Fluorometer 2.0 is used in this protocol)
- Agilent Tapestation 4150
- NextSeq 500 using standard Mid 150 or High 150 protocol

#### BEFORE STARTING

Before starting, make sure to have stock solutions prepared (all of which are listed in the materials tab). Also ensure you have the appropriate instruments.

Also make sure you prepare the Tn5 with properly loading oligonucleotides as described in the first steps of the protocol.

#### Prepare oligoes and transposases

- 1 Attached is a s3 molecular layout per step. As well as oligonucleotides used in the protocol. Prior to starting, iTSM plate should be prepared following the protocols listed within this step.

 **s3\_oligos.xlsx**

Tabs with oligonucleotides to be ordered and prepared:

- iTSM sci\_WG
- A14\_ME\_LNA
- PCR\_i5 primers
- PCR\_i7 primers

## 2 For generation of Tn5 enzyme.



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- 2.1 Generate LB agarose plates with **100 ug/mL Carbenicillin** following addgene suggested protocol.  
<https://www.addgene.org/mol-bio-reference/#antibiotics>
- 2.2 Streak out E. coli stab with **pTXB1-Tn5** plasmid received from Addgene (<https://www.addgene.org/60240/>).
- 2.3 Select single colony with a sterile pipette tip and grow out colony in liquid LB with **100 ug/mL Carbenicillin**
- 2.4 Incubate with shaking ( **250 rpm** ) at **30 °C** overnight.
- 2.5 Extract plasmid using Qiagen Miniprep spin column following manufacturer's instructions.
- 2.6 Transform T7 Express LysY(NEB C3031) cells with extracted plasmid.
- 2.7 Grow out E. coli to generate long term storage stock in **25 % volume glycerol** in a cryovial tube as described in <https://www.addgene.org/recipient-instructions/myplasmid/#long>.  
Store at **-80 °C** indefinitely.
- 2.8 Freshly streak out a LB agarose plates with **100 ug/mL Carbenicillin** from the glycerol stock. Allow to grow overnight at **30 °C** in an incubator.
- 2.9 Pick a single colony to inoculate **5 mL LB/carb** and incubate with shaking ( **250 rpm** ) at **30 °C** overnight.
- 2.10 Add 2mL inoculum (expanded liquid colony) to **1 L LB/carb** in a 2 L capacity Erlenmeyer flask.
- 2.11 Grow to O.D.600 = .400-500 ( **04:00:00 roughly** ) at **30 °C** with shaking ( **250 rpm** ), then let cool to

## ⚙ Room temperature .

- 2.12 Add IPTG to [M]0.1 Milimolar (mM) final concentration ( 🧴1 mL of [M]100 Milimolar (mM) stock) for induction at ⚡ 18 °C - ⚡ 22 °C on shaker with mild agitation ( ⚙20 rpm ) overnight.

We found no difference in temperature ranges from 18C to 22C during induction.

- 2.13 Spun down cells with a JA-10 rotor (Beckman Coulter) at ⚙6000 x g for ⌚00:25:00 in 500 ml bottles (make sure bottles are balanced).

- 2.14 Decant supernatant and keep pellets on ice.

Safe stopping point: Pellets can be frozen in ⚡ -80 °C and stored for a week.

- 2.15 Prepare 🧴1 L HEGX Buffer.

Reagent	Stock Concentration	Final Concentration	Amount of Stock
HEPES-KOH (pH 7.2)	1M	100mM	20mL
NaCl	Dry	800mM	46.8g
EDTA (pH 8.0)	0.5M	1mM	2mL
Glycerol	100%	10%	100mL
Triton-X100	100%	0.2%	2mL

- 2.16 Perform steps 16 onwards in a cold room.

Resuspend pellet in 🧴75 mL ⚡ 4 °C (ice chilled) HEGX Buffer and 🧴3 tablets of EDTA-free protease inhibitor tablets in 100 ml beaker. Keep everything at ⚡ 4 °C .

- 2.17 Add a sterile magnetic stir bar and break up pellet on a stir plate in a cold room. Keep everything at ⚡ 4 °C .

- 2.18 Sonicate for **00:15:00** total:  
Perform **00:00:15** **14 Watt pulses** pulses with a **00:00:15** break between each pulse. (30 pulses total).

Remove stir bar from beaker before sonicating. Keep everything on ice during sonication. Avoid foaming solution during sonication

- 2.19 Spin down lysate in 2 x 50 mL oak ridge tubes in JA-16 or JA-20 rotor.  
Make sure tubes are balanced.

**15000 rpm** for **00:30:00** , **4 °C**

- 2.20 Aliquot **30 µl** supernatant for future protein gel to check induction and purity.

Pour remaining supernatant into clean 100 ml beaker with stir bar.

- 2.21 **Precipitate DNA:**

To supernatant in beaker, add **2 mL** dropwise of **5 % volume** Poly(ethyleneimine) Solution as it stirs on stir plate to precipitate DNA.

Reagent	Stock Concentration	Final Concentration	Amount of Stock
Poly(ethyleneimine) Solution	50%	5%	1mL
HEPES-KOH (pH 7.2)	1M	20mM	200 uL

Add PEI solution very slowly, dropwise down sides of beaker by a transfer pipette.  
Solution will become cloudy.  
Do not precipitate DNA too quickly.

- 2.22 Spin down supernatant in 2 x 50mL oak ridge tubes in JA-16 or JA-20 rotor.  
Make sure tubes are balanced.

**12000 rpm** for **00:10:00** , **4 °C**

- 2.23 Aliquot **30 µl** supernatant for future protein gel to check induction and purity.

Pour remaining supernatant (henceforth called Tn5 lysate) into clean 500 ml beaker on ice.  
Bring volume up to **150 mL** ice cold HEGX Buffer.

## 2.24 Chitin Column preparation and loading Tn5 lysate:

Clamp column on a stand in cold room for gravity flow.

Column type: Kimble-Chase Flex-Column Economy Columns with two 3-way valve stop-cocks

We've been using a 30cm (1 cm ID) column which enables you to add 24 mls volume during elution.

2.25 Add **10 mL** of Chitin resin using 10 ml serological pipet to column and allow resin to settle and pack on bottom of column

2.26 Equilibrate resin with **200 mL** of HEGX by gravity flow. Discard flow through.

2.27 Load **150 mL** of Tn5 Lysate by gravity flow over column.

**SAVE this flow through for future protein gel to check induction and purity.**

2.28 Once all protein solution is loaded on column, wash column with **200 mL** HEGX by gravity flow. Discard any flow through.

## 2.29 Elution:

Allow all wash buffer to drain through column and close bottom stopcock.

2.29.1 Add **24 mL** of HEGX with **100 Milimolar (mM)** DTT directly to top of column material (Chitin) by a 25 ml serological pipette.

Reagent	Stock Concentration	Final Concentration	Amount of Stock
HEGX Buffer	1X	1X	24mL
DTT	Dry	100mM	0.37g

2.29.2 Open bottom stopcock and let **11 mL** of HEGX with **100 Milimolar (mM)** DTT to flow through column. Measure volume by allowing volume to flow into 15mL falcon tube.

2.29.3 Then close stop-cock and cap stop-cock to prevent any liquid from leaking from column. Cap stopcock on top of column too.

2.29.4 Leave HEGX/DTT solution on column in cold room for **48:00:00** to **72:00:00**

## 2.30 Elution continued:

Collect **9 mL** of flow through from column.

## 2.31 Dialyze against **1 L** of Dialysis buffer for **02:00:00** to **03:00:00** in a cold room.

Reagent	Stock Concentration	Final Concentration	Amount of Stock
HEPES-KOH (pH 7.2)	1M	100mM	100mL
NaCl	5M	200mM	40mL
EDTA (pH 8.0)	0.5M	0.2mM	400uL
Glycerol	100%	20%	200mL
Triton-X100	100%	0.2%	2mL
Prior to adding DTT, Dialysis buffer can be stored at 4C			
DTT	Dry	2mM	0.308g

We use a Slide-a-Lyzer G2 cassettes with 10 KDa cutoff (ThermoFisher, No. 87731).

## 2.32 Exchange buffer with **1 L** of fresh dialysis buffer and dialyze overnight.

## 2.33 Measure O.D.280. It should be about 4.0.

## 2.34 Aliquot **30 µl** supernatant for future protein gel to check induction and purity.

Run an SDS-PAGE gel following manufacturer's instruction on aliquots from steps 20, 23, 27 and 34 to check purity, and induction.

## 2.35 After dialysis, add approximately **6 mL** of sterile 100% glycerol to bring final concentration of glycerol to 55% (for approx. 15 ml final volume).



Aliquot in cryotubes and freeze at **-20 °C**. Protein is good for at least 1 year with proper storage.

### 3 For loading Tn5 enzyme.

- Load only a single oligonucleotide + mosaic end reverse complement oligonucleotide per well.
- Load to a final concentration of equimolar 2.5uM oligonucleotide:mosaic end reverse complement with 2.5uM Tn5.



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#### 3.1 Prepare **50 mL 2.125X Tn5 Dilution buffer** for protein dilution.

Reagent	Stock Concentration	Final Concentration	Amount of Stock
HEPES-KOH (pH 7.2)	1M	100mM	5mL
NaCl	5M	200mM	2mL
Glycerol	100%	25%	12.5mL
Triton-X100	100%	0.2%	100uL
ddH2O			30.4mL (to 50mL)
DTT	Dry	2mM	15.4 mg

Tn5 Dilution buffer can be stored at 4C for up to 2 months.

#### 3.2 Prepare Mosaic End reverse complement (ME'), i7, i5 oligonucleotides at **100 Micromolar (µM) Tris-HCl buffer (pH 8.0)**

**See attached spreadsheet for oligonucleotide sequences.**

Three sets of oligonucleotides are listed for both i5 and i7 Tn5 loading.

This yields (3 i5 sets) x (3 i7 sets)=9 uniquely identifiable 96 well plates or 864 unique well barcode combinations.

Mosaic End oligonucleotide sequence used for Tn5 loading is also listed within the spreadsheet.

 [Example\\_sciTn5\\_Oligos.xlsx](#)

Synthesis quality of these oligonucleotides is critical. HPLC purification is essential. We find that Eurofins oligos outperform IDT by roughly 10 fold in library complexity.

All indexes are designed to be 2 or greater Hamming distance from all others to allow for sequencing errors.

### 3.3 Preparation of dsDNA through annealing.

Volumes are adjusted for a single 96-well plate loading.

1. For each i5 barcoded oligo prepare the following reaction (8 total):

12.5 uL	100 uM i5 Tn5 Indexed oligo
12.5 uL	100 uM Mosaic End Reverse Compliment oligo
53.125 uL	2.125x Tn5 Dilution Buffer

Henceforth referred to as **i5/ME'**

2. For each i7 barcoded oligo prepare the following reaction (12 total):

8.5 uL	100 uM i7 Tn5 Indexed oligo
8.5 uL	100 uM Mosaic End Reverse Compliment oligo
36.125 uL	2.125x Tn5 Dilution Buffer

Henceforth referred to as **i7/ME'**

### 3.4 Anneal Oligo mixtures within a Thermocycler with the following reaction.

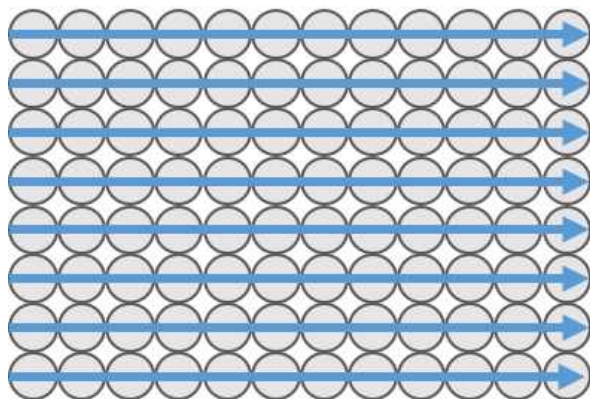
- **95 °C** **00:05:00**
- Slow ramp down to **20 °C** at a rate of **-2.5C/min**
- **20 °C** hold

This results in **16 Micromolar (μM)** annealed oligo species per reaction (**i7/ME'** and **i5/ME'**).

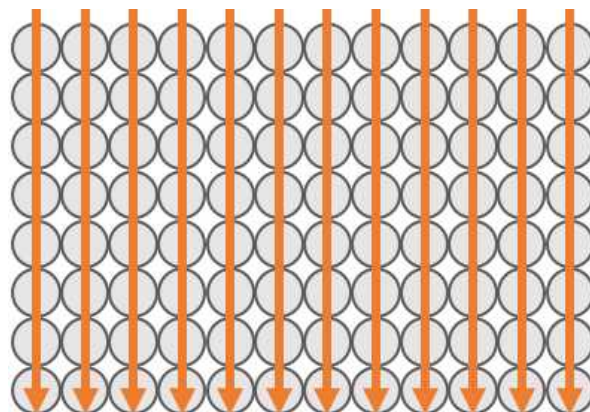
Oligoes should be freshly annealed prior to loading Tn5 transposome

### 3.5 Prepare a 96-well plate with the following loading schema.

1. Add **5 μl** of **i5/ME'** (**16 Micromolar (μM)**) to each respective wells in a row-wise fashion.



2. Add **5 µl** of i7/ME' ( **16 Micromolar (µM)** ) to each respective wells in a column-wise fasion.



This results in **10 µl i5/ME' and i7/ME' Indexed Oligos** at **8 Micromolar (µM)** /well

### 3.6 Prepare Tn5 protein as described in "Generation and Purification of pTXB1. Tn5" protocol.

Prior to loading Tn5 protein adjust NaCl concentration.

Combine:

1152 uL	Prepared Tn5
144 uL	5M NaCl

This adjusts salt to a final concentration of **555.55 Milimolar (mM)** NaCl

### 3.7 Add **12 µl** of salt-corrected Tn5 to each well of the 96 well plate.

Assemble the Tn5/oligo mixture via incubation at **25 °C** for **01:00:00** .

Store at -20C for no more than 8 months.

#### Prepare Buffers

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Construct 50mL **Nuclei Isolation Buffer (NIB-HEPES)**:

Final Concentration	Stock Concentration	Volume of Stock
10 mM HEPES-KOH, pH 7.2	1M HEPES-KOH, pH 7.2	500 uL
10 mM NaCl	5M NaCl	100 uL
3mM MgCl <sub>2</sub>	1M MgCl <sub>2</sub>	150 uL
0.1 % Igepal	10% Igepal	500 uL
0.1 % Tween	10% Tween	500 uL
ddH <sub>2</sub> O		to 50mL (add 48.25mL)

**OPTIONAL:** To prevent protease degradation, we also add 2 tablets of [Pierce Protease Inhibitor Tablets, EDTA-Free](#) to NIB following construction. We then vortex to fully dissolve tablets.

NIB is stable at **4 °C** for at least 1 month without noticeable degradation in library quality or nuclei dissociation ability.

Store NIB on ice throughout nuclei dissociation and preparation of tagmentation plates.

#### Dissociate Tissue

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Different isolation techniques are highlighted across the s3 protocol family and can be used interchangeably for downstream processing. For s3ATAC, we used primary human and mouse flash frozen brain samples.

##### Note

Isolation of nuclei is dependent on the sample being used. And optimization should be performed. Below is an example of a nuclei isolation protocol to act as general use for primary brain tissue samples. Other tissues should follow a similar dounce homogenization protocol.

5.1 Obtain a flash frozen primary tissue sample and store in either -80C or on dry ice.

5.2 **Prechill instruments for dissection of tissue.**

- Chill petri dish over dry ice to act as surgery stage.
- Chill razors by placing the blades in dry ice.
- Fill 7mL capacity dounce homogenizer with **2 mL NIB:HEPES** solution.
- Chill dounce homogenizer vessel with solution in wet ice.

- Chill dounce homogenizer pestles by holding in 70% ethanol in 15mL tubes on ice.

Immediately prior to using dounce pestles, rinse with chilled diH<sub>2</sub>O, wipe with kim wipes to remove most of the ethanol.

### 5.3 Section primary tissue:

- Cut up tissue on surgery stage with prechilled sterile razor blade.

No need to mince any chunks at this point, just keep as frozen as possible.

Only need a small fraction of most samples (~5mg)

### 5.4 Transfer tissue chunk via razor blade to **NIB:HEPES**-filled and chilled dounce vessel.

Give 🕒 **00:05:00** to equilibrate to salt concentration of NIB:HEPES buffer prior to douncing.

### 5.5 Dounce homogenize:

- Homogenize tissue with 5 loose (A) pestle strokes.

Go as slowly as possible, do not surpass the water-level, do not introduce bubbles. Not all chunks have to be dounced fully.

- Wait for 🕒 **00:05:00** to cells to equilibrate
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- Dounce with tight pestle (B) ~10 more times.
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- Go until solution is a slush, persisting chunks are fine.

### 5.6 Strain cells:

Any persisting large debris will fall to the bottom of the tube after 🕒 **00:05:00** .

Take the supernatant to pass through a 35uM strainer first.

Following the supernatants passage, take remaining dounced solution (and persisting debris) and attempt to pass through the strainer as well. This is done to maximize cell passage through the strainer prior to clogging.

Multiple strainers may be necessary.  
Transfer liquid across strainers until most is gone

### 5.7 Pool strained solution into 15mL tube.

5.8 Spin down nuclei solution at **400 x g, 00:10:00** for **00:10:00** at **4 °C**.

5.9 Resuspend pellet in **1 mL NIB:HEPES**.

5.10 Repeat the spin down and resuspension (Repeat step 3.8-9) for a second wash.

5.11 Resuspend cells in **500 µl NIB:HEPES** and hold on ice.

#### Quantify Nuclei Concentration

- 6 Take aliquot of sample and dilute (10uL of nuclei suspension in **90 µl NIB:HEPES** for a 1:10 dilution).
- 7 Determine nuclei/uL concentration of diluted aliquot through Hemocytometer or BioRad TC20 Automated Cell Counter using manufacturer's recommended protocols.  
  
Adjust calculated concentration for the stock nuclei suspension.
- 8 Concentrate via centrifugation and buffer removal, or dilute via addition of NIB:HEPES to attain a nuclei solution of **1400 nuclei/uL** and hold on ice until ready to proceed.

#### Tagmentation

##### 9 Prepare tagmentation plate

1. Combine **420 µl 1400 nuc/uL solution** with **540 µl 2X TD Buffer** per 96 well iTSM plate.
2. Pipette out 8uL per well of TD Buffer: Nuclei solution.
3. Add 1uL of 2.5uM uniquely indexed SBS12-U-ME TSM per well.

Final reagents per well in tagmentation plate.

A	B
Component	Volume per well (9uL total)
~20ng DNA	3.5 ul (~5k nuclei at a concentration of 1.4K nuclei/uL)
iTSM	1 uL 2.5uM SBS12-U-ME TSM
TD Buffer	4.5ul 2X TD Buffer

2X TD Buffer available from Nextera XT Kit

Hold SBS12-U-ME TSM plate on ice while pipetting out. Also hold nuclei and tagmentation plate on ice until plate is fully prepared.

10 Incubate at **55 °C** for **00:10:00** while shaking at **300 rpm**.

Shaking helps keep nuclei suspended during tagmentation.

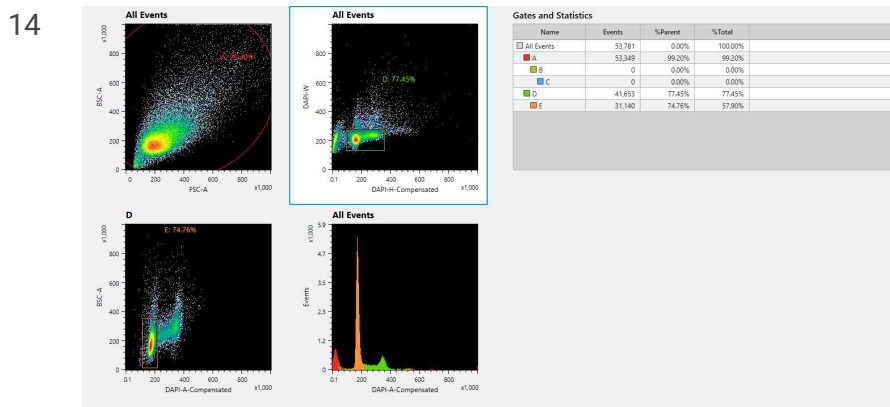
11 Place plate on ice following incubation and hold for ⌚ 00:02:00 to allow reactions to drop temperature.

12 Pool the full plate while maintaining plate and pool on ice. Add 🧴 2 µl 5mg/mL DAPI to pool. Hold pool on ice while preparing the PCR plate. Nuclei are stable on ice for several hours.

If there are any visible chunks in pool, strain again through 40µm cell strainer.

#### Single-cell sorting

13 Prepare a 96 well plate with 🧴 9 µl 1X TD Buffer per well, diluted with ddH2O.



Example gating strategy on DAPI+ nuclei using the Sony SH800S Cell Sorter.

From the DAPI stained pool, sort 15 nuclei per well mimicking the above nuclei gating strategy. If possible, hold the sample chamber and pool at 🧊 4 °C in your sorter settings.

The number of nuclei per well for PCR is determined by the number of uniquely indexed transposases going into tagmentation. For 96 reactions (a single iTSM plate), it has been empirically determined to be 15 nuclei per well based on a 5% barnyard collision rate.

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Following sorting into the 96 well plate, centrifuge the plate at 🌀 500 x g, 4°C, 00:05:00 to ensure nuclei are within the solution.

- **SAFE STOPPING POINT:** Plates can be frozen (stored at 🧊 -20 °C) after spin down for at least 1 week without measurable decrease in library quality.

## Gap fill and adapter switching

16 Add  **1 µl 0.1% SDS** to each well.

17 Add  **4 µl NPM** to each well.

It is crucial to add 0.1% SDS and NPM in step-wise fashion and not pre-combined. High SDS concentration will disrupt polymerases in NPM.

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**Gap-fill** molecules by incubating plate at  **72 °C** for  **00:10:00**.

- After extension, hold plate  **On ice** to slow reaction.

19 Add  **1.5 µl A14-LNA\_ME at 1µM** to a final concentration of  **100 Nanomolar (nM)**

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Use multiple rounds of linear extension to switch adapter on one side of the molecules.

1.  **98 °C** for  **00:00:30**
2.  **98 °C** for  **00:00:10**
3.  **59 °C** for  **00:00:20**
4.  **72 °C** for  **00:00:10**
5. Go to step 2 9 times for 10 total cycles.
6. Hold at  **10 °C**

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Add  **1 µl 1% (v/v) Triton X-100**.

- It is important that the ratio is 10:1 TritonX:SDS to quench SDS prior to PCR polymerase use.

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## PCR














22 Combine the following reagents for a RT-PCR reaction directly to the 96 well plate contained the samples. ddH<sub>2</sub>O, Q5U Master Mix and 100X SYBR can be made as a mastermix prior to added to wells.





A	B
Reagent	Volume per well
Sample	16.5 ul
PCR primers: S70X (TruSeq i7) 10uM	2.5 uL
PCR primers: N50X (Nextera i5) 10uM	2.5 uL
ddH2O	3 uL
Q5U 2X Master Mix	25 ul
100X SYBR	0.5uL
<b>Total</b>	<b>50 ul for PCR</b>

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Perform a real-time PCR, measuring SYBR fluorescence every cycle.

1.  **98 °C** for  **00:00:30**
2.  **98 °C** for  **00:00:10**
3.  **55 °C** for  **00:00:20**
4.  **72 °C** for  **00:00:30**
5. Measure SYBR fluorescence.
6.  **72 °C** for  **00:00:10**
7. Go to step 2 17 more times for 18 cycles total.
8. Hold at  **72 °C** for  **00:02:00**
9. Hold at  **10 °C**

PCR takes between 16-18 cycles. Use SYBR fluorescence to guide when to pull libraries. Once fluorescence stops exponential growth, the libraries are ready to hold at 72C and then remove.

**SAFE STOPPING POINT:** Plates can be frozen (stored at  **-20 °C**) after spin down for at least 10 weeks without measurable decrease in library quality. Can also be held at  **4 °C** for at least 5 weeks.

### Library clean up

## 24 Pool post-PCR Product

Pool 25 uL from each well into 15mL conical tube.

## 25 Concentrate DNA via column clean up

Run full pool volume through Qiaquick PCR purification column following manufacturer's protocol.




Qiagen QIAquick PCR Purification Kit Protocol  
by Michael Crone

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Elute in  **50 µl 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0**.

- 25.1 Add 5 volumes of Buffer PB to 1 volume of the PCR sample and mix. It is not necessary to remove mineral oil or kerosene.
-  Buffer PB Contributed by users
- 25.2 If pH indicator I has been added to Buffer PB, check that the color of the mixture is yellow. If the color of the mixture is orange or violet, add 10 µl of 3 M sodium acetate, pH 5.0, and mix. The color of the mixture will turn to yellow.
-  10 µl
-  Sodium acetate P212121
- 25.3 Place a QIAquick spin column in a provided 2 ml collection tube.
- 25.4 To bind DNA, apply the sample to the QIAquick column and centrifuge for 30–60 s. Discard flow-through. Place the QIAquick column back into the same tube.
-  00:01:00
- 25.5 To wash, add 0.75 ml Buffer PE to the QIAquick column and centrifuge for 30–60 s.
-  00:01:00
-  Buffer PE Contributed by users
- 25.6 Discard flow-through and place the QIAquick column back in the same tube. Centrifuge the column for an additional 1 min.
- IMPORTANT:** Residual ethanol from Buffer PE will not be completely removed unless the flow-through is discarded before this additional centrifugation.
-  00:01:00
- 25.7 Place QIAquick column in a clean 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube.
- 25.8 To elute DNA, add 50 µl Buffer EB (10 mM Tris·Cl, pH 8.5) or water (pH 7.0–8.5) to the center of the QIAquick membrane and centrifuge the column for 1 min. Alternatively, for increased DNA concentration, add 30 µl elution buffer to the center of the QIAquick membrane, let the column stand for 1 min, and then centrifuge.
- IMPORTANT:** Ensure that the elution buffer is dispensed directly onto the QIAquick membrane for complete elution of bound DNA. The average eluate volume is 48 µl from 50 µl elution buffer volume, and 28 µl from 30 µl elution buffer.
- Elution efficiency is dependent on pH. The maximum elution efficiency is achieved between pH 7.0 and 8.5. When using water, make sure that the pH value is within this range, and store DNA at –20°C as DNA may degrade in the absence of a buffering agent. The purified DNA can also be eluted in TE buffer (10 mM Tris·Cl, 1 mM EDTA, pH 8.0), but the EDTA may inhibit subsequent enzymatic reactions.
- 25.9 If the purified DNA is to be analyzed on a gel, add 1 volume of Loading Dye to 5 volumes of purified DNA. Mix the solution by pipetting up and down before loading the gel.
- Loading dye contains 3 marker dyes (bromophenol blue, xylene cyanol, and orange G) that facilitate estimation of DNA migration distance and optimization of agarose gel run time. Refer to Table 2 (page 15) to identify the dyes according to migration distance and agarose gel percentage and type.

## 26 Clean by size selection with SPRI beads

Perform a 1X SPRI bead size selection (selecting for DNA > 200 bp).

- 26.1 Add **50 µl MagPure NGS Binding Beads** to column elution, once beads are at room temperature.
- Ensure beads are fully mixed prior to taking from stock. Vortex for at least 10 seconds immediately before pipetting out.
- Let mixture incubate at room temperature for **00:05:00**.
- 26.2 Place tube on magnetic rack and wait for magnetic beads to pellet and elution to fully clear (roughly **00:02:00**).
- Remove full volume of elution without disrupting bead pellet. Discard elution.
- 26.3 Resuspend bead pellet in freshly prepared **100 µl 80% ethanol (v/v)**.
- Remove full volume of elution without disrupting bead pellet. Discard ethanol.
- 26.4 Resuspend bead pellet in freshly prepared **100 µl 80% ethanol (v/v)**.
- Remove full volume of elution without disrupting bead pellet. Discard ethanol.
- 26.5 Remove tube from magnetic rack and spin briefly on tabletop centrifuge.
- Return to magnetic rack and once beads are pelleted again, remove any remaining ethanol from bottom of tube.
- 26.6 Resuspend beads off magnetic rack in **31 µl 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0**.
- Let mixture incubate at room temperature for **00:05:00** for DNA to fully become suspended.
- Place tube on magnetic rack and wait for magnetic beads to pellet and elution to fully clear (roughly **00:02:00**).
- Remove full volume of elution without disrupting bead pellet and move elution to clean tube.

## 27 Qubit DNA HS Quantification

Quantify DNA concentration with 1 µL eluted sample on Qubit DNA High-sensitivity kit following manufacturer's protocol.



Qubit dsDNA HS/BR Assay  
by Sarah Hessen-Schmidt,  
University of Southern California

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- 27.1 Label small Qubit tube lids for the number of standards and samples. Qubit requires 2 standards.
- 27.2 Make Qubit working solution by diluting Qubit dsDNA HS reagent 1:200 in Qubit dsDNA HS buffer in a large Qubit tube. The final volume in each tube must be 200 µL.  
(number of samples + 3 for control and standards) x 200 µL
- 27.3 Prepare 2 standard tubes. Add 190 µL of working solution to each standard tube. Add 10 µL of each standard to the

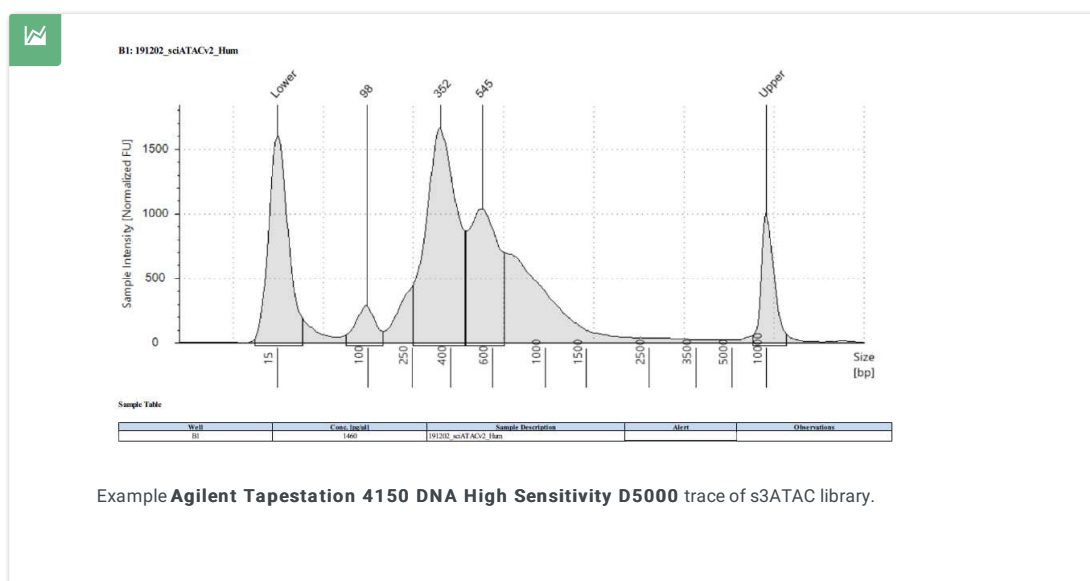
appropriate tube and mix by vortexing 2-3 seconds and quick spin down.

- 27.4 Prepare sample and control tubes by adding 199µl of working solution to each tube and 1µl of sample to the appropriate tube. Mix by vortexing 2-3 seconds and quick spin down. Alternate volumes of sample (1-20µl) and working solution (180-199µl) may be added to reach a total volume of 200µl.
- 27.5 Allow all tubes to incubate at room temperature for 2 minutes in a dark drawer  
🕒 00:02:00
- 27.6 On Qubit fluorometer home screen select assay type (Quant-iT dsDNA, BR or HS)
- 27.7 On the Standards Screen press Yes to run a new calibration. Insert Standard #1 tube, close lid and press read. Remove Standard #1 and insert Standard #2 tube. Close lid and press read. Remove Standard #2.
- 27.8 Once calibration has been completed the Sample Screen will be displayed. Insert a sample tube in to the fluorometer, close the lid and press Read. The value displayed is the concentration after you sample was diluted into the assay tube. To calculate the concentration of the original sample use the Qubit Dilution Calculator by pressing Calculate Stock Conc. Select the volume of you original sample that you added to the tube (1-20µl) and the fluorometer will calculate for you.
- 27.9 To save the data from your calculation press Save on the Dilution Calculator Screen and the last value will be save as a .CSV file tagged with a time and date stamp.
- 27.10 Remove the sample tube, insert the next sample tube and close the lid. Press Read Next Sample. Repeat until all sample tube values have been recorded.

## 28 Agilent Tapestation 4150 Quantification

Dilute sample to 2 ng/µL based on read out of Qubit by addition of 10mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0.

Run 2 µL sample on **Agilent Tapestation 4150 DNA High Sensitivity D5000 or D1000** following manufacturer's protocol.



## Sequencing

- 29 Use Tapestation software to quantify DNA from 200-1000bp size.  
Dilute library to 1nM and prepare for sequencing following Illumina protocols.
- 30 Load libraries according to standard loading concentrations suggested by Illumina with the following cycle counts per read. Sequencing is standard chemistry.

Read	Read 1	Read 2	Index 1	Index 2
Number of Cycles	74	74	10	10
Custom Index Primer?	No	No	No	No