

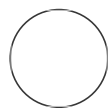


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## FLOUR-seq

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### ABSTRACT

We presented three barcoded technologies (BD Rhapsody) that are accessible to most researchers: high-throughput single-cell ONT full-length RNA sequencing (FLOUR-seq). FLOUR-seq combines BD Rhapsody and nanopore sequencing to detect the RNA panorama (including nascent, mature, and degrading RNAs) in cells. The ultralong three barcodes can be discriminated using nanopore technology with 70% debarcoding efficiency and can detect the RNA panorama.

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We use this protocol and it's working

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**mouse testis cell dissociation**

1d

- The mouse testis were dissociated to single cells refer to [Adult mouse testis cell dissociation \(on ice\)](#).

1d

**Priming and treating the BD Rhapsody Cartridge**

20m

- Prime and treat the BD Rhapsody Cartridge (Cat. No. 400000847).

20m

A	B	C	D	E
Step	Regent to load	Volume (µL)	P1200M pipette mode	Incubation at room temp.
1	100% ethyl alcohol	700	Prime/Treat	-
2	Air	700	Prime/Treat	-
3	Room temp. Cartridge Wash Buffer 1 (Cat. No. 650000060)	700	Prime/Treat	1min
4	Air	700	Prime/Treat	-
5	Room temp. Cartridge Wash Buffer 1 (Cat. No. 650000060)	700	Prime/Treat	10min
6	Air	700	Prime/Treat	-
7	Room temp. Cartridge Wash Buffer 2 (Cat. No. 650000061)	700	Prime/Treat	<4h

**Loading cells in cartridge**

22m

- Dilute 20000 cells with cold Sample Buffer (Cat. No. 650000062) to 650 µL.

5m

- Load cartridge with materials listed using the P1200M pipette:

2m

A	B	C
Material to load	Volume (µL)	Pipette mode

A	B	C
Air	700	Prime/Treat
☒ Set P1200M pipette to Cell Load mode. ☒ Pipet-mix the cell suspension with a manual P1000 pipette.		
Cell suspension	575	Cell Load

- 5 Incubate at room temperature (15°C to 25°C) for 15 minutes. During 15 minute incubation, prepare Cell Capture Beads(**Cat. No. 650000089**).

15m

## Preparing, loading and washing Cell Capture Beads

12m

- 6 Place Cell Capture Bead tube on magnet for 1 minute, and remove storage buffer. Remove tube from magnet, and pipet 650 µL cold Sample Buffer (Cat. No. 650000062) into tube.

2m

- 7 Set P1200M pipette to **Prime/Treat** mode. Load cartridge with materials listed using the P1200M pipette:

1m

A	B	C
Material to load	Volume (µL)	Pipette mode
Air	700	Prime/Treat
Set P1200M pipette to Bead Load mode. Use a manual P1000 to gently pipet-mix beads in cold Sample Buffer (Cat. No. 650000062). Immediately load.		
Cell Capture Beads	630	Bead Load

- 8 Incubate the cartridge at room temperature (15°C to 25°C) for 3 minutes.

3m

- 9 Place cartridge on the plate shaker plate adapter. Shake the cartridge at room temperature (15°C to 25°C) at 1,000 rpm for 15 seconds. Return cartridge to Express instrument, and wait 30 seconds.

1m

- 10 Set P1200M pipette to Wash mode. Load cartridge with materials listed using the P1200M pipette:

5m

A	B	C
Material to load	Volume (μL)	Pipette mode
Air	700	Wash
Cold Sample Buffer (Cat. No. 650000062)	700	Wash
Air	700	Wash
Cold Sample Buffer (Cat. No. 650000062)	700	Wash

## Lysing cells

7m

- 11 Add 75.0 μL 1 M DTT (Cat. No. 650000063) to one 15 mL Lysis Buffer bottle (Cat. No. 650000064). Briefly vortex lysis mix, place on ice.

2m

- 12 Move the left slider to **LYSIS** on Express instrument. Set P1200M pipette to **Lysis** mode. Set P1200M pipette to **Lysis** mode.

5m

A	B	C
Material to load	Volume (μL)	Pipette mode
Lysis Buffer with DTT	550	Lysis

Incubate at room temperature (15°C to 25°C) for 2 minutes.

## Retrieving Cell Capture Beads

9m

- 13 Place the 5 mL LoBind Tube in Express instrument drawer. Ensure P5000M pipette is set to **Retrieval** mode. Move the front slider to **BEADS** on Express instrument.

2m

- 14 Move the left slider to **RETRIEVAL**. Leave Retrieval magnet in down position for 30 seconds.

5m

Aspirate 5,000  $\mu$ L Lysis Buffer with DTT with the P5000M pipette. Press down on P5000M pipette to seal against the gasket. Move the left slider to the middle position (**0**), and immediately load 4,950  $\mu$ L Lysis Buffer with DTT.

- 15** Remove pipette from gasket, and purge tip. Move the front slider to **OPEN**, and place the 5 mL LoBind Tube on large magnet with 15 mL tube adapter (V&P Scientific Cat. No. VP 772FB-1A) for 1 minute.

2m

## Washing Cell Capture Beads

8m

- 16** After 1 minute incubation leaving the 5 mL tube containing retrieved Cell Capture Beads on large magnet, remove all but ~1 mL of supernatant without disturbing beads.
- 17** Remove tube from magnet. Gently pipet-mix beads, and transfer them to a new 1.5 mL LoBind Tube.
- 18** Place tube on magnet for  $\leq 2$  minutes, and remove supernatant. Avoid leaving Lysis Buffer or bubbles in tube. Lysis Buffer might cause the reverse transcription reaction to fail.
- 19** Remove tube from magnet and pipet 1.0 mL of cold Bead Wash Buffer (Cat. No. 650000065) into tube. Pipet-mix.
- 20** Place tube on 1.5 mL tube magnet for  $\leq 2$  minutes, and remove supernatant.
- 21** Remove tube from magnet, and pipet 1.0 mL cold Bead Wash Buffer (Cat. No. 650000065) into tube. Pipet-mix, and place on ice.

1m

1m

2m

1m

2m

1m

- 22** In a new 1.5-mL LoBind tube, pipet the following reagents.  
**cDNA/Template switching mix**

10m

A	B
Component	Volume (μL)
RT Buffer	40
dNTP	20
RT 0.1 M DTT	10
Bead RT/PCR Enhancer	12
RNase Inhibitor	10
Reverse Transcriptase	10
Nuclease-free water	92
Total	194

Gently vortex mix, briefly centrifuge, and place back on ice.

- 23** Place the tube of washed Cell Capture Beads on a 1.5-mL tube magnet for  $\geq 2$  minutes. Remove the supernatant and pipet 194 μL of cDNA mix into the beads. Pipet-mix.

5m

- 24** Incubate the bead suspension on the thermomixer at 1,200 rpm and 42°C for 30 minutes.

30m

- 25** Place tube on 1.5 mL tube magnet for  $\leq 2$  minutes, and pipet supernatant to a new tube. Remove tube from magnet, and pipet 200 μL the following reagents into tube.

5m

A	B
Component	Volume (μL)
10x Exonuclease I reaction buffer (BD Express, Cat. No. 650000071)	20

A	B
Exonuclease I (BD Express, Cat. No. 650000072)	10
Nuclease-free water	170

- 26** Place tube on 1.5 mL tube magnet for  $\leq 2$  minutes, and remove supernatant. Wash the beads twice with 1x RT buffer. 10m
- 27** Resuspend the beads with the saved supernatant in step 25, add 3  $\mu\text{L}$  of template switch oligo (100  $\mu\text{M}$  5' A AGC AGT GGT ATC AAC GCA GAG TAC rG rG +G 3' ), and incubate on the thermomixer for 15 minutes at 1,200 rpm and 42°C. Add 2  $\mu\text{L}$  of 1 M  $\text{MgCl}_2$  to the reaction mix, and incubate on the thermomixer for another 15 minutes at 1,200 rpm and 42°C. 35m
- 28** Briefly spin the tube with the bead suspension. Place the tube on the magnet for  $\leq 1$  minute until clear. Remove the supernatant. 2m
- 29** Remove the tube from the magnet, and pipet 200  $\mu\text{L}$  of cold Bead Resuspension Buffer into the tube. Pipet- mix. 2m

## Performing PCR1

2h 14m

- 30** Place the tube beads in Bead Resuspension Buffer on a 1.5-mL magnet for  $\leq 1$  minute. Remove the supernatant. Suspend the beads with following PCR reaction mix: 10m

A	B	C
Component	Volume ( $\mu\text{L}$ )	Final Conc
KAPA HiFi HotStart 2x ReadyMix	100	1x
Universal Oligo (BD Express, 650000074)	6	0.3 $\mu\text{M}$
TSO PCR primer (10 $\mu\text{M}$ )	6	0.3 $\mu\text{M}$
Nuclease-free water	up to 200 $\mu\text{L}$	

Universal Oligo: 5'-ACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT-3'

TSO PCR primer: 5'-AAGCAGTGGTATCAACGCAGAGTAC-3'

**31** Ensuring that the beads are fully resuspended, pipet 25 µL of PCR reaction mix with beads into each of 8 0.2-mL PCR tubes.

2m

**32** Program the thermal cycler as follows.

1h 30m

A	B	C	D
Step	Cycles	Temperature	Time
Hot start	1	95°C	3 min
Denaturation	11	98°C	20 s
Annealing		62°C	3 min
Extension		72°C	4 min
Final extension	1	72°C	2 min
Hold	1	4°C	∞

**33** Pipet-mix and combine the four reactions into a new 1.5-mL LoBind tube. Place the 1.5-mL tube on the magnet for ≤1 minute. Pipet the supernatant into the new 1.5-mL LoBind tube without disturbing the beads.

2m

**34** Purify the amplified products by 0.7x Agencourt AMPure XP Beads(Beckman Coulter).

30m

## Performing PCR2

1h 10m

**35** Prepare the PCR mix by combining and mixing the following components:

10m

A	B	C
Component	Volume (µl )	Final Conc
KAPA HiFi HotStart 2x ReadyMix	500	1x



A	B	C
Library Forward Primer (BD Express,91-1085)	3	0.3 $\mu$ M
TSO lengthen primer (10 $\mu$ M)	3	0.3 $\mu$ M
PCR1 product (50ng)		
Nuclease-free water	up to 100 $\mu$ l	

TSO lengthen primer: 5'-CGACATGGCTACGATCCGACAAGCAGTGGTATCAACGCAGAG-3'

Library Forward primer: 5'-

AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACTATAGCCTACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCG  
ATCT-3'

**36** Program the thermal cycler as follows.

30m

A	B	C	D
Step	Cycles	Temperature	Time
Hot start	1	95°C	2 min
Denaturation	5	98°C	20 s
Annealing		62°C	20 s
Extension		72°C	4 min
Final extension	1	72°C	2 min
Hold	1	4°C	$\infty$

**37** Purify the amplified products by 0.7x Agencourt AMPure XP Beads(Beckman Coulter).

30m

## Nanopore sequencing

3d

**38** Prepared sequencing using Oxford Nanopore Technologies SQK-LSK109 and sequenced on ONT PromethION platforms.

3d