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10X-CITEseq protocol (COVID-19 patient samples +/- tetramer stain)

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ABSTRACT

Purpose

To detail the workflow for scCITE-Seq of 24 PBMC samples with 2 technicians. This is based on internal 10X CITEseq protocol v9.

ATTACHMENTS

[10X-CITEseq protocol v9.docx](#)

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MATERIALS TEXT

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[BSA \(DNase, RNase and protease free\)](#)

Vwr Catalog #0332-25G

[RPMI-1640 medium supplemented with 10% FBS](#) **Contributed by users**

[Human TruStain FcX™ \(Fc Receptor Blocking](#)

Solution) **BioLegend Catalog #422301, 422302**

[TotalSeq-C Human Panel 1 Test qty](#)

3 BioLegend Catalog #99088

[DPBS](#) **Invitrogen Catalog #14190-144**

[Penicillin/Streptomycin](#) **Invitrogen**

[Glutamax](#) **Invitrogen**

[DNase I \(10000U/mL\) optional](#) **Contributed by users**

[Flowmi strainer](#)

Sigma Catalog #BAH136800040

[Trypan blue](#) **Invitrogen**

[5 mL Polystyrene tubes](#) **Contributed by users**

[RNeasy Plus Mini Kit](#) **Qiagen**

Antibody reconstitution materials:

- TotalSeq-C Human Panel 1 Test (BioLegend, part# 99088), qty 3
- Cell Staining Buffer- 2% BSA in PBS, keep at 4°C
 - o5mL of 4% BSA stock (made from VWR #0332-25G and DPBS)
 - o5mL of DPBS (Invitrogen, catalog#14190-144)
- Centrifuge at 4°C

Cell thawing materials:

- Samples to be thawed (20 total) requested from BIOS and Ye lab
- Complete RPMI1640 (cRPMI; 10% FBS, 1% Pen/Strep, 1% Glutamax; all from Invitrogen)
- 50mL falcon tubes (qty 20)
- 15mL falcon tubes (qty 20)
- Vicell sample tubes (qty 20)
- 40µm strainer (optional)
- DPBS (Invitrogen, catalog#14190-144)
- Printed labels for 20 samples
- DNase I (10,000U/mL, optional)

CITE-Seq materials:

- Antibody pool from [Antibody reconstitution](#)
- Cells from [Cell Thawing](#)
- Cell Staining Buffer- 2% BSA in PBS, keep at 4°C
 - o5mL of 4% BSA stock (made from VWR #0332-25G and DPBS)
 - o5mL of DPBS (Invitrogen, catalog#)
- Resuspension buffer- 0.04% BSA in PBS, keep at 4°C
 - o10mL of 4% BSA stock
 - o1mL of DPBS
- 5mL polystyrene tubes
- Human TruStain FcX (BioLegend catalog# 422302)
- cRPMI
- Flowmi strainer (**BAH136800040** Sigma)
- Trypan blue for Countess (Invitrogen)

SAFETY WARNINGS

Please see SDS (Safety Data Sheet) for hazards and safety warnings.



Antibody Reconstitution

- 1 Take two TotalSeq-C Human Panel vials from  **4 °C** fridge.

Briefly centrifuge each tube before opening.

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Reconstitute each vial in  **50 µl cell staining buffer**.

- 3 Vortex for  **00:00:05** -  **00:00:10** or until the solution visually looks resuspended.



- 4 

Centrifuge at  **10000 x g, 4°C, 00:05:00**.

- 5 

Combine antibody pool from two vials and keep at  **4 °C** until ready for staining.

Cell thawing

- 6 Turn water bath on to  **37 °C**, pre-warm  **500 mL cRPMI media**.


- 7 While cRPMI warms:

7.1 Get a bucket with dry ice and a large container with regular ice.

7.2 Label 24 of each of the following tube/vials:


- a. 15 mL falcon tubes
- b. Vicell sample tubes

- 8 Bring all the vials from LN₂ tank and keep on dry ice until needed.

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Aliquot **5 mL warm cRPMI media** into each 15mL tube.

10 Thaw four vials at a time in **37 °C** water bath for **00:01:00** until only a small ice crystal remains and immediately hand over to partner to unscrew the vial aseptically. 1m

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Aliquot **100 µl - 125 µl** ($5-6 \times 10^5$ cells) of thawed cells to its respective 15mL falcon tube drop by drop and mix gently twice with a P1000 pipette.

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Centrifuge at **300 x g, Room temperature , 00:05:00**.

During this centrifugation step, add 570µL of dPBS to each ViCell sample tube in preparation.

13 Cap the cryovial and transfer to a Mr. Frosty and move to -80°C freezer for **24:00:00** before moving to LN₂.

Count Cells

14 Add **570 µl dPBS** to each ViCell sample tube if not performed previously (step 12).

15 Aspirate supernatant and resuspend in **200 µl cRPMI media**, keep cells **On ice** from this step.

16 Count cells on ViCell (**30 µl sample** diluted in **570 µl PBS**).

Record total cell count and viability, using template below:

- If the total cell count is above 1×10^6 , the remainder of the cells can be saved for bulk RNA-seq
- In ViCell counting, use cell-type PBMC and dilution factor 1:20

17 Calculate volume needed to collect total 1.5×10^6 cells from all samples using the template below:

- Calculate volume of each sample needed to get equal number of cells from each sample
- For samples that don't have enough cells, thaw more cells from the same vial in -80°C freezer
- Make note of cell viability and also include dead cells in the total cell count. Do not use samples that have low cell viability (< 85%), or enrich live cell with dead cell removal kit

Bulk RNA Seq Sample Prep (optional)

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Take remaining cells from each sample after multiplexing.

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Spin at  **300 x g, Room temperature , 00:05:00** .

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Aspirate supernatant.

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Either freeze the pellets in the -80°C or proceed to RNA extraction.

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Perform RNA Extraction as according to manufacturer's protocol: Extract RNA with Qiagen RNeasy Plus Mini Kit (elute in 30µL) and quantify RNA with Qubit (Use 1µL for Qubit concentration).

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Use SmartSeq-2 protocol for bulk RNA library preparation.

CITE-Seq protocol 1w 3d 1h 15m

24 Use cell counts from ViCell to pool each sample into 5mL round bottom polystyrene tubes to get 1.5×10^6 cells in total.

25 

Centrifuge at  **300 x g, 4°C, 00:05:00** .

26 Aspirate supernatant, taking care not to disturb the cell pellet
Step 26 includes a Step case.

Typical case

Tetramer stain

step case

Typical case

27



Resuspend cells in **67.5 µl staining buffer**

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Add **7.5 µl Fc block reagent**

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Incubate for **00:10:00** at **4 °C**.

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Add **75 µl antibody pool** to pooled sample in FcBlock/staining buffer.

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Incubate for **00:45:00** **On ice** (30-60 min recommended).

32



Add **2 mL staining buffer**.

33



Centrifuge at **300 x g, 4°C, 00:05:00**.

34

Carefully remove supernatant and save in 15mL falcon tube, taking care not to disturb the pellet.

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Use wide-bore pipette tip to resuspend cell pellet in **2 mL staining buffer**.

36



Centrifuge at **300 x g, 4°C, 00:05:00**.

37

Carefully remove supernatant and save in the same 15mL falcon tube.

38 Repeat (step 35-37) for one more wash, saving the supernatant:


38.1 

Use wide-bore pipette tip to resuspend cell pellet in **2 mL staining buffer**.

38.2 

Centrifuge at **400 x g, 4°C, 00:05:00**.

38.3 Carefully remove supernatant and save in the same 15mL falcon tube.

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Resuspend pellet in a small volume of cRPMI (ie. **100 µl cRPMI** ; if the concentration is too high, cells can be diluted), then pass through a Flowmi strainer.

If using Flowmi strainer, be careful not to push the tip too hard as it is fragile.

Note that ~ 30% of the cell suspension is lost when using a flowmi strainer.

If final volume is very small (less than **50 µl**), use conventional cell strainers

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Take **6 µl filtered cell suspension** + **6 µl trypan blue** for counting with Countess and check for count and viability. (**Vicell can be used here instead**).

- The desired cell density is 2.5×10^6 cell/mL (or 2,500 cell/µ).
- If cells are too dense, use staining buffer to dilute cells to final density.
- Use 30.8 µL (or appropriate amount if concentration different) for each well of 10x library preparation to **ensure 77,000 cells from each sample are added to the master mix**.
- Note in 10X VDJ protocol, only 90µL of 100µL cell suspension+master mix is loaded to each well, so **the actual cells loaded are $2,500 \text{ cell}/\mu\text{L} * 28\mu\text{L} * (90/100) = 50,000$** .
- Maximum volume of cell suspension can be loaded to 10x VDJ run is **31.7 µl** ,make up extra volume using staining buffer.

- 41 Load 70,000 cells/well into 6 wells of VDJ kits and perform GEM-RT.
- 42 Save GEM-RT at 4°C for up to 3 days or -20°C for up to 1 week before 10X library preparation