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Single Cell V(D)J Reagent Kits User Guide

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Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Library & Gel Bead Kit, 16 rxns PN-1000006

Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Library & Gel Bead Kit, 4 rxns PN-1000014

Chromium™ Single Cell 3'/5' Library Construction Kit, 16 rxns PN-1000020

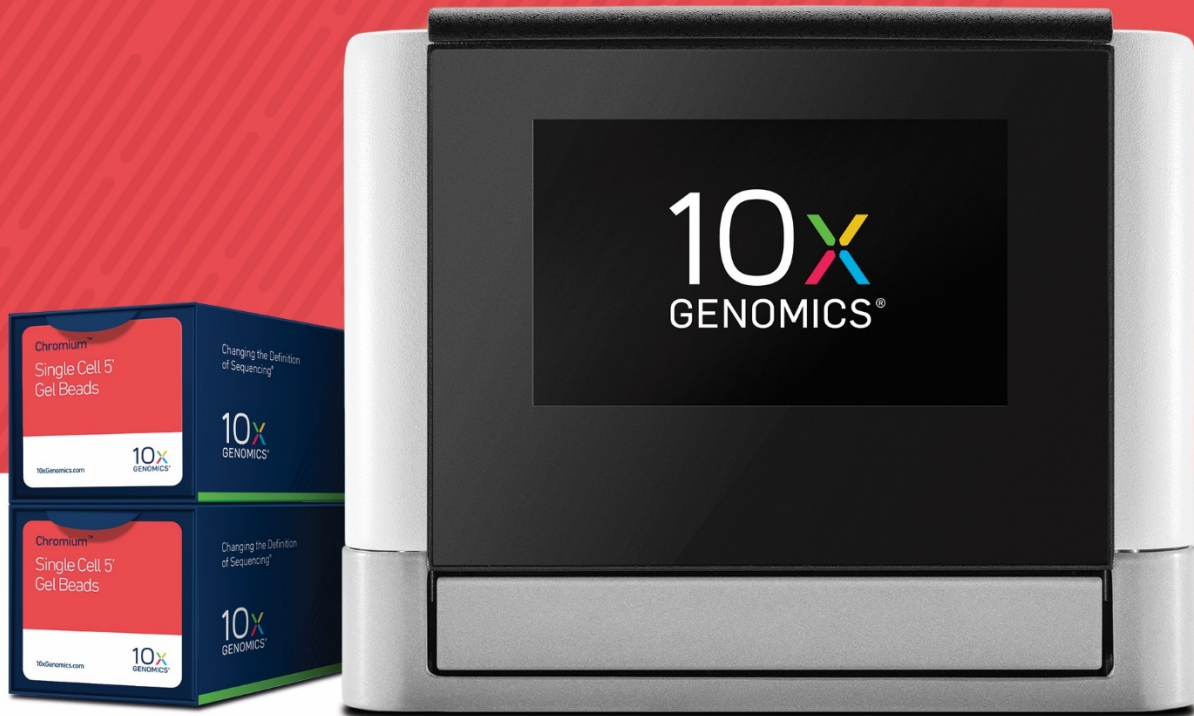
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Chromium™ Single Cell A Chip Kit, 48 rxns PN-120236

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Introduction

Chromium™ Single Cell V(D)J Reagent Kits

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Recommended Thermal Cyclers



Chromium™ Single Cell V(D)J Reagent Kits

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Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Library & Gel Bead Kit, 16 rxns PN-1000006			
Product	Components	#	Part Number
Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Library Kit, 16 rxns (store at –20°C)			1000002
Reagents Module 1	 RT Reagent Mix	1	220089
	 RT Enzyme Mix B	1	2000010
	 Additive A	1	220074
	 Poly-dT RT Primer	1	2000007
	 Buffer Sample Clean Up 1	2	220020
	 Amplification Master Mix	2	220125
	 cDNA Primer Mix	1	220106
	 cDNA Additive	1	220067
Reagents Module 2	 Fragmentation Enzyme Blend	1	220107
	 Fragmentation Buffer	1	220108
	 Ligation Buffer	1	220109
	 DNA Ligase	1	220110
	 Adaptor Mix	1	220026
	 SI-PCR Primer	1	220111
	 Amplification Master Mix	1	220125
Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Gel Bead Kit, 16 rxns (store at –80°C)			1000003
	Single Cell 5' Gel Beads	2	220112

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Product	Components	#	Part Number
Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Library Kit, 4 rxns (store at –20°C)			1000011
Reagents Module 1	 RT Reagent Mix	1	220089
	 RT Enzyme Mix B	1	2000021
	 Additive A	1	220074
	 Poly-dT RT Primer	1	2000007
	 Buffer Sample Clean Up 1	1	220020
	 Amplification Master Mix	1	220125
	 cDNA Primer Mix	1	220106
	 cDNA Additive	1	220067
Reagents Module 2	 Fragmentation Enzyme Blend	1	220130
	 Fragmentation Buffer	1	220108
	 Ligation Buffer	1	220109
	 DNA Ligase	1	220131
	 Adaptor Mix	1	220026
	 SI-PCR Primer	1	220111
Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Gel Bead Kit, 4 rxns (store at –80°C)			1000010
	Single Cell 5' Gel Beads (4 rxns)	1	220112

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Chromium™ Single Cell 3'/5' Library Construction Kit, 16 rxns PN-1000020			
Product	Components	#	Part Number
Chromium™ Single Cell 3'/5' Library Construction Kit, 16 rxns (store at –20°C)			
	 cDNA Additive	2	220067
	 Fragmentation Enzyme Blend	1	220107
	 Fragmentation Buffer	1	220108
	 Ligation Buffer	1	220109
	 DNA Ligase	1	220110
	 Amplification Master Mix	3	220125
	 Adaptor Mix	1	220026
	 SI-PCR Primer	1	220111

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Chromium™ Single Cell V(D)J Enrichment Kit, Human T Cell, 96 rxns PN-1000005

Product	Components	#	Part Number
Chromium™ Single Cell V(D)J Enrichment Kit, Human T Cell (store at –20°C)			1000005
	 Human T Cell Mix 1	6	2000008
	 Human T Cell Mix 2	6	2000009

Chromium™ Single Cell V(D)J Enrichment Kit, Human B Cell, 96 rxns PN-1000016

Product	Components	#	Part Number
Chromium™ Single Cell V(D)J Enrichment Kit, Human B Cell (store at –20°C)			1000016
	 Human B Cell Mix 1	6	2000035
	 Human B Cell Mix 2	6	2000036



Chromium™ Single Cell A Chip Kits PN-120236 & PN-1000009

Product	Components	#	Part Number
Chromium™ Single Cell A Chip Kit, 48 rxns (store at ambient temperature)			120236
	Single Cell A Chip	6	230027
	Gaskets	1	370017
	Partitioning Oil	6	220088
	 Recovery Agent	6	220016
Chromium™ Single Cell A Chip Kit, 16 rxns (store at ambient temperature)			1000009
	Single Cell A Chip	2	2000019
	Gaskets	1	3000072
	Partitioning Oil	2	220088
	 Recovery Agent	2	220016

Chromium™ Multiplex Kit, 96 rxns PN-120262

Product	Description	#	Part Number
Chromium™ i7 Multiplex Kit, 96 rxns (store at –20°C)			120262
	Chromium™ i7 Sample Index Plate	1	220103

Chromium™ Accessories

Product	Description	Part Number
10x™ Vortex Adapter	<p>The 10x Vortex Adapter attaches to the top of most standard laboratory vortexers and enables users to vortex Gel Bead Strips.</p> 	330002
10x™ Chip Holder	<p>The 10x Chip Holder encases the Chromium Chips and holds them in the correct position in the Chromium Controller. The 10x Gasket fits over the top of the 10x Chip Holder before inserting the assembly in the Chromium Controller.</p> <p>The 10x Chip Holder lid also conveniently flips over to become a stand, holding the Chromium Chip at the ideal 45° angle for removing GEMs from the Recovery Wells after a Chromium Controller run.</p> <p>Squeeze the black sliders on the back side of the 10x Chip Holder together to unlock the lid and return the 10x Chip Holder to a flat position.</p> 	330019
10x™ Magnetic Separator	<p>The 10x Magnetic Separator offers two positions of the magnets relative to the 8-tube strip inserted, depending on its orientation. Simply flip the 10x Magnetic Separator over to switch between the magnets being High or Low.</p>	230003

Additional Kits, Reagents & Equipment

The items in the table below have been validated by 10x Genomics® and are highly recommended for Single Cell V(D)J workflow, training and system operations. USA Scientific, Eppendorf, and Thermo Fisher PCR 8-tube strips have been validated. Substituting materials may adversely affect system performance. Either Bioanalyzer or TapeStation are needed for cDNA quantification and quality control. A Qubit® Fluorometer may also be used for cDNA quantification.

Supplier	Description	Part Number (US)
Plastics		
Eppendorf	PCR Tubes 0.2 ml 8-tube strips	951010022
	DNA LoBind Tubes, 1.5 ml	022431021
	DNA LoBind Tubes, 2.0 ml	022431048
USA Scientific	TempAssure PCR 8-tube strip <i>(alternate to Eppendorf or Thermo Fisher Scientific product)</i>	1402-4700
Thermo Fisher Scientific	MicroAmp® 8-Tube Strip, 0.2 ml <i>(alternate to Eppendorf or USA Scientific product)</i>	N8010580
	MicroAmp® 8 -Cap Strip, clear	N8010535
Kits & Reagents		
Thermo Fisher Scientific	DynaBeads® MyOne™ Silane Beads	37002D
	Nuclease-Free Water	AM9937
Sigma	Ethanol, Pure (200 Proof, anhydrous)	E7023-500ML
Beckman Coulter	SPRIselect Reagent Kit	B23318
Bio-Rad	10% Tween 20	1610781
Ricca Chemical Company	Glycerin (glycerol), 50% (v/v) Aqueous Solution	3290-32
Equipment		
Rainin	Tips LTS 200UL Filter RT-L200FLR	17007961
	Pipet-Lite Multi Pipette L8-50XLS+	17013804
	Pipet-Lite Multi Pipette L8-200XLS+	17013805
VWR	Vortex Mixer	10153-838
	Divided Polystyrene Reservoirs	41428-958
Quantification & Quality Control		
Agilent	2100 Bioanalyzer Laptop Bundle	G2943CA
	High Sensitivity DNA Kit	5067-4626
	4200 TapeStation	G2991AA
	High Sensitivity D5000 ScreenTape	5067-5592
	High Sensitivity D5000 Reagents	5067-5593
Thermo Fisher Scientific	Qubit® 3.0 Fluorometer	Q33216
	Qubit® dsDNA HS Assay Kit	Q32854
KAPA Biosystems	Illumina® Library Quantification Kit	KK4824

Not all of these instruments and reagents are required. Choose among Bioanalyzer, TapeStation, and Qubit based on availability and preferences.

Additional Kits, Reagents & Equipment

The following are additional and alternative kits, reagents, and equipment recommended by 10x Genomics® and contribute to optimal system performance. If using plates, Eppendorf twin.tec® brand PCR plates are recommended to ensure stability of GEM emulsions, and the specific model should be selected based on compatibility with thermal cycler in use.

Supplier	Description	Part Number (US)
Plastics		
Eppendorf	Heat Sealing Foil, PCR clean (<i>alternate to Bio-Rad product</i>)	0030127854
	twin.tec® 96-Well PCR Plate Semi-skirted	0030129326
	twin.tec® 96-Well PCR Plate Divisible, Unskirted	2231000209
	twin.tec® 96-Well PCR Plate Unskirted	0030133390
Bio-Rad	Optical Flat 8-Cap Strips	TCS0803
	Microseal 'B' Adhesive Seals	MSB1001
	Pierceable Foil Heat Seal (<i>if PCR plates used</i>)	1814040
Equipment		
Eppendorf	ThermoMixer C®	5382000015
	SmartBlock 1.5 ml, Thermoblock for 24 Reaction Vessels (<i>alternatively, use a temperature-controlled Heat Block</i>)	5360000038
Bio-Rad	PX1™ PCR Plate Sealer (<i>if PCR plates used</i>)	1814000
Rainin	Tips LTS 20UL Filter RT-L10FLR	17007957
	Tips LTS 1ML Filter RT-L1000FLR	17007954
	Pipet-Lite LTS Pipette L-2XLS+	17014393
	Pipet-Lite LTS Pipette L-10XLS+	17014388
	Pipet-Lite LTS Pipette L-20XLS+	17014392
	Pipet-Lite LTS Pipette L-100XLS+	17014384
	Pipet-Lite LTS Pipette L-200XLS+	17014391
	Pipet-Lite LTS Pipette L-1000XLS+	17014382
	Pipet-Lite Multi Pipette L8-10XLS+	17013802
	Pipet-Lite Multi Pipette L8-20XLS+	17013803
-	qPCR instrument and compatible consumables	

Recommended Thermal Cyclers

Thermal cyclers used with the Single Cell V(D)J Protocol must support uniform heating of 100 µl emulsion volumes. Thermal cyclers recommended for use with the Single Cell V(D)J Protocol are:

- Bio-Rad C1000 Touch™ Thermal Cycler with 96-Deep Well Reaction Module (PN-1851197)
- Eppendorf MasterCycler® Pro (PN North America 950030010, International 6321 000.019)
- Thermo Fisher Veriti® 96-Well Thermal Cycler (PN-4375786)

The Single Cell V(D)J Reagent Kit Protocol

Protocol Options

Navigating the Single Cell V(D)J Protocol Options

Protocol Option 1: Direct Target Enrichment – Steps & Timing

Protocol Option 2: Target Enrichment from Amplified cDNA – Steps & Timing

Protocol Option 2: 5' Gene Expression Library from Amplified cDNA – Steps & Timing

The Single Cell V(D)J Reagent Kit – Protocol Options

The Single Cell V(D)J Reagent Kit offers comprehensive, scalable solutions for profiling full-length (5' UTR to constant region), paired T-cell Receptor (TCR) or B cell immunoglobulin (Ig) transcripts from 100 - 10000 individual cells per sample. The 10x™ GemCode™ Technology samples a pool of ~750000 barcodes to separately index each cell's transcriptome. It does so by partitioning thousands of cells into nanoliter-scale Gel Bead-in-EMulsions (GEMs), where all generated cDNA share a common 10x Barcode. Libraries are generated and sequenced and the 10x Barcodes are used to associate individual reads back to the individual partitions.

The Single Cell V(D)J Reagent Kit offers the option to generate:

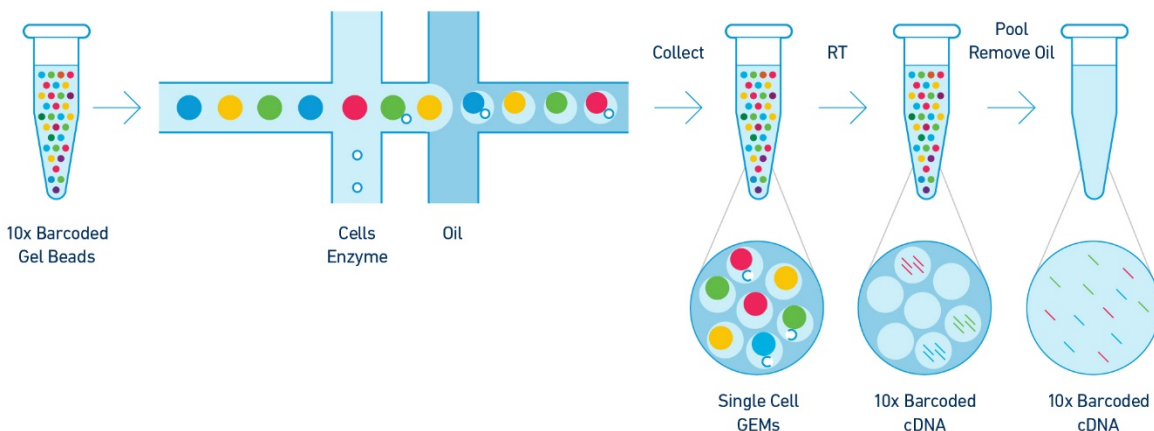
- An enriched library from **either** T cells **or** B cells, directly from first-strand cDNA
- An enriched T cell library and/or an enriched B cell library, and/or a 5' gene expression library from amplified cDNA from the same cells

The initial workflow is the same for both options and involves GEM Generation & Barcoding, followed by Post GEM-RT Cleanup. The subsequent enrichment and library construction steps differ between the two options.

Chapter 1 – GEM Generation & Barcoding

GEMs are generated by combining barcoded Single Cell 5' Gel Beads, a Master Mix with cells, and Partitioning Oil on a microfluidic chip. To achieve single cell resolution, the cells are delivered at a limiting dilution, such that the majority (~90 – 99%) of generated GEMs contains no cell, while the remainder largely contain a single cell. Immediately following generation of a GEM, the Single Cell 5' Gel Bead is dissolved and any co-partitioned cell is lysed.

Upon dissolution of the Single Cell 5' Gel Bead in a GEM, oligonucleotides containing (i) an Illumina® R1 sequence (read 1 sequencing primer), (ii) a 16 nt 10x Barcode, (iii) a 10 nt Unique Molecular Identifier (UMI), and (iv) a 13 nt Switch Oligo are released and mixed with cell lysate and a Master Mix that contains reverse transcription (RT) reagents and poly(dT) primers. Incubation of the GEMs then produces barcoded, full-length cDNA from poly-adenylated mRNA. After incubation, the GEMs are broken and the pooled post GEM-RT reaction mixtures are recovered.



Chapter 2 – Post GEM-RT Cleanup

The pooled post GEM-RT reaction mixture contains barcoded first-strand cDNA from poly-adenylated mRNA, as well as leftover biochemical reagents and primers. Silane magnetic beads are used to purify the cDNA from this mixture. Barcoded, full-length V(D)J segments can then be directly enriched from the purified post

GEM-RT product by TCR/Ig constant region-specific PCR amplification prior to library construction. Alternatively, the entire purified post GEM-RT product can be amplified by PCR and aliquoted prior to enriching for barcoded, full-length V(D)J segments.

After cleanup, a user must decide to pursue either:

- i. Option 1: Direct Target Enrichment or
- ii. Option 2: cDNA Amplification followed by Target Enrichment

Chapter 3 – Direct Target Enrichment (Option 1)

Barcoded, full-length V(D)J segments from either T cell or B cell transcripts are enriched from first-strand cDNA via PCR amplification with primers specific to either the TCR or Ig constant regions prior to library construction. Enriched products are then carried forward into Enriched Library Construction (Chapter 7).

Direct Target Enrichment is the simpler and shorter workflow of the two enrichment options. It also uses fewer total PCR cycles, which may lead to higher sensitivity and lower sequence error rates. The trade-off is that the first-strand cDNA is consumed during the enrichment PCR. Thus, only one library can be constructed per GEM-RT reaction.

Reagent kits needed for Direct Target Enrichment (Option 1):

T Cell	B Cell
Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Library & Gel Bead Kit, 16 rxns PN-1000006 or Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Library & Gel Bead Kit, 4 rxns PN-1000014	Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Library & Gel Bead Kit, 16 rxns PN-1000006 or Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Library & Gel Bead Kit, 4 rxns PN-1000014
Chromium™ Single Cell V(D)J Enrichment Kit, Human T Cell, 96 rxns PN-1000005	Chromium™ Single Cell V(D)J Enrichment Kit, Human B Cell, 96 rxns PN-1000016
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Chapter 4 – cDNA Amplification (Option 2)

Barcoded, full-length cDNA is amplified via PCR with primers against common 5' and 3' ends added during GEM-RT. This amplification reaction generates sufficient material to construct multiple libraries from the same cells, including both T cell and/or B cell-enriched libraries (Chapter 5) and 5' gene expression libraries (Chapter 6). The trade-off is that the enriched libraries generated in Option 2 may result in slightly lower sensitivity.

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Reagent kits needed for cDNA amplification followed by Target Enrichment (Option 2):

T Cell + 5' Gene Expression	B Cell + 5' Gene Expression	T Cell + B Cell + 5' Gene Expression
Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Library & Gel Bead Kit, 16 rxns PN-1000006 or Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Library & Gel Bead Kit, 4 rxns PN-1000014	Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Library & Gel Bead Kit, 16 rxns PN-1000006 or Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Library & Gel Bead Kit, 4 rxns PN-1000014	Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Library & Gel Bead Kit, 16 rxns PN-1000006 or Chromium™ Single Cell 5' Library & Gel Bead Kit, 4 rxns PN-1000014
Chromium™ Single Cell 3'/5' Library Construction Kit, 16 rxns PN-1000020	Chromium™ Single Cell 3'/5' Library Construction Kit, 16 rxns PN-1000020	Chromium™ Single Cell 3'/5' Library Construction Kit, 16 rxns PN-1000020 (Two kits required)
Chromium™ Single Cell V(D)J Enrichment Kit, Human T Cell, 96 rxns PN-1000005	Chromium™ Single Cell V(D)J Enrichment Kit, Human B Cell, 96 rxns PN-1000016	Chromium™ Single Cell V(D)J Enrichment Kit, Human T Cell, 96 rxns PN-1000005 and Chromium™ Single Cell V(D)J Enrichment Kit, Human B Cell, 96 rxns PN-1000016
Chromium™ Single Cell A Chip Kit, 48 rxns PN-120236 or Chromium™ Single Cell A Chip Kit, 16 rxns PN-1000009	Chromium™ Single Cell A Chip Kit, 48 rxns PN-120236 or Chromium™ Single Cell A Chip Kit, 16 rxns PN-1000009	Chromium™ Single Cell A Chip Kit, 48 rxns PN-120236 or Chromium™ Single Cell A Chip Kit, 16 rxns PN-1000009
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Chapter 5 – Target Enrichment from Amplified cDNA (Option 2)

Barcoded, full-length V(D)J segments are enriched from amplified cDNA via PCR amplification with primers specific to either the TCR or Ig constant regions prior to library construction (Chapter 7). If both T and B cells are expected to be present in the partitioned cell population, TCR and Ig transcripts can be enriched in separate reactions from the same amplified cDNA material.

Chapter 6 – 5' Gene Expression Library Construction (Option 2 only)

Enzymatic Fragmentation and Size Selection are used to optimize the cDNA amplicon size prior to library construction. R1 (read 1 primer sequence) is added to the molecules during GEM-RT incubation. P5, P7, a sample index and R2 (read 2 primer sequence) are added during library construction via End Repair, A-tailing, Adaptor Ligation, and PCR. The final libraries contain the P5 and P7 priming sites used in Illumina® bridge amplification.

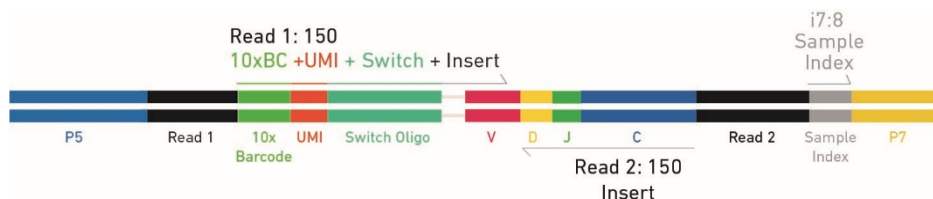
Chapter 7 – Enriched Library Construction (Option 1 & 2)

Enzymatic Fragmentation and Size Selection are used to generate variable length fragments that collectively span the V(D)J segments of the enriched TCR or Ig transcripts prior to library construction. R1 (read 1 primer sequence) is added to the molecules during GEM-RT incubation. P5 is added during Target Enrichment. P7, a sample index and R2 (read 2 primer sequence) are added during library construction via End Repair, A-tailing, Adaptor Ligation and PCR. The final libraries contain the P5 and P7 priming sites used in Illumina® bridge amplification.

Chapter 8 – Sequencing Libraries

The Single Cell V(D)J Reagent Kit protocol produces V(D)J enriched and 5' gene expression Illumina-ready sequencing libraries. A library comprises standard Illumina paired-end constructs which begin and end with P5 and P7. For V(D)J enriched libraries, Read 1 encodes the 16 bp 10x™ Barcode, 10 bp UMI, and 13 bp Switch Oligo, as well as the 5' end of an enriched transcript. For 5' gene expression libraries, Read 1 encodes the 16 bp 10x Barcode and 10 bp UMI. Due to Enzymatic Fragmentation, for both libraries Read 2 encodes a random internal fragment of the corresponding insert. Sample index sequences are incorporated as the i7 index read.

V(D)J Enriched Library Structure:



5' Gene Expression Library Structure:



Single Cell V(D)J Library Analysis

Sequencing a Single Cell V(D)J library produces a standard Illumina BCL data output folder. The BCL data for V(D)J enriched libraries includes the paired-end Read 1 (containing the 16 bp 10x Barcode, 10 bp UMI, 13 bp Switch Oligo, as well as the 5' end of a TCR or Ig cDNA) and Read 2 (containing a random part of the same cDNA) and the sample index in the i7 index read. The BCL data for 5' gene expression libraries includes the paired-end Read 1 (containing the 16 bp 10x Barcode and 10 bp UMI) and Read 2 (containing a random part of the cDNA) and the sample index in the i7 index read. The Cell Ranger™ analysis pipelines perform secondary analysis and visualization on sequencing data from both V(D)J enriched libraries and 5' gene expression libraries.

V(D)J Enriched Libraries

Cell Ranger™ performs demultiplexing and then leverages the 10x™ Barcodes to group read pairs from the same cells and then assembles these into full-length V(D)J segments for immune repertoire profiling at single cell resolution.

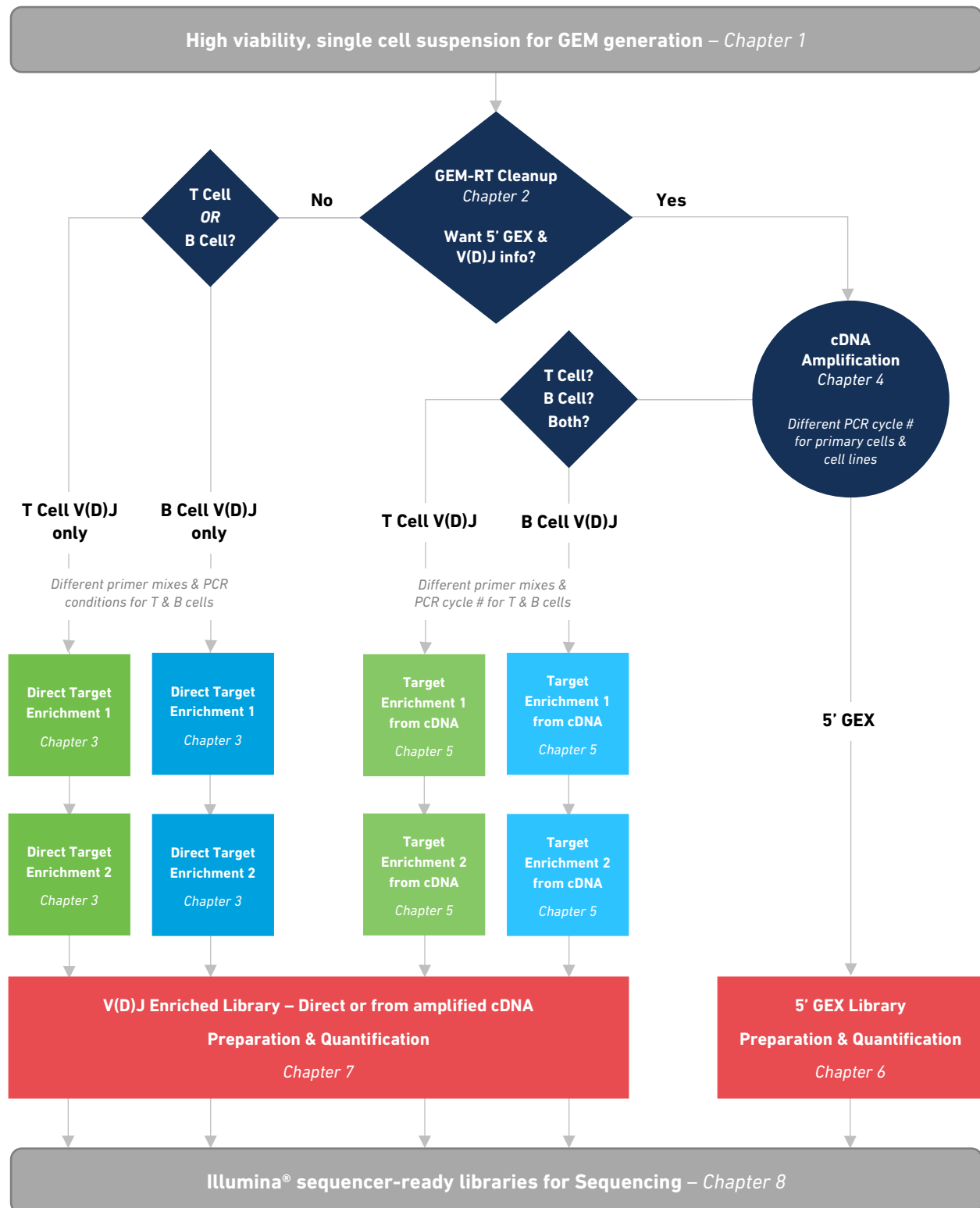
5' Gene Expression Libraries

Cell Ranger performs demultiplexing, alignment and gene counting, and then leverages the 10x Barcodes to generate expression data at single cell resolution. This data type enables applications including cell clustering, cell type classification, and differential gene expression at a scale of hundreds to millions of cells.

If both library types have been generated from the same cells, the 5' gene expression profiles of individual cells can be linked to their full-length, paired TCR or Ig transcripts via the 10x Barcodes.

Navigating the Single Cell V(D)J Protocol Options

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Direct Target Enrichment (Option 1) – Steps & Timing

		Bench Time	Instrumentation Time	Stop & Store Options
Single Cell V(D)J Protocol – Direct Enrichment	1 h	Cell Preparation Sample Dependent 1 – 1.5 h		
		Reagent Prep – 20 min Load Single Cell A Chip – 10 min		
		Transfer GEMS – 3 min	GEM Generation – 6.5 min	
	2 h		GEM-RT Incubation – 55 min	
		Post GEM-RT Recovery – 10 min		 4°C ≤ 72 h or –20°C ≤ 1 week
		Cleanup – Silane Beads – 35 min		
	3 h	Direct Enrichment 1 Prep – 5 min		
			Direct Enrichment 1 – 30–40 min	
	4 h	Cleanup – SPRIselect – 20 min Direct Enrichment 2 Prep – 5 min		 4°C ≤ 72 h
				 4°C ≤ 72 h or –20°C ≤ 1 week
			Direct Enrichment 2 – 20–50 min	
	5 h			 4°C ≤ 72 h
		Double Sided SPRIselect Sizing – 25 min		 4°C ≤ 72 h or –20°C ≤ 1 week
	6 h		QC & Quantification – 50 min	
		Frag, End Repair & A-tailing Prep – 10 min		
	7 h		Fragmentation, End Repair & A-tailing Incubation – 35 min	
		Adaptor Ligation Prep – 10 min		
			Adaptor Ligation Incubation – 15 min	
	8 h	Cleanup – SPRIselect – 20 min Sample Index PCR Prep – 10 min		
			Sample Index PCR – 30 min	 4°C ≤ 72 h
		Cleanup – SPRIselect – 20 min		 4°C ≤ 72 h or –20°C long-term
	9 h		QC – 50 min qPCR Quantification – 1 h	

cDNA Amp, Target Enrichment (Option 2) – Steps & Timing

		Bench Time	Instrumentation Time	Stop & Store Options
Single Cell V(D)J Protocol – Target Enrichment from Amplified cDNA	1 h	Cell Preparation Sample Dependent 1 – 1.5 h		
		Reagent Prep – 20 min Load Single Cell A Chip – 10 min		
		Transfer GEMS – 3 min	GEM Generation – 6.5 min	
	2 h		GEM-RT Incubation – 55 min	<div>STOP</div> 4°C ≤72 h or –20°C ≤1 week
		Post GEM-RT Recovery – 10 min		
		Cleanup – Silane Beads – 35 min		
	3 h	cDNA Amplification Prep – 5 min		
			cDNA Amplification – 40–50 min	<div>STOP</div> 4°C ≤72 h
	4 h	Cleanup – SPRIselect – 20 min		
			QC & Quantification – 50 min	
	5 h	Enrichment from cDNA 1 Prep – 5 min		
			Enrichment from cDNA 1 – 20–30 min	<div>STOP</div> 4°C ≤72 h
	6 h	Cleanup – SPRIselect – 20 min Enrichment from cDNA 2 Prep – 5 min		
			Enrichment from cDNA 2 – 25–30 min	
				<div>STOP</div> 4°C ≤72 h
	7 h	Double Sided SPRIselect Sizing – 25 min		
			QC & Quantification – 50 min	
	8 h	Frag, End Repair & A-tailing Prep – 10 min		
			Fragmentation, End Repair & A-tailing Incubation – 35 min	
	9 h	Adaptor Ligation Prep – 10 min		
			Adaptor Ligation Incubation – 15 min	
		Cleanup – SPRIselect – 20 min Sample Index PCR Prep – 10 min		
10 h		Sample Index PCR – 30 min	<div>STOP</div> 4°C ≤72 h	
	Cleanup – SPRIselect – 20 min		<div>STOP</div> 4°C ≤72 h or –20°C long-term	
		QC – 50 min qPCR Quantification – 1 h		

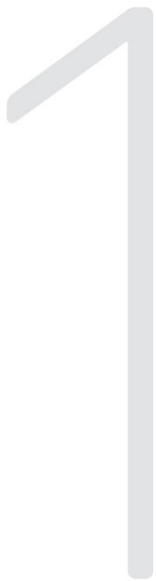
cDNA Amp, 5' Gene Ex Library (Option 2) – Steps & Timing

		Bench Time	Instrumentation Time	Stop & Store Options
Single Cell V(D)J Protocol – 5' Gene Expression Library from Amplified cDNA	1 h	Cell Preparation Sample Dependent 1 – 1.5 h		
		Reagent Prep – 20 min Load Single Cell A Chip – 10 min		
		Transfer GEMS – 3 min	GEM Generation – 6.5 min	
	2 h		GEM-RT Incubation – 40–55 min	
		Post GEM-RT Recovery – 10 min		 4°C ≤72 h or –20°C ≤1 week
		Cleanup – Silane Beads – 35 min		
	3 h	cDNA Amplification Prep – 5 min		
			cDNA Amplification – 25–50 min	
				 4°C ≤72 h
	4 h	Cleanup – SPRIselect – 20 min		 4°C ≤72 h or –20°C ≤1 week
			QC & Quantification – 50 min	
	5 h	Frag, End Repair & A-tailing Prep – 10 min		
			Fragmentation, End Repair & A-tailing Incubation – 35 min	
	6 h	Double Sided SPRIselect Sizing – 25 min		
		Adaptor Ligation Prep – 10 min		
			Adaptor Ligation – 15 min	
	7 h	Cleanup SPRIselect – 20 min		
		Sample Index PCR Prep – 10 min		
			Sample Index PCR – 40–45 min	 4°C ≤72 h
	8 h	Double Sided SPRIselect Sizing – 25 min		 4°C ≤72 h or –20°C long-term
			QC – 50 min qPCR Quantification – 1 h	

Chapter 1

GEM Generation & Barcoding

Partition input cells across tens of thousands of GEMs for lysis and barcoding



1. GEM Generation & Barcoding

Tips

Importance of Emulsion-safe Plastic Consumables

Some plastics can interact with and destabilize GEMs. It is therefore critical to use validated emulsion-safe plastic consumables when handling GEMs. 10x Genomics® has validated USA Scientific, Eppendorf, and Thermo Fisher PCR 8-tube strips, Eppendorf twin.tec® PCR plates, and Rainin LTS low retention pipette tips as GEM-compatible plastics. Substituting these materials can adversely affect performance.

Importance of Loading Cell Concentration

The recommended starting point for a new sample type is to load ~1700 cells into each reaction, recovering approximately 1000 cells, to achieve an expected multiplet rate of approximately 0.8%. Loading fewer cells per reaction will result in a lower multiplet rate while loading more cells per reaction will increase the multiplet rate (see table below). To maximize the likelihood of achieving the targeted cell recovery rate, the optimal input cell concentration is 700 – 1200 cells/μl. When using the Human T Cell Enrichment Kit (PN-1000005), only cell types that express TCR alpha and/or beta transcripts will be detected. Likewise, when using the Human B Cell Enrichment Kit (PN-1000016), only cell types that express Ig heavy and/or light transcripts will be detected. Loading samples that contain other cell types will result in lower recovery rate. The presence of dead cells in the suspension may also reduce the observed recovery rate. Consult the *Single Cell Protocols Cell Preparation Guide* and the *Guidelines for Optimal Sample Preparation* flowchart (Documents CG00053 and CG000126 respectively) for more information on preparing cells for use in this Protocol.

Multiplet Rate (%)	# of Cells Loaded	# of Cells Recovered
~0.4%	~870	~500
~0.8%	~1700	~1000
~1.6%	~3500	~2000
~2.3%	~5300	~3000
~3.1%	~7000	~4000
~3.9%	~8700	~5000
~4.6%	~10500	~6000
~5.4%	~12200	~7000
~6.1%	~14000	~8000
~6.9%	~15700	~9000
~7.6%	~17400	~10000

Best Practices for Handling Single Cell A Chips

The generation of GEMs occurs in channels that are narrower than the typical human hair (*i.e.* <100 μm). Care should be taken to avoid introduction of particles, fibers or clumped cells into these channels. Prepare reagents and load the chips in a positive-pressure laminar flow hood, and filter the single cell suspension before addition to the Master Mix whenever possible. Minimize exposure of reagents, chips, and gaskets to sources of particles and fibers, such as open reagent reservoirs, laboratory wipes, frequently opened flip-

cap tubes, clothing that easily sheds fibers, and dusty surfaces. The presence of excess Partitioning Oil in recovered GEMs from the Single Cell A Chip after running the Chromium™ Controller may indicate that a clog occurred. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting for more information (Chapter 9).

Pay particular attention to the timing of loading and running chips. Steps should be executed successively without pauses or delays. When multiple chips are to be used, load and run the chips in series, collecting the GEMs from one chip before loading the next.

All input wells (rows 1, 2, and 3) of unused channels on a chip should be filled with a 50% volume/volume aqueous solution of glycerol before loading the used wells with reagents. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for information on purchasing or preparing a 50% glycerol solution.

When removing a chip from the box and inserting it into a Chip Holder, avoid contacting the bottom surface of the chip with gloved hands and other surfaces. Frictional charging can interfere with correct priming of the channels, potentially leading to either clogs or wetting failures. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for the definition of these failures.

Minimize the distance that a loaded chip has to be moved to reach the Chromium Controller. Keep the chip horizontal to prevent wetting the gasket with oil, which depletes the input volume and may adversely affect the quality of the resulting emulsion.

Best Practices – Preparing & Handling Reagents & Master Mixes

- Cover Partitioning Oil tubes and reservoirs to minimize evaporation.
- Ensure that reagents are fully thawed and thoroughly mixed before use. Keep all enzyme components and Master Mixes on ice during setup and promptly move reagents back to the recommended storage temperature when possible.
- Assemble Master Mix on ice and keep cold until Single Cell A Chip loading.
- For tips on processing fewer than 8 reactions, see Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9).

Best Practices – Handling Gel Beads

- Equilibrate the Single Cell 5' Gel Bead Strip to room temperature before use.
- Store any unused Single Cell 5' Gel Beads at –80°C and avoid more than 10 freeze-thaw cycles.
- Never store Single Cell 5' Gel Beads at –20°C.
- Pierce the Gel Bead Strip foil seals with pipette tips without engaging the plunger.
- Upon initial Gel Bead Strip foil seal puncture, the pipette tips should extend no more than 2 mm below the seal. Then, raise the tips above the foil seal and depress the plunger. Lower the tips to the bottom of the wells and widen the opening by gently rocking the tips back and forth, keeping the plunger engaged. This technique will maximize recovery of Gel Beads for optimal performance. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for more information.

Best Practices – Loading the Single Cell A Chip

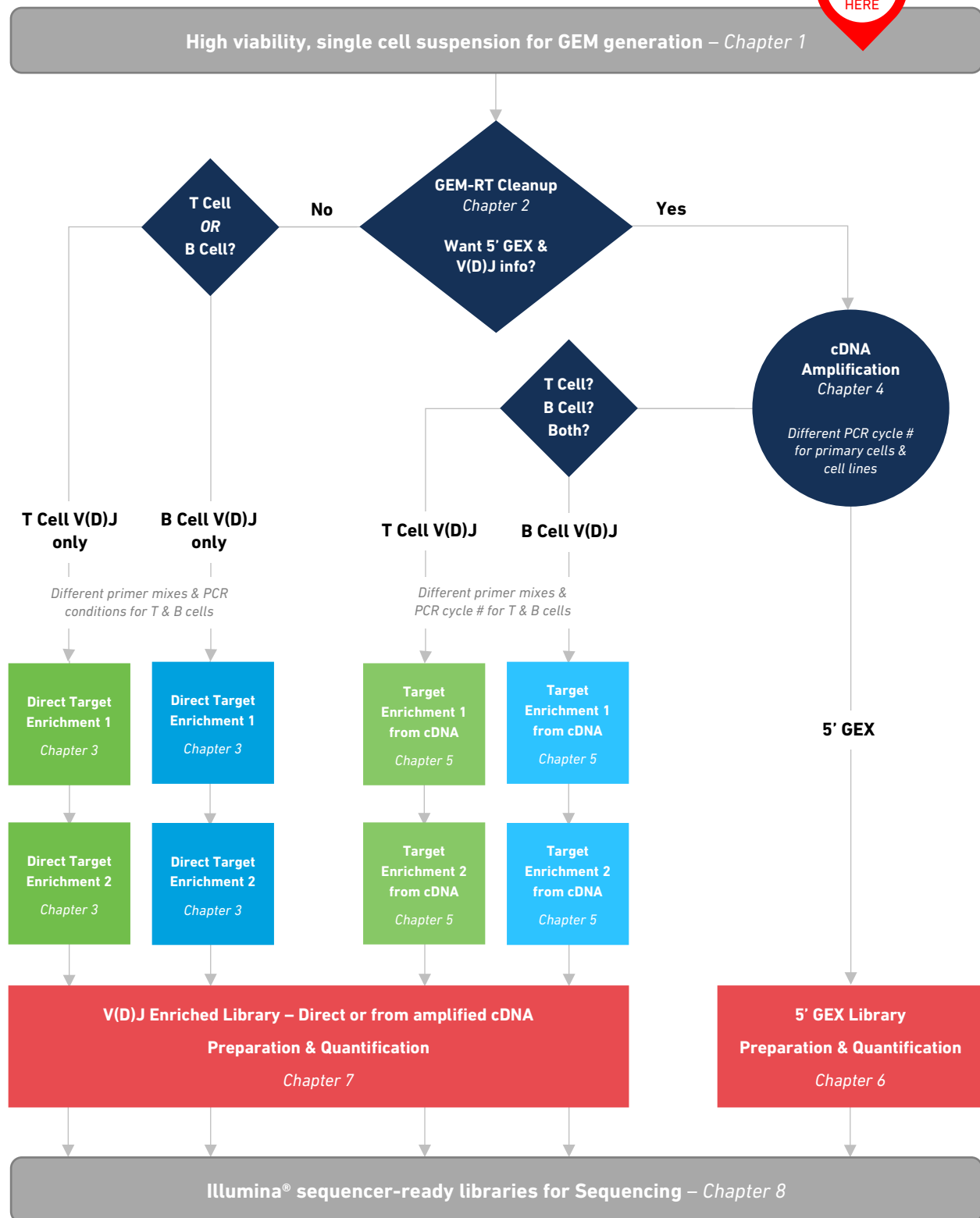
- Wait >30 sec between loading the Master Mix and loading the Gel Beads to ensure proper priming of the channels. Vortex the Single Cell 5' Gel Bead Strip for 30 sec AFTER loading the Master Mix to ensure that the correct time has passed before loading the Gel Beads. Do not exceed 120 sec between loading Master Mix and Gel Beads.
- When aspirating Gel Beads from the Gel Bead Strip or emulsion from the Recovery Wells, pipet slowly to avoid introducing air bubbles and leave the pipette tips in the wells for an additional 5 sec after the aspiration stops to allow pressure to equilibrate.

- When dispensing Gel Beads into the Single Cell A Chip, wait for the remainder to drain into the bottom of the pipette tips and dispense again to ensure complete transfer.
- Start GEM generation immediately after Single Cell A Chip loading. Do not exceed 120 sec between loading the chip and starting the run.

Best Practices – GEM Recovery




- Retrieve GEMs immediately after the completion of a run.
- When dispensing GEMs into the PCR 8-tube strip or the PCR plate, wait for the remainder to drain into the bottom of the pipette tips and dispense again to ensure complete transfer.
- Immediately place the plate of recovered GEMs on a chilled metal block resting on ice.

Navigating the Single Cell V(D)J Protocol Options



Getting Started!


Equilibrate to room temperature before use:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
Single Cell 5' Gel Beads <i>Equilibrate to room temperature 30 min before loading the Single Cell A Chip</i>	220112	-80°C
 RT Reagent Mix <i>Vortex and verify no precipitate, centrifuge briefly</i>	220089	-20°C
 Poly-dT RT Primer <i>Vortex, verify no precipitate, centrifuge briefly</i>	2000007	-20°C
 Additive A <i>Vortex, verify no precipitate, centrifuge briefly</i>	220074	-20°C

50% glycerol solution:

If processing fewer than 8 reactions, see Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for information on purchasing or generating 50% glycerol solution

Place on ice:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
 RT Enzyme Mix B <i>Maintain on ice, centrifuge briefly before adding to Master Mix</i>	2000010 or 2000021	-20°C
Chilled Metal Block	-	-

Obtain:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
Partitioning Oil	220088	Ambient temperature
Single Cell A Chip(s)	230027 or 2000019	Ambient temperature
10x™ Gasket(s)	370017 or 3000072	Ambient temperature
10x™ Chip Holder	330019	Ambient temperature

Plate sealer:

If PCR plates are used, set the Bio-Rad PX1™ PCR Plate Sealer to seal at 185°C for 6 sec. Keep heat block external to sealer until plate sealing step

Cell Suspension Volume Calculator Table

CRITICAL!

Consult the Single Cell Protocols Cell Preparation Guide and Guidelines for Optimal Sample Preparation flowchart (Documents CG00053 and CG000126) for more information on preparing cells for use in this Protocol.

Volume of Cell Suspension Stock per reaction (µl) Volume of Nuclease-Free Water per reaction (µl)											
Cell Stock Concentration (Cells/µl)	Targeted Cell Recovery										
	500 cells	1000 cells	2000 cells	3000 cells	4000 cells	5000 cells	6000 cells	7000 cells	8000 cells	9000 cells	10000 cells
100	8.7 23.0	17.4 14.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
200	4.4 27.3	8.7 23.0	17.4 14.3	26.1 5.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
300	2.9 28.8	5.8 25.9	11.6 20.1	17.4 14.3	23.2 8.5	29.0 2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
400	2.2 29.5	4.4 27.3	8.7 23.0	13.1 18.6	17.4 14.3	21.8 9.9	26.1 5.6	30.5 1.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
500	1.7 30.0	3.5 28.2	7.0 24.7	10.4 21.3	13.9 17.8	17.4 14.3	20.9 10.8	24.4 7.3	27.8 3.9	31.3 0.4	n/a
600	1.5 30.2	2.9 28.8	5.8 25.9	8.7 23.0	11.6 20.1	14.5 17.2	17.4 14.3	20.3 11.4	23.2 8.5	26.1 5.6	29.0 2.7
700	1.2 30.5	2.5 29.2	5.0 26.7	7.5 24.2	9.9 21.8	12.4 19.3	14.9 16.7	17.4 14.3	19.9 11.8	22.4 9.3	24.9 6.8
800	1.1 30.6	2.2 29.5	4.4 27.3	6.5 25.2	8.7 23.0	10.9 20.8	13.1 18.6	15.2 16.5	17.4 14.3	19.6 12.1	21.8 9.9
900	1.0 30.7	1.9 29.8	3.9 27.8	5.8 25.9	7.7 24.0	9.7 22.0	11.6 20.1	13.5 18.2	15.5 16.2	17.4 14.3	19.3 12.4
1000	0.9 30.8	1.7 30.0	3.5 28.2	5.2 26.5	7.0 24.7	8.7 23.0	10.4 21.3	12.2 19.5	13.9 17.8	15.7 16.0	17.4 14.3
1100	0.8 30.9	1.6 30.1	3.2 28.5	4.7 27.0	6.3 25.4	7.9 23.8	9.5 22.2	11.1 20.6	12.7 19.0	14.2 17.5	15.8 15.9
1200	0.7 31.0	1.5 30.2	2.9 28.8	4.4 27.3	5.8 25.9	7.3 24.4	8.7 23.0	10.2 21.5	11.6 20.1	13.1 18.6	14.5 17.2
1300	0.7 31.0	1.3 30.4	2.7 29.0	4.0 27.7	5.4 26.3	6.7 25.0	8.0 23.7	9.4 22.3	10.7 21.0	12.0 19.7	13.4 18.3
1400	0.6 31.1	1.2 30.5	2.5 29.2	3.7 28.0	5.0 26.7	6.2 25.5	7.5 24.2	8.7 23.0	9.9 21.8	11.2 20.5	12.4 19.3
1500	0.6 31.1	1.2 30.5	2.3 29.4	3.5 28.2	4.6 27.1	5.8 25.9	7.0 24.7	8.1 23.6	9.3 22.4	10.4 21.3	11.6 20.1
1600	0.5 31.2	1.1 30.6	2.2 29.5	3.3 28.4	4.4 27.3	5.4 26.3	6.5 25.2	7.6 24.1	8.7 23.0	9.8 21.9	10.9 20.8
1700	0.5 31.2	1.0 30.7	2.0 29.7	3.1 28.6	4.1 27.6	5.1 26.6	6.1 25.6	7.2 24.5	8.2 23.5	9.2 22.5	10.2 21.5
1800	0.5 31.2	1.0 30.7	1.9 29.8	2.9 28.8	3.9 27.8	4.8 26.9	5.8 25.9	6.8 24.9	7.7 24.0	8.7 23.0	9.7 22.0
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2000	0.4 31.3	0.9 30.8	1.7 30.0	2.6 29.1	3.5 28.2	4.4 27.3	5.2 26.5	6.1 25.6	7.0 24.7	7.8 23.9	8.7 23.0

Grey boxes:

Yellow boxes:

Blue boxes:

Volumes that would exceed the allowable water volume in each reaction

Indicate a low transfer volume that may result in higher cell load variability

Optimal range of cell stock concentration to maximize the likelihood of achieving the desired cell recovery target

GEM Generation & Barcoding





1.1. Preparing Single Cell Master Mix

NOTE

Volumes for 4 and 8 reactions are listed in all reagent tables and include 10% excess (i.e. 4.4X and 8.8X, respectively).

To set up a different number of reactions (n), multiply the indicated 1 reaction volumes by n.n (for example, multiply by 2.2 to set up 2 reactions with 10% excess).

- a) Prepare Master Mix on ice. Add reagents in the order shown below. Pipette mix 15 times and centrifuge briefly. Do not add Single Cell Suspension at this point.

Master Mix	PN	1 rxn (μl)	4 rxns + 10% xs (μl)	8 rxns + 10% xs (μl)
 RT Reagent Mix	220089	50.0	220.0	440.0
 Poly-dT RT Primer	2000007	5.9	26.0	51.9
 Additive A	220074	2.4	10.6	21.1
 RT Enzyme Mix B	2000010 or 2000021	10.0	44.0	88.0
Total	-	68.3	300.6	601

- b) Place the Master Mix on a chilled metal block resting on ice.
- c) Dispense **68.3 μl** Master Mix into each well of a PCR 8-tube strip on a chilled metal block resting on ice.

1.2. Loading the Single Cell A Chip

- a) Place a Single Cell A Chip in a 10x™ Chip Holder. Handle the chip by its edges, taking care to avoid touching its bottom surface. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for tips on assembly.

CRITICAL!

The order in which the wells of Single Cell A Chips are loaded is critical for optimal performance. Always load the rows in the labeled order: 1 followed by 2, then 3.

- b) If processing fewer than 8 samples per Single Cell A Chip, first add the following volumes of 50% glycerol solution to each unused well:
- 90 μl** in the row labeled 1
 - 40 μl** in the row labeled 2
 - 270 μl** in the row labeled 3

CRITICAL!

Do not add 50% glycerol solution to Recovery Wells (row labeled ◀). Do not use Partitioning Oil or any other solution as a substitute for 50% glycerol solution.

- c) Add the appropriate volume of **Nuclease-Free Water** (determined from the Cell Suspension Volume Calculator Table) into each well containing Master Mix.

CRITICAL!

The next step is critical to recovering the maximum number of cells. It is important to ensure that all the cells in the sample are suspended and that the sample is homogenous when adding the cell suspension volume to the Master Mix. To do this, estimate the volume of the cell suspension and set the pipette at half that volume for pipette mixing. When withdrawing the volume of cell suspension from the tube, place the pipette tip near the center of the suspension volume. Cells settle at different rates, so it is important to mix directly before taking the sample.

- d) Gently pipette mix the tube containing the washed and diluted cells. Add the appropriate **volume (μ l) of single cell suspension** (determined from the Cell Suspension Volume Calculator Table) to each well of the tube strip containing the Master Mix and **Nuclease-Free Water**.

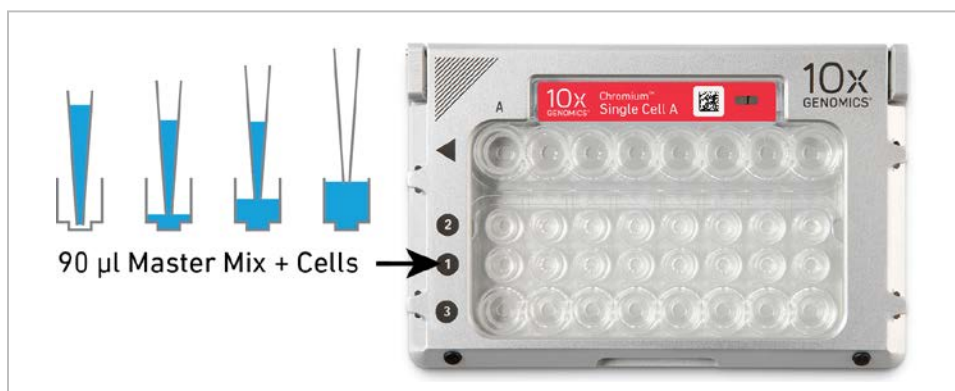
NOTE

The total combined volume of cells, Master Mix, and Nuclease-Free water is 100 μ l in each well.

- e) With a pipette set to 90 μ l, gently pipette mix the combined cells, Master Mix, and Nuclease-Free Water (from here onwards referred to as Master Mix containing cells) 5 times while keeping the tube strip on a chilled metal block resting on ice.
- f) Without discarding the pipette tips, transfer **90 μ l** Master Mix containing cells to the wells in the **row labeled 1**, taking care not to introduce bubbles. To do this, place the tips into the bottom center of the wells and raise the tips slightly above the bottom before slowly dispensing the Master Mix containing cells.

CRITICAL!

Pipette slowly. Raising and depressing the pipette plunger should each take ~ 5 sec. Raise the pipette tips at the same rate as the liquid level is rising in the well, keeping the tip slightly submerged.



- g) Snap the Single Cell 5' Gel Bead Strip into a 10x™ Vortex Adapter and vortex for **30 sec**.

CRITICAL!

A 30 sec wait while vortexing the Single Cell 5' Gel Bead Strip is required to ensure proper priming of the Master Mix containing cells in the Single Cell A Chip. Then, immediately load the Single Cell 5' Gel Beads.

- h) Remove the Single Cell 5' Gel Bead Strip and flick in a sharp, downward motion to ensure maximum recovery. Confirm that there are no bubbles at the bottom of the tube and that liquid levels are uniform.

NOTE

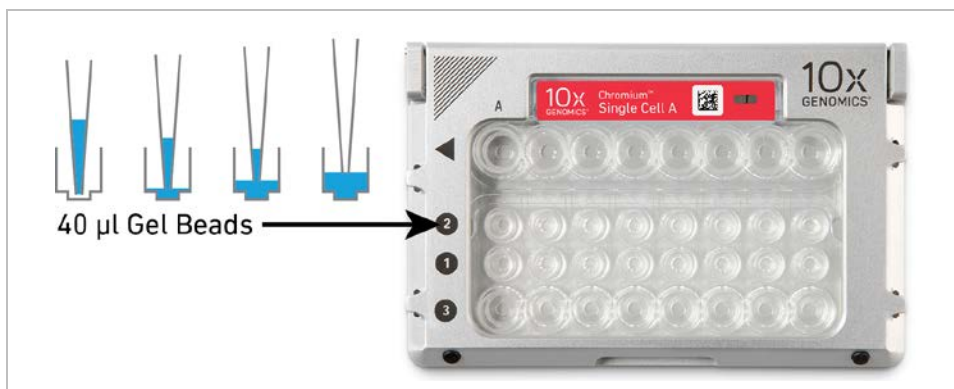
Pipette Single Cell 5' Gel Beads slowly as they have a viscosity similar to high-concentration glycerol.

- i) Carefully puncture the foil seal and slowly aspirate **40 μ l** Single Cell 5' Gel Beads, taking care not to introduce air bubbles.

NOTE

Only puncture the foil of a number of wells in the Single Cell 5' Gel Bead Strip equal to the number of samples that will be processed.

- j) Slowly dispense the Single Cell 5' Gel Bead suspension **into the bottom of the wells in the row labeled 2**, taking care not to introduce bubbles. To do this, place the tips into the bottom center of the wells and raise the tips slightly above the bottom before slowly dispensing the Gel Beads.



CRITICAL!

Raise the pipette tips at the same rate as the liquid level is rising in the wells, keeping the tip slightly submerged. Confirm that the pipette tips do not contain leftover Gel Beads. If necessary, wait for the remaining Gel Beads to drain into the bottom of the pipette tips and dispense into the wells without introducing bubbles.

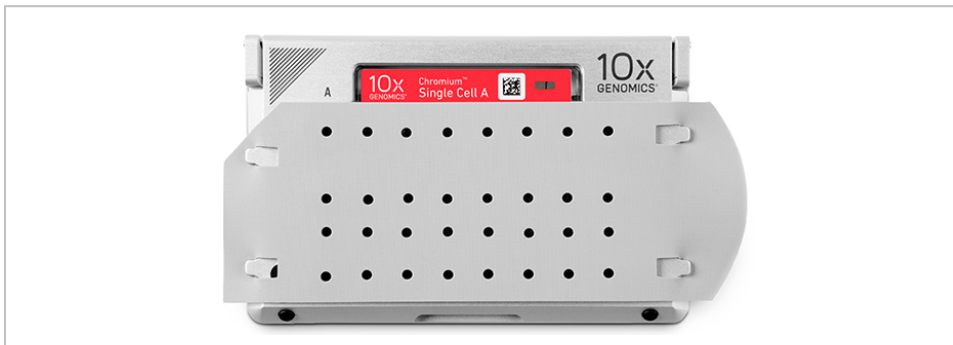
- k) Pipette a total volume of **270 μ l** of Partitioning Oil into the wells in the **row labeled 3** by **pipetting two aliquots of 135 μ l** from a reagent reservoir. Do not add Partitioning Oil to any unused input wells that already contain 50% glycerol solution.



CRITICAL!

Failure to add Partitioning Oil can damage the Chromium™ Controller or the Chromium Single Cell Controller.

- l) Attach the 10x™ Gasket. The notched cut should be at the top left corner. Ensure the 10x Gasket holes are aligned with the wells. Avoid touching the smooth side of the 10x Gasket and do not press down on the top of the 10x Gasket after attachment. Keep the assembly horizontal to avoid wetting the 10x Gasket with Partitioning Oil.



1.3. Running the Chromium™ Controller

NOTE

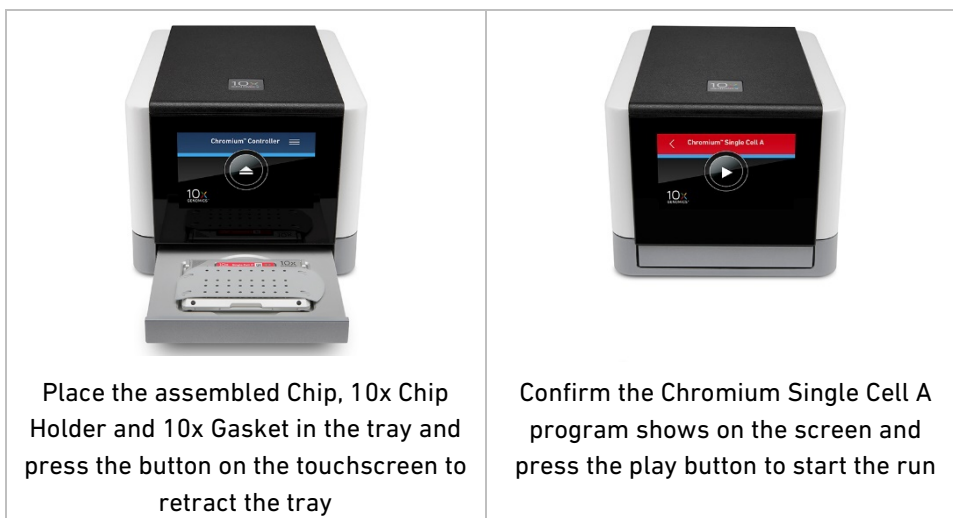
The same instructions apply to the Chromium™ Single Cell Controller.

- a) Press the button on the touchscreen of the Chromium Controller to eject the tray.
- b) Place the assembled Chip, 10x Chip Holder and 10x Gasket on the tray.
- c) Press the button on the touchscreen again to retract the tray. Confirm the **Chromium Single Cell A** program shows on screen and press the play button to begin the run.

NOTE

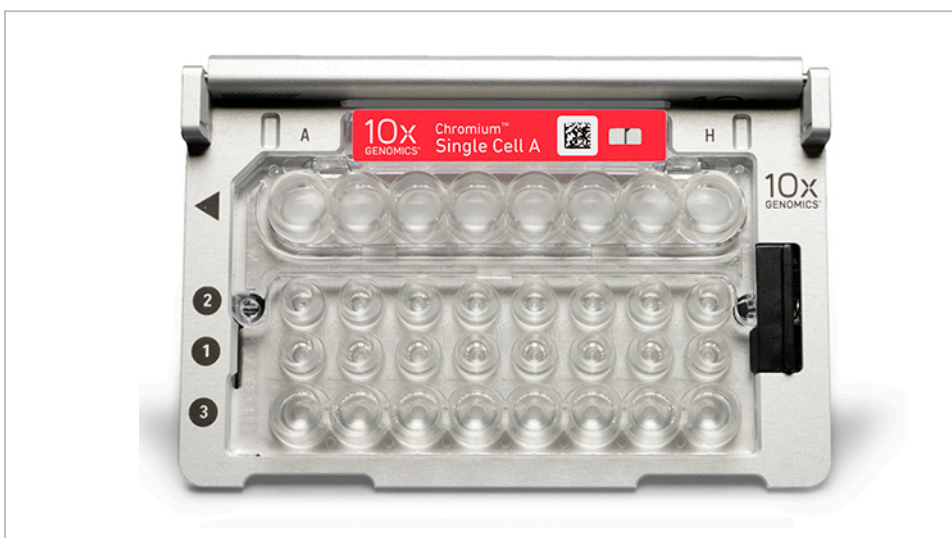
If the Chromium Controller displays an error message, see Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for more information.

- d) At the completion of the run (~6.5 min), the Chromium Controller will chime. Proceed immediately to the next step.



1.4. Transferring GEMs

- a) Maintain an emulsion-safe PCR 8-tube strip or PCR plate for GEM transfer on a chilled metal block resting on ice. (See Additional Kits, Reagents & Equipment table for more information on emulsion-safe plastic consumables).
- b) Press the eject button of the Chromium™ Controller to eject the tray and remove the Single Cell A Chip. Press the button to retract the empty tray (or the tray will automatically close after 40 sec).
- c) Remove and discard the 10x™ Gasket. Open the 10x Chip Holder and fold the lid back until it clicks to expose the wells at a 45-degree angle.
- d) Check for volume uniformity in the Gel Bead, Sample, and Partitioning Oil wells remaining in the Single Cell A Chip.

**NOTE**

Abnormally high volume in any of the wells may indicate that a clog occurred during GEM generation.

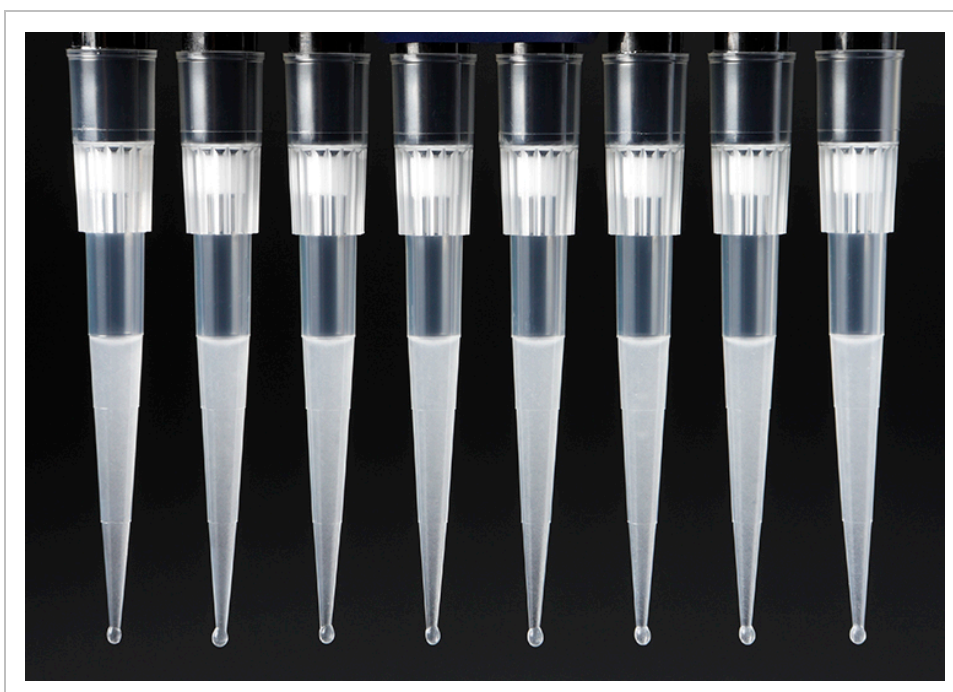
- e) Slowly aspirate **100 µl** GEMs from the lowest points of the Recovery Wells (**row labeled ◀**) without creating a seal between the tips and the bottom of the wells. Avoid introducing air bubbles.



NOTE

Pipette GEMs slowly as they have a high viscosity. If a tip aspirates excessive air the sample may be compromised.

- f) Withdraw pipette tips from the wells and verify that there is no air in the tips. GEMs should appear opaque and uniform across all channels.



NOTE

The presence of excess Partitioning Oil (clear) in the pipette tips indicates a potential clog during GEM generation.

- g) Over the course of ~20 sec, dispense the GEMs into emulsion safe tube strip or plate on a chilled metal block resting on ice with the pipette tips **against the sidewalls of the wells**. (See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting, Chapter 9). Keep the tips above the liquid level to minimize GEMs lost on the outside of the tips.

**NOTE**

Check the volume uniformity of the GEMs and the Partitioning Oil in the tube strip or plate. A clog occurred if the Partitioning Oil volume in one or more wells is increased compared to other wells. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting for more information (Chapter 9).

- h) If multiple Single Cell A Chips are run back-to-back, cap the GEM-containing tube strip or seal the plate wells with a cap strip and maintain on ice before proceeding to load reagents into the next chip. Avoid storing the GEMs on ice for more than 1 h.
- i) Discard the used Single Cell A Chip. Push the black sliders on the back of the 10x™ Chip Holder toward the middle to release the lock and close the lid.

1.5. GEM-RT Incubation

- a) If GEMs have been dispensed into a tube strip, continue to step c. If using a plate, remove the cap strips from the plate. Check that the Plate Sealer plate block is at room temperature.
- b) Seal the plate with pierceable foil heat seal at **185°C** for **6 sec** and promptly remove.
- c) Load the capped tube strip or sealed plate into a thermal cycler that can accommodate at least 100 µl reaction volume and proceed with the following incubation protocol.

NOTE

A reaction volume of 125 µl is the preferred setting on the Bio-Rad C1000 Touch™ Thermal Cycler. If using an alternate thermal cycler, the highest reaction volume setting should be used.

Lid Temperature	Reaction Volume	Run Time
53°C	125 µl	~55 min
Step	Temperature	Time
1	53°C	45:00
2	85°C	5:00
3	4°C	Hold



- d) Store in the tube strip or in the plate at **4°C** for up to **72 h** or at **-20°C** for up to a **week**, or proceed directly to Post GEM-RT Cleanup.

Chapter 2

Post GEM-RT Cleanup

Isolate cDNA for library construction

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2. Post GEM-RT Cleanup

Tips

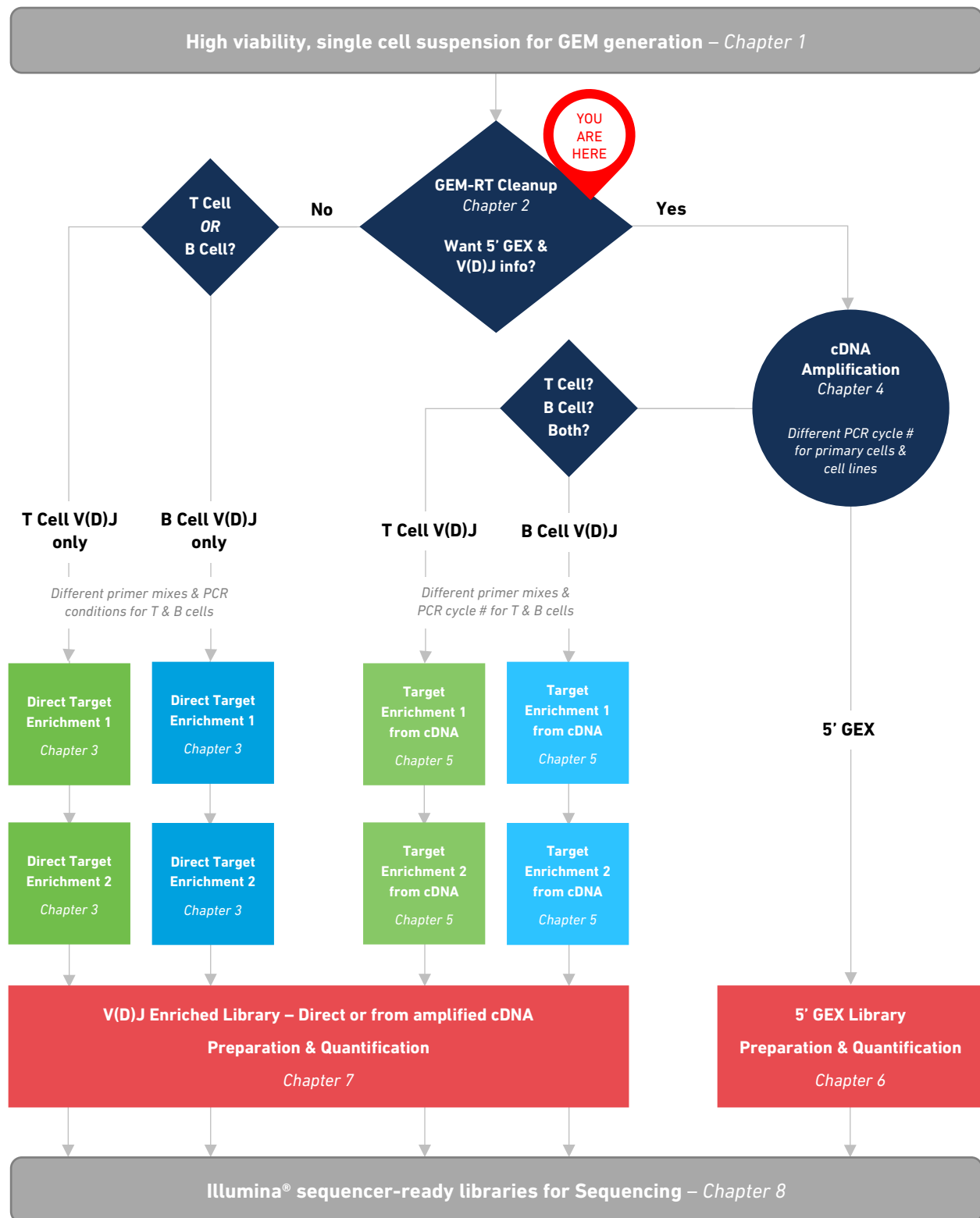
Best Practices

Ensure that the reagents are fully thawed and thoroughly mixed before use. During the bead-based cleanup steps, ensure that the samples are thoroughly mixed with the Silane beads to achieve optimal recovery. Always use fresh preparations of 80% Ethanol.

Best Practices – Pipette Calibration & Maintenance

Pipettes are sensitive instruments. In order to maintain pipette accuracy, the manufacturer's calibration and preventative maintenance schedules should be followed.

Navigating the Single Cell V(D)J Protocol Options




Getting Started!


Equilibrate to room temperature before use:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
DynaBeads® MyOne™ Silane beads	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
 Additive A <i>Vortex, verify no precipitate, centrifuge briefly</i>	220074	-20°C

Obtain:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
 Recovery Agent	220016	Ambient temperature
Qiagen Buffer EB	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
Bio-Rad 10% Tween 20	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
10x™ Magnetic Separator	230003	Ambient temperature

Thaw at 65°C:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
 Buffer Sample Clean Up 1 <i>Thaw for 10 min at 65°C at max speed on a thermomixer. Verify there are no visible crystals. Let cool to room temperature. Centrifuge briefly</i>	220020	-20°C

Prepare 80% Ethanol (15 ml for 8 samples)

Post GEM-RT Cleanup

2.1. Post GEM-RT Cleanup – Silane DynaBeads

NOTE

If GEMs were stored at -20°C , thaw the PCR 8-tube strip or the PCR plate at room temperature for 10 min (this will result in a translucent rather than clear aqueous phase), before proceeding directly into Post GEM-RT Cleanup.

- a) Add **125 μL** Recovery Agent to each well of the PCR 8-tube strip containing post incubation GEMs. Wait **60 sec**. Do not pipette mix or vortex the biphasic mixture.

If using a plate, remove the foil seal, add **125 μL** Recovery Agent to each well containing post incubation GEMs. Do not pipette mix or vortex the biphasic mixture. Wait **60 sec** and then transfer the entire volume to a tube strip.

NOTE

If using a plate, after transferring the initial volume to a tube strip, aqueous phase recovery can be maximized by lightly sealing the plate with a Microseal® 'B' Adhesive Seal and spinning in a plate centrifuge at 1200 rpm for 30 sec. The collected volumes can be combined with those previously transferred into the tube strip.

- b) The recovered biphasic mixture contains distinct Recovery Agent/Partitioning Oil (pink) and aqueous phases (clear), with no persisting emulsion (opaque).

**NOTE**

A decrease in the aqueous phase indicates that a clog occurred during GEM generation.

- c) Slowly remove **125 μL** Recovery Agent/Partitioning Oil (pink) from the bottom of the tubes and discard. Be careful not to aspirate any of the clear aqueous sample.

A small volume of Recovery Agent/Partitioning Oil will remain.

NOTE

Do not aspirate the aqueous solution during Recovery Agent/Partitioning Oil removal. Should aspiration of the aqueous solution occur, return the solution to the tube strip, reduce removal volume by 5 μL , and reattempt removal.




- d) Vortex DynaBeads MyOne Silane beads until fully resuspended. Prepare DynaBeads Cleanup Mix by adding reagents in the order shown below. Vortex mix thoroughly.

DynaBeads Cleanup Mix	PN	1X (μl)	4 rxns + 10% xs (μl)	8 rxns + 10% xs (μl)
Nuclease-Free Water	-	9	39	79
● Buffer Sample Clean Up 1	220020	182	801	1602
DynaBeads MyOne Silane	-	4	18	35
● Additive A	220074	5	22	44
Total	-	200	880	1760

- e) Add **200 μl** DynaBeads Cleanup Mix to each sample. Pipette mix 5 times (pipette set to 200 μl) and incubate at room temperature for **10 min.**



- f) Prepare Elution Solution I by adding reagents in the order shown below. Vortex mix thoroughly and centrifuge briefly.

Elution Solution I	PN	1 rxn (µl)	10 rxns (µl)
Buffer EB	-	98	980
10% Tween 20	-	1	10
 Additive A	220074	1	10
Total	-	100	1000

- g) After the 10 min incubation step is complete, place the tube strip into a 10x™ Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the supernatant is clear.

NOTE

A white interface may appear between the aqueous solution and Recovery Agent layers. This is normal.

- h) Carefully remove and discard the supernatant.
- i) Add **150 µl** freshly prepared 80% ethanol **twice** to the pellet while on the magnet for a total volume of 300 µl and stand for **30 sec**.
- j) Carefully remove and discard the ethanol wash.
- k) Add **200 µl** 80% ethanol to the pellet and stand for **30 sec**.
- l) Carefully remove and discard the ethanol wash.
- m) Centrifuge the tube strip briefly and return it to a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position.
- n) After centrifugation, remove and discard any remaining ethanol. If ethanol droplets are still visible, allow the samples to air dry for **1 min** before proceeding to the next step.
- o) Remove the tube strip from the magnet and add **35.5 µl** Elution Solution I. Pipette mix thoroughly until beads are fully resuspended (pipette set to 30 µl to avoid introducing air bubbles).
- p) Incubate at room temperature for **1 min**.
- q) Place the tube strip in a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position until the solution is clear.
- r) Transfer **35 µl** of purified GEM-RT Product to a new tube strip.

Chapter 3

Direct Target Enrichment

Enrich TCR or Ig cDNA for library construction

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3. Direct Target Enrichment

Tips

Best Practices – Reagents

Ensure that the reagents are fully thawed and thoroughly mixed before use. Keep all enzyme components and Master Mixes on ice during setup and promptly move back to the recommended storage temperature when possible. During the bead-based Cleanups and Double Sided Size Selections, ensure that the samples are thoroughly mixed with the SPRIselect Reagent to achieve optimal recovery. Always use fresh preparations of 80% Ethanol.

Best Practices – Pipette Calibration & Maintenance

Pipettes are sensitive instruments. In order to maintain pipette accuracy, the manufacturer's calibration and preventative maintenance schedules should be followed. Pipette accuracy is particularly important in SPRIselect Cleanups and Double Sided Size Selections.

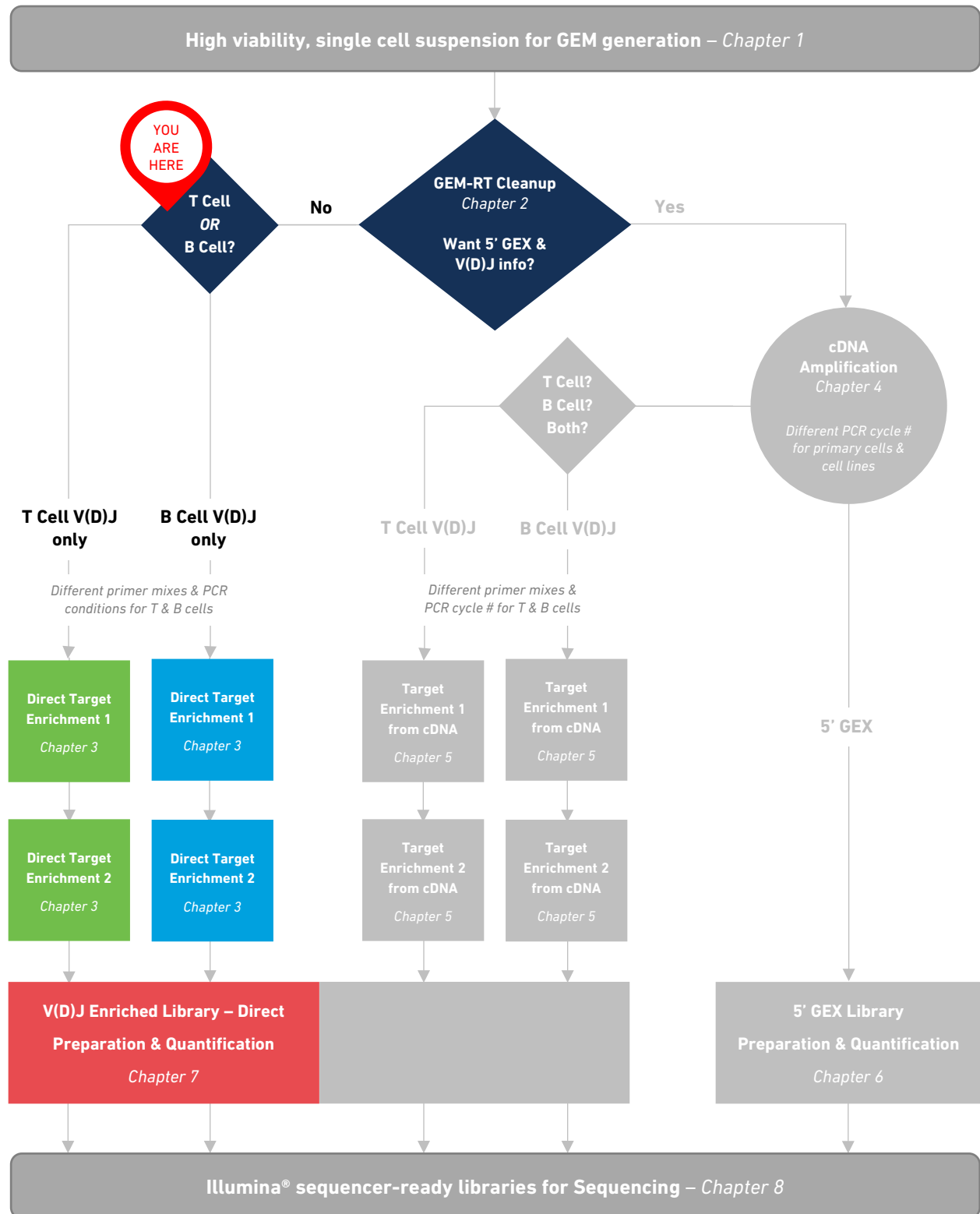
Best Practices – SPRIselect Cleanups & Double Sided Size Selections

After aspirating the desired volume of SPRIselect Reagent, examine the pipette tip(s) before dispensing to ensure that the correct volume is being transferred. Pipette mix thoroughly as insufficient mixing of sample and SPRIselect Reagent will lead to inconsistent results. Always use fresh preparations of 80% Ethanol. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for more information on calculating SPRIselect Reagent ratios.

Best Practices – Post Target Enrichment Reaction QC






Agilent Bioanalyzer analysis is the recommended method for ensuring successful target enrichment before proceeding into library construction. Accurate quantification of enriched cDNA at this step is necessary to determine volume of enrichment product carried into Fragmentation, End Repair & A-tailing.

Navigating the Single Cell V(D)J Protocol Options




Getting Started!

Equilibrate to room temperature before use:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
 cDNA Additive <i>Vortex, centrifuge briefly</i>	220067	-20°C
 Human T Cell Mix 1 <div data-bbox="771 472 966 619" style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px; margin-left: 10px;"> <i>Choose B Cell or T Cell enrichment primers based on desired enrichment products</i> </div>	2000008	-20°C
 Human T Cell Mix 2 <div data-bbox="771 472 966 619" style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px; margin-left: 10px;"> <i>Choose B Cell or T Cell enrichment primers based on desired enrichment products</i> </div>	2000009	-20°C
 Human B Cell Mix 1 <div data-bbox="771 472 966 619" style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px; margin-left: 10px;"> <i>Choose B Cell or T Cell enrichment primers based on desired enrichment products</i> </div>	2000035	-20°C
 Human B Cell Mix 2 <div data-bbox="771 472 966 619" style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px; margin-left: 10px;"> <i>Choose B Cell or T Cell enrichment primers based on desired enrichment products</i> </div>	2000036	-20°C
Beckman Coulter SPRIselect Reagent	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
Agilent Bioanalyzer High Sensitivity Kit <i>If used for QC and quantification</i>	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
Agilent TapeStation ScreenTape and Reagents <i>If used for QC and quantification</i>	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
Qubit® dsDNA HS Assay Kit <i>If used for quantification</i>	-	Manufacturer's recommendation

Place on ice:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
 Amplification Master Mix <i>Maintain on ice, centrifuge briefly before adding to Master Mix</i>	220125	-20°C

Obtain:





Item	Part Number	Storage Location
Qiagen Buffer EB	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
10x™ Magnetic Separator	230003	Ambient temperature

Prepare 80% Ethanol (15 ml for 8 samples)

Direct Target Enrichment

3.1. Direct Target Enrichment 1 Reaction

- a) Prepare Direct Target Enrichment 1 Reaction Mix on ice. Add reagents in the order shown below, vortex mix, and centrifuge briefly. Do not add Purified GEM-RT Product at this point.

Direct Target Enrichment 1 Reaction Mix	PN	1 rxn (µl)	4 rxns + 10% xs (µl)	8 rxns + 10% xs (µl)
Nuclease-Free Water	-	5	22	44
 Amplification Master Mix	220125	50	220	440
 cDNA Additive	220067	5	22	44
 Human T Cell Mix 1 or	2000008 or	5	22	44
 Human B Cell Mix 1	2000035			
Total	-	65	286	572

- b) Add **65 µl** Direct Target Enrichment 1 Reaction Mix to each tube containing **35 µl** purified GEM-RT Product. Maintain on ice.
- c) Pipette mix 5 times (pipette setting 90 µl) and centrifuge briefly.
- d) Cap and load the PCR 8-tube strip into a thermal cycler that can accommodate at least 100 µl reaction volume and proceed with the following incubation protocol.

CRITICAL!

*Step 3: For optimal results, T cells and B cells are incubated at different temperatures.
Step 5: T cells and B cells require different cycle numbers.*

Lid Temperature	Reaction Volume	Run Time
105°C	100 µl	~30 - 40 min
Step	Temperature	Time
1	98°C	0:45
2	98°C	0:20
3	T Cell: 60°C B Cell: 67°C	0:30
4	72°C	1:00
5	T Cell: Go to Step 2, 11x (for 12 cycles in total) B Cell: Go to Step 2, 8x (for 9 cycles in total)	
6	72°C	1:00
7	4°C	Hold



- e) Store Direct Target Enrichment 1 Product at **4°C** for up to **72 h**, or proceed directly to Post Direct Target Enrichment 1 Reaction Cleanup.

3.2. Post Direct Target Enrichment 1 Reaction Cleanup – SPRIselect

NOTE





See *Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9)* for more information on calculating SPRIselect Reagent ratios.

- a) Vortex the SPRIselect Reagent until fully resuspended. Add **80 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.8X**) to each sample in the tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 150 µl).
- b) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **5 min**.
- c) Place the tube strip in a 10x™ Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.
- d) Carefully remove and discard the supernatant.
- e) Add **200 µl** 80% ethanol to the pellet and stand for **30 sec**.
- f) Carefully remove and discard the ethanol wash.
- g) **Repeat** steps e and f for a total of 2 washes.
- h) Centrifuge the tube strip briefly and return it to a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position.
- i) After centrifugation, remove and discard any remaining ethanol. If ethanol droplets are still visible, allow the samples to air dry for **1 min** before proceeding to the next step.
- j) Remove the tube strip from the 10x Magnetic Separator and add **35.5 µl** Buffer EB. Pipette mix 15 times.
- k) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **2 min**.
- l) Place the tube strip in a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position until the solution is clear.
- m) Transfer **35 µl** of sample to a new tube strip.
- n) Store the samples at **4°C** in a tube strip for up to **72 h** or at **-20°C** for up to a **week**, or proceed directly to Direct Target Enrichment 2 Reaction.

RepeatSTOP

3.3. Direct Target Enrichment 2 Reaction

- a) Prepare Direct Target Enrichment 2 Reaction Mix on ice. Add reagents in the order shown below. Vortex mix and centrifuge briefly. **Do not add Direct Target Enrichment 1 Product at this point.**

Direct Target Enrichment 2 Reaction Mix	PN	1 rxn (µl)	4 rxns + 10% xs (µl)	8 rxns + 10% xs (µl)
Nuclease-Free Water	-	5	22	44
 Amplification Master Mix	220125	50	220	440
 cDNA Additive	220067	5	22	44
 Human T Cell Mix 2 or	2000009 or	5	22	44
 Human B Cell Mix 2	2000036			
Total	-	65	286	572

- b) Add **65 µl** Direct Target Enrichment 2 Reaction Mix to each tube containing **35 µl** Direct Target Enrichment 1 Product. Maintain on ice.
- c) Pipette mix 5 times (pipette setting 90 µl) and centrifuge briefly.
- d) Cap and load the tube strip into a thermal cycler that can accommodate at least 100 µl reaction volume and proceed with the following incubation protocol.

CRITICAL!

Step 3: For optimal results, T cells and B cells are incubated at different temperatures.

Step 5: T cells and B cells require different cycle numbers.

Lid Temperature	Reaction Volume	Run Time
105°C	100 µl	~30-50 min
Step	Temperature	Time
1	98°C	0:45
2	98°C	0:20
3	T Cell: 60°C B Cell: 67°C	0:30
4	72°C	1:00
5	Go to Step 2, see table below for # of cycles	
6	72°C	1:00
7	4°C	Hold

NOTE

The optimal number of cycles for the Direct Target Enrichment 2 Reaction is a trade-off between generating sufficient final mass for library construction and minimizing PCR amplification artifacts. The following table is a recommended starting point for optimization. If the fraction of cells expressing TCR or Ig transcripts is not known, consult

the table to choose the number of enrichment cycles based on the total cell number. If the fraction of cells expressing TCR or Ig transcripts is known, adjust the number of enrichment cycles accordingly. For example, if the cell sample includes 50% T cells and the targeted recovery is 3000 cells, use 15 cycles instead of 13 cycles for Direct T Cell Enrichment.

Targeted Cell Recovery	T Cell Total Number of Direct Target Enrichment 2 Cycles	B Cell Total Number of Direct Target Enrichment 2 Cycles
100 – 500	17	15
501 – 2000	15	13
2001 – 6000	13	11
6001 – 10000	12	10



- e) Store Direct Target Enrichment 2 Product at **4°C** for up to **72 h**, or proceed directly to Direct Post Target Enrichment 2 Reaction Double Sided Size Selection – SPRIselect.

3.4. Post Direct Target Enrichment 2 Reaction Double Sided Size Selection – SPRIselect

NOTE

After aspirating the desired volume of SPRIselect Reagent, examine the pipette tip(s) before dispensing to ensure that the correct volume is being transferred. Pipette mix thoroughly as insufficient mixing of sample and SPRIselect Reagent will lead to inconsistent size selection results. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for more information on calculating SPRIselect Reagent ratios.

- a) Vortex the SPRIselect Reagent until fully resuspended. Add **50 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.5X**) to each sample in the Target Enrichment 2 Product tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 145 µl).
- b) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **5 min**.
- c) Place the tube strip in a 10x™ Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.

CRITICAL!

DO NOT discard supernatant.

- d) Transfer **145 µl** supernatant to a new tube strip and discard the previous tube strip.
- e) Add **30 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.8X**) to each sample in the tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 150 µl).
- f) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **5 min**.
- g) Place the tube strip in a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.
- h) Carefully remove and discard **170 µl** supernatant.

Due to the low volume of the SPRIselect Reagent used in this step it is crucial to not discard any of the beads with the supernatant. To ensure that beads are not discarded, 5 µl of supernatant is left in each well of the tube strip. This will not impact the effectiveness of the size selection.

NOTE

- i) With the tube strip still in a 10x Magnetic Separator, add **200 µl** 80% ethanol to the pellet and stand for **30 sec**.
- j) Carefully remove and discard the ethanol wash.

Repeat

- k) **Repeat** steps i and j for a total of two washes.
- l) Briefly centrifuge the tube strip and return it to the 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position. Carefully remove and discard the remaining ethanol wash.

NOTE

Due to the low volume of SPRIselect Reagent used in this size selection it is crucial not to over-dry the beads. Proceed directly into resuspension with Buffer EB without waiting for the beads to dry to ensure maximum elution efficiency.

- m) Remove the tube strip from the 10x Magnetic Separator and add **45.5 µl** Buffer EB. Pipette mix 15 times.
- n) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **2 min**.
- o) Place the tube strip in a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position until the solution is clear.



- p) Transfer **45 µl** of sample to a new tube strip and cap the sample wells.
- q) Store the samples at **4°C** in a tube strip for up to **72 h** or at **-20°C** for up to 1 week, or proceed directly to Post Direct Target Enrichment Reaction QC & Quantification.

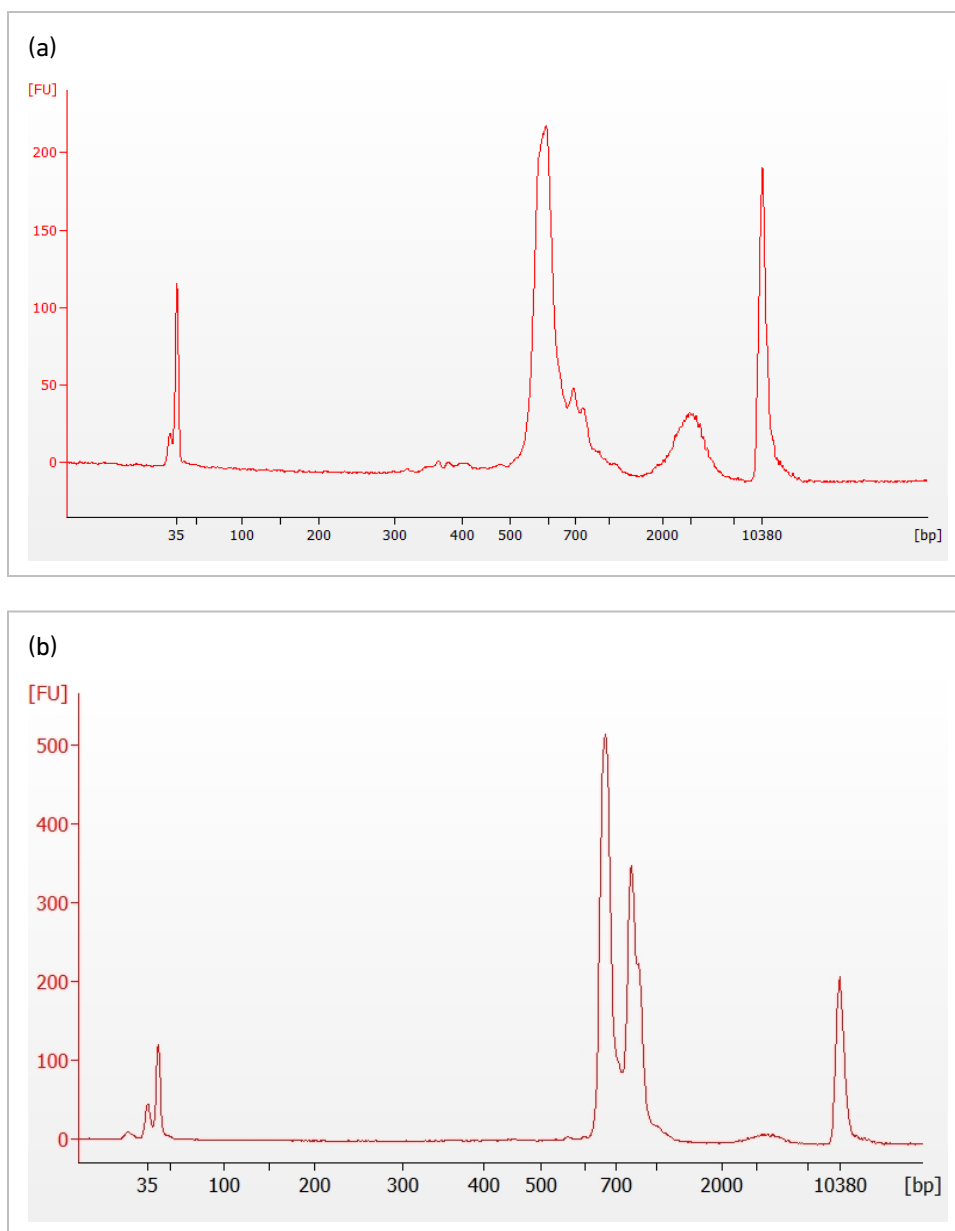
3.5. Post Direct Target Enrichment Reaction QC & Quantification

- a) Run **1 μ l** purified Direct Target Enrichment 2 Product at 1:5 dilution on the Agilent Bioanalyzer High Sensitivity chip for QC and quantification. Representative electropherogram traces are shown below for peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) enriched for (a) TCR or (b) Ig transcripts.

NOTE

1:5 dilution ratio is typically sufficient to avoid overloading the High Sensitivity chip. For samples of particularly RNA-rich cells, additional dilution may be required.

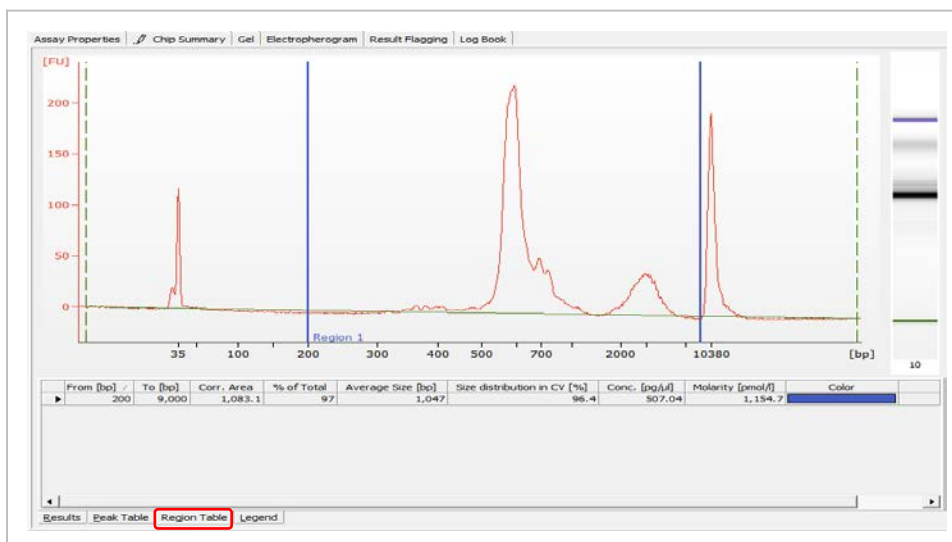
The number of distinct peaks between 500 and 1000 bp may vary depending on cell type.



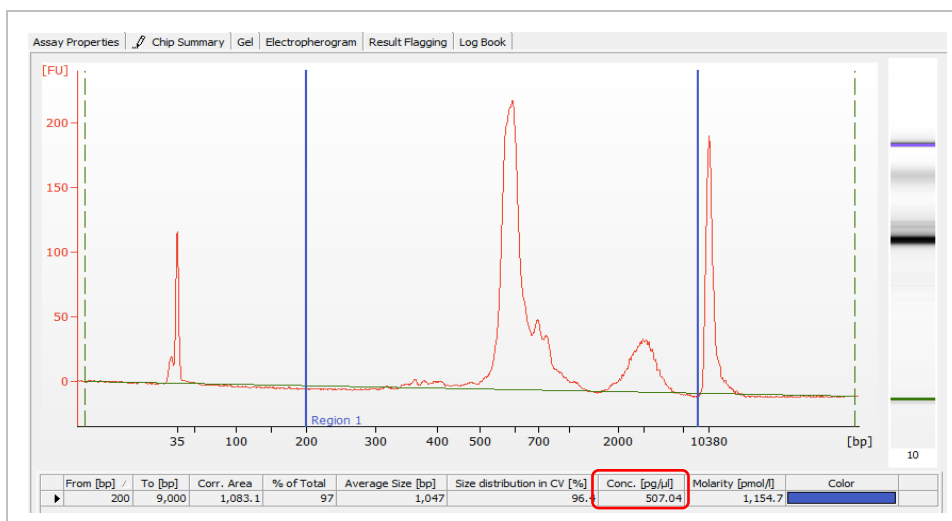
NOTE

Higher molecular weight product (2000 – 9000 bp) may be present. This is normal and does not affect sequencing or application performance. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for more information on using the Agilent TapeStation for Enrichment product quantification.

- To determine the product concentration per sample, under the “Electropherogram” view choose the “Region Table” tab on the Agilent 2100 Expert Software.
- Manually select the region encompassing ~200 – ~9000 bp.



- Divide the product concentration [pg/μl] reported via the Agilent 2100 Expert Software by 1000 (taking any dilution factors into account) to obtain the Enrichment Product concentration in ng/μl.

**CRITICAL!**

Do not exceed 50 ng Enrichment Product (optimal 2 – 50 ng) in 20 μl carry forward volume when proceeding to Enriched Library Construction.

NOTE

Depending on Enrichment Product concentration, the 20 µl carry forward volume into Enriched Library Construction may consist of diluted or undiluted Enrichment Product. See example calculation below for determining Enrichment Product concentration and constituting the 20 µl carry forward volume.

- e) To determine the volume corresponding to 50 ng Enrichment Product (optimal 2 – 50 ng) to carry forward into Enriched Library Construction, divide 50 ng by the concentration calculated in step d.
- f) To prepare the sample for Enriched Library Construction, if the volume required for 50 ng Enrichment Product calculated in step e is less than 20 µl, adjust the total volume of each sample to 20 µl with Nuclease-Free Water.
- g) If less than 50 ng Enrichment Product is generated, carry forward only 20 µl into library construction. Proceed to Chapter 7 for Enriched Library Construction.

Example Calculation of Enrichment Product Concentration:

Agilent 2100 Expert Concentration: 507.04 [pg/µl]

Dilution Factor used to run the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer: 5

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Enrichment Product Conc'n} &= \frac{\text{Conc'n } \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\mu\text{l}}\right) \times \text{Dilution Factor}}{1000 \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\text{ng}}\right)} \\
 &= \frac{507.04 \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\mu\text{l}}\right) \times 5}{1000 \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\text{ng}}\right)} \\
 &= 12.5 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{l}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example Calculation to Generate Sample for Library Construction:

$$\begin{aligned}
 50 \text{ ng Enrichment Product} &= \frac{50 \text{ ng}}{12.5 \left(\frac{\text{ng}}{\mu\text{l}}\right)} \\
 &= 20 \mu\text{l}
 \end{aligned}$$

Library Construction Sample = 20 µl Enrichment Product + 0 µl Nuclease-Free Water = 20 µl total

Determine Enrichment Product Concentration Using a Qubit® 3.0 Fluorometer:

Enrichment Product Concentration [ng/µl] may also be measured using the Qubit Fluorometer and Qubit dsDNA HS Assay Kit.

Chapter 4

cDNA Amplification

Amplify cDNA for library construction



4. cDNA Amplification

Tips

Best Practices – Reagents

Ensure that the reagents are fully thawed and thoroughly mixed before use. During the bead-based cleanup steps, ensure that the samples are thoroughly mixed with the SPRIselect Reagent to achieve optimal recovery. Always use fresh preparations of 80% Ethanol.

Best Practices – Pipette Calibration & Maintenance

Pipettes are sensitive instruments. In order to maintain pipette accuracy, the manufacturer's calibration and preventative maintenance schedules should be followed. Pipette accuracy is particularly important in SPRIselect Cleanups.

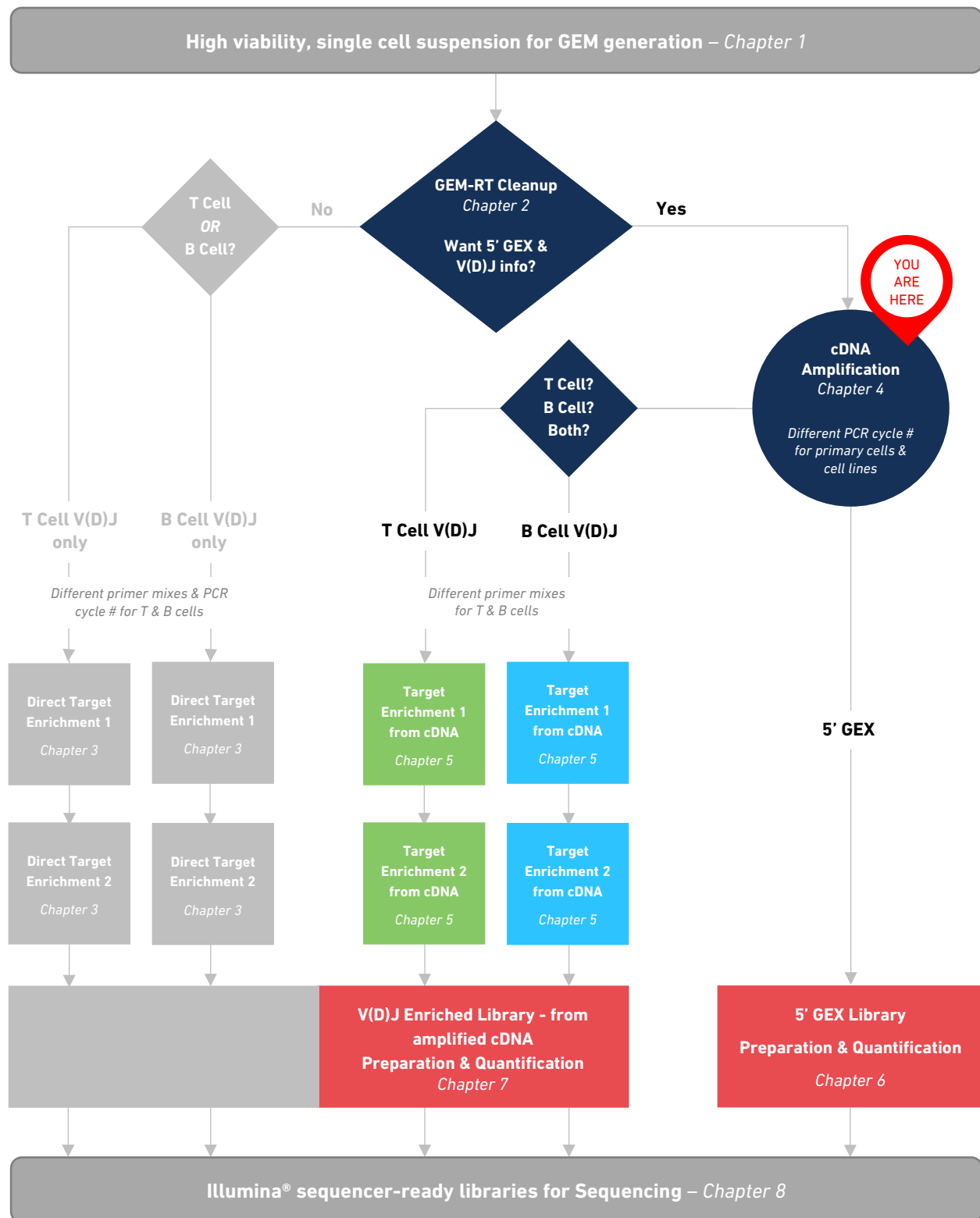
Best Practices – SPRIselect Cleanups

After aspirating the desired volume of SPRIselect Reagent, examine the pipette tip(s) before dispensing to ensure that the correct volume is being transferred. Pipette mix thoroughly as insufficient mixing of sample and SPRIselect Reagent will lead to inconsistent results. Always use fresh preparations of 80% Ethanol. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for more information on calculating SPRIselect Reagent ratios.

Best Practices – Post cDNA Amplification Reaction QC



Agilent Bioanalyzer analysis is the recommended method for ensuring successful cDNA amplification before proceeding into library construction. Accurate quantification of cDNA at this step is necessary to determine volume of amplification product carried into Fragmentation, End Repair & A-tailing.

Navigating the Single Cell V(D)J Protocol Options




Getting Started!

Equilibrate to room temperature before use:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
 cDNA Additive <i>Vortex, centrifuge briefly</i>	220067	-20°C
 cDNA Primer Mix <i>Vortex, centrifuge briefly</i>	220106	-20°C
Beckman Coulter SPRIselect Reagent	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
Agilent Bioanalyzer High Sensitivity Kit <i>If used for QC and quantification</i>	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
Agilent TapeStation ScreenTape and Reagents <i>If used for QC and quantification</i>	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
Qubit® dsDNA HS Assay Kit <i>If used for quantification</i>	-	Manufacturer's recommendation

Place on ice:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
 Amplification Master Mix <i>Maintain on ice, centrifuge briefly before adding to Master Mix</i>	220125	-20°C

Obtain:




Item	Part Number	Storage Location
Qiagen Buffer EB	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
10x™ Magnetic Separator	230003	Ambient temperature

Prepare 80% Ethanol (15 ml for 8 samples)

cDNA Amplification Reaction

4.1. cDNA Amplification Reaction

- a) Prepare cDNA Amplification Reaction Mix on ice. Add reagents in the order shown below. Vortex mix and centrifuge briefly. **Do not add Purified GEM-RT Product at this point.**

cDNA Amplification Reaction Mix	PN	1 rxn (μl)	4 rxns + 10% xs (μl)	8 rxns + 10% xs (μl)
Nuclease-Free Water	-	8	35	70
 Amplification Master Mix	220125	50	220	440
 cDNA Additive	220067	5	22	44
 cDNA Primer Mix	220106	2	9	18
Total	-	65	286	572

- b) Add **65 μl** cDNA Amplification Reaction Mix to each tube containing **35 μl** purified GEM-RT Product.
- c) Pipette mix 5 times (pipette setting 90 μl) and centrifuge briefly.
- d) Cap and load the PCR 8-tube strip into a thermal cycler that can accommodate at least 100 μl reaction volume and proceed with the following incubation protocol.

Lid Temperature	Reaction Volume	Run Time
105°C	100 μl	~25-50 min
Step	Temperature	Time
1	98°C	0:45
2	98°C	0:20
3	67°C	0:30
4	72°C	1:00
5	Go to Step 2, see table below for # of cycles	
6	72°C	1:00
7	4°C	Hold

The optimal number of cycles for the cDNA Amplification Reaction is a trade-off between generating sufficient final mass for library construction and minimizing PCR amplification artifacts. If large numbers of cells are sampled, the total number of cDNA amplification cycles should be reduced. The number of cDNA cycles should also be reduced if the input cells express TCR or Ig transcripts at particularly high levels (often observed in transformed cell lines). The following table is a recommended starting point for optimization.

NOTE

Targeted Cell Recovery	Primary Cells Total Number of cDNA Amplification Cycles	Cell Lines Total Number of cDNA Amplification Cycles
100 – 500	18	16
501 – 2000	16	14
2001 – 6000	14	12
6001 – 10000	13	11



- e) Store the sample at **4°C** for up to **72 h**, or proceed directly to Post cDNA Amplification Reaction Cleanup – SPRIselect.

4.2. Post cDNA Amplification Reaction Cleanup – SPRIselect

NOTE

See *Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9)* for more information on calculating SPRIselect Reagent ratios.

- a) Vortex the SPRIselect Reagent until fully resuspended. Add **60 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.6X**) to each sample in the tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 150 µl).
- b) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **5 min**.
- c) Place the tube strip in a 10x™ Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.
- d) Carefully remove and discard the supernatant.
- e) Add **200 µl** 80% ethanol to the pellet and stand for **30 sec**.
- f) Carefully remove and discard the ethanol wash.

Repeat

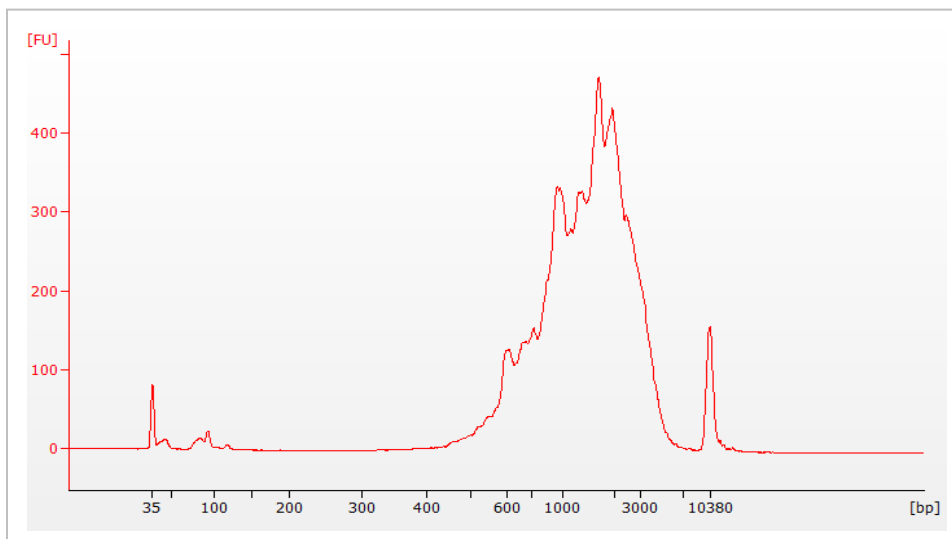
- g) **Repeat** steps e and f for a total of 2 washes.
- h) Centrifuge the tube strip briefly and return it to a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position.
- i) After centrifugation, remove and discard any remaining ethanol. If ethanol droplets are still visible, allow the samples to air dry for **1 min** before proceeding to the next step.
- j) Remove the tube strip from the 10x Magnetic Separator and add **45.5 µl** Buffer EB. Pipette mix 15 times.
- k) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **2 min**.
- l) Place the tube strip in a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.
- m) Transfer **45 µl** of sample to a new tube strip.
- n) Store the samples at **4°C** in a tube strip for up to **72 h** or at **-20°C** for up to a **week**, or proceed directly to Post cDNA Amplification QC & Quantification.



STOP

4.3. Post cDNA Amplification Reaction QC & Quantification

- a) Run 1 μ l of undiluted sample on the Agilent Bioanalyzer High Sensitivity chip for qualitative analysis. Traces should resemble the overall shape of the electropherograms shown below for PBMCs.

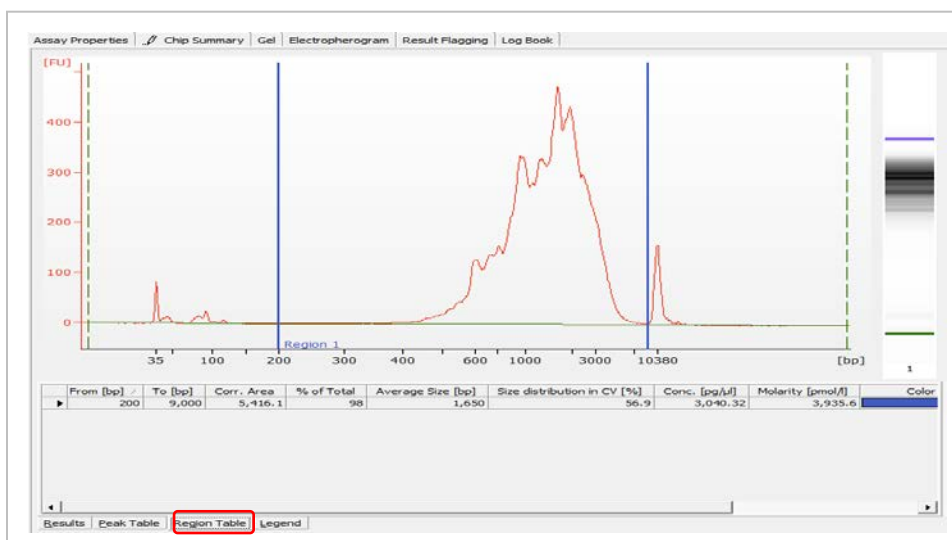


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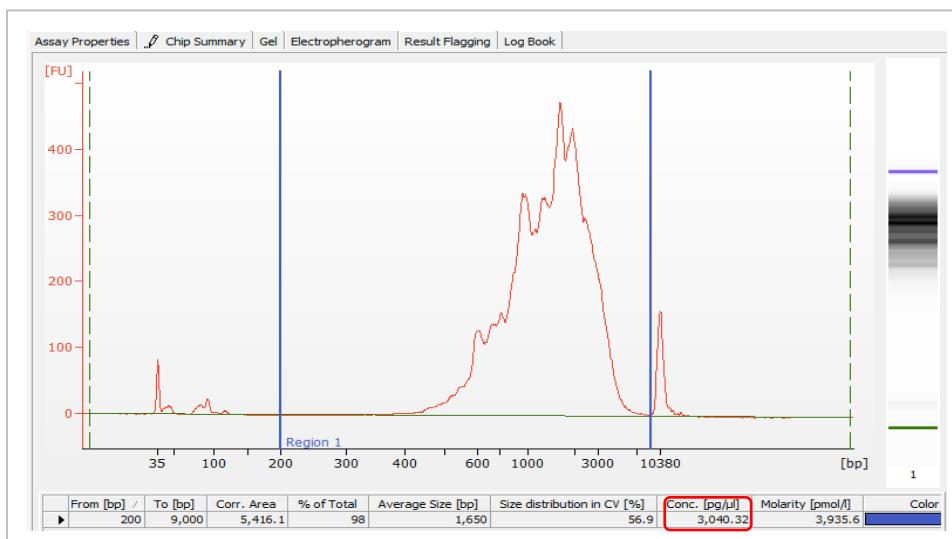
For samples of particularly RNA-rich cells, dilution may be required in Nuclease-Free Water. Lower molecular weight product (35 – 150 bp) may be present. This is normal and does not affect sequencing or application performance.

See *Practical Tips & Troubleshooting* (Chapter 9) for more information on using the Agilent TapeStation for cDNA quantification.

- b) To determine the cDNA yield per sample, under the “Electropherogram” view choose the “Region Table” tab on the Agilent 2100 Expert Software.
- c) Manually select the region encompassing ~200 – ~9000 bp.



- d) Divide the cDNA concentration [pg/μl] reported via the Agilent 2100 Expert Software by 1000 (taking any dilution factors into account) to obtain the cDNA concentration in ng/μl.



CRITICAL!

Do not exceed 50 ng cDNA Amplification Product (optimal 2 – 50 ng) in 20 μl carry forward volume when proceeding to Chapter 6 for 5' Gene Expression Library Construction.

If proceeding to Chapter 5 for Target Enrichment from Amplified cDNA, carry forward 2 μl cDNA Amplification Product.

NOTE

Depending on cDNA Amplification Product concentration, the 20 μl carry forward volume into 5' Gene Expression Library Construction may consist of diluted or undiluted cDNA Amplification Product. See example calculation below for determining cDNA Amplification Product concentration and constituting the 20 μl carry forward volume.

- To determine the volume corresponding to 50 ng cDNA Amplification Product (optimal 2 – 50 ng) to carry forward into 5' Gene Expression Library Construction, divide 50 ng by the cDNA concentration calculated in step d.
- To prepare the sample for 5' Gene Expression Library Construction, if the volume required for 50 ng cDNA Amplification Product calculated in step e is less than 20 μl, adjust the total volume of each sample to 20 μl with Nuclease-Free Water.
- If less than 50 ng cDNA Amplification Product is generated, carry forward only 20 μl into 5' Gene Expression Library Construction. Proceed to Chapter 6 for 5' Gene Expression Library Construction.

Example Calculation of cDNA Concentration:

Agilent 2100 Expert Concentration: 3040.32 [pg/μl]

Dilution Factor used to run the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer: 1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total cDNA Concentration} &= \frac{\text{Conc'n } \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\mu\text{l}} \right) \times \text{Dilution Factor}}{1000 \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\text{ng}} \right)} \\ &= \frac{3040.32 \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\mu\text{l}} \right) \times 1}{1000 \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\text{ng}} \right)} \\ &= 3.0 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{l} \end{aligned}$$

Example Calculation to Generate Sample for Library Construction:

$$\begin{aligned} 50 \text{ ng cDNA Amp Product} &= \frac{50 \text{ (ng)}}{3.0 \left(\frac{\text{ng}}{\mu\text{l}} \right)} \\ &= 16.7 \mu\text{l} \end{aligned}$$

Library Construction Sample = 16.7 μl cDNA Amplification Product + 3.3 μl
Nuclease-Free Water = 20 μl total

Refer to step 6.4 for the appropriate number of Sample Index PCR cycles for the actual mass carried forward into library construction.

Calculation of cDNA Concentration Using a Qubit® 3.0 Fluorometer:

cDNA concentration [ng/μl] may also be calculated using the Qubit Fluorometer and Qubit dsDNA HS Assay Kit.

Chapter 5

Target Enrichment from Amplified cDNA

Enrich TCR or Ig cDNA for library construction

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5. Target Enrichment from Amplified cDNA

Tips

Best Practices – Reagents

Ensure that the reagents are fully thawed and thoroughly mixed before use. Keep all enzyme components and Master Mixes on ice during setup and promptly move back to the recommended storage temperature when possible. During the bead-based Cleanups and Double Sided Size Selections, ensure that the samples are thoroughly mixed with the SPRIselect Reagent to achieve optimal recovery. Always use fresh preparations of 80% Ethanol.

Best Practices – Pipette Calibration & Maintenance

Pipettes are sensitive instruments. In order to maintain pipette accuracy, the manufacturer's calibration and preventative maintenance schedules should be followed. Pipette accuracy is particularly important in SPRIselect Cleanups and Double Sided Size Selections.

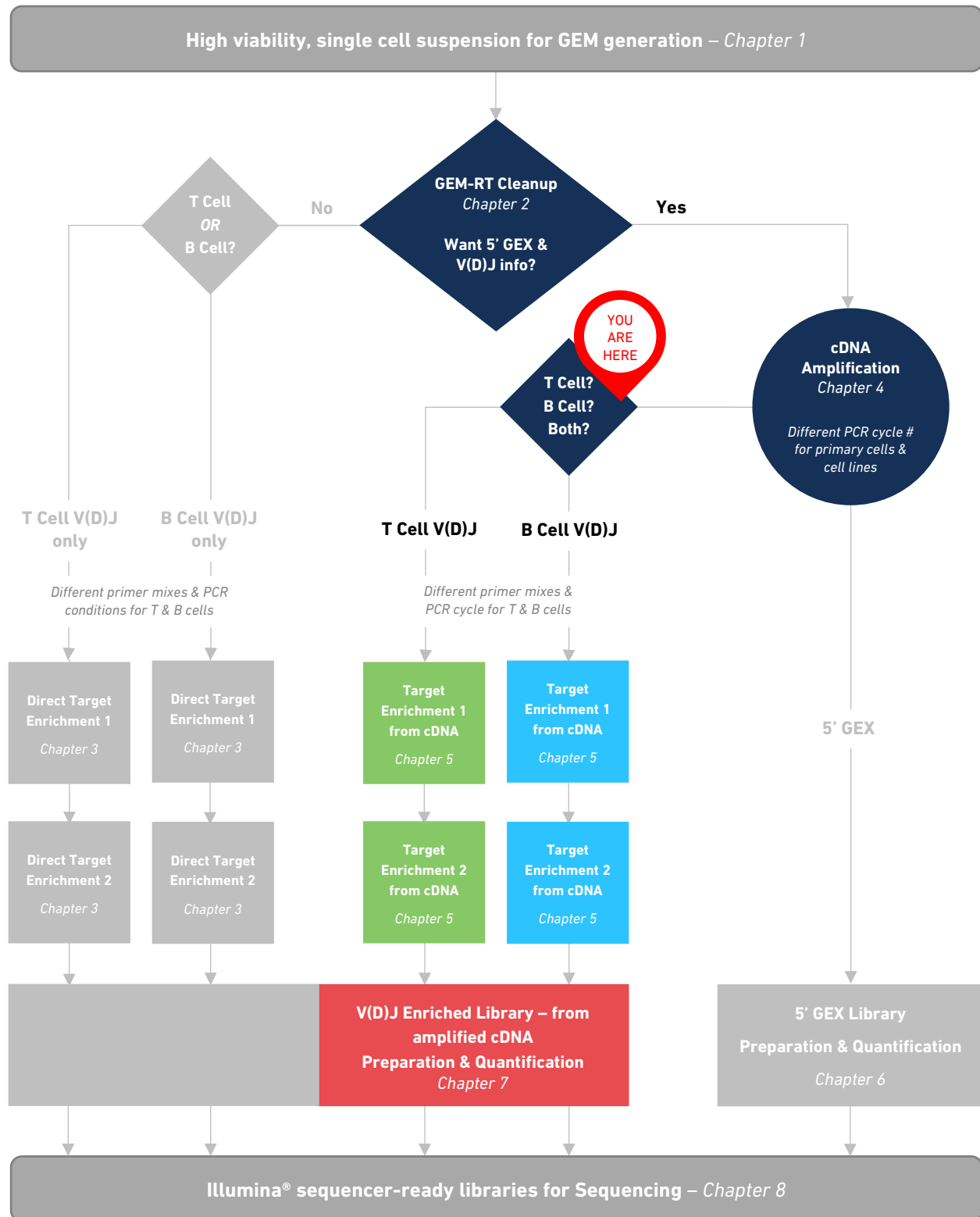
Best Practices – SPRIselect Cleanups & Double Sided Size Selections

After aspirating the desired volume of SPRIselect Reagent, examine the pipette tip(s) before dispensing to ensure that the correct volume is being transferred. Pipette mix thoroughly as insufficient mixing of sample and SPRIselect Reagent will lead to inconsistent results. Always use fresh preparations of 80% Ethanol. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for more information on calculating SPRIselect Reagent ratios.

Best Practices – Post Target Enrichment from cDNA Reaction QC






Agilent Bioanalyzer analysis is the recommended method for ensuring successful target enrichment before proceeding into library construction. Accurate quantification of enriched cDNA at this step is necessary to determine volume of enrichment product carried into Fragmentation, End Repair & A-tailing.

Navigating the Single Cell V(D)J Protocol Options




Getting Started!

Equilibrate to room temperature before use:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
 cDNA Additive <i>Vortex, centrifuge briefly</i>	220067	-20°C
 Human T Cell Mix 1	2000008	-20°C
 Human T Cell Mix 2	2000009	-20°C
 Human B Cell Mix 1	2000035	-20°C
 Human B Cell Mix 2	2000036	-20°C
<div>Choose B Cell or T Cell enrichment primers based on desired enrichment products</div>		
Beckman Coulter SPRIselect Reagent	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
Agilent Bioanalyzer High Sensitivity Kit <i>If used for QC and quantification</i>	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
Agilent TapeStation ScreenTape and Reagents <i>If used for QC and quantification</i>	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
Qubit® dsDNA HS Assay Kit <i>If used for quantification</i>	-	Manufacturer's recommendation

Place on ice:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
 Amplification Master Mix <i>Maintain on ice, centrifuge briefly before adding to Master Mix</i>	220125	-20°C

Obtain:





Item	Part Number	Storage Location
Qiagen Buffer EB	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
10x™ Magnetic Separator	230003	Ambient temperature

Prepare 80% Ethanol (15 ml for 8 samples)

Target Enrichment from Amplified cDNA

5.1. Target Enrichment 1 from Amplified cDNA Reaction

- Transfer **2 µl** purified cDNA Amplification Product from step 4.2 into each well of an PCR 8-tube strip on a chilled metal block resting on ice. Adjust the total volume of each sample to **35 µl** with Nuclease-Free Water.
- Prepare Target Enrichment 1 from Amplified cDNA Reaction Mix on ice. Add reagents in the order shown below. Vortex mix and centrifuge briefly. **Do not add cDNA Amplification Product at this point.**

Target Enrichment 1 from Amp cDNA Reaction Mix	PN	1 rxn (µl)	4 rxns + 10% xs (µl)	8 rxns + 10% xs (µl)
Nuclease-Free Water	-	5	22	44
 Amplification Master Mix	220125	50	220	440
 cDNA Additive	220067	5	22	44
 Human T Cell Mix 1 or	2000008 or	5	22	44
 Human B Cell Mix 1	2000035			
Total	-	65	286	572

- Add **65 µl** Target Enrichment 1 from Amplified cDNA Reaction Mix to each tube containing **35 µl** volume-adjusted cDNA Amplification Product from step a.
- Pipette mix 5 times (pipette setting 90 µl) and centrifuge briefly.
- Cap and load the tube strip into a thermal cycler that can accommodate at least 100 µl reaction volume and proceed with the following incubation protocol.

CRITICAL!

Step 3: T cells and B cells are incubated at the same temperature.

Step 5: T cells and B cells require different cycle numbers.

Lid Temperature	Reaction Volume	Run Time
105°C	100 µl	~20 - 30 min
Step	Temperature	Time
1	98°C	0:45
2	98°C	0:20
3	67°C	0:30
4	72°C	1:00
5	T Cell: Go to Step 2, 9x (for 10 cycles in total) B Cell: Go to Step 2, 5x (for 6 cycles in total)	
6	72°C	1:00
7	4°C	Hold

STOP

- Store Target Enrichment 1 from Amplified cDNA Product at **4°C** for up to **72 h**, or proceed directly to Post Target Enrichment 1 from Amplified cDNA Reaction Cleanup.

5.2. Post Target Enrichment 1 from Amplified cDNA Reaction Cleanup – SPRIselect

NOTE

See *Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9)* for more information on calculating SPRIselect Reagent ratios.





- a) Vortex the SPRIselect Reagent until fully resuspended. Add **80 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.8X**) to each sample in the tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 150 µl).
- b) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **5 min**.
- c) Place the tube strip in a 10x™ Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.
- d) Carefully remove and discard the supernatant.
- e) Add **200 µl** 80% ethanol to the pellet and stand for **30 sec**.
- f) Carefully remove and discard the ethanol wash.
- g) **Repeat** steps e and f for a total of 2 washes.
- h) Centrifuge the tube strip briefly and return it to a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position.
- i) After centrifugation, remove and discard any remaining ethanol. If ethanol droplets are still visible, allow the samples to air dry for **1 min** before proceeding to the next step.
- j) Remove the tube strip from the 10x Magnetic Separator and add **35.5 µl** Buffer EB. Pipette mix 15 times.
- k) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **2 min**.
- l) Place the tube strip in a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position until the solution is clear.
- m) Transfer **35 µl** of sample to a new tube strip.
- n) Store the samples at **4°C** in a tube strip for up to **72 h** or at **-20°C** for up to a **week**, or proceed directly to Target Enrichment 2 from Amplified cDNA Reaction.



Repeat

5.3. Target Enrichment 2 from Amplified cDNA Reaction

- a) Prepare Target Enrichment 2 from Amplified cDNA Reaction Mix on ice. Add reagents in the order shown below. Vortex mix and centrifuge briefly. **Do not add Target Enrichment 1 from Amplified cDNA Product at this point.**

Target Enrichment 2 from Amp cDNA Reaction Mix	PN	1 rxn (µl)	4 rxns + 10% xs (µl)	8 rxns + 10% xs (µl)
Nuclease-Free Water	-	5	22	44
 Amplification Master Mix	220125	50	220	440
 cDNA Additive	220067	5	22	44
 Human T Cell Mix 2 or	2000009 or	5	22	44
 Human B Cell Mix 2	2000036			
Total	-	65	286	572

- b) Add **65 µl** Target Enrichment 2 from Amplified cDNA Reaction Mix to each tube containing **35 µl** Target Enrichment 1 from Amplified cDNA Product.
- c) Pipette mix 5 times (pipette setting 90 µl) and centrifuge briefly.
- d) Cap and load the tube strip into a thermal cycler that can accommodate at least 100 µl reaction volume and proceed with the following incubation protocol.

CRITICAL!

Step 3: T cells and B cells are incubated at the same temperature.

Step 5: T cells and B cells require different cycle numbers.

Lid Temperature	Reaction Volume	Run Time
105°C	100 µl	~25-30 min
Step	Temperature	Time
1	98°C	0:45
2	98°C	0:20
3	67°C	0:30
4	72°C	1:00
5	T Cell: Go to Step 2, 9x (for 10 cycles in total) B Cell: Go to Step 2, 7x (for 8 cycles in total)	
6	72°C	1:00
7	4°C	Hold

STOP

- e) Store Target Enrichment 2 from Amplified cDNA Product at **4°C** for up to **72 h**, or proceed directly to Post Target Enrichment 2 from Amplified cDNA Reaction Double Sided Size Selection – SPRIselect.

5.4. Post Target Enrichment 2 from Amplified cDNA Reaction

Double Sided Size Selection – SPRIselect

NOTE

After aspirating the desired volume of SPRIselect Reagent, examine the pipette tip(s) before dispensing to ensure that the correct volume is being transferred. Pipette mix thoroughly as insufficient mixing of sample and SPRIselect Reagent will lead to inconsistent size selection results. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for more information on calculating SPRIselect Reagent ratios.

- a) Vortex the SPRIselect Reagent until fully resuspended. Add **50 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.5X**) to each sample in the Target Enrichment 2 from Amplified cDNA Product tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 145 µl).
- b) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **5 min**.
- c) Place the tube strip in a 10x™ Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.

CRITICAL!

DO NOT discard supernatant.

- d) Transfer **145 µl** supernatant to a new tube strip and discard the previous tube strip.
- e) Add **30 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.8X**) to each sample in the tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 150 µl).
- f) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **5 min**.
- g) Place the tube strip in a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.
- h) Carefully remove and discard **170 µl** supernatant.

Due to the low volume of the SPRIselect Reagent used in this step it is crucial to not discard any of the beads with the supernatant. To ensure that beads are not discarded, 5 µl of supernatant is left in each well of the tube strip. This will not impact the effectiveness of the size selection.

NOTE

- i) With the tube strip still in a 10x Magnetic Separator, add **200 µl** 80% ethanol to the pellet and stand for **30 sec**.
- j) Carefully remove and discard the ethanol wash.

Repeat

- k) **Repeat** steps i and j for a total of two washes.
- l) Briefly centrifuge the tube strip and return it to the 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position. Carefully remove and discard the remaining ethanol wash.

NOTE

Due to the low volume of SPRIselect Reagent used in this size selection it is crucial not to over-dry the beads. Proceed directly into resuspension with Buffer EB without waiting for the beads to dry to ensure maximum elution efficiency.

- m) Remove the tube strip from the 10x Magnetic Separator and add **45.5 µl** Buffer EB. Pipette mix 15 times.
- n) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **2 min**.
- o) Place the tube strip in a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position until the solution is clear.



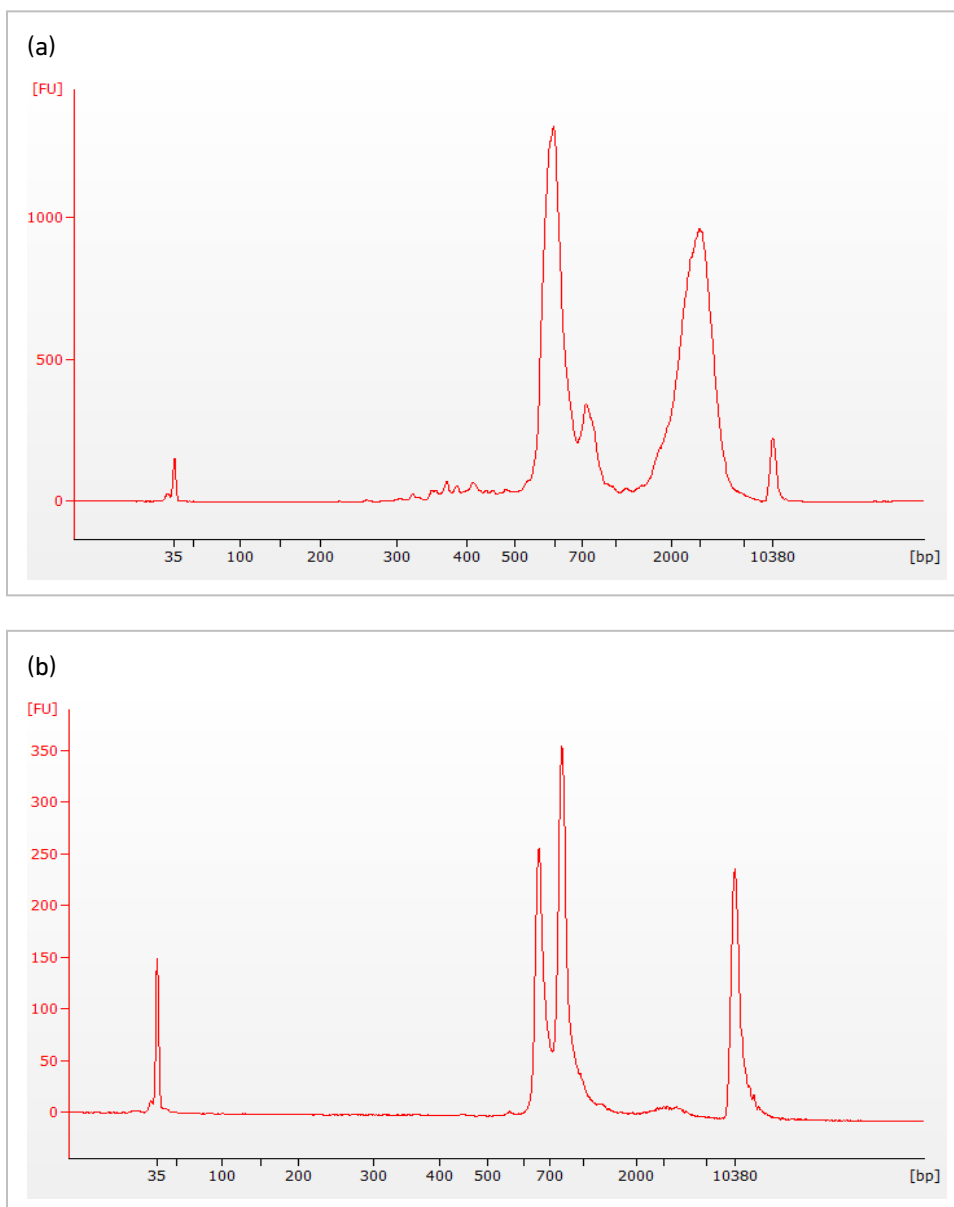
- p) Transfer **45 µl** of sample to a new tube strip and cap the sample wells.
- q) Store the samples at **4°C** in a tube strip for up to **72 h** or at **-20°C** for up to 1 week, or proceed directly to Post Target Enrichment from Amplified cDNA Reaction QC & Quantification.

5.5. Post Target Enrichment from Amplified cDNA Reaction QC & Quantification

- a) Run **1 μ l** purified Target Enrichment 2 from Amplified cDNA Product at 1:5 dilution ratio on the Agilent Bioanalyzer High Sensitivity chip for QC and quantification. Traces should resemble the overall shape of the sample electropherogram shown below for PBMCs enriched for (a) TCR or (b) Ig transcripts.

NOTE

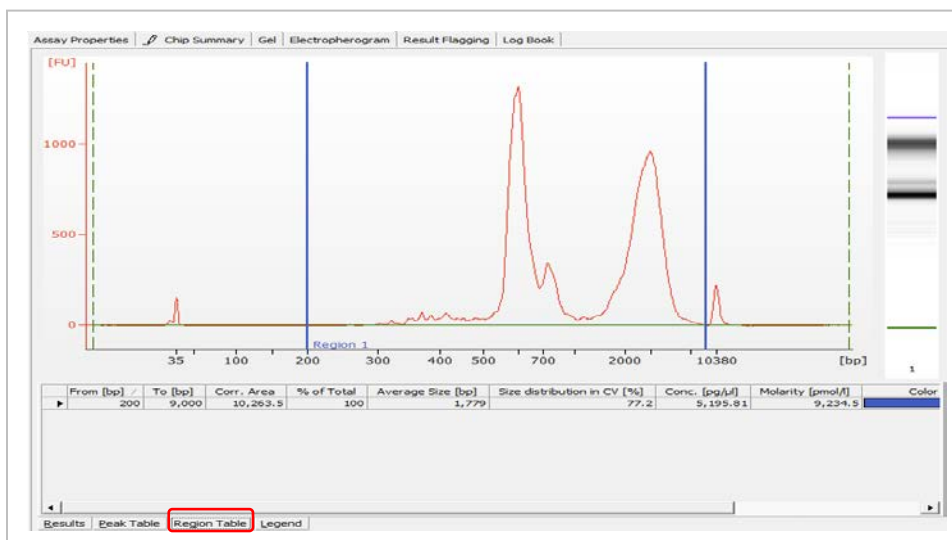
1:5 dilution ratio is typically sufficient to avoid overloading the High Sensitivity chip. For samples of particularly RNA-rich cells, additional dilution may be required. The number of distinct peaks between 500 and 1000 bp may vary depending on cell type.



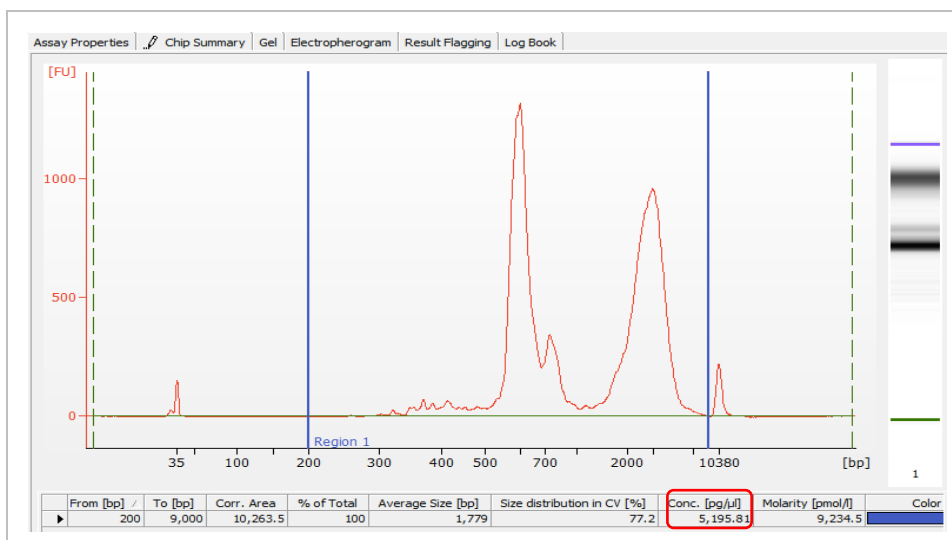
NOTE

Higher molecular weight product (2000 – 9000 bp) may be present. This is normal and does not affect sequencing or application performance. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for more information on using the Agilent TapeStation for Enrichment Product quantification.

- b) To determine the product yield per sample, under the “Electropherogram” view choose the “Region Table” tab on the Agilent 2100 Expert Software.
- c) Manually select the region encompassing ~200 – ~9000 bp.



- d) Divide the product concentration [pg/μl] reported via the Agilent 2100 Expert Software by 1000 (taking any dilution factors into account) to obtain the Enrichment Product concentration in ng/μl.

**CRITICAL!**

Do not exceed 50 ng Enrichment Product (optimal 2 – 50 ng) in 20 μl carry forward volume when proceeding to Enriched Library Construction.

NOTE

Depending on Enrichment Product concentration, the 20 µl carry forward volume into Enriched Library Construction may consist of diluted or undiluted Enrichment Product. See example calculation below for determining Enrichment Product concentration and constituting the 20 µl carry forward volume.

- e) To determine the volume corresponding to 50 ng Enrichment Product (optimal 2 – 50 ng) to carry forward into Enriched Library Construction, divide 50 ng by the concentration calculated in step d.
- f) To prepare the sample for Enriched Library Construction, if the volume required for 50 ng Enrichment Product calculated in step e is less than 20 µl, adjust the total volume of each sample to 20 µl with Nuclease-Free Water.
- g) If less than 50 ng Enrichment Product is generated, carry forward only 20 µl into library construction. Proceed to Chapter 7 for Enriched Library Construction.

Example Calculation of Enrichment Product Concentration:

Agilent 2100 Expert Concentration: 5195.81 [pg/µl]

Dilution Factor used to run the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer: 5

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Enrichment Product Conc'n} &= \frac{\text{Conc'n} \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\mu\text{l}} \right) \times \text{Dilution Factor}}{1000 \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\text{ng}} \right)} \\
 &= \frac{5195.81 \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\mu\text{l}} \right) \times 5}{1000 \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\text{ng}} \right)} \\
 &= 26.0 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{l}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example Calculation to Generate Sample for Library Construction:

$$\begin{aligned}
 50 \text{ ng Enrichment Product} &= \frac{50 \text{ (ng)}}{26.0 \left(\frac{\text{ng}}{\mu\text{l}} \right)} \\
 &= 1.9 \mu\text{l}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Library Construction Sample} &= 1.9 \mu\text{l Enrichment Product} + 18.1 \mu\text{l} \\
 &\text{Nuclease-Free Water} = 20 \mu\text{l total}
 \end{aligned}$$

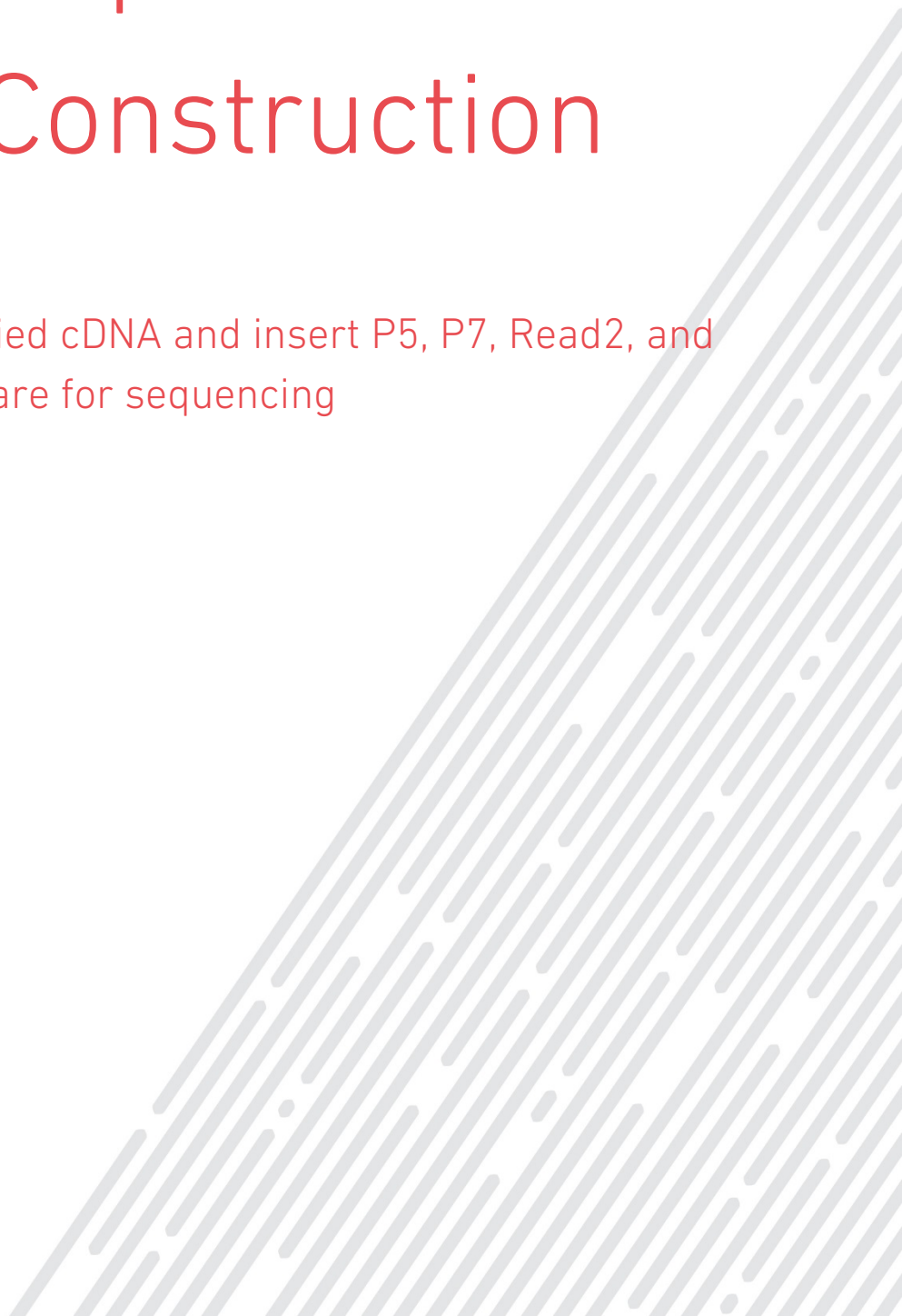
Determine Enrichment Product Concentration Using a Qubit® 3.0 Fluorometer:

Enrichment Product concentration may also be measured using the Qubit Fluorometer and Qubit dsDNA HS Assay Kit.

Chapter 6

5' Gene Expression Library Construction

Take fragment amplified cDNA and insert P5, P7, Read2, and Sample Index to prepare for sequencing



6. 5' Gene Expression Library Construction

Tips

General

The final Single Cell 5' Gene Expression Libraries contain the P5 and P7 primers used in Illumina® bridge amplification PCR. The 10x™ Barcode and Read 1 (primer site for sequencing read 1) is added to the molecules during the GEM-RT incubation. The P5 primer, Read 2 (primer site for sequencing read 2), Sample Index and P7 primer will be added during library construction. The Protocol recommends library construction from 2 – 50 ng of amplified cDNA.

Best Practices – Reagents

Ensure that the reagents are fully thawed and thoroughly mixed before use. Keep all enzyme components and Master Mixes on ice during setup and promptly move back to the recommended storage temperature when possible.

Best Practices – Enzymatic Fragmentation

Ensure that Enzymatic Fragmentation reactions are prepared on a chilled metal block resting on ice and then loaded into a thermal cycler pre-cooled to 4°C prior to initiating the Fragmentation / End Repair and A-tailing incubation steps.

Best Practices – Pipette Calibration & Maintenance

Pipettes are sensitive instruments. In order to maintain pipette accuracy, the manufacturer's calibration and preventative maintenance schedules should be followed. Pipette accuracy is particularly important in SPRIselect Double Sided Size Selections and Cleanups.

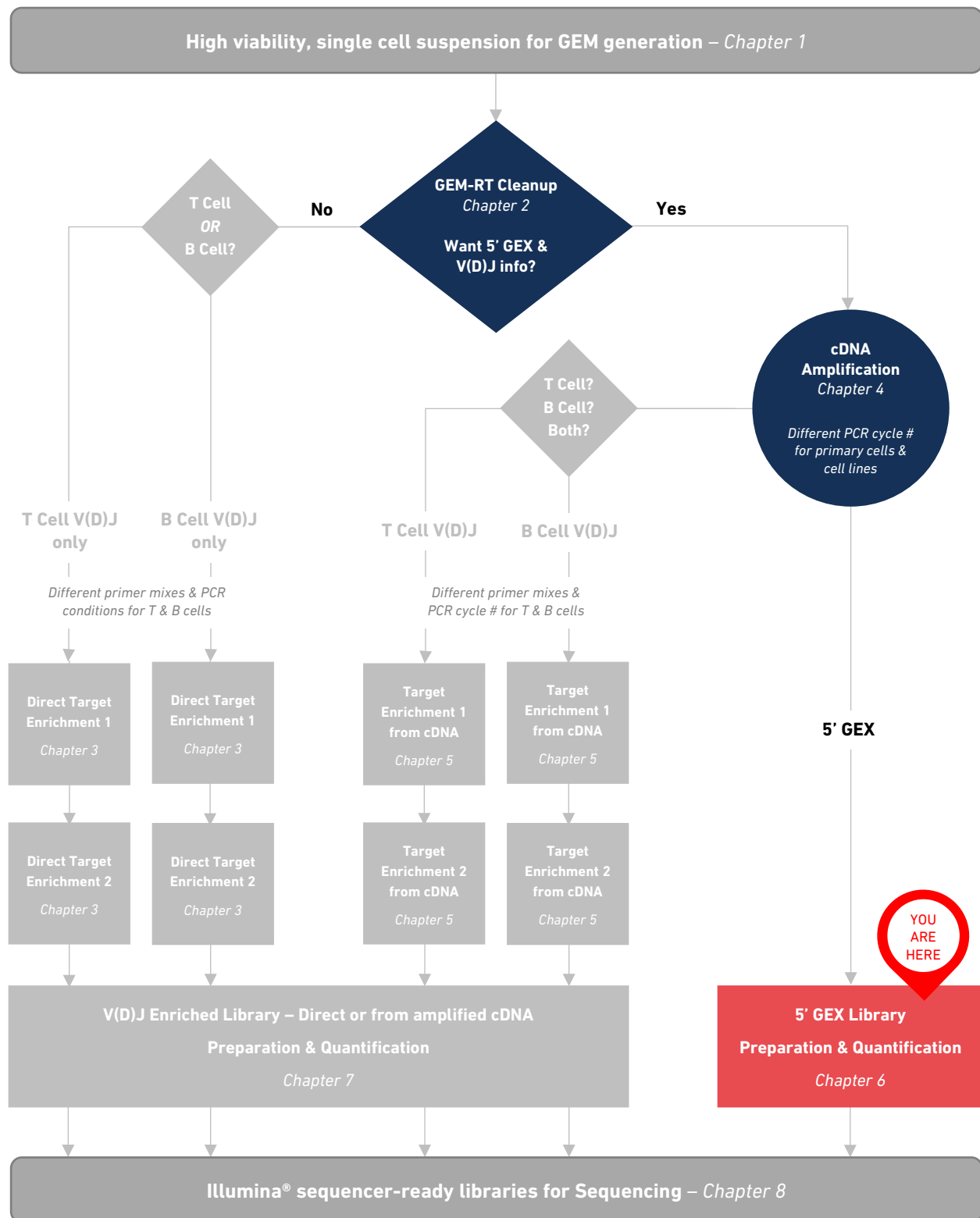
Best Practices – SPRIselect Cleanups & Double Sided Size Selections

After aspirating the desired volume of SPRIselect Reagent, examine the pipette tip(s) before dispensing to ensure that the correct volume is being transferred. Pipette mix thoroughly as insufficient mixing of sample and SPRIselect Reagent will lead to inconsistent results. Always use fresh preparations of 80% Ethanol. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for more information on calculating SPRIselect Reagent ratios.

Best Practices – Sample Index PCR





Choose the appropriate sample index sets to ensure that no sample indices overlap in a multiplexed sequencing run. Each sample index set is base-balanced to avoid monochromatic signal issues when it is the sole sample loaded on an Illumina sequencer. The sample index sets can therefore be used in any combination.

Navigating the Single Cell V(D)J Protocol Options



Getting Started!




Equilibrate to room temperature before use:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
 Fragmentation Buffer <i>Vortex, verify no precipitate, centrifuge briefly</i>	220108	-20°C
 Ligation Buffer <i>Vortex, verify no precipitate, centrifuge briefly</i>	220109	-20°C
 Adaptor Mix	220026	-20°C
 SI-PCR Primer	220111	-20°C
Chromium™ i7 Sample Index Plate	220103	-20°C
Beckman Coulter SPRIselect Reagent	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
Agilent Bioanalyzer High Sensitivity Kit <i>If used for QC</i>	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
Agilent TapeStation ScreenTape and Reagents <i>If used for QC</i>	-	Manufacturer's recommendation

Obtain:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
Qiagen Buffer EB	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
10x™ Magnetic Separator	230003	Ambient Temperature

Place on ice:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
 Fragmentation Enzyme Blend	220107 or 220130	-20°C
 DNA Ligase	220110 or 220131	-20°C
 Amplification master Mix <i>Maintain on ice, centrifuge briefly before adding to Master Mix</i>	220125	-20°C
Chilled Metal Block	-	-
Kapa DNA Quantification Kit for Illumina® Platforms	-	Manufacturer's recommendation

Prepare 80% Ethanol (15 ml for 8 samples)

5' Gene Expression Library Construction

6.1. Fragmentation, End Repair & A-tailing

CRITICAL!

It is critical to ensure Enzymatic Fragmentation reactions are prepared on a chilled metal block resting on ice and are inserted into a pre-cooled (4°C) thermal cycler.

- a) From Step 4.3, determine the volume required for **50 ng** cDNA Amplification Product (optimal 2 – 50 ng). Dispense the appropriate volume for 50 ng into each well of a PCR 8-tube strip on a chilled metal block resting on ice. If the volume required for 50 ng is less than 20 µl, adjust the total volume of each sample to 20 µl with Nuclease-Free Water.



NOTE

If the volume for 50 ng cDNA Amplification Product exceeds 20 µl, carry only 20 µl into library construction.

- b) Prepare a thermal cycler with the following incubation protocol and initiate the **4°C** pre-cool block step prior to assembling the Fragmentation Mix.

Lid Temperature	Reaction Volume	Run Time
65°C	50 µl	~35 min
Step	Temperature	Time
Pre-cool block	4°C	Hold
Fragmentation	32°C	5:00
End Repair & A-tailing	65°C	30:00
Hold	4°C	Hold

- c) Vortex the Fragmentation Buffer. Verify there is no precipitate before proceeding.
- d) Prepare the Fragmentation Mix on ice. Add the reagents in the order shown below. Mix thoroughly and centrifuge briefly.

Fragmentation Mix	PN	1 rxn (µl)	4 rxns + 10% xs (µl)	8 rxns + 10% xs (µl)
Nuclease-free water	-	15	66	132
 Fragmentation Buffer	220108	5	22	44
 Fragmentation Enzyme Blend	220107 or 220130	10	44	88
Total	-	30	132	264

- e) Dispense **30 µl** Fragmentation Mix into each into tube containing **20 µl** cDNA Amplification Product.
- f) Pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 30 µl) on ice and centrifuge briefly before returning the tube strip to a chilled metal block resting on ice.

- g) Transfer the chilled tube strip into the pre-cooled thermal cycler (**4°C**) and press “SKIP” to initiate the Fragmentation protocol.
- h) After the Fragmentation protocol is complete, proceed directly to step 6.2.

6.2. Post Fragmentation, End Repair & A-tailing Double Sided Size Selection – SPRIselect

NOTE

After aspirating the desired volume of SPRIselect Reagent, examine the pipette tip(s) before dispensing to ensure that the correct volume is being transferred. Pipette mix thoroughly as insufficient mixing of sample and SPRIselect Reagent will lead to inconsistent size selection results. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for more information on calculating SPRIselect Reagent ratios.

- a) Vortex the SPRIselect Reagent until fully resuspended. Add **30 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.6X**) to each sample in the tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 75 µl).
- b) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **5 min**.
- c) Place the tube strip in a 10x™ Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.

CRITICAL!

DO NOT discard supernatant.

- d) Transfer **75 µl** supernatant to a new tube strip and discard the previous tube strip.
- e) Add **10 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.8X**) to each sample in the tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 75 µl).
- f) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **5 min**.
- g) Place the tube strip in a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.
- h) Carefully remove and discard **80 µl** supernatant.

NOTE

Due to the low volume of the SPRIselect Reagent used in this step it is crucial to not discard any of the beads with the supernatant. To ensure that beads are not discarded, 5 µl of supernatant is left in each well of the tube strip. This will not impact the effectiveness of the size selection.

- i) With the tube strip still in a 10x Magnetic Separator, add **125 µl** 80% ethanol to the pellet and stand for **30 sec**.
- j) Carefully remove and discard the ethanol wash.

Repeat

- k) **Repeat** steps i and j for a total of two washes.
- l) Briefly centrifuge the tube strip and return it to the 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position. Carefully remove and discard the remaining ethanol wash.




NOTE

Due to the low volume of SPRIselect Reagent used in this size selection it is crucial not to over-dry the beads. Proceed directly into resuspension with Buffer EB without waiting for the beads to dry to ensure maximum elution efficiency.

- m) Remove the tube strip from the 10x Magnetic Separator and add **50.5 µl** Buffer EB. Pipette mix 15 times.
- n) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **2 min**.
- o) Place the tube strip in a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.
- p) Transfer **50 µl** of sample to a new tube strip and cap the sample wells.

6.3. Adaptor Ligation

- a) Prepare Adaptor Ligation Mix by adding the reagents in the order shown below. Mix thoroughly and centrifuge briefly.

Adaptor Ligation Mix	PN	1 rxn (µl)	4 rxns + 10% xs (µl)	8 rxns + 10% xs (µl)
Nuclease-Free Water	-	17.5	77	154
 Ligation Buffer	220109	20	88	176
 DNA Ligase	220110 or 220131	10	44	88
 Adaptor Mix	220026	2.5	11	22
Total	-	50	220	440

- b) Add **50 µl** Adaptor Ligation Mix to each tube containing **50 µl** sample from the Post-Fragmentation, End Repair and A-tailing Size Selection. Pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 90 µl) and centrifuge briefly.
- c) Incubate in a thermal cycler with the following protocol.

Lid Temperature	Reaction Volume	Run Time
30°C	100 µl	15 min
Step	Temperature	Time
1	20°C	15:00

- d) Proceed immediately to the next step.

6.4. Post Ligation Cleanup – SPRIselect

NOTE

See *Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9)* for more information on calculating SPRIselect Reagent ratios.

- a) Vortex the SPRIselect Reagent until fully resuspended. Add **80 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.8X**) to each sample in the tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 150 µl).
- b) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for 5 min.
- c) Place the tube strip in a 10x™ Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.
- d) Carefully remove and discard the supernatant.
- e) Add **200 µl** 80% ethanol to the pellet and stand for **30 sec**.
- f) Carefully remove and discard the ethanol wash.
- g) **Repeat** steps e and f for a total of 2 washes.
- h) Centrifuge the tube strip briefly and return it to a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position.
- i) Remove and discard any remaining ethanol and allow the samples to air dry for **2 min**. Do not exceed 2 min as this will lead to decreased elution efficiency.
- j) Remove the tube strip from the 10x Magnetic Separator and add **30.5 µl** Buffer EB. Pipette mix 15 times.
- k) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **2 min**.
- l) Place the tube strip in a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position until the solution is clear.
- m) Transfer **30 µl** of sample to a new tube strip.

Repeat

6.5. Sample Index PCR



NOTE

Choose the appropriate sample index sets to ensure that no sample indices overlap in a multiplexed sequencing run.

CRITICAL!

Record the 10x™ Sample Index name (PN-220103 Chromium™ i7 Sample Index Plate well ID) used, especially if running more than one sample.

- a) Prepare Sample Index PCR Mix by adding the reagents in the order shown below. Mix thoroughly and centrifuge briefly.

Sample Index PCR Mix	PN	1 rxn (μl)	4 rxns + 10% xs (μl)	8 rxns + 10% xs (μl)
Nuclease-Free Water	-	8	35	70
 Amplification Master Mix	220125	50	220	440
 SI-PCR Primer	220111	2	9	18
Total	-	60	264	528

- b) Add **60 μl** Sample Index PCR Mix to each tube containing **30 μl** purified Post Ligation sample.
- c) Add **10 μl** of an individual Chromium i7 Sample Index to each well and record their assignment. Pipette mix 5 times (pipette set to 90 μl) and centrifuge briefly.
- d) Index the library DNA in a thermal cycler with the following protocol.

Lid Temperature	Reaction Volume	Run Time
105°C	100 μl	~40 min
Step	Temperature	Time
1	98°C	0:45
2	98°C	0:20
3	54°C	0:30
4	72°C	0:20
5	Go to step 2, see table below for # of cycles	
6	72°C	1:00
7	4°C	Hold

The optimal number of cycles for the Sample Index PCR reaction is a trade-off between generating sufficient final mass for sequencing and minimizing PCR amplification artifacts.

NOTE

The following table is a recommended starting point for optimization. If less than 50 ng was carried into step 6.1, refer to the product yield calculation example in step 4.3 to determine the mass input into Library Construction.

Input into Library Construction	Total Sample Index Cycles
1 - 25 ng	16
26 - 50 ng	14



- e) Store the tube strip at **4°C** for up to **72 h** or proceed directly to Post Sample Index PCR Double Sided Size Selection.

6.6. Post Sample Index PCR Double Sided Size Selection – SPRIselect

NOTE

After aspirating the desired volume of SPRIselect Reagent, examine the pipette tip(s) before dispensing to ensure that the correct volume is being transferred. Pipette mix thoroughly as insufficient mixing of sample and SPRIselect Reagent will lead to inconsistent size selection results.

- a) Vortex the SPRIselect Reagent until fully resuspended. Add **60 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.6X**) to each sample in the tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 150 µl).
- b) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **5 min**.
- c) Place the tube strip in a 10x™ Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.

CRITICAL!

DO NOT discard supernatant.

- d) Transfer **150 µl** supernatant to a new tube strip and discard the previous tube strip.
- e) Add **20 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.8X**) to each sample in the tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 150 µl).
- f) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **5 min**.
- g) Place the tube strip in a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.
- h) Carefully remove and discard **165 µl** supernatant.

NOTE

Due to the low volume of the SPRIselect Reagent used in this step it is crucial to not discard any of the beads with the supernatant. To ensure that beads are not discarded, 5 µl of supernatant is left in each well of the tube strip. This will not impact the effectiveness of the size selection.

- i) With the tube strip still in a 10x Magnetic Separator, add **200 µl** 80% ethanol to the pellet and stand for **30 sec**.
- j) Carefully remove and discard the ethanol wash.
- k) **Repeat** steps i and j for a total of two washes.

Repeat

- l) Briefly centrifuge the tube strip and return it to the 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position. Carefully remove and discard the remaining ethanol wash.

NOTE

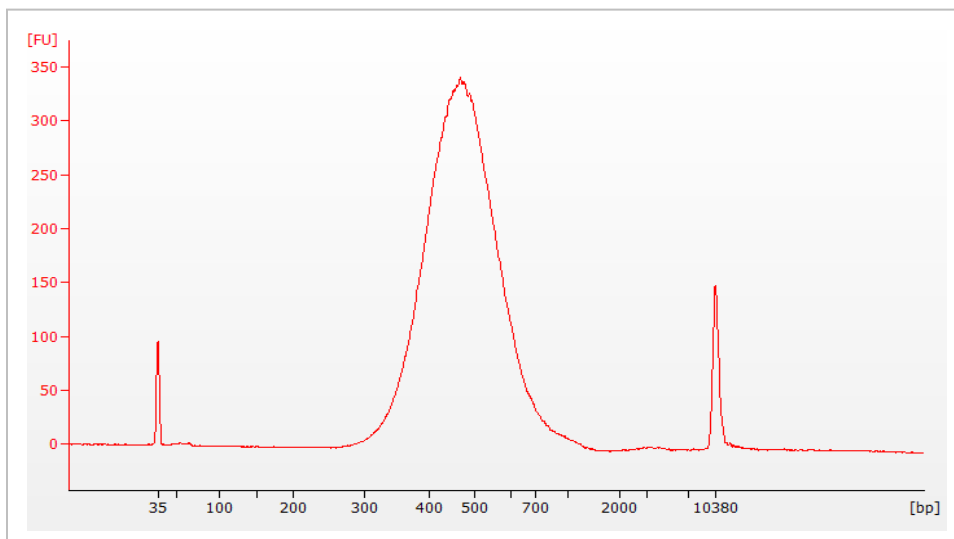
Due to the low volume of SPRIselect Reagent used in this size selection it is crucial not to over-dry the beads. Proceed directly into resuspension with Buffer EB without waiting for the beads to dry to ensure maximum elution efficiency.

- m) Remove the tube strip from the 10x Magnetic Separator and add **35.5 µl** Buffer EB. Pipette mix 15 times.
- n) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **2 min**.
- o) Place the tube strip in a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position until the solution is clear.
- p) Transfer **35 µl** of sample to a new tube strip and cap the sample wells.
- q) Store the tube strip at **4°C** for up to **72 h** or at **-20°C** for **long-term** storage.

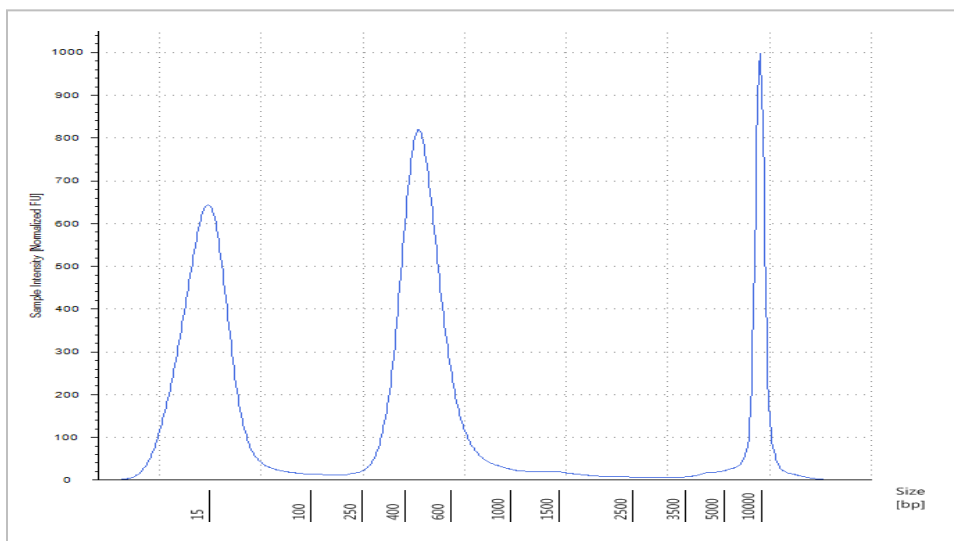
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6.7. Post Library Construction QC

- a) **EITHER** Run 1 μ l of sample at 1:10 dilution on the Agilent Bioanalyzer High Sensitivity chip for qualitative analysis. Traces should resemble the overall shape of the sample electropherogram shown below.



- b) **OR** Run 1 μ l of sample at 1:10 dilution on the Agilent TapeStation High Sensitivity D5000 ScreenTape for qualitative analysis. Traces should resemble the overall shape of the sample electropherogram shown below.



- c) Determine the average fragment size from the Bioanalyzer/TapeStation trace. This value will be used as the insert size for accurate library quantification in qPCR (step 8.1).

Chapter 7

Enriched Library Construction

Take fragment enriched TCR or Ig and insert P7, Read2,
and Sample Index to prepare for sequencing



7. Enriched Library Construction

Tips

General

The final Single Cell V(D)J Libraries contain the P5 and P7 primers used in Illumina® bridge amplification PCR. The 10x™ Barcode and Read 1 (primer site for sequencing read 1) is added to the molecules during the GEM-RT incubation. The P5 primer is added during target enrichment. Read 2 (primer site for sequencing read 2), Sample Index and P7 primer will be added during library construction. The Protocol recommends library construction from 2 – 50 ng of enriched products.

Best Practices – Reagents

Ensure that the reagents are fully thawed and thoroughly mixed before use. Keep all enzyme components and Master Mixes on ice during setup and promptly move back to the recommended storage temperature when possible.

Best Practices – Enzymatic Fragmentation

Ensure that Enzymatic Fragmentation reactions are prepared on a chilled metal block resting on ice and then loaded into a thermal cycler pre-cooled to 4°C prior to initiating the Fragmentation / End Repair and A-tailing incubation steps.

Best Practices – Pipette Calibration & Maintenance

Pipettes are sensitive instruments. In order to maintain pipette accuracy, the manufacturer's calibration and preventative maintenance schedules should be followed. Pipette accuracy is particularly important in SPRIselect Double Sided Size Selections and Cleanups.

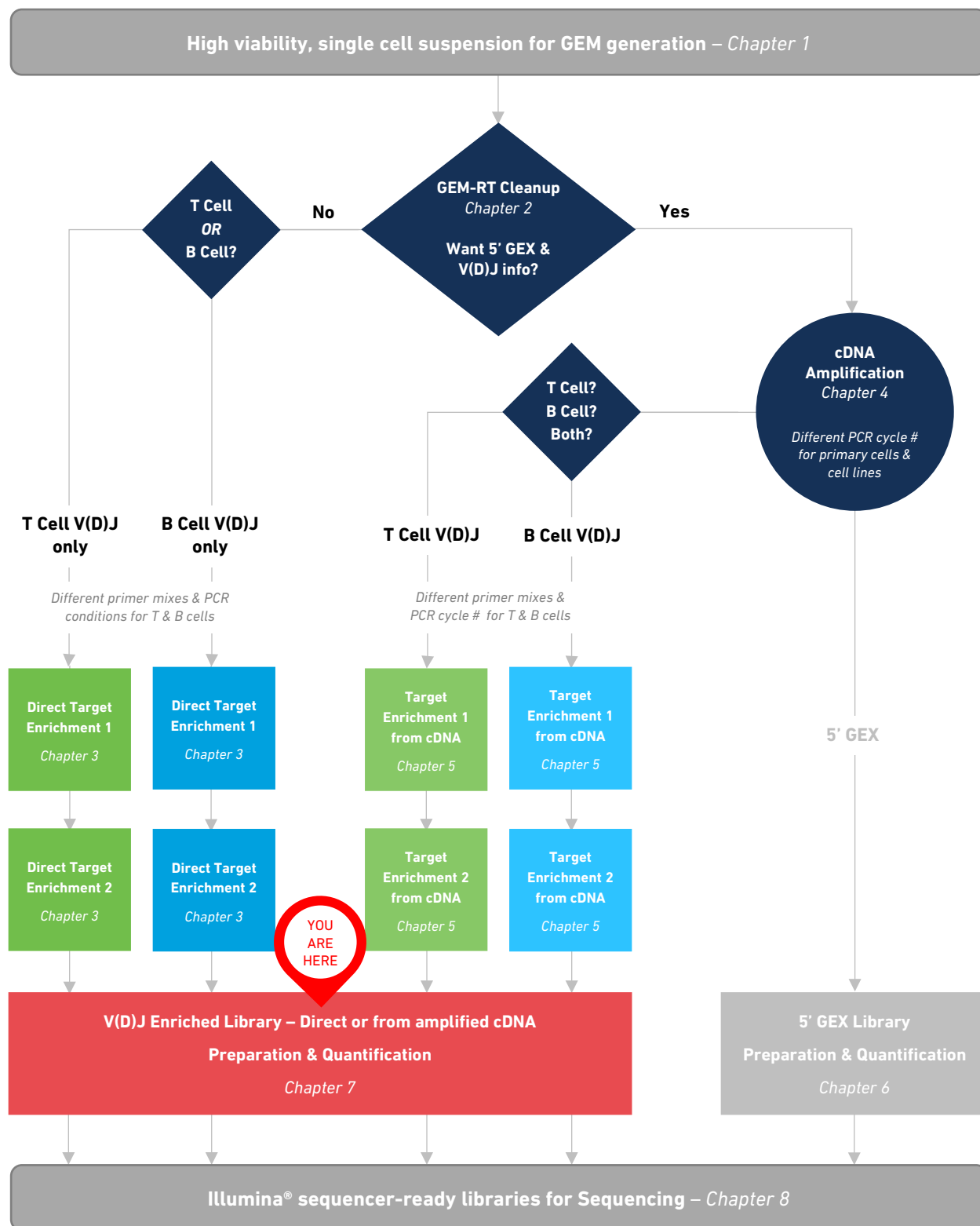
Best Practices – SPRIselect Cleanups & Double Sided Size Selections

After aspirating the desired volume of SPRIselect Reagent, examine the pipette tip(s) before dispensing to ensure that the correct volume is being transferred. Pipette mix thoroughly as insufficient mixing of sample and SPRIselect Reagent will lead to inconsistent results. Always use fresh preparations of 80% Ethanol. See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for more information on calculating SPRIselect Reagent ratios.

Best Practices – Sample Index PCR





Choose the appropriate sample index sets to ensure that no sample indices overlap in a multiplexed sequencing run. Each sample index set is base-balanced to avoid monochromatic signal issues when it is the sole sample loaded on an Illumina sequencer. The sample index sets can therefore be used in any combination.

Navigating the Single Cell V(D)J Protocol Options



Getting Started!




Equilibrate to room temperature before use:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
 Fragmentation Buffer <i>Vortex, verify no precipitate, centrifuge briefly</i>	220108	-20°C
 Ligation Buffer <i>Vortex, verify no precipitate, centrifuge briefly</i>	220109	-20°C
 Adaptor Mix <i>Vortex, centrifuge briefly</i>	220026	-20°C
 SI-PCR Primer <i>Vortex, centrifuge briefly</i>	220111	-20°C
Chromium™ i7 Sample Index Plate	220103	-20°C
Beckman Coulter SPRIselect Reagent	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
Agilent Bioanalyzer High Sensitivity Kit <i>If used for QC</i>	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
Agilent TapeStation ScreenTape and Reagents <i>If used for QC</i>	-	Manufacturer's recommendation

Obtain:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
Qiagen Buffer EB	-	Manufacturer's recommendation
10x™ Magnetic Separator	230003	Ambient temperature

Place on ice:

Item	Part Number	Storage Location
 Fragmentation Enzyme Blend <i>Maintain on ice, centrifuge briefly before adding to Master Mix</i>	220107 or 220130	-20°C
 DNA Ligase <i>Maintain on ice, centrifuge briefly before adding to Master Mix</i>	220110 or 220131	-20°C
 Amplification Master Mix <i>Maintain on ice, centrifuge briefly before adding to Master Mix</i>	220125	-20°C
Chilled Metal Block	-	-
Kapa DNA Quantification Kit for Illumina® Platforms	-	Manufacturer's recommendation

Prepare 80% Ethanol (15 ml for 8 samples)

Enriched Library Construction

7.1. Fragmentation, End Repair & A-tailing

CRITICAL!

It is critical to ensure Enzymatic Fragmentation reactions are prepared on a chilled metal block resting on ice and are inserted into a pre-cooled (4°C) thermal cycler.

- a) From Step 3.5 (Direct Enrichment) or Step 5.5 (Enrichment from cDNA), determine the volume required for **50 ng** purified Enrichment Product (optimal 2 – 50 ng). Dispense the appropriate volume for 50 ng into each well of a PCR 8-tube strip on a chilled metal block resting on ice. If the volume required for 50 ng is less than 20 µl, adjust the total volume of each sample to 20 µl with Nuclease-Free Water.



NOTE

If the volume for 50 ng Product exceeds 20 µl, carry only 20 µl into library construction.

- b) Prepare a thermal cycler with the following incubation protocol and initiate the **4°C** pre-cool block step prior to assembling the Fragmentation Mix.

Lid Temperature	Reaction Volume	Run Time
65°C	50 µl	~35 min
Step		
Step	Temperature	Time
Pre-cool block	4°C	Hold
Fragmentation	32°C	2:00
End Repair & A-tailing	65°C	30:00
Hold	4°C	Hold

- c) Vortex the Fragmentation Buffer. Verify there is no precipitate before proceeding.
- d) Prepare the Fragmentation Mix on ice. Add the reagents in the order shown below. Pipette mix thoroughly and centrifuge briefly.




Fragmentation Mix	PN	1 rxn (µl)	4 rxns + 10% xs (µl)	8 rxns + 10% xs (µl)
Nuclease-free water	-	15	66	132
 Fragmentation Buffer	220108	5	22	44
 Fragmentation Enzyme Blend	220107 or 220130	10	44	88
Total	-	30	132	264

- e) Dispense **30 µl** Fragmentation Mix into each tube containing **20 µl** Target Enrichment 2 Product.
- f) Pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 30 µl) on ice and centrifuge briefly before returning the tube strip to a chilled metal block resting on ice.

- g) Transfer the chilled tube strip into the pre-cooled thermal cycler (**4°C**) and press “SKIP” to initiate the Fragmentation protocol.
- h) After the Fragmentation protocol is complete, proceed directly to step 7.2.

7.2. Adaptor Ligation

- a) Prepare Adaptor Ligation Mix by adding the reagents in the order shown below. Pipette mix thoroughly and centrifuge briefly.

Adaptor Ligation Mix	PN	1 rxn (µl)	4 rxns + 10% xs (µl)	8 rxns + 10% xs (µl)
Nuclease-Free Water	-	17.5	77	154
 Ligation Buffer	220109	20	88	176
 DNA Ligase	220110 or 220131	10	44	88
 Adaptor Mix	220026	2.5	11	22
Total	-	50	220	440

- b) Remove tube strip containing Fragmentation, End-Repair & A-tailing Product from the thermal cycler.
- c) Add **50 µl** Adaptor Ligation Mix to each tube containing **50 µl** sample from the Fragmentation, End Repair and A-tailing Reaction. Pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 90 µl) and centrifuge briefly.
- d) Incubate in a thermal cycler with the following protocol.

Lid Temperature	Reaction Volume	Run Time
30°C	100 µl	15 min
Step	Temperature	Time
1	20°C	15:00

- e) Proceed immediately to the next step.

7.3. Post Ligation Cleanup – SPRIselect

NOTE

See Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9) for more information on calculating SPRIselect Reagent ratios.

- a) Vortex the SPRIselect Reagent until fully resuspended. Add **80 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.8X**) to each sample in the tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 150 µl).
- b) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **5 min**.
- c) Place the tube strip in a 10x™ Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.
- d) Carefully remove and discard the supernatant.
- e) Add **200 µl** 80% ethanol to the pellet and stand for **30 sec**.
- f) Carefully remove and discard the ethanol wash.

Repeat

- g) **Repeat** steps e and f for a total of 2 washes.
- h) Centrifuge the tube strip briefly and return it to a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position.
- i) Remove and discard any remaining ethanol and allow the samples to air dry for **2 min**. Do not exceed 2 min as this will lead to decreased elution efficiency.
- j) Remove the tube strip from the 10x Magnetic Separator and add **30.5 µl** Buffer EB. Pipette mix 15 times.

NOTE

If samples still appear clumpy, continue pipette mixing until the samples are fully resuspended.

- k) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **2 min**.
- l) Place the tube strip in a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position until the solution is clear.
- m) Transfer **30 µl** of sample to a new tube strip.

7.4. Sample Index PCR



NOTE

Choose the appropriate sample index sets to ensure that no sample indices overlap in a multiplexed sequencing run.

CRITICAL!

Record the 10x™ Sample Index name (PN-220103 Chromium™ i7 Sample Index Plate well ID) used, especially if running more than one sample.

- a) Prepare Sample Index PCR Mix by adding the reagents in the order shown below. Pipette mix thoroughly and centrifuge briefly.

Sample Index PCR Mix	PN	1 rxn (μl)	4 rxns + 10% xs (μl)	8 rxns + 10% xs (μl)
Nuclease-Free Water	-	8	35	70
 Amplification Master Mix	220125	50	220	440
 SI-PCR Primer	220111	2	9	18
Total	-	60	264	528

- b) Add **60 μl** Sample Index PCR Mix to each tube containing **30 μl** purified Post Ligation sample.
- c) Add **10 μl** of an individual Chromium i7 Sample Index to each well and record their assignment. Pipette mix 5 times (pipette set to 90 μl) and centrifuge briefly.
- d) Index the library DNA in a thermal cycler with the following protocol.

Lid Temperature	Reaction Volume	Run Time
105°C	100 μl	~30 min
Step	Temperature	Time
1	98°C	0:45
2	98°C	0:20
3	54°C	0:30
4	72°C	0:20
5	Go to step 2, 8x (for 9 total cycles)	
6	72°C	1:00
7	4°C	Hold



- e) Store the tube strip at **4°C** for up to **72 h** or proceed directly to Post Sample Index PCR Cleanup.

7.5. Post Sample Index PCR Cleanup – SPRIselect

NOTE

See *Practical Tips & Troubleshooting (Chapter 9)* for more information on calculating SPRIselect Reagent ratios.

- a) Vortex the SPRIselect Reagent until fully resuspended. Add **80 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.8X**) to each sample in the tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 150 µl).
- b) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **5 min.**
- c) Place the tube strip in a 10x™ Magnetic Separator in the **High** position until the solution is clear.
- d) Carefully remove and discard the supernatant.
- e) Add **200 µl** 80% ethanol to the pellet and stand for **30 sec.**
- f) Carefully remove and discard the ethanol wash.

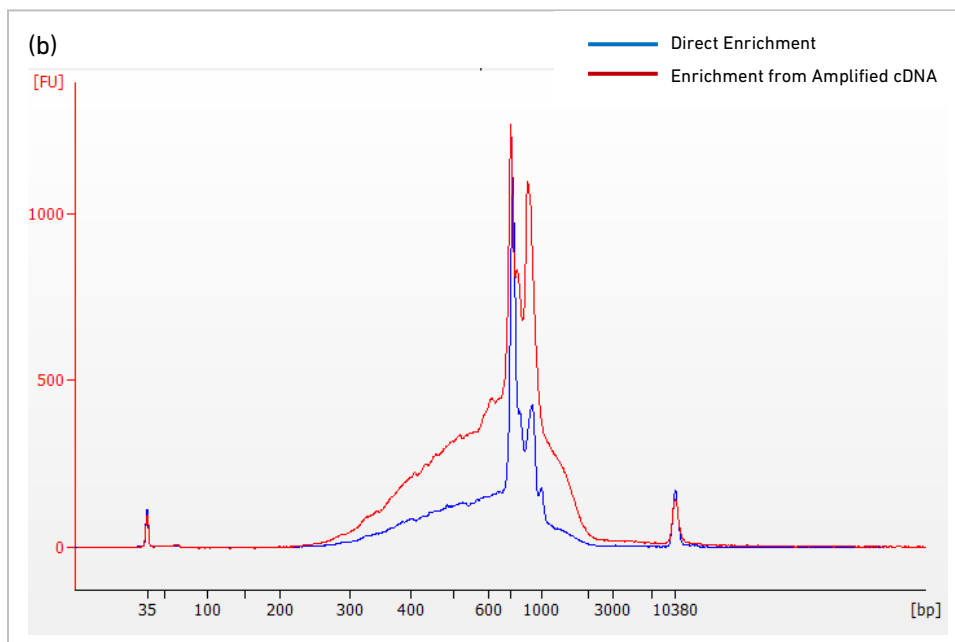
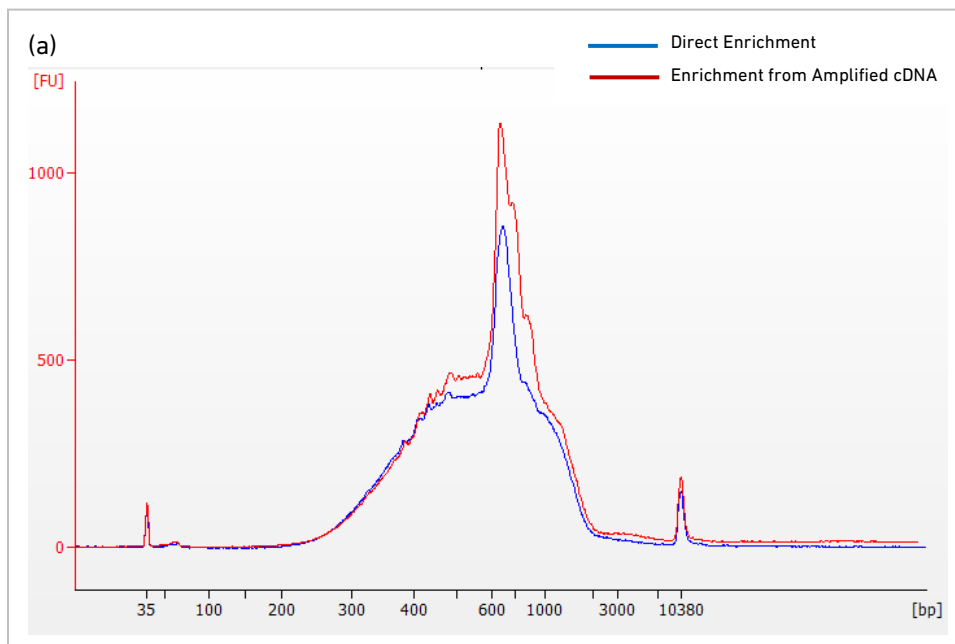
Repeat

- g) **Repeat** steps e and f for a total of two washes.
- h) Briefly centrifuge the tube strip and return it to the 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position. Carefully remove and discard the remaining ethanol wash.
- i) Remove the tube strip from the 10x Magnetic Separator and add **35.5 µl** Buffer EB. Pipette mix 15 times.
- j) Incubate the tube strip at room temperature for **2 min.**
- k) Place the tube strip in a 10x Magnetic Separator in the **Low** position until the solution is clear.
- l) Transfer **35 µl** of sample to a new tube strip and cap the sample wells.
- m) Store the tube strip at **4°C** for up to **72 h** or at **-20°C** for **long-term** storage.

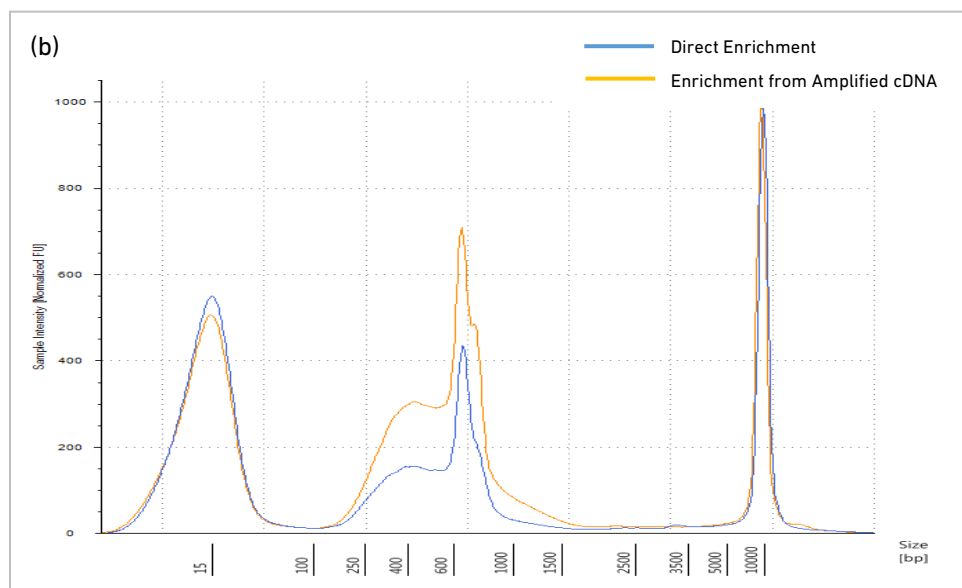
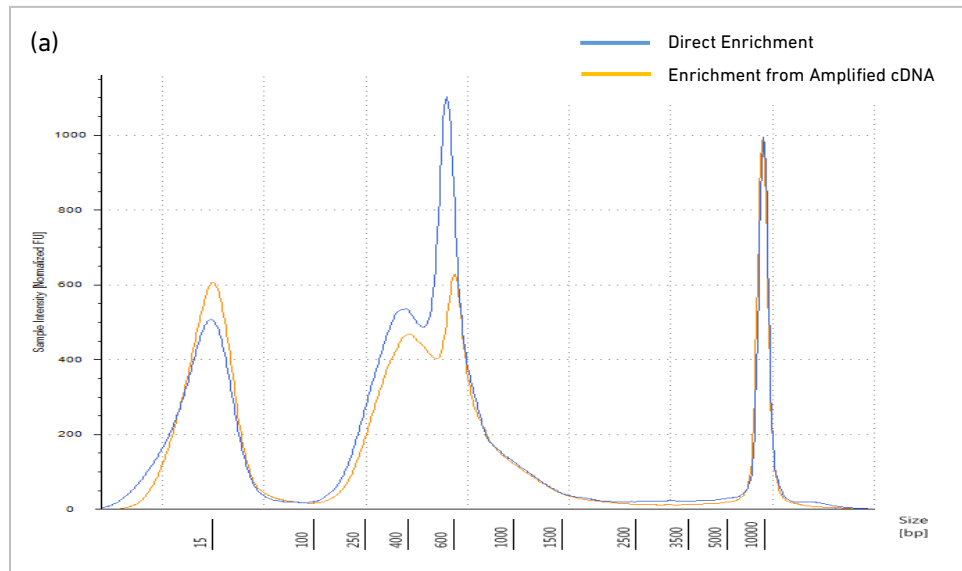
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7.6. Post Library Construction QC

- a) **EITHER** Run **1 μ l** of sample at 1:10 dilution on the Agilent Bioanalyzer High Sensitivity chip for qualitative analysis. Traces should resemble the overall shape of the sample electropherogram shown below for PBMCs enriched for (a) TCR or (b) Ig transcripts.



- b) **OR** Run **1 μ l** of sample at 1:10 dilution on the Agilent TapeStation High Sensitivity D5000 ScreenTape for qualitative analysis. Traces should resemble the overall shape of the sample electropherogram shown below for PBMCs enriched for (a) TCR or (b) Ig transcripts.

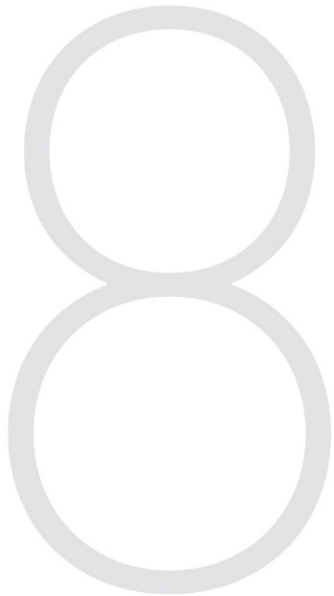


- c) Determine the average fragment size from the Bioanalyzer/TapeStation trace. This value will be used as the insert size for accurate library quantification in qPCR (step 8.1).

Chapter 8

Sequencing

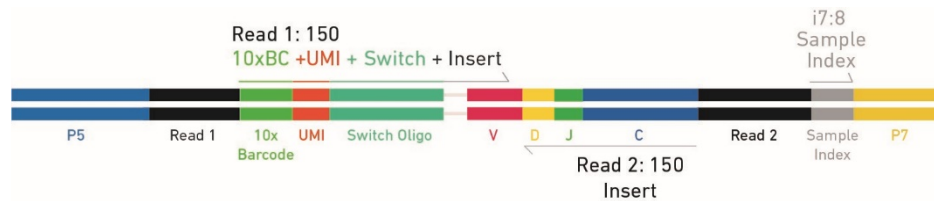
Sequencing prepared libraries



8. Sequencing Libraries

Single Cell V(D)J enriched libraries and 5' gene expression libraries comprise of standard Illumina® paired-end constructs which begin and end with P5 and P7. 16 bp 10x™ Barcodes are encoded at the start of Read 1, while sample index sequences are incorporated as the i7 index read. Read 1 and Read 2 are standard Illumina sequencing primer sites used in paired-end sequencing. Read 1 is used to sequence 16 bp 10x Barcodes and 10 bp UMI. Both Read 1 and Read 2 are used to sequence the insert.

V(D)J Enriched Library Structure:



5' Gene Expression Library Structure:



Each sample index provided in the Chromium™ i7 Sample Index Kit combines 4 different sequences in order to balance across all 4 nucleotides.

8.1. Post Library Construction Quantification

NOTE

Typically a series of 1:40,000, 1:200,000, 1:1,000,000 and 1:5,000,000 of the completed V(D)J enriched library is required to fall within the dynamic range of the assay.

- Thaw Kapa DNA Quantification Kit for Illumina® platforms.
- Dilute **1 µl** of sample with Nuclease-Free Water to appropriate dilutions that fall within the linear detection range of the Kapa DNA Quantification Kit.
- Make enough Quantification Master Mix for the DNA dilutions per sample and the DNA Standards (plus 10% excess) using the guidance for 1 reaction volume below.

Quantification Master Mix	1 rxn (µl)
SYBR Fast Master Mix + Primer	12
Water	4
Total	16

- Dispense **16 µl** Quantification Master Mix for sample dilutions and DNA Standards into a 96-Well PCR Plate.
- Add **4 µl** of sample dilutions and **4 µl** DNA Standards to appropriate wells. Centrifuge the plate briefly.
- Run DNA Quantification Cycling Protocol with data acquisition at Step 3.

Step	Temperature	Time
1	95°C	3:00
2	95°C	0:05
3	67°C	0:30
4	Go to Step 2, 29X (for 30 cycles in total)	

- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for qPCR analysis. The average fragment size derived from the Bioanalyzer/TapeStation trace from step 6.7 or step 7.6 is used as the insert size for accurate library quantification in qPCR.

8.2. Sequencing Recommendations

NOTE

V(D)J enriched libraries and the 5' gene expression libraries may be pooled for sequencing, taking into account the differences in depth requirements between the pooled libraries. 5' gene expression libraries may be sequenced using enriched library parameters, however the cost of sequencing using enriched library parameters is higher.

- Adjust loading concentrations according to Illumina® specifications.
- The following are supported sequencing platforms for Chromium™ Single Cell libraries.

Platform
MiSeq®
NextSeq® 500/550*
HiSeq® 2500 (Rapid Run and High Output)
HiSeq® 3000/4000
NovaSeq®

*Sequencing Chromium Single Cell libraries on the NextSeq 500/550 platform may yield reduced sequence quality and sensitivity relative to the MiSeq and HiSeq platforms. Refer to the 10x Genomics® support website for more information.

NOTE

Consult Chromium Single Cell V(D)J Libraries - Sequencing Metrics for Illumina Sequencers (Document CG000102) and Chromium Single Cell V(D)J Libraries - Sequencing Metrics for Illumina NovaSeq (Document CG000121) for more information.

8.3. V(D)J Enriched Library Sequencing Depth & Run Parameters

- The technical performance of V(D)J enriched libraries is driven by sequencing quality and coverage per cell. The recommended sequencing depth for V(D)J enriched libraries is 5000 read pairs per cell.
- V(D)J enriched libraries use standard Illumina sequencing primers for both sequencing and index reads, and require no custom primers.
- V(D)J enriched libraries must be run using paired-end sequencing with single indexing. The supported number of cycles for each read is shown below.

Sequencing Read	Recommended Number of Cycles
Read 1	150 cycles
i7 Index	8 cycles
i5 Index	0 cycles
Read 2	150 cycles

8.4. 5' Gene Expression Library Sequencing Depth & Run Parameters

- a) The technical performance of 5' gene expression libraries is driven by sequencing quality and coverage per cell. 50000 raw read pairs per cell is recommended for 5' gene expression libraries.
- b) 5' gene expression libraries use standard Illumina® sequencing primers for both sequencing and index reads, and require no custom primers.
- c) 5' gene expression libraries must be run using paired-end sequencing with single indexing. The supported number of cycles for each read is shown below.

Sequencing Read	Recommended Number of Cycles
Read 1	26 cycles
i7 Index	8 cycles
i5 Index	0 cycles
Read 2	98 cycles

8.5. Sample Indices

- a) Sample Indices are a mix of four oligos. The 10x™ Sample Index sequence is not needed for the sample sheet (required for generating FASTQs with cellranger mkfastq), but the 10x Sample Index name (Chromium™ i7 Sample Index plate well ID) is needed if running more than one sample.

8.6. Loading Chromium™ Single Cell Libraries

- a) Once quantified and normalized, V(D)J enriched libraries and 5' gene expression libraries should be denatured and diluted as recommended for Illumina sequencing platforms. Refer to Illumina documentation for denaturing and diluting libraries.
- b) Refer to the 10x Genomics® support website for more information.

Practical Tips & Troubleshooting

- Processing Fewer than 8 Reactions
- Assembling a Chip, 10x™ Chip Holder & 10x™ Gasket
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9. Practical Tips & Troubleshooting

9.1. Processing Fewer than 8 Reactions

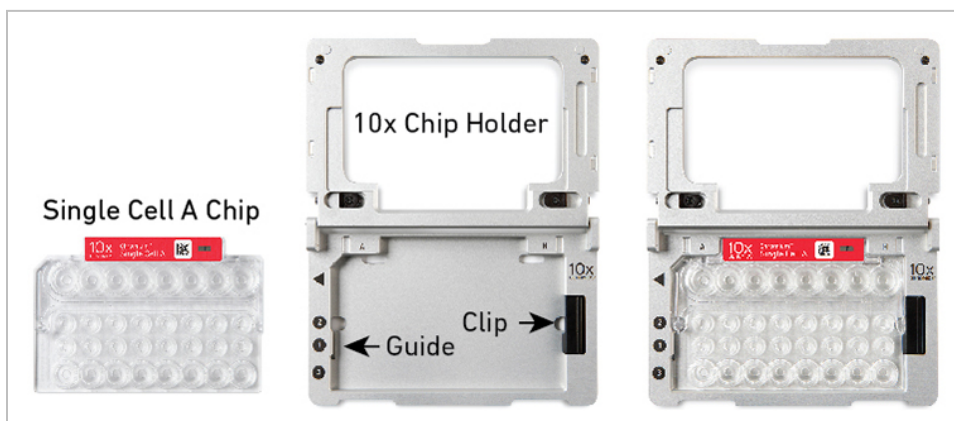
- Puncture foil seals in the Gel Bead Strip as needed for a run.
- Store any unused Gel Beads at -80°C and avoid more than 10 freeze-thaw cycles.
- Never store Gel Beads at -20°C .
- Reagent volumes should be calculated with a 10% excess of 1 rxn values quoted in the Protocol. *e.g.* For 3 samples, multiply the 1 rxn volume quoted in the Protocol by 3.3 to determine the suitable volume to prepare. Using larger reagent excesses may reduce the total number of reactions that can be run using one kit.

9.2. Assembling a Chip, 10x™ Chip Holder & 10x™ Gasket

NOTE

Always handle the Chromium Chip by its edges and avoid touching its bottom surface. Once the chip is in the holder, keep the assembly horizontal at all times to avoid wetting the 10x Gasket with Partitioning Oil.

- Align the notch on the upper left corner of the Chromium Chip with the notch on the 10x Chip Holder and insert the left-hand side of the Chromium Chip under the guide.
- Depress the right-hand side of the Chromium Chip until the spring-loaded clip engages the Chromium Chip.

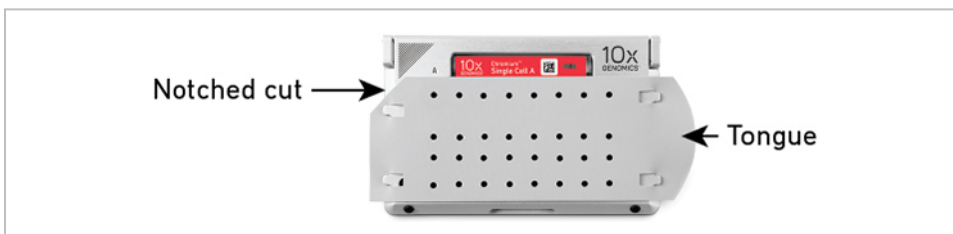


- Close the hinged lid of the 10x Chip Holder. After loading the Chromium Chip, the 10x Chip Holder should lay flat on the bench top with the lid closed.

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- d) Position the assembly so that the Partitioning Oil wells (row labeled 3) are toward you and identify the rows labeled 1, 2 and 3 for correct addition of the reagents.
- e) After the reagents have been added, attach a 10x™ Gasket by holding the tongue (curved end, to the right) and hook it on the left-hand tabs of the 10x Chip Holder. Gently pull the 10x Gasket toward the right and hook it on the two right-hand tabs. Avoid touching the smooth side of the 10x Gasket and do not press down on the top of the 10x Gasket after attachment. Keep the assembly horizontal to avoid wetting the 10x Gasket with Partitioning Oil.



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9.3. Pipetting Gel Beads

- a) After vortexing, remove the Gel Bead Strip from the 10x™ Vortex Adapter and flick the Gel Bead Strip in a sharp, downward motion to ensure maximum Gel Bead recovery. Confirm that there are no bubbles at the bottom of the tube.
- b) Best practices for recovering adequate volume of Gel Beads from the Gel Bead Strip include the following:
 - i. Set a pipette to the volume being pipetted and, without engaging the plunger, puncture the foil seal on the Gel Bead Strip. The pipette tips should extend no more than 2 mm below the seal.
 - ii. Once the holes are formed, raise the pipette tips above the seal and engage the plunger.
 - iii. Lower the tips to the bottom of the wells and widen the opening by gently rocking the tips back and forth, keeping the plunger engaged. Widening the foil seal opening allows the pipette tips to reach the bottom of the Gel Bead Strip wells. This is important for recovering the full volume of Gel Beads required for optimal performance.
 - iv. With the pipette tips still in the Gel Bead Strip, very slowly aspirate the required volume of Gel Beads. After aspiration stops, leave the pipette tips in the wells for an additional 5 sec to allow pressure to equilibrate.



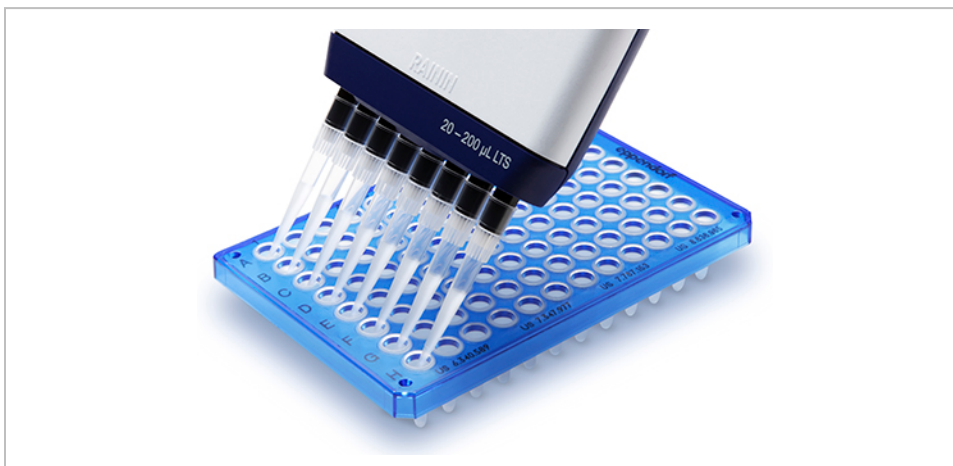
- c) If the required volume of beads cannot be recovered, place the pipette tips against the sidewalls of the Gel Bead Strip wells and slowly dispense the Gel Beads back into the strip. Take care not to introduce bubbles into the wells and verify that the pipette tips contain no leftover Gel Beads. Attempt to withdraw the full volume of beads again by pipetting slowly.

9.4. Pipetting GEMs

- a) After the completion of a Chromium™ Controller run, the hinged lid of the 10x™ Chip Holder is folded back to expose the wells at a 45-degree angle. The GEMs should be aspirated from the lowest points of the Recovery Wells (row labeled ◀) without creating a seal between the tips and the bottom of the wells. Avoid introducing air bubbles.



- b) When transferring the GEMs from the Single Cell A Chip after the Chromium Controller run into the Eppendorf twin-tec 96®-Well PCR plate (on a chilled metal block resting on ice), the pipette tips should be positioned against the side walls of the wells as shown below.



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9.5. 50% Glycerol Solution

It is critical to add glycerol in a ~50% volume/volume aqueous solution in all unused wells in Rows labeled 1, 2 and 3 of the Single Cell A Chip prior to running the Chromium™ Controller or the Chromium Single Cell Controller. 50% glycerol solution can be purchased: Ricca Chemical Company, Glycerin (glycerol), 50% (v/v) Aqueous Solution, PN-3290-32.

Alternatively, 50% glycerol solution can be made from a stock solution of glycerol as follows:

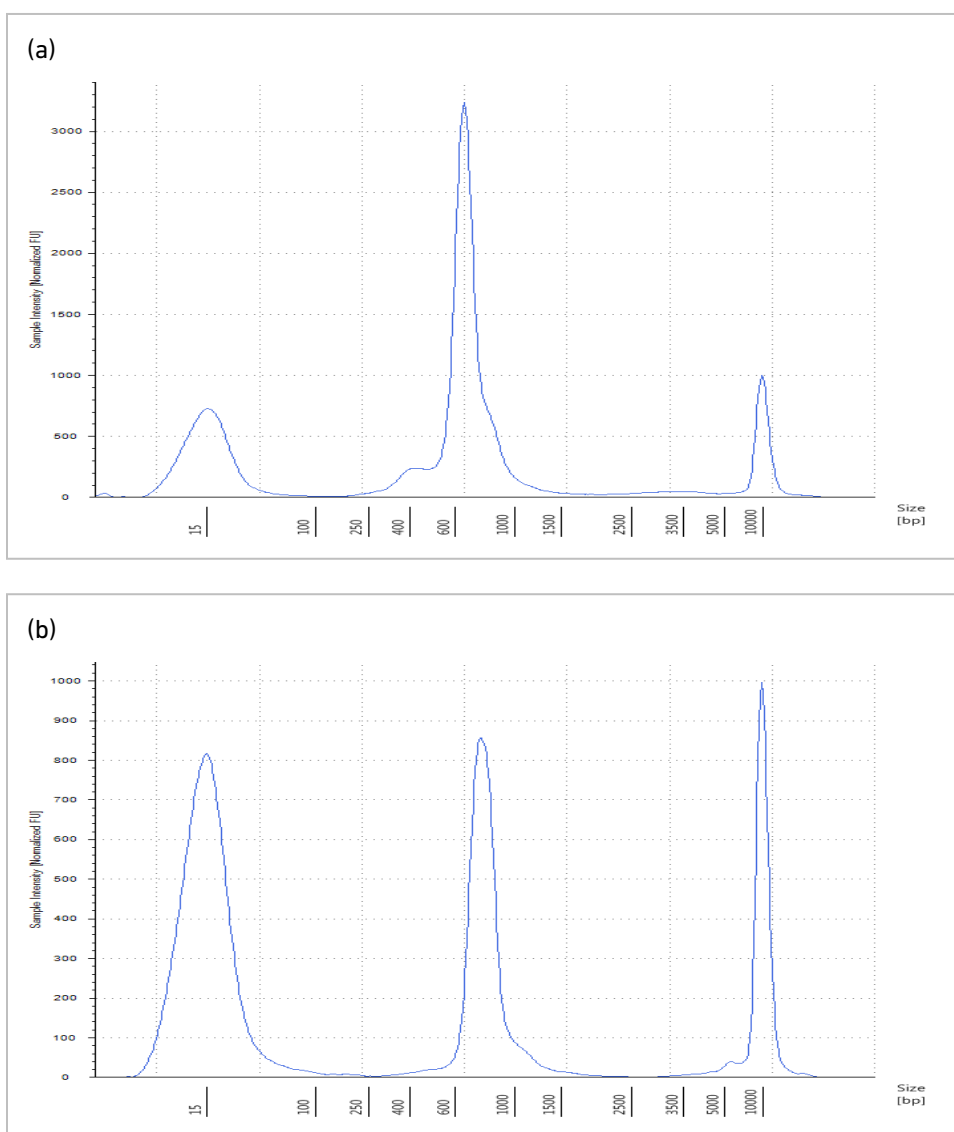
- a) Mix an equal volume of water and 99% Glycerol, Molecular Biology Grade.
- b) Filter through a 0.2 µm filter.
- c) Store at –20°C in 1 ml LoBind tubes.
- d) 50% glycerol solution should be equilibrated to room temperature before use.

9.6. Post Direct Target Enrichment Reaction QC & Quantification with the Agilent TapeStation

- a) Run **1 μ l** of purified Direct Target Enrichment 2 Product at 1:5 dilution ratio on the Agilent TapeStation High Sensitivity D5000 ScreenTape for QC and quantification. Traces should resemble the overall shape of the sample electropherogram shown below for PBMCs enriched for (a) TCR or (b) Ig transcripts.

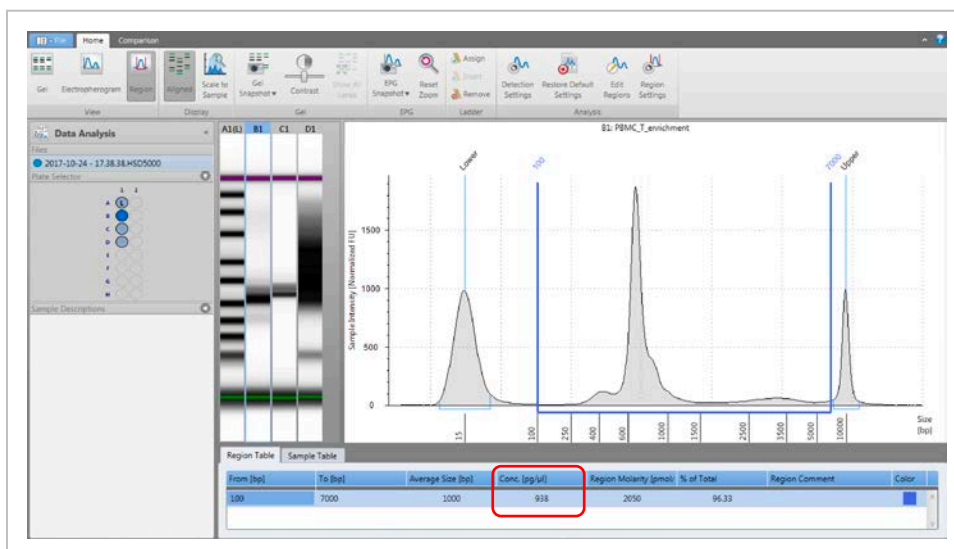
NOTE

1:5 dilution ratio is typically sufficient to avoid overloading the High Sensitivity D5000 ScreenTape. For samples of particularly RNA-rich cells, additional dilution may be required to QC the sample. Higher molecular weight product (2000 – 9000 bp) may be present. This is normal and does not affect sequencing or application performance. The number of distinct peaks between 500 and 1000 bp may vary depending on cell type.



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- b) To determine the product yield per sample, under the “Region” view choose the “Edit Regions” tab on the TapeStation Analysis Software.
- c) Manually select the region encompassing ~100 – ~7000 bp.



CRITICAL!

Do not exceed 50 ng Enrichment Product (optimal 2 – 50 ng) in 20 μ l carry forward volume when proceeding to Enriched Library Construction.

NOTE

Depending on Enrichment Product concentration, the 20 μ l carry forward volume into Enriched Library Construction may consist of diluted or undiluted Enrichment Product. See example calculation below for determining Enrichment Product concentration and constituting the 20 μ l carry forward volume.

- d) Divide the product concentration [pg/ μ l] reported via the TapeStation Analysis Software by 1000 (taking any dilution factors into account) to obtain the Enrichment Product concentration in ng/ μ l.
- e) To determine the volume corresponding to 50 ng Enrichment Product (optimal 2 – 50 ng) to carry forward into Enriched Library Construction, divide 50 ng by the concentration calculated in step d.
- f) To prepare the sample for library construction, if the volume required for 50 ng Enrichment Product calculated in step e is less than 20 μ l, adjust the total volume of each sample to 20 μ l with Nuclease-Free Water.
- g) If less than 50 ng Enrichment Product is generated, carry forward only 20 μ l into library construction.

Example Calculation of Enrichment Product Concentration:

TapeStation Analysis Concentration: 938 [pg/μl]

Dilution Factor used to run the Agilent TapeStation: 5

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Enrichment Product Conc'n} &= \frac{\text{Conc'n} \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\mu\text{l}} \right) \times \text{Dilution Factor}}{1000 \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\text{ng}} \right)} \\
 &= \frac{938 \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\mu\text{l}} \right) \times 5}{1000 \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\text{ng}} \right)} \\
 &= 4.7 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{l}
 \end{aligned}$$

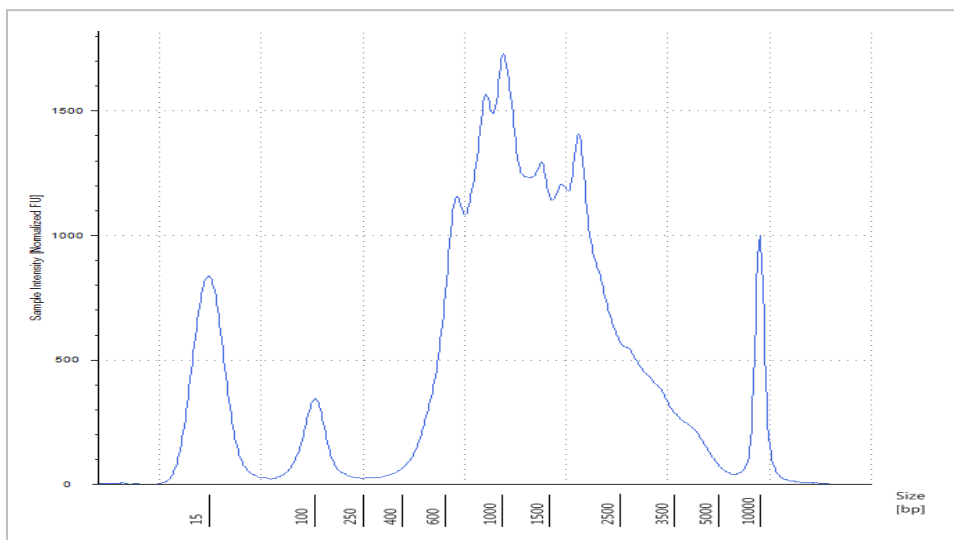
Example Calculation to Generate Sample for Library Construction:

$$\begin{aligned}
 50 \text{ ng Enrichment Product} &= \frac{50 \text{ ng}}{4.7 \left(\frac{\text{ng}}{\mu\text{l}} \right)} \\
 &= 10.6 \mu\text{l}
 \end{aligned}$$

Library Construction Sample = 10.6 μl Enrichment Product + 9.4 μl
Nuclease-Free Water = 20 μl total

9.7. Post cDNA Amplification QC & Quantification with the Agilent TapeStation

- a) Run **1 μ l** of undiluted sample on the Agilent TapeStation High Sensitivity D5000 ScreenTape for QC and quantification. Traces should resemble the overall shape of the sample electropherogram shown below for PBMCs.

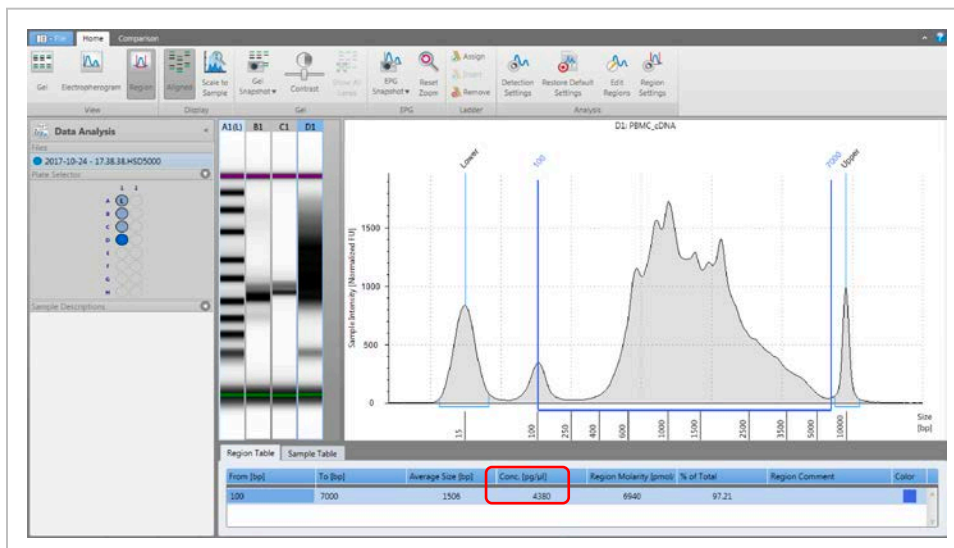


NOTE

For samples of particularly RNA-rich cells, dilution in nuclease-free water may be required. Lower molecular weight product (35 – 150 bp) may be present. This is normal and does not affect sequencing or application performance.

- b) To determine the product yield per sample, under the “Region” view choose the “Edit Regions” tab on the TapeStation Analysis Software.
- c) Manually select the region encompassing ~100 – ~7000 bp.
- d) Divide the product concentration [pg/ μ l] reported via the TapeStation Analysis Software by 1000 (taking any dilution factors into account) to obtain the cDNA concentration in ng/ μ l.

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CRITICAL!

Do not exceed 50 ng cDNA Amplification Product (optimal 2 – 50 ng) in 20 μl carry forward volume when proceeding to 5' Gene Expression Library Construction.

If proceeding to Chapter 5 for Target Enrichment from Amplified cDNA, carry forward 2 μl cDNA Amplification Product.

NOTE

Depending on cDNA Amplification Product concentration, the 20 μl carry forward volume into 5' Gene Expression Library Construction may consist of diluted or undiluted cDNA Amplification Product. See example calculation below for determining cDNA Amplification Product concentration and constituting the 20 μl carry forward volume.

- To determine the volume corresponding to 50 ng cDNA Amplification Product (optimal 2 – 50 ng) to carry forward into 5' Gene Expression Library Construction, divide 50 ng by the cDNA concentration calculated in step d.
- To prepare the sample for 5' Gene Expression Library Construction, if the volume required for 50 ng cDNA Amplification Product calculated in step e is less than 20 μl, adjust the total volume of each sample to 20 μl with Nuclease-Free Water.
- If less than 50 ng cDNA Amplification Product is generated, carry forward only 20 μl into library construction.

Example Calculation of cDNA Concentration:

TapeStation Analysis Concentration: 4380 [pg/μl]

Dilution Factor used to run the Agilent TapeStation: 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Total cDNA Concentration} &= \frac{\text{Conc'n } \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\mu\text{l}}\right) \times \text{Dilution Factor}}{1000 \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\text{ng}}\right)} \\
 &= \frac{4380 \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\mu\text{l}}\right) \times 1}{1000 \left(\frac{\text{pg}}{\text{ng}}\right)} \\
 &= 4.4 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{l}
 \end{aligned}$$

Example Calculation to Generate Sample for Library Construction:

$$\begin{aligned}
 50 \text{ ng cDNA Amp Product} &= \frac{50 \text{ (ng)}}{4.4 \left(\frac{\text{ng}}{\mu\text{l}}\right)} \\
 &= 11.4 \mu\text{l}
 \end{aligned}$$

Library Construction Sample = 11.4 μl cDNA Amplification Product + 8.6 μl
Nuclease-Free Water = 20 μl total

Refer to step 6.4 for the appropriate number of Sample Index PCR cycles for the actual mass carried forward into library construction.

9.8. SPRIselect Cleanups & Double Sided Size Selection

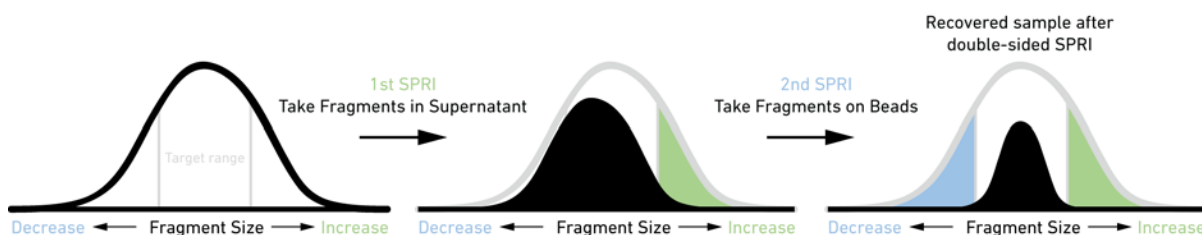
Solid Phase Reversible Immobilization (SPRI) beads selectively bind DNA fragments according to the ratio of SPRIselect Reagent (beads) to DNA solution. SPRIselect Reagent:DNA sample ratios indicated throughout the Protocol in SPRIselect Reagent steps are calculated as follows.

Example from Chapter 3.2 Post Direct Target Enrichment 1 Reaction Cleanup

Step 3.2a: Add **80 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.8X**) to each sample in the tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 150 µl).

$$\text{Ratio} = \frac{\text{Volume of SPRIselect Reagent added to the sample}}{\text{Volume of DNA sample (from Target Enrichment 1 Reaction)}} = \frac{80 \mu\text{l}}{100 \mu\text{l}} = \mathbf{0.8X}$$

Schematic Overview of Double Sided Size Selection



After the first SPRI, supernatant is transferred for a second SPRI while larger fragments are discarded (green). After the second SPRI, fragments on beads are eluted and kept while smaller fragments are discarded (blue). Final sample has a tight fragment size distribution with reduced overall amount (black). Consult Technical Note *SPRIselect: DNA Ratios Affect the Size Range of Library Fragments* (Document CG000061) for more information on the use of SPRIselect Reagents.

Example from Chapter 3.4 Post Direct Target Enrichment 2 Reaction Double Sided Size Selection

Step 3.4a: Add **50 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.5X**) to each sample in the Target Enrichment 2 Product tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 145 µl).

$$\text{Ratio} = \frac{\text{Volume of SPRIselect Reagent added to the sample}}{\text{Volume of DNA sample (from Target Enrichment 2 Reaction)}} = \frac{50 \mu\text{l}}{100 \mu\text{l}} = \mathbf{0.5X}$$

Continued Example from Chapter 3.4 Post Direct Target Enrichment 2 Reaction Double Sided Size Selection

Step 3.4e: Add **30 µl** SPRIselect Reagent (**0.8X**) to each sample in the tube strip and pipette mix 15 times (pipette set to 150 µl).

$$\text{Ratio} = \frac{\text{Total volume of SPRIselect Reagent added to the sample (steps 3.4a + 3.4e)}}{\text{Original volume of DNA sample (from Target Enrichment 2 Reaction)}} = \frac{50 \mu\text{l} + 30 \mu\text{l}}{100 \mu\text{l}} = \mathbf{0.8X}$$

9.9. Failure Modes during GEM Generation

Reagent Clogs

GEM reagents are manufactured in a cleanroom environment to minimize the level of particles and fibers that could clog microfluidic channels during GEM generation and therefore reduce technical performance.

To avoid clogs, it is also important for users to minimize exposure of reagents, chips, and gaskets to sources of particles and fibers such as open reagent reservoirs, laboratory wipes, frequently opened flip-cap tubes, clothing that easily sheds fibers, and dusty surfaces.

There are several ways to identify if a clog has occurred as outlined below. If any of the following occur, take a picture and send it to support@10xgenomics.com for further assistance. If a channel clogs during GEM generation, it is recommended that the sample be remade.

Wetting Failures

Once reagents are added to the Single Cell Chip A wells, they immediately flow into and prime the microfluidic channels on the chip. Incorrect priming can result in wetting failures, in which polydisperse, millimeter-scale droplets are formed instead of a uniform GEM.

To minimize the occurrence of wetting failures, it is critical to add reagents in the stipulated order and to wait 30 sec between addition of Master Mix and addition of Gel Beads.

There are several ways to identify if a wetting failure has occurred as outlined below. If any of the following occur, take a picture and send it to support@10xgenomics.com for further assistance. If a wetting failure occurs during GEM generation, it is recommended that the sample be remade.

Normal Operations

After the Chromium™ Single Cell A Chip is removed from the Chromium Controller and the wells exposed:

All Recovery Well levels are similar in volume and opacity.



A B C D E F G H

After aspirating the GEMs from the Chromium Single Cell A Chip Recovery Wells:

All liquid levels are similar in volume and opacity. There is also no air in the pipette tips.

Reagent Clogs or Wetting Failures

After the Chromium Single Cell A Chip is removed from the Chromium Controller and the wells exposed:

Recovery Well G indicates a reagent clog has occurred in this channel.

Recovery Wells C and E indicate a wetting failure has occurred in these channels. There is an absence of emulsion.

Recovery Wells B, D, and F are normal.

Note 50 % glycerol solution was entered into wells A and H.



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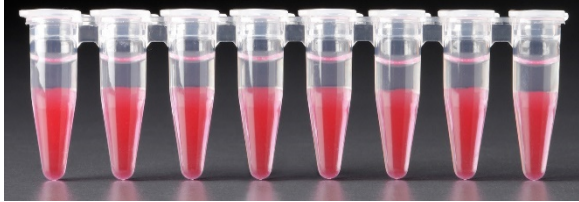

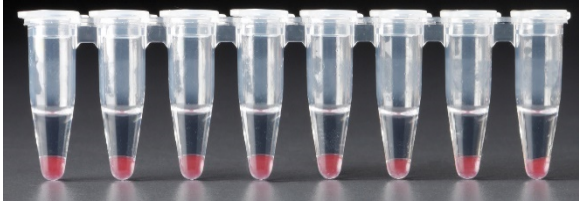
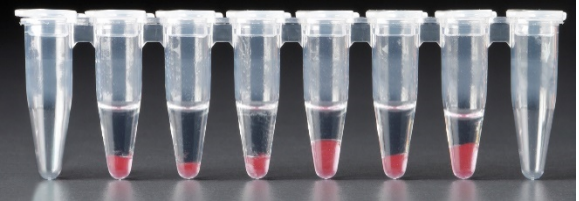
After aspirating the GEMs from the Chromium Single Cell A Chip Recovery Wells:


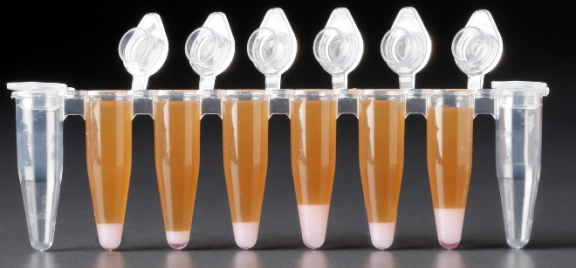

Pipette tip G indicates a reagent clog has occurred in this channel. There is excess Partitioning Oil (clear) and air in the pipette tip. In some reagent clog cases, there is only 5-10 µl excess Partitioning Oil (and no air) in the pipette tip.

Pipette tips C and E indicate a wetting failure has occurred in these channels. Pipette tip C contains partially emulsified GEMs. Emulsion is absent in pipette tip E.

Pipette tips B, D, and F are normal.

Pipette tips A and H are missing.

Normal Operations	Reagent Clogs or Wetting Failures
 <p data-bbox="250 464 748 489">A B C D E F G H</p> <p data-bbox="204 510 776 573">After transfer of the GEMs + Recovery Agent to a tube strip:</p> <p data-bbox="204 594 787 695">All liquid levels are similar in the aqueous sample volume (clear) and Recovery Agent/Partitioning Oil (pink).</p>	 <p data-bbox="873 464 1372 489">A B C D E F G H</p> <p data-bbox="824 510 1396 573">After transfer of the GEMs + Recovery Agent to a tube strip:</p> <p data-bbox="824 594 1404 730">Tube G indicates a reagent clog has occurred in this channel. There is a decreased volume of aqueous sample (clear) when compared to normal channels B, D, and F.</p> <p data-bbox="824 751 1404 926">Tubes C and E indicate a wetting failure has occurred in these channels. There can be an abnormal volume of Recovery Agent/Partitioning Oil (pink) when compared to normal channels B, D, and F.</p> <p data-bbox="824 947 1117 972">Tubes A and H are empty.</p>
 <p data-bbox="250 1207 748 1232">A B C D E F G H</p> <p data-bbox="204 1253 686 1316">After removing the designated volume of Recovery Agent/Partitioning Oil:</p> <p data-bbox="204 1337 722 1421">All liquid volumes are similar in the aqueous sample volume (clear) and residual Recovery Agent/Partitioning Oil (pink).</p>	 <p data-bbox="873 1207 1372 1232">A B C D E F G H</p> <p data-bbox="824 1253 1307 1316">After removing the designated volume of Recovery Agent/Partitioning Oil:</p> <p data-bbox="824 1337 1417 1484">Tube G indicates a reagent clog has occurred in this channel. There is a decreased volume of aqueous sample (clear). There is also a greater residual volume of Recovery Agent/Partitioning Oil (pink) when compared to normal channels B, D, and F.</p> <p data-bbox="824 1505 1417 1652">Tubes C and E indicate a wetting failure has occurred in these channels. There is an abnormal residual volume of Recovery Agent/Partitioning Oil (pink) when compared to normal channels B, D, and F.</p> <p data-bbox="824 1673 1117 1698">Tubes A and H are empty.</p>

Normal Operations	Reagent Clogs or Wetting Failures
 <p data-bbox="240 533 760 562">A B C D E F G H</p> <p data-bbox="204 583 698 613">After addition of DynaBeads Cleanup Mix:</p> <p data-bbox="204 625 776 684">All liquid volumes are similar after addition of the DynaBeads Cleanup Mix.</p>	 <p data-bbox="863 533 1383 562">A B C D E F G H</p> <p data-bbox="828 583 1312 613">After addition of DynaBeads Cleanup Mix:</p> <p data-bbox="828 625 1421 781">Tube G indicates a reagent clog has occurred in this channel. There is an abnormal ratio of Dynabeads Cleanup Mix (brown) to Recovery Agent/Partitioning Oil (appears white) when compared to normal channels B, D, and F.</p> <p data-bbox="828 793 1383 949">Tubes C and E indicate a wetting failure has occurred in these channels. There is an abnormal ratio of Dynabeads Cleanup Mix (brown) to Recovery Agent/Partitioning Oil (appears white) when compared to normal channels B, D, and F.</p> <p data-bbox="828 961 1117 991">Tubes A and H are empty.</p>
<p data-bbox="204 1008 792 1066">After removing the Chromium™ Single Cell A Chip from the Chromium Controller:</p> <p data-bbox="204 1079 792 1205">The image opposite illustrates clogs have occurred in the Gel Bead line (orange arrow) and the Sample line (yellow arrow) as evidenced by higher than usual residual volumes in the input wells.</p>	

9.10. Chromium™ Controller Errors

If the Chromium Controller or Chromium Single Cell Controller fails to start, an error tone will sound and one of the following error messages will be displayed:

- a) **Chip not read – Try again:** Eject the tray, remove and/or reposition the 10x™ Chip Holder assembly and try again. If the error message is still received after trying this more than twice, contact support@10xgenomics.com for further assistance.
- b) **Check Gasket:** Eject the tray by pressing the eject button to check there is a 10x Gasket on the Chromium Chip. In the case the 10x Gasket installation was forgotten, install and try again. In the case a 10x Gasket was already installed, remove, reapply, and try again. If the error message is still received after trying either of these more than twice, contact support@10xgenomics.com for further assistance.
- c) Pressure not at Setpoint:
 - i. If this message is received within a few seconds of starting a run, eject the tray by pressing the eject button and check for dirt or deposits on the 10x Gasket. If dirt is observed, replace with a new 10x Gasket and try again. If the error message is still received after trying this more than twice, contact support@10xgenomics.com for further assistance.
 - ii. If this message is received after a few minutes into the run, the Chromium Chip must be discarded. **Do not try running this Chromium Chip again as this may damage the Chromium Controller.**
- d) **CAUTION: Chip Holder not Present:** Eject the tray by pressing the eject button to check there is a 10x Chip Holder encasing the Chromium Chip. In the case the 10x Chip Holder was forgotten, install with a 10x Gasket in place, and try again. If the error message is still received after a 10x Chip Holder is confirmed as in place, contact support@10xgenomics.com for further assistance.
- e) **Invalid Chip CRC Value:** This indicates the Chromium Chip has encountered an error, should not be run, and must be discarded. Contact support@10xgenomics.com for further assistance.

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9.11. Glossary of Terms

10x™ Barcode

Defined DNA sequences that are added to each cDNA generated in a GEM so they can be distinguished and sorted during data analysis.

Chromium™ Single Cell A Chip

The Chromium Single Cell A Chip is a microfluidic chip specifically designed to run the Single Cell V(D)J Protocol in the Chromium Controller. The Single Cell A Chip is indicated by a red label at the top of the chip. Other chips used with the Chromium System include the Chromium Genome Chip.

Gel Beads

Gel Beads are the foundation of 10x Genomics® technology, and are beads functionalized with millions of copies of a 10x Barcoded primer. Gel Beads are provided in 8-reaction Gel Bead Strips.

GEM

GEM is an abbreviation of Gel Bead-in-EMulsion. In the Single Cell A Chip, a library of Single Cell 5' Gel Beads is combined with cells and a reverse transcriptase (RT) Master Mix to create single nanoliter reaction volumes partitioned by oil.

GemCode™ Technology

The GemCode Technology is the microfluidic chip-based technology that partitions cells across tens of thousands of GEMs. Upon isothermal incubation, the cDNA produced in each GEM contains a 10x Barcode that identifies them as having originated from the same sample partition.