

Trekker™ Library Preparation with BD Rhapsody scTCR/BCR Next and mRNA Whole Transcriptome Analysis User Guide

I. Introduction

This protocol provides instructions for performing single-nucleus TCR/BCR-Seq and mRNA-seq on the BD Rhapsody platform after performing the workflow and nuclei isolation in the [Trekker Single-Cell Spatial Mapping Kit User Manual](#). The final library products include the WTA library, the TCR and/or BCR library, and the Trekker library, which contains the spatial location of each nucleus.

NOTE: This protocol is provided for general information only and has not been validated by Takara Bio.

II. Additional Materials Required (Not Provided)

Oligos

Name	Sequence	μM
Trekker PCR Primer	GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGT	100
Trekker i7 Index Primer	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATXXXXXXXXXX GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGT	10

Refer to the Illumina® Index (i7) sequences table in the 'Sequencing' section of the BD Rhapsody User Guide for recommended index sequences for Trekker i7 Index Primers.

Reagents

- BD Rhapsody WTA Reagent Kit - 8 Pack (BD Biosciences, P/N 666620)
- Choose one of the following:
 - Human: BD Rhapsody TCR/BCR Next Amplification Kit (BD Biosciences, P/N 667058)
 - Mouse: BD Rhapsody Mouse TCR/BCR Next Amplification Kit (BD Biosciences, P/N 667059)
- Other kits, reagents and equipment listed in the BD Rhapsody User Guides: [Human](#), [Mouse](#)

III. Protocol

A. Protocol: Single Nuclei Capture

Perform single nuclei capture as described in the [Rhapsody HT Single-Cell Analysis System - Single-Cell Capture and cDNA Synthesis Protocol](#) (23-24252(01)), with the following modifications based on the BD technical note '[Processing nuclei samples on the BD Rhapsody Single-Cell Analysis System](#)':

- Before beginning, make Sample Buffer-RI following the table below:

Sample Buffer-RI:

10 µl	RNase inhibitor
2,000 µl	Sample buffer
2,010 µl	Total per sample

- Use the Sample Buffer-RI throughout the BD Rhapsody Cartridge workflow before lysis, including for sections:

- Counting and preparing single-cell suspension for cartridge loading
- Preparing BD Rhapsody Enhanced cell capture beads
- Loading and washing BD Rhapsody Enhanced cell capture beads



IMPORTANT: Keep the isolated nuclei in Sample Buffer-RI on ice or at 4°C during the process. Use ice-cold buffer for all steps. Avoid unnecessary pipetting.

- In the protocol section, "Lysing cells":
 - After adding DTT to the lysis buffer (Lysis Buffer + DTT) in Step 1, add an aliquot of the mixture to a new Eppendorf tube and add proteinase K, following the table below:

400 µl	Lysis Buffer + DTT
20 µl	Proteinase K
420 µl	Total per sample

- In Step 5, load the cartridge with Lysis Buffer + DTT + Proteinase K.

NOTE: The addition of Proteinase K is not needed for the lysis buffer used in Step 6 of "Retrieving BD Rhapsody Enhanced Cell Capture Beads".

- In Step 6, incubate the cartridge at room temperature for 5 minutes.

B. Perform Reverse Transcription, Template Switching, and Exonuclease I Treatment and Library Preparation

Perform reverse transcription, template switching and exonuclease I treatment and library preparation as described in the appropriate protocol (human or mouse):

- [BD Rhapsody TCR/BCR Next, mRNA Whole Transcriptome Analysis \(WTA\), and BD AbSeq Library Preparation Protocol](#) (23-24510(01))
- [BD Rhapsody Mouse TCR/BCR Next, mRNA Whole Transcriptome Analysis \(WTA\), and BD AbSeq Library Preparation Protocol](#) (23-24518(01))

C. Generate the Trekker Library

Follow the instructions for AbSeq library construction to generate the Curio Trekker library, with the following modifications:

1. In Step 1 of the 'Performing AbSeq PCR1' section, make the PCR1 Reaction Mix according to the table below:

PCR1 Reaction Mix:

100 µl	PCR MasterMix (BD)
10 µl	Universal Oligo (BD)
4 µl	Trekker PCR Primer (100 µM)
18 µl	Nuclease-Free Water
132 µl	Total per reaction

2. In the 'Quantifying BD AbSeq PCR1 products' section, the expected Trekker product size is ~174 bp. See Figure 1 for an example library trace on the Tapestation (D5000):

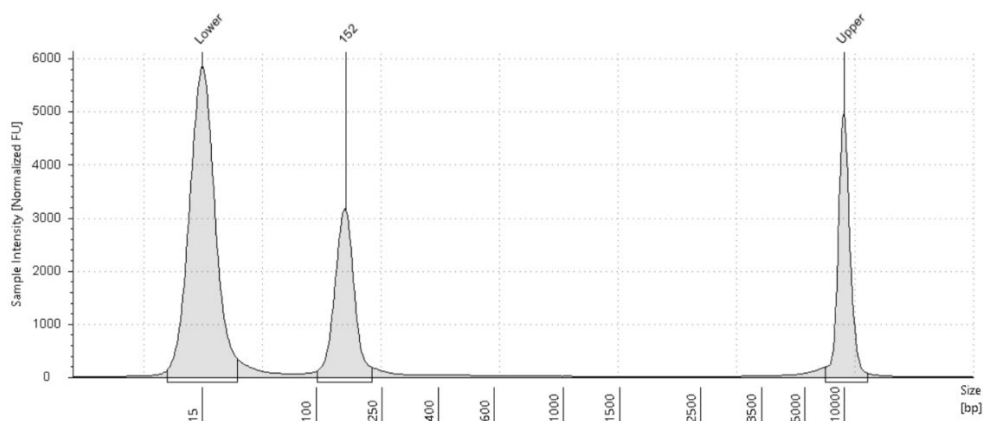


Figure 1. Example Tapestation D5000 library trace for quantifying Trekker PCR1 products.

3. In Step 1 of the 'Performing AbSeq index PCR' section, make the Index PCR Mix according to the table below:

Index PCR Mix:

25 µl	PCR MasterMix (BD)
2 µl	Library Forward Primer (BD)
1 µl	Trekker i7 Index Primer (10 µM)
19 µl	Nuclease-Free Water
47 µl	Total per reaction

4. In step 14 of the 'Purifying AbSeq index PCR products' section, the expected Trekker product size is ~256 bp. See Figure 2 (next page) for an example Trekker library trace on the Tapestation (D5000):

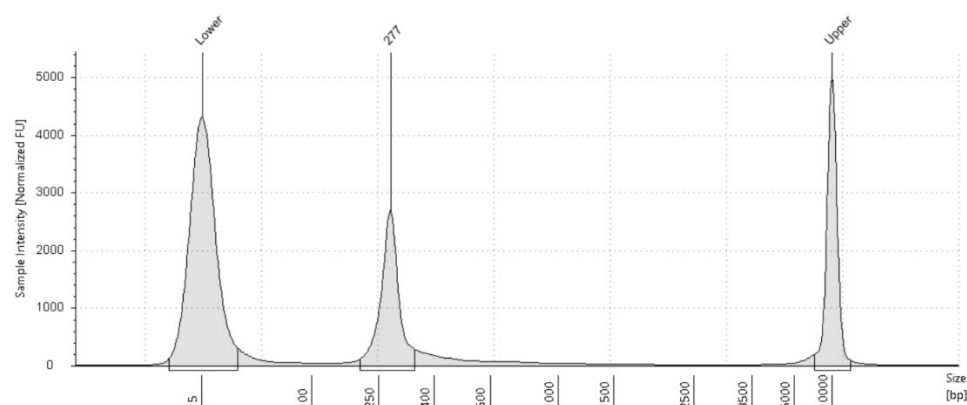


Figure 2. Example Tapestation D5000 library trace after purifying Trekker index PCR products.

D. Sequencing

- Sequence the WTA and TCR/BCR libraries according to the BD Rhapsody user guide.
- Sequence the Trekker library at ~1,000 read pairs per nucleus captured. For example, if 10,000 nuclei were captured, allocate 1×10^7 M reads for the Trekker library.
 - Read 1: 70 bp
 - i7 index: 8 bp
 - i5 index: 8 bp
 - Read 2: 50 bp

IV. Bioinformatics

For details on data processing, contact technical_support@takarabio.com. For details on output interpretation, refer to the Trekker Bioinformatics Pipeline User Manual, which can be found at takarabio.com.

Products

Cat. #	Product	Size
SK017	Trekker U 10x10 Bundle	Each
SK020	Trekker 10x10 Training Kit Bundle	Each

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