Supplemental information

Spatial Transcriptomics Using Multiplexed Deterministic Barcoding in Tissue

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Supplemental Figures

Supplementary Figure 1. Overview of xDBiT components. (A) All components required to perform spatial barcoding using the xDBiT microfluidic PDMS chip. **(B)** Image of 3D-printed 1-well adapter and respective PDMS gasket to treat all tissue sections at once. **(C)** Image of 3D-printed 9-well adapter and respective PDMS gasket used to perform the reverse transcriptions and lysis steps. **(D)** xDBiT microfluidic PDMS chip with assembled clamp. Detail image shows cross section of microfluidic channels with heights and widths of 50 µm. Scale bar: 100 µm. **(E and F)** Assembled 1-well and 9-well adapters with clamp, respectively. **(G)** Assembled xDBiT microfluidic PDMS chip, clamps, and attached vacuum adapter. Enlarged image shows one inlet filled with food dye-colored water to illustrate the bubble filters at the transition of inlet to channel. Scale bar: 100 µm. **(H)** Schematic showing the positioning of tissue sections compatible with xDBiT. **(I)** Schematic cross section of a xDBiT PDMS chip and clamp system.

Supplementary Figure 2. Sequences of barcoding oligonucleotides used during xDBiT workflow. RevT: Reverse transcription; UMI: Unique molecular identifier; PCR: Polymerase chain reaction.

Supplementary Figure 3. Strip artifact in xDBiT data. Spatial projection of different xDBiT results on DAPI image of the tissue section to investigate the occurrence of stripe artifacts. The spot color corresponds to the number of *Actb* UMIs before normalization **(A)**, or the normalized and log-transformed expression of *Actb* **(B)**. The red box indicates strip effects observed during experiments.

Supplementary Figure 4. Comparison of xDBiT costs with Visium Spatial ¹ **and DBiT-seq method** ² **.** The panels from left to right show the costs normalized per slide, section and spot, respectively. For DBiTseq we calculated the costs from one experiment performed in our lab.

Supplementary Figure 5. Quality control analyses for xDBit. (A) Illustration of plate position of barcodes found in the different wells during cross-contamination analysis. **(B)** Percentage of organ-specific genes that were found in the xDBiT datasets before and after computational background removal. Organ-specific genes were taken from HOMER database³ . **(C)** Number of UMIs and genes per spot before computational removal of background genes. **(D)** Shown are the alignment coverage metrics for all experiments published in this study grouped by organ of origin. For information about the sample IDs see **Supp. Table 2**. **(E)** Test of cross-contamination in the 9-well adapter using food dye-colored water. Images taken before and after 24 h incubation. Box shows example image of the color resulting from mixing yellow and blue. **(F)** Count statistics in the pancreas samples. Violin plot shows numbers of UMIs per spot and number of genes per spot before filtering. UMI: Unique molecular identifier; c: Cerebellum, h: Heart, l: Liver, s: Spleen, k: Kidney, p: Pancreas, numbers indicate replicates.

Supplementary Figure 6. Sequencing read saturation in xDBiT. Analysis of sequencing saturation by random subsampling of reads before count matrix generation. Line plots show the mean number of UMIs per spot retrieved at different fractions of reads used for subsampling. The brackets contain the sample ID. For more information on the sample IDs see **Supp. Table 2**.

Supplementary Figure 7. Visualizing batch effects in the multi-organ datasets. Dimensionality reduction was performed using the UMAP algorithm⁴ and colors denote the individual tissue sections. UMAP: Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection; c: Cerebellum, h: Heart, l: Liver, s: Spleen, k: Kidney, numbers indicate replicates.

Supplementary Figure 8. Gene ontology (GO) term enrichment analysis of *Leiden* **clusters.** GO term enrichment analysis was performed using the STRING algorithm⁵ and the *Brenda Tissue Ontology* database ⁶ for all Leiden clusters in cerebellum **(A)**, heart **(B)**, liver **(C)**, spleen **(D)**, and kidney **(E)**. P-values for each GO term were calculated using a Hypergeometric test and corrected for multiple testing using the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure⁷ . The enrichment score was calculated as negative logarithm of the corrected p-value. The gene ratio describes the size of the enrichment effect as logarithmic ratio of observed and expected number of genes.

Supplementary Figure 9. Extended factor analysis of one exemplary kidney section. Factor analysis was performed using MEFISTO ⁸. (A) Top positively weighted genes for the first 4 factors projected onto the respective phalloidin flourescence image. Colors denote the expression of the gene in the respective xDBiT spot. **(B)** GO term enrichment analysis using the STRING algorithm⁵ and the *Biological Processes* GO database^{9,10}. As input we used the top positively weighted genes ($>$ 95% confidence interval) of the first four factors to reveal functional and structural areas of the murine kidney. P-values for each GO term were calculated using a Hypergeometric test and corrected for multiple testing using the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure⁷. The enrichment score was calculated as negative logarithm of the corrected p-value. The gene ratio describes the size of the enrichment effect as logarithmic ratio of observed and expected number of genes. **(C)** Details of the projection of MEFISTO factor 4 onto fluorescence images of the kidney section at two exemplary positions (I and II). Image colors denote CD31 (red), phalloidin (green) and DAPI (blue). The images show a correlation of the endothelial marker CD31 with factor 4. Scale bar: 100 µm.

Supplementary Figure 10. Extended cell type mapping results to the representative kidney section. Deconvolution of the xDBiT ST results was performed using *cell2location* ¹¹ and a published single-cell transcriptomics (scT) dataset of mural kidneys ¹² . **(A)** Spatially mapped proportions of all cell types, predicted by cell2location, onto the phalloidin fluorescence image of the kidney section. Spot colors denote the minimum number of cells predicted. **(B)** Detail of a representative region of the deconvolution results for endothelial cells. Spot colors denote the minimum number of predicted cells.

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1. Filling scheme of inlets for barcoding rounds with the xDBiT microfluidic PDMS chip. Inlets filled with alignment markers and ligation barcodes are colored red and green, respectively.

Supplementary Table 2. Information about the origin of the samples used in this study. Every xDBiT run ID refers to one experiment in which one xDBiT PDMS chip was used. The well positions refer to the position on the 3 x 3 grid on a PDMS chip.

Supplementary Table 3. Information about bulk RNA-seq datasets used in this study. The datasets were downloaded from the ENCODE^{13,14} database.

Supplementary Table 4. Results of the spillover analysis. The table shows the percentage of reads in a certain well (rows) that was found to carry a certain RevT barcode (columns). Italic values mark the combinations of well and barcode that were expected from the experimental setup. All other values are derived from spillover events between the wells. The right column shows the sum of spillover events per well. RevT: Reverse transcription.

Supplementary Table 5. Cell type percentages obtained from the cell2location analysis and subsequential comparsion to published percentages from¹⁵ **.** Medullary thick ascending loop (mTAL), principal cells (PCs), Cortical collecting duct (CCD), Outer medullary collecting duct (OMCD), Intercalated cells type A and B (A-ICs + B-ICs).

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