

Supplemental Information

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Supplemental Methods

Detailed LM-Seq library prep protocol

1. mRNA Isolation (NEB Next Poly A+ Isolation Kit, NEB #E7490S/L)-Follow protocol with the following exceptions:

- Use 15 μ l beads per sample. Wash twice with 100 μ l 2X binding buffer, then resuspend in 50 μ l 2X binding buffer. If processing multiple samples at the same time, wash beads in bulk using 15ml conical tubes. Dilute 100ng total RNA in water to make final volume 50 μ l. Then add 50 μ l of resuspended beads.
- After mRNA binding, perform 1 wash instead of the recommended 2 washes.
- For final elution, use Elute, Prime, and Fragment buffer below and proceed to 2a (do not do final elution step in NEB Next Protocol)

2. Run reverse transcription reactions (Clontech SmartScribe kit):

a. Elute, Prime, and Fragment buffer

	One reaction
H ₂ O	5 μ l
5x 1 st strand buffer (SmartScribe buffer)	2.5 μ l
3' AD with random hexamer (20 μ M)- HZG883	0.75 μ l

Add 8.25 μ l to beads from each mRNA isolation, incubate at 85°C for 7 min, then cool on ice. Put on magnet and transfer 6.5 μ l supernatant to step 2b.

b. cDNA synthesis

	One reaction
H ₂ O	1 μ l
DTT (100mM)	0.25 μ l
dNTP mix (10mM each)	1 μ l
RNase Inhibitor	0.25 μ l
SmartScribe Reverse Transcriptase (100U)	1 μ l
Eluted mRNA from 2a	6.5 μ l
total	10 μ l

Incubate reaction at 23°C for 10min then 42°C for 30min. Then cool down reaction to RT.

c. Removing RNA

	One reaction
RNase H (2U/ μ l)	0.5 μ l
RNase A (1 μ g/ μ l)	0.5 μ l
cDNA from 2b	10 μ l
Total	11 μ l

Incubate reaction at 37°C for 15min then 95°C for 5min.

3. Purify cDNA with AMPure XP beads.

- Add 20 μ l AMPure XP beads to each reaction. Mix well. Incubate at RT for 15min.

- b. Discard supernatant. Wash beads twice with 200µl 80% EtOH. Let the beads air dry for 5 to 10min. Beads are dry when cracks appear in the pellet.
- c. Elute in 12µl EB buffer
- d. Put on magnet and transfer 10µl to step 4.

4. Adaptor Ligation and PCR

- a. Adaptor Ligation (NEB) (NOTE: PEG8000 is very viscous):

	One reaction
10X RNA ligase buffer	3µl
PEG8000 (50%)	9.5µl
ATP (10mM)	3µl
5' AD Oligo (20µM)- HZG885	1.5µl
T4 RNA ligase I (10000U/ml)	3µl
Eluted cDNA from step 3	10µl
Total	30µl total

Incubate at 22°C for 12 to 16 hours.

- b. Stop Ligation by adding 20µl of 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 15 mM EDTA to each reaction
- c. Double AMPure XP Beads Cleanup (NOTE: during final elution, beads do not pellet to magnet as well as they normally do):

- i. 1st AMPure XP Cleanup (1.8 beads:1 rxn ratio):

- i1. Add 90µl Ampure XP beads to each reaction. Mix well. Incubate at RT for 15min.
- i2. Discard supernatant. Wash beads twice with 200µl 80% EtOH. Let the beads air dry for 5 to 10min. Beads are dry when cracks appear in the pellet.
- i3. Elute in 22µl EB buffer.
- i4. Put on magnet and transfer 20µl to a fresh tube.

- ii. 2nd AMPure XP Cleanup (1.8 beads:1 rxn ratio):

- ii1. Add 36µl Ampure XP beads to each reaction. Mix well. Incubate at RT for 15min.
- ii2. Discard supernatant. Wash beads twice with 200µl 80% EtOH. Let the beads air dry for 5 to 10min. Beads are dry when cracks appear in the pellet.
- ii3. Elute in 22µl EB buffer.
- ii4. Put on magnet and transfer 20µl to step 4d.

- d. PCR (Epicentre's FailSafe 2x Master Mix):

	One reaction
H2O	8.5µl
5' Adaptor Primer LC056 (20µM)	0.5µl
FailSafe PCR PreMix E	30µl
FailSafe PCR Enzyme	0.6µl
3' Index Primer (20µM)*	0.5µl
Eluted cDNA from step 4c	20µl
Total	60.1µl

*: If multiplexing, use a primer with unique index sequence for each sample to be run in the same lane.

Run the following program:

95°C for 1 min
95°C for 10 sec
55°C for 10 sec
68°C for 3 min
68°C for 7 min

} 18 cycles

e. Purify with AMPure XP beads using 1 beads:1 rxn ratio

- i. Add 60ul AMPure beads to each reaction. Mix well. Incubate at RT for 15min.
- ii. Discard supernatant. Wash beads twice with 200ul 80% EtOH. Let the beads air dry for 5 to 10min. Beads are dry when cracks appear in the pellet.
- iii. Elute in 22ul EB buffer.
- iv. Put on magnet and transfer 20ul to a fresh tube.

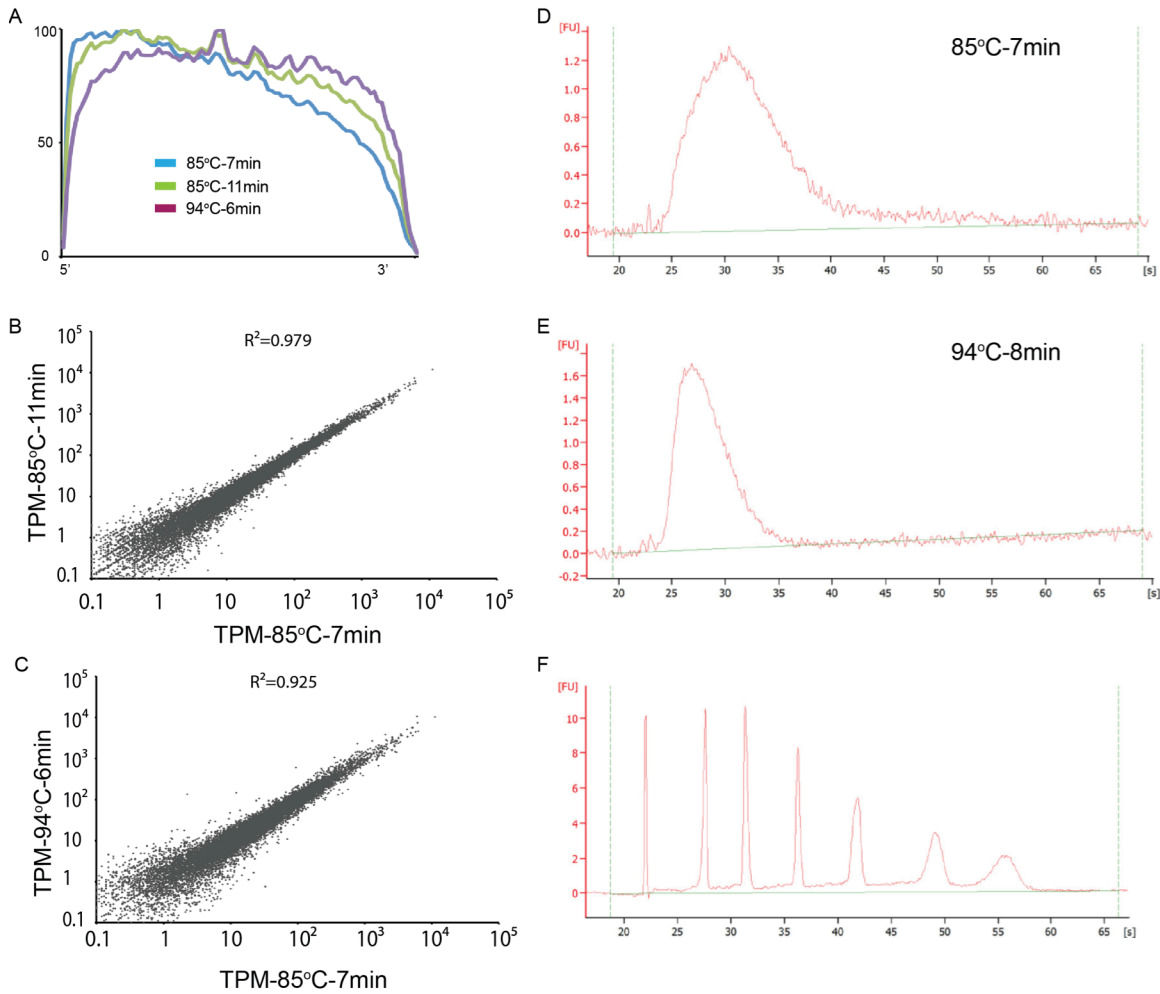
5. Quantify DNA concentration with PicoGreen Assay (Life Technologies) or Qubit's dsDNA HS Assay.

6. Pool samples. Skip this step if indexing is not required.

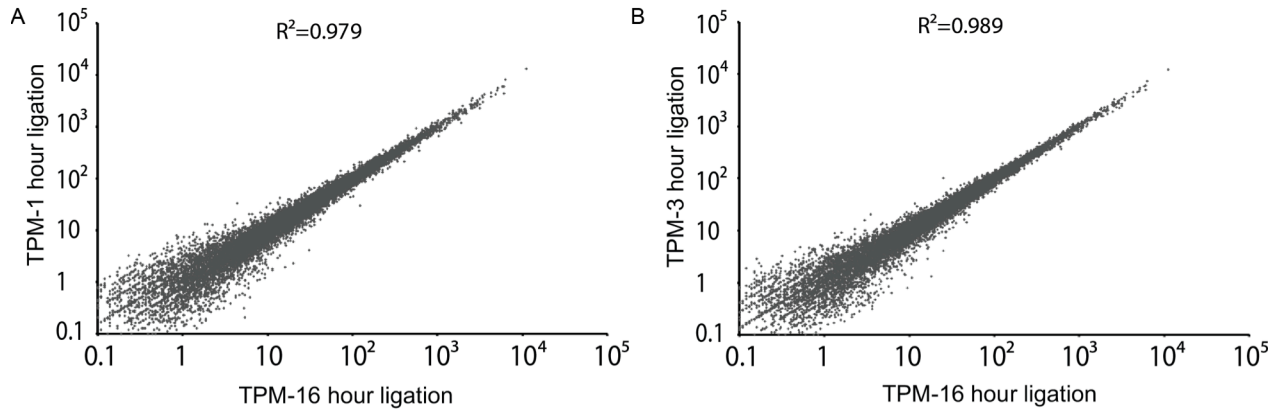
7. Purify with AMPure XP beads using 1 beads:1 rxn ratio; Elute in 27ul EB if pooling 96 or 48 samples and transfer 25ul to a fresh tube. Elute in 14ul EB if pooling less than 48 samples and transfer 12ul to a fresh tube.

8. Quantify pooled DNA with Qubit's dsDNA HS Assay and run an Agilent High Sensitivity DNA chip on the BioAnalyzer to check on the quality and the average size of the final library.

Supplemental Figures



Supplemental Figure 1: Effect of RNA fragmentation on transcript read coverage. A. Average LM-Seq reads distribution across all transcripts under different RNA fragmentation conditions. Blue: 85°C for 7min. Green: 85°C for 11min. Purple: 94°C for 6min. B. and C. Scatter plot of TPM values of the same hES cells sample sequenced with LM-Seq using different RNA fragmentation conditions. Pearson correlation is reported on top of the plot. D. and E. Bioanalyzer electropherograms of fragmented mRNA using different fragmentation conditions. F. Bioanalyzer electropherogram of the RNA ladder.



Supplemental Figure 2: Comparison of oligo ligation time. A. Scatter plot of TPM values of the same hES cells sample sequenced with LM-Seq using either 1hr or 16hr oligo ligation time. Pearson correlation is reported on top of the plot. B. Scatter plot of TPM values of the same hES cells sample sequenced with LM-Seq using either 3hr or 16hr oligo ligation time. Pearson correlation is reported on top of the plot.

Supplemental Table 1: Summary of reagent cost

Item	Vendor	Cat number	Price	Number of reactions	Cost per sample
NEBNext® Poly(A) mRNA Magnetic Isolation Module	NEB	E7490L	193.60	96.00	2.02
RiboGreen	Life Tech	R11490	429.00	1000.00	0.04
Qubit	Life Tech	Q32852	70.00	100.00	0.70
RNA 6000 Pico Kit	Agilent	5067-1513	672.00	275.00	0.22
3' AD HZG883	IDT	-	39.00	243.00	0.12
3' AD HZG885	IDT	-	39.00	243.00	0.24
5'AD LC056	IDT	-	39.00	243.00	0.08
ZH AD LIG 96	IDT	-	39.00	243.00	0.08
Ampure Beads	Agencourt	A63882	5493.00	450.00	2.51
RNase A	Epicentre	MRNA092	56.00	2000.00	0.00
RNase H	NEB	M0297L	256.00	625.00	0.41
10mM dNTP	Life Tech	18427088.00	399.00	1000.00	0.40
Nuclease Free Water	Life Tech	AM9932	60.00	1000000.00	0.00
RNase Inhibitor	Life Tech	10977-015	24.00	500.00	0.05
Ethanol (80%)	Sigma	E7023-6X500ML	279.00	100000.00	0.00
EB Buffer	Qiagen	19086.00	31.10	250.00	0.01
T4 RNA Ligase 1	NEB	M0204L	201.60	500.00	1.21
Smartscribe Rev Trans	Clontech	639538.00	550.00	400.00	1.38
FailSafe PCR Enzyme	Epicentre	FS9901K	1013.00	400.00	1.52
FailSafe PCR - Premix E	Epicentre	FSP995E-INCL	0.00	2500.00	0.00
PicoGreen	Life Tech	P7589	379.00	1000.00	0.04
1.5mL Tubes	Life Tech	AM12450	42.75	500.00	0.09
PCR Tubes	Life Tech	AM12230	153.00	125.00	1.22
p20 tips	Rainin	RT-L10F	45.93	9600.00	0.19
p200 tips	Rainin	RT-L200F	91.85	9600.00	0.53
p1000 tips	Rainin	RT-L1000F	91.85	7680.00	0.26
Total per Sample					13.32

Supplemental Table 2: Index primer sequences*

Primer Name	Reverse complement of the index embedded in the FNC of the adapter
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&: This index was not included in the test sample sets reported in the manuscript due to failed library amplification, likely due to accidental sample loss during purification. However, it has been used in other library preparations using LM-Seq with very good results.