

User Manual

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# Evercode™ Cells and Nuclei Fixation v3 with INTEGRA ASSIST PLUS

For use with

ECFC3300, ECFC3301  
ECFC3303, ECFC3305  
ECFC3501, ECFC3503  
ECFC3505, ECFN3300  
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## Overview

### Workflow

The Evercode Cells and Nuclei Fixation workflow is now compatible with the INTEGRA ASSIST PLUS to enable the large-scale fixation of single cell/nuclei through a robust, semi-automated process.

From a single cell/nuclei suspension, the Evercode Cell and Nuclei Fixation kits generate fixed and permeabilized cells/nuclei ready for use in all downstream Evercode assays.

Three different throughput options provide the flexibility to process anywhere between 1 to 96 samples in parallel:

- 12 Reactions workflows uses ECFC3300/ECFN3300
- 48 Reactions workflows uses half of ECFC3501/ECFN3501
- 96 Reactions workflows uses ECFC3501/ECFN3501

Fixation maintains cell structure, prevents RNA degradation, and locks the RNA inside the cells, which are crucial for downstream processing with Evercode split-pool combinatorial barcoding technology (Figures 1 and 2).

Because fixed samples are also stable for up to 6 months at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$ , Evercode Cell/Nuclei Fixation Kit with INTEGRA ASSIST PLUS provides flexibility by separating sample collection from library preparation. It also enables samples to be stored and batched after fixation so they can be processed through library preparation together, reducing the potential of batch effects.

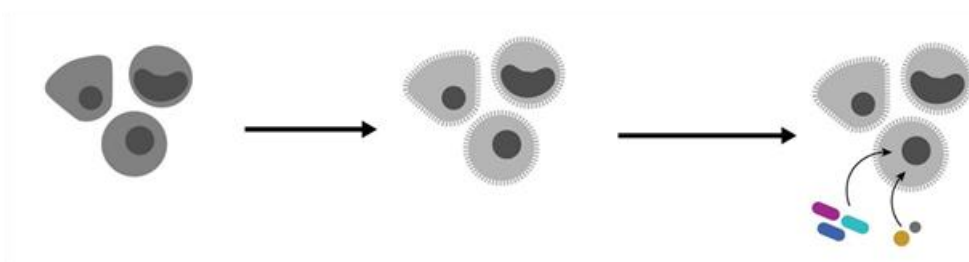


Figure 1: Evercode Cell Fixation. Cells in suspension are fixed and permeabilized before undergoing the split-pool combinatorial barcoding steps.

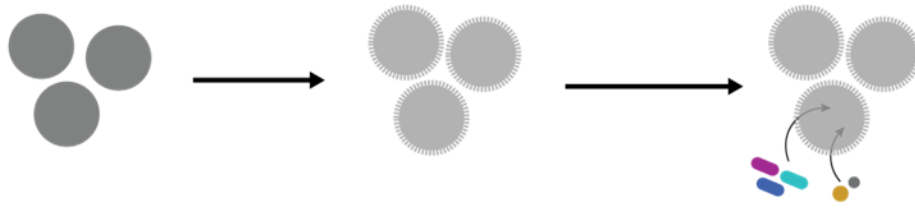


Figure 2: Evercode Nuclei Fixation. Nuclei in suspension are fixed and permeabilized before undergoing the split-pool combinatorial barcoding steps.

## Important Guidelines

These guidelines provide additional information to obtain optimal performance beyond the detailed instructions in the protocol. For additional questions not discussed below, please contact us at [support@parsebiosciences.com](mailto:support@parsebiosciences.com). We also have a library of additional resources and videos on our support site at <https://support.parsebiosciences.com/>.

### Sample Input

- This protocol begins with a previously prepared single cell/nuclei suspension. We recommend suspensions with >70% viability (ideally above 90%) and <5% aggregation/debris.
- If cells/nuclei were previously frozen, ensure the suspension is completely thawed and in suspension before beginning fixation.
- We recommend minimizing the length of time samples are stored on ice prior to fixation, as it can negatively impact results.
- Between 100,000 and 1 million cells/nuclei can be fixed in a single reaction. However, we recommend using the highest number available up to 1 million total. Exceeding 1 million cells/nuclei in a single fixation will result in substantially elevated doublet rates.
- The minimum input into fixation should also be determined based on how the samples will be processed downstream. The table below provides guidance on the post-fixation concentrations needed for downstream kits. However, more or less sample input may be required depending on the exact experimental design. To accurately determine required post-fixation cell/nuclei concentrations and volumes, reference the relevant Sample Loading Table.
- Note that retention during fixation varies typically between 40-60%, and some cells/nuclei will be lost when freezing and thawing fixed samples, typically between 5-15%. The final concentration of cells/nuclei post-fixation is also influenced by the resuspension volume. These factors should all be taken into account when determining how much sample input is needed for fixation.

| CELL/NUCLEI CONCENTRATIONS |   |  |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Kit                        | Target Post-Fixation Concentration/ $\mu$ L | Minimum Post-Thaw Concentration to Fully Load Kit/ $\mu$ L |
| Evercode WT                | $\geq 1,000$ cells/nuclei                   | 520 cells/nuclei   |
| Evercode Mega              | $\geq 3,000$ cells/nuclei                   | 2,126 cells/nuclei   |



### Avoiding RNase Contamination

- Standard precautions should be taken to avoid introducing RNases into samples or reagents throughout the workflow. Always wear proper laboratory gloves and use aseptic technique.
- Although RNases are not inactivated by ethanol or isopropanol, they are inactivated by products such as RNaseZap RNase Decontamination Solution (Thermo Fisher Scientific). These can be sprayed on benchtops and pipettes.
- Filtered pipette tips should be used to reduce RNase contamination from pipettes.

### Cell Detachment

- If using adherent cell line samples, we recommend TrypLE Express Enzyme (1X), phenol red (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Due to high RNase activity, we do not recommend dissociation with standard trypsin, which may reduce gene and transcript detection.

### Plate Strainers

- An example video of using a Plate Strainer can be found in our support site. We recommend watching this video and practicing using Plate Strainers before processing your samples.
- After opening their plastic sleeves, Plate Strainers should be stored in their original plastic sleeve until use and used on the same day they were opened. We do not recommend using Plate Strainers more than one day after the plastic sleeve has been opened.
- Plate Strainers may need to be cut prior to processing samples. Plate Strainers should be cut with sterile scissors, razor blade, or scalpel that have been cleaned with RNaseZap RNase Decontamination Solution (Thermo Fisher Scientific) immediately prior to use.
- Plate Strainers should be thoroughly adhered to 96 well plates prior to use. After being placed by hand, a plate seal applicator should be used to completely seal the strainer over each well by pressing along the outside of the wells. The plate seal applicator should be cleaned with RNaseZap RNase Decontamination Solution (Thermo Fisher Scientific) immediately prior to use. Applicators should never be pressed directly onto the mesh.
- To maximize cell/nuclei retention with Plate Strainers, press pipette tips directly against the mesh. Ensure ample pressure is applied to hold contact between the tip and the strainer to force liquid through in ~1 second.

## Cell/Nuclei Counting and Quality Assessment

- We recommend a hemocytometer for counting, but alternative counting devices can also be used. If possible, validate counts from alternative devices to a hemocytometer when first using Evercode Fixation v3 kits.
- When first using Evercode Fixation v3 kits, we suggest saving images at each counting step.
- To assess sample quality, we recommend using viability stains like trypan blue or acridine orange and propidium iodide (AO/PI).
- After fixation, the cells/nuclei are permeabilized and should appear dead with viability stains. If using Acridine Orange/Propidium Iodide (AO/PI) stains, we suggest using the red (PI) channel to count to avoid the impact of any autofluorescence in the green (AO) channel.
- Examples of trypan blue stained fixed cells/nuclei are shown below. High quality fixed samples have single distinct cells/nuclei with <5% cell/nuclei aggregation and no debris. Higher levels of aggregation will lead to elevated doublets after sequencing. When quantifying fixed cells/nuclei, it is critical to avoid counting cell/nuclei debris to avoid overestimating the number of cells/nuclei.

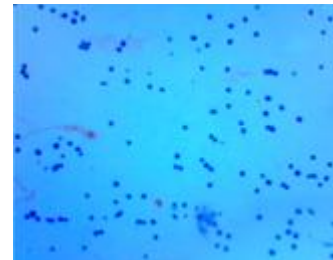
High Quality Sample



Aggregation



Debris



Example of trypan blue stained fixed cells.

## Centrifugation

- A range of centrifugation speeds and durations are given in this protocol rather than a single speed. When using Evercode Fixation v3 kits for the first time or when testing a new sample type, we recommend optimizing centrifugation conditions in 1.5 mL tubes before using the plate-based workflows. See the tube-based protocol in our support site, which includes detailed optimization recommendations.
- A swinging bucket rotor should be used for all high-speed centrifugation steps in this protocol. The use of a fixed-angle rotor will lead to substantial cell/nuclei loss.



### Reagent Stability

- Reagents in the Cell/Nuclei Fixation Reagents box should not be frozen and thawed more than 3 times.
- If the kit is going to be used more than 4 times, the reagents should be aliquoted into nuclease-free 1.5 mL tubes and stored at -20°C until use. We do not recommend making single use aliquots to minimize the impact of evaporation during storage.
- Reagent master mixes should be made fresh and used the same day.

### Storage of Fixed Samples

- Fixed samples can be stored at -80°C for up to 6 months. Fixed samples should not be refrozen after thawing.
- When possible, we recommend splitting samples into aliquots after fixation. Aliquots should be at least 20 µL when stored in 0.2 mL PCR tubes or tube strip(s).

### PCR Freezer Block

- The PCR freezer block changes color from dark purple to bright pink (too warm) when the block temperature exceeds 7°C. If 70% of the block is bright pink, replace the PCR freezer block with a fully frozen dark purple block.
- To maintain optimal performance and minimize temperature fluctuations, store the PCR Freezer Blocks in a -20°C freezer when not in use.
- Tip pinching may occur when using a fully frozen PCR freezer block for a plate pooling step. To minimize tip pinching, a fully frozen PCR freezer block should be warmed slightly by a few degrees by leaving it at room temperature for 10 minutes before using it on the INTEGRA ASSIST PLUS Deck.
- To ensure a secure positioning within the freezer block, apply firm pressure on the PCR plates until they are securely seated. Avoid touching the top of the open wells.

### INTEGRA ASSIST PLUS Pipetting Programs

- Ensure that the VIALAB program is installed on the same computer that will be used to communicate with the Pipetting Module.
- Ensure that Evercode workflow script precheck has been confirmed prior to running the INTEGRA + Parse workflow. This can be done by running the [Evercode WT with INTEGRA ASSIST PLUS Precheck Scripts](#) available on the Customer Support Suite.

- Automated pipetting programs are set up and can be selected using the pipette's user interface. In the INTEGRA + Parse workflow, prompts are built into the programs as checkpoints. When the prompt is followed by a double dash, "--", the program will continue. If the prompt does not contain a double dash, "--", it is followed by another prompt.









### Deck Loading

- To prevent malfunctions during the procedure, ensure that all unnecessary labware is cleared from the deck before initiating a new program on the INTEGRA ASSIST PLUS.

## Cell Fixation Reagents

The Evercode Cell Fixation v3, 12 reactions workflow requires Cell Fixation Reagents and Cell Fixation Enhancer boxes.

**Cell Fixation Reagents, 12 reactions.** Store at -20°C, PN CF100

| LABEL   | ITEM                      | PN    | FORMAT      | QTY |
|---|---------------------------|-------|-------------|-----|
|    | Prefixation Buffer        | CF101 | 8 mL bottle | 1   |
|    | Storage Buffer            | CF102 | 2 mL tube   | 1   |
|    | Fixative Solution A       | CF103 | 1.5 mL tube | 1   |
|   | Fixative Solution B       | CF104 | 1.5 mL tube | 1   |
|  | Permeabilization Solution | CF105 | 1.5 mL tube | 1   |
|  | Fix and Perm Stop Buffer  | CF106 | 8 mL bottle | 1   |
|  | RNase Inhibitor           | CF107 | 1.5 mL tube | 1   |
|  | DMSO                      | CF108 | 1.5 mL tube | 1   |

**Cell Prefixation Enhancer, 12 reactions.** Store at 4°C, PN CF400

| LABEL   | ITEM                 | PN    | FORMAT      | QTY |
|---|----------------------|-------|-------------|-----|
|  | Prefixation Enhancer | CF201 | 1.5 mL tube | 1   |

**30 µM Plate Strainer\*.** Store at Room Temperature

| LABEL | ITEM                           | PN    | FORMAT         | QTY |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----|
| N/A   | Adhesive Plate Strainer, 30 µM | PS030 | Plastic sleeve | 1   |

**70 µM Plate Strainer\*.** Store at Room Temperature

| LABEL | ITEM                           | PN    | FORMAT         | QTY |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----|
| N/A   | Adhesive Plate Strainer, 70 µM | PS070 | Plastic sleeve | 1   |

**100 µM Plate Strainer\*.** Store at Room Temperature









| LABEL | ITEM                            | PN    | FORMAT         | QTY |
|-------|---------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----|
| N/A   | Adhesive Plate Strainer, 100 µM | PS100 | Plastic sleeve | 1   |



**Note:** \* Only one mesh size of Plate Strainer is required for the Evercode Cell Fixation v3 workflow. Select an appropriate mesh size for each sample type.

The Evercode Cell Fixation v3, 96 reactions workflow requires Cell Fixation Reagents and Cell Fixation Enhancer boxes.

**Cell Fixation Reagents, 96 reactions.** Store at -20°C, PN CF300

| LABEL   | ITEM                      | PN    | FORMAT       | QTY |
|---|---------------------------|-------|--------------|-----|
|    | Prefixation Buffer        | CF301 | 15 mL bottle | 2   |
|    | Storage Buffer            | CF302 | 8 mL bottle  | 2   |
|    | Fixative Solution A       | CF303 | 8 mL bottle  | 2   |
|    | Fixative Solution B       | CF304 | 8 mL bottle  | 2   |
|   | Permeabilization Solution | CF305 | 2 mL tube    | 2   |
|  | Fix and Perm Stop Buffer  | CF306 | 15 mL bottle | 2   |
|  | RNase Inhibitor           | CF307 | 1.5 mL tube  | 1   |
|  | DMSO                      | CF308 | 1.5 mL tube  | 1   |

**Cell Prefixation Enhancer, 96 reactions.** Store at 4°C, PN CF400

| LABEL   | ITEM                 | PN    | FORMAT    | QTY |
|---|----------------------|-------|-----------|-----|
|  | Prefixation Enhancer | CF401 | 2 mL tube | 1   |

**30  $\mu$ M Plate Strainer\***. Store at Room Temperature

| LABEL | ITEM                                | PN    | FORMAT         | QTY |
|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----|
| N/A   | Adhesive Plate Strainer, 30 $\mu$ M | PS030 | Plastic sleeve | 2   |

**70  $\mu$ M Plate Strainer\***. Store at Room Temperature

| LABEL | ITEM                                | PN    | FORMAT         | QTY |
|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----|
| N/A   | Adhesive Plate Strainer, 70 $\mu$ M | PS070 | Plastic sleeve | 2   |

**100  $\mu$ M Plate Strainer\***. Store at Room Temperature

| LABEL | ITEM                                 | PN    | FORMAT         | QTY |
|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----|
| N/A   | Adhesive Plate Strainer, 100 $\mu$ M | PS100 | Plastic sleeve | 2   |









**Note:** \* Only one mesh size of Plate Strainer is required for the Evercode Cell Fixation v3 workflow. Select an appropriate mesh size for each sample type.



## Nuclei Fixation Reagents

The Evercode Nuclei Fixation v3, 12 reactions workflow requires Nuclei Fixation Reagents and Nuclei Fixation Enhancer boxes.

**Nuclei Fixation Reagents, 12 reactions.** Store at -20°C, NF100

| LABEL   | ITEM                      | PN    | FORMAT      | QTY |
|---|---------------------------|-------|-------------|-----|
|  Prefix        | Prefixation Buffer        | NF101 | 8 mL bottle | 1   |
|  Storage       | Storage Buffer            | NF102 | 2 mL tube   | 1   |
|  Fix           | Fixative Solution         | NF103 | 1.5 mL tube | 1   |
|  Perm          | Permeabilization Solution | NF104 | 1.5 mL tube | 1   |
|  Stop        | Fix and Perm Stop Buffer  | NF105 | 8 mL bottle | 1   |
|  RNase Inhib | RNase Inhibitor           | NF106 | 1.5 mL tube | 1   |
|  DMSO        | DMSO                      | NF107 | 1.5 mL tube | 1   |

**Nuclei Fixation Enhancer, 12 reactions.** Store at 4°C, NF200

| LABEL   | ITEM                 | PN    | FORMAT      | QTY |
|---|----------------------|-------|-------------|-----|
|  Prefix Enhancer | Prefixation Enhancer | NF201 | 1.5 mL tube | 1   |

**30 µm Plate Strainer.** Store at Room Temperature

| LABEL | ITEM                           | PN    | FORMAT         | QTY |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----|
| N/A   | Adhesive Plate Strainer, 30 µM | PS030 | Plastic sleeve | 1   |

The Evercode Nuclei Fixation v3, 96 reactions workflow requires Nuclei Fixation Reagents and Nuclei Fixation Enhancer boxes.

**Nuclei Fixation Reagents, 96 reactions.** Store at -20°C, NF300

| LABEL   | ITEM                      | PN    | FORMAT       | QTY |
|---|---------------------------|-------|--------------|-----|
|    | Prefixation Buffer        | NF301 | 15 mL bottle | 2   |
|    | Storage Buffer            | NF302 | 8 mL bottle  | 2   |
|   | Fixative Solution         | NF303 | 8 mL bottle  | 2   |
|  | Permeabilization Solution | NF304 | 2 mL tube    | 2   |
|  | Fix and Perm Stop Buffer  | NF305 | 15 mL bottle | 2   |
|  | RNase Inhibitor           | NF306 | 1.5 mL tube  | 1   |
|  | DMSO                      | NF307 | 1.5 mL tube  | 1   |

**Nuclei Fixation Enhancer, 96 reactions.** Store at 4°C, NF400

| LABEL   | ITEM                 | PN    | FORMAT    | QTY |
|---|----------------------|-------|-----------|-----|
|  | Prefixation Enhancer | NF401 | 2 mL tube | 1   |

**30 µm Plate Strainer.** Store at Room Temperature

| LABEL | ITEM                           | PN    | FORMAT         | QTY |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----|
| N/A   | Adhesive Plate Strainer, 30 µM | PS030 | Plastic sleeve | 2   |

## Parse-Provided Equipment

The following is a list of equipment provided by Parse Biosciences, required to successfully perform the Evercode workflows on the INTEGRA ASSIST PLUS.

| ITEM                               | PN       | QTY |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----|
| Thermochromic PCR Cold Block       | NTAC1102 | 2   |
| Thermochromic PCR Cold Block Riser | NTAC1103 | 2   |
| Fixation Deep Well Adapter         | NTAC1104 | 2   |
| Fixation 8 Row Reservoir Adapter   | NTAC1105 | 1   |
| Fixation Cooling Adapter Base      | NTAC1106 | 3   |

## INTEGRA Components

The following are required INTEGRA ASSIST PLUS components needed to run the Evercode Fixation workflow on the INTEGRA ASSIST PLUS.

| ITEM   | ITEM TYPE | PN   | QTY |
|--|-----------|------|-----|
| Pipette Communication Module for VIAFLO / VOYAGER Pipettes | Accessory | 4221 | 1   |
| ASSIST PLUS Base Unit                                      | Main      | 4505 | 1   |
| Communication/Charging Cable for VIAFLO                    | Accessory | 4226 | 1   |
| VIAFLO Pipette 12-Channel, 10-300 $\mu$ L                  | Pipette   | 4633 | 1   |

## INTEGRA-Provided Consumables

The following is a list of consumables provided by INTEGRA, required to successfully perform Evercode Fixation workflow on the INTEGRA ASSIST PLUS.

| ITEM  | ITEM TYPE        | PN   | QTY |
|---|------------------|------|-----|
| 8 Row Reagent Reservoirs, Partitioned (32 mL/row) with SUREFLO design | INTEGRA-Provided | 6373 | 4   |
| 10-300 $\mu$ L pipette tips (Sterile/Filter/Low Retention)            | INTEGRA-Provided | 6535 | 1   |

## Consumables

The following equipment and consumables are required to perform the protocol but are not provided by INTEGRA or by Parse Biosciences. Note that this list does not include standard laboratory equipment, such as freezers.

### Consumables

| ITEM                        | SUPPLIER                  | PN         | QTY |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----|
| Semi skirted plates (clear) | Thermo Fisher Scientific® | E951020362 | 2   |
| 1 mL Deepwell Plate         | Eppendorf                 | 951033308  | 2   |

### Equipment

| ITEM                  | SUPPLIER          | PN      | NOTES   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|---|
| Microcentrifuge       | Various Suppliers | Varies  | Compatible with 1.5 mL tubes.   |
| Hemocytometer         | Sigma-Aldrich®    | Z359629 | Or other cell counting devices. We recommend validating alternatives relative to a hemocytometer. |
| Plate Seal Applicator | Various Suppliers | Varies  | Capable of adhering plate sealing films to 96 well plates.  |
| Trypan Blue           | Various Suppliers | Varies  | Or alternative dyes to assess cell viability, such as AO/PI.                                      |

## Section 1: Set Up

### Section 1.1. Block Plates with BSA

Although not required, blocking plates with BSA can increase cell retention. When Protein LoBind plates are not available, we recommend blocking plates, especially for samples with low cell inputs or cells prone to aggregation.

#### To block plates:

1. Prepare a fresh 1% BSA as follows, depending on the number of samples being processed.

| 1% BSA   |         |        |        |
|--|---------|--------|--------|
| Number of Samples  | 12      | 48     | 96     |
| Nuclease-free water (not supplied)                             | 21.8 mL | 87 mL  | 175 mL |
| Gibco Bovine Albumin Fraction V (7.5% solution) (not supplied) | 3.4 mL  | 13 mL  | 27 mL  |
| Total Volume   | 25.2 mL | 100 mL | 202 mL |

2. Fill a new basin with 1% BSA, refilling as needed in step 3.
3. For each sample, add **1 mL** of 1% BSA to a well of a polypropylene, nuclease-free, v-bottom, 1 mL or 2 mL Deepwell plate.
4. Repeat step 3 with a second Deepwell plate.
5. Add new plate seals and invert once to fully coat the wells.
6. Incubate for **30 minutes** at room temperature.
7. Remove the plate seals. Decant and discard the 1% BSA.
8. Add new plate seals.
9. Centrifuge the plates for **1 minute** at 100 x g at room temperature.
10. Remove the plates from the centrifuge and remove the plate seals.
11. Remove any remaining solution from the bottom of the wells with a multichannel P200.



12. Without sealing the plates, air dry for **30 minutes** in a biosafety cabinet at room temperature.
13. Proceed to Section 1.2 or store sealed BSA-coated plates at 4°C for up to 4 weeks.

## Section 1.2. Prepare Master Mixes for Cell Fixation

Cell fixation master mixes should be prepared just prior to fixation.

1. Fill a bucket with ice. Gather the following items and handle as indicated below.

| ITEM                             | SOURCE                         | QTY (12 or 48/96)           | HANDLING AND STORAGE  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 8 Row Reservoir                  | INTEGRA-Provided               | 1                           | Individually wrapped consumable   |
| 1 mL 96 Deepwell plate           | Eppendorf                      | 1                           |   |
| Fixation Cooling Adapter Base    | Parse-Provided                 | 1                           |   |
| Fixation 8 Row Reservoir Adapter | Parse-Provided                 | 1                           |   |
| ○ Prefixation Buffer             | Cell Fixation Reagents (-20°C) | 8 mL bottle or 15 mL bottle | Thaw at room temperature then immediately store on ice. Mix by inverting each tube/bottle. Do not vortex. |
| ○ Storage Buffer                 | Cell Fixation Reagents (-20°C) | 2 mL tube or 8 mL bottle    |   |
| ○ Fixative Solution A            | Cell Fixation Reagents (-20°C) | 1.5 mL tube or 8 mL bottle  |   |
| ○ Fixative Solution B            | Cell Fixation Reagents (-20°C) | 1.5 mL tube or 8 mL bottle  |   |
| ● Permeabilization Solution      | Cell Fixation Reagents (-20°C) | 1.5 mL tube or 2 mL tube    |   |
| ○ Fix and Perm Stop Buffer       | Cell Fixation Reagents (-20°C) | 8 mL bottle or 15 mL bottle |   |
| ● DMSO                           | Cell Fixation Reagents (-20°C) | 1.5 mL tube                 |   |
| ● RNase Inhibitor                | Cell Fixation Reagents (-20°C) | 1.5 mL tube                 | Store on ice immediately before use. Do not vortex.   |
| ● Prefixation Enhancer           | Cell Fixation Reagents (4°C)   | 1.5 mL tube or 2 mL tube    |   |

2. Prepare the Cell Prefixation Master Mix in a new tube as follows. Mix thoroughly by pipetting and pipette into **row 5** of the 8 Row Reservoir. Store the 8 Row Reservoir on ice.

| CELL PREFIXATION MASTERMIX |         |         |         |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Number of Samples          | 12      | 48      | 96      |
| ○ Prefixation Buffer       | 2.67 mL | 10.7 mL | 21.3 mL |
| ● RNase Inhibitor          | 36 µL   | 144 µL  | 288 µL  |
| ● Prefixation Enhancer     | 180 µL  | 720 µL  | 1.4 mL  |
| Total Volume               | 2.9 mL  | 11.5 mL | 23 mL   |



**CRITICAL!** The overages in these master mixes are designed for use with the Evercode Cell Fixation v3, HT 96 reactions kit when processing  $\geq 48$  samples across up to 2 fixation sessions. If the kit is to be used more than twice, the mid throughput plate-based workflow should be used instead to ensure that there are sufficient reagent overages.

3. Prepare the Cell Fixative Master Mix in a new tube as follows. Mix thoroughly by pipetting and pipette into **row 6** of the 8 Row Reservoir. Store the 8 Row Reservoir on ice.

| CELL FIXATIVE MASTERMIX |         |        |        |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| Number of Samples       | 12      | 48     | 96     |
| ○ Fixative Solution A   | 526 µL  | 2.4 mL | 4.8 mL |
| ○ Fixative Solution B   | 526 µL  | 2.4 mL | 4.8 mL |
| Total Volume            | 1.05 mL | 4.8 mL | 9.6 mL |

4. Prepare the Cell Storage Master Mix in a new tube as follows. Mix thoroughly by pipetting and pipette into **row 8** of the 8 Row Reservoir. Store the 8 Row Reservoir on ice.

| CELL STORAGE MASTERMIX |          |         |          |
|------------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| Number of Samples      | 12       | 48      | 96       |
| ○ Storage Buffer       | 1.732 mL | 6.3 mL  | 12.6 mL  |
| ● RNase Inhibitor      | 23.1 μL  | 84 μL   | 168 μL   |
| ● DMSO                 | 92.4 μL  | 336 μL  | 672 μL   |
| Total Volume           | 1.848 mL | 6.72 mL | 13.44 mL |

5. Dispense all of the ● Permeabilization Solution into **row 7** of the 8 Row Reservoir. Store the 8 Row Reservoir on ice. For the 12 Reactions Fixation only: add **45 μL** of ● Permeabilization Solution into each well of Row B of the sample 96 Deepwell plate.

| PERMEABILIZATION SOLUTION   |       |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Number of Samples           | 48    | 96    |
| ● Permeabilization Solution | ~2 mL | ~4 mL |

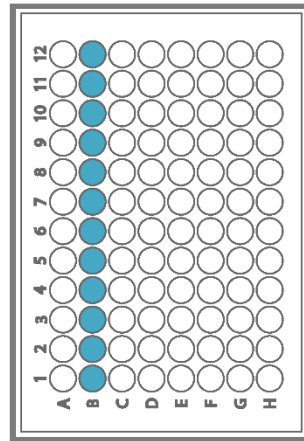
6. Dispense all of the ○ Fix and Perm Stop Buffer into **row 3** of the 8 Row Reservoir. Store the 8 Row Reservoir on ice.

| FIX AND PERM STOP BUFFER   |         |        |        |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| Number of Samples          | 12      | 48     | 96     |
| ○ Fix and Perm Stop Buffer | ~3.5 mL | ~14 mL | ~28 mL |

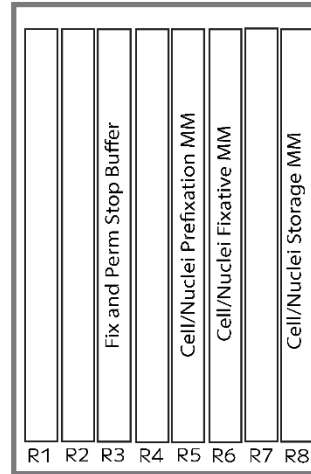
7. The 8 Row Reservoir should correspond to Reagent 8 Row Reservoir represented below.

### For 12 Cell Fixation Reactions

● Permeabilization Solution

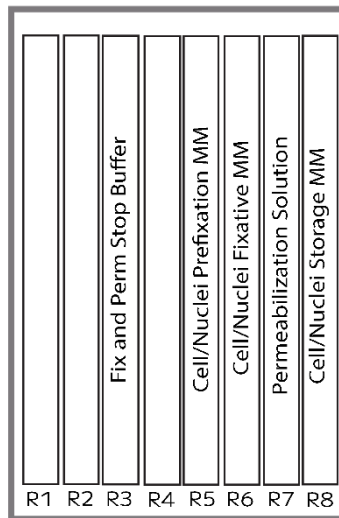


Sample Plate



8 Row Reservoir

### For 48/96 Cell Fixation Reactions



8 Row Reservoir



**CRITICAL!** Ensure that the liquid is distributed evenly throughout the reservoir.

## Section 1.3. Prepare Master Mixes for Nuclei Fixation

Nuclei fixation master mixes should be prepared just prior to fixation.

1. Fill a bucket with ice. Gather the following items and handle as indicated below.

| ITEM                             | SOURCE                           | QTY<br>(12 or 48/96)        | HANDLING AND STORAGE  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 8 Row Reservoir                  | INTEGRA-Provided                 | 1                           | Individually wrapped consumable   |
| 1 mL 96 Deepwell plate           | Eppendorf                        | 1                           |   |
| Fixation Cooling Adapter Base    | Parse-Provided                   | 1                           |   |
| Fixation 8 Row Reservoir Adapter | Parse-Provided                   | 1                           |   |
| ○ Prefixation Buffer             | Nuclei Fixation Reagents (-20°C) | 8 mL bottle or 15 mL bottle | Thaw at room temperature then immediately store on ice. Mix by inverting each tube/bottle. Do not vortex. |
| ○ Storage Buffer                 | Nuclei Fixation Reagents (-20°C) | 2 mL tube or 8 mL bottle    |   |
| ○ Fixative Solution              | Nuclei Fixation Reagents (-20°C) | 1.5 mL tube or 8 mL bottle  |   |
| ● Permeabilization Solution      | Nuclei Fixation Reagents (-20°C) | 1.5 mL tube or 2 mL tube    |   |
| ○ Fix and Perm Stop Buffer       | Nuclei Fixation Reagents (-20°C) | 8 mL bottle or 15 mL bottle |   |
| ● DMSO                           | Nuclei Fixation Reagents (-20°C) | 1.5 mL tube                 |   |
| ● RNase Inhibitor                | Nuclei Fixation Reagents (-20°C) | 1.5 mL tube                 | Store on ice immediately before use. Do not vortex.   |
| ● Prefixation Enhancer           | Nuclei Fixation Reagents (4°C)   | 1.5 mL tube or 2 mL tube    |   |



2. Prepare the Nuclei Prefixation Master Mix in a new tube as follows. Mix thoroughly by pipetting and pipette into **row 5** of the 8 Row Reservoir. Store the 8 Row Reservoir on ice.

| NUCLEI PREFIXATION MASTER MIX |                |             |             |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of Samples             | 12             | 48          | 96          |
| ○ Prefixation Buffer          | 2.53 mL        | 10.7 mL     | 21.3 mL     |
| ● RNase Inhibitor             | 34.79 $\mu$ L  | 144 $\mu$ L | 288 $\mu$ L |
| ● Prefixation Buffer          | 173.94 $\mu$ L | 720 $\mu$ L | 1.4 mL      |
| Total Volume                  | 2.7 mL         | 11.5 mL     | 23 mL       |



The overages in these master mixes are designed for use with the Evercode Nuclei Fixation v3, HT 96 reactions kit when processing  $\geq 48$  samples across up to 2 fixation sessions. If the kit is to be used more than twice, the mid throughput plate-based workflow should be used instead to ensure that there are sufficient reagent overages.

3. Dispense all of the Nuclei Fixative Solution into **row 6** of the 8 Row Reservoir. Store the 8 Row Reservoir on ice.

| NUCLEI FIXATIVE SOLUTION |       |         |          |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|----------|
| Number of Samples        | 12    | 48      | 96       |
| ○ Fixative Solution      | ~1 mL | ~5.2 mL | ~10.4 mL |

4. Prepare the Nuclei Storage Master Mix in a new tube as follows. Mix thoroughly by pipetting and pipette into **row 8** of the 8 Row Reservoir. Store the 8 Row Reservoir on ice.

| NUCLEI STORAGE MASTER MIX |              |             |             |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of Samples         | 12           | 48          | 96          |
| ○ Storage Buffer          | 1.732 mL     | 6.3 mL      | 12.6 mL     |
| ● RNase Inhibitor         | 23.1 $\mu$ L | 84 $\mu$ L  | 168 $\mu$ L |
| ● DMSO                    | 92.4 $\mu$ L | 336 $\mu$ L | 672 mL      |
| Total Volume              | 1.848 mL     | 6.72 mL     | 13.44 mL    |

5. Dispense all of the ● Permeabilization Solution into **row 7** of the 8 Row Reservoir. Store the 8 Row Reservoir on ice. For the 12 Reactions Fixation only: add **45  $\mu$ L** of ● Permeabilization Solution into each well of Row B of the sample 96 Deepwell Plate.

| PERMEABILIZATION SOLUTION   |       |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Number of Samples           | 48    | 96    |
| ● Permeabilization Solution | ~2 mL | ~4 mL |

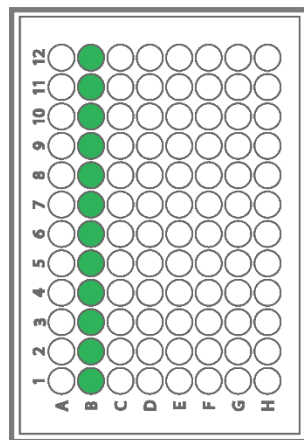
6. Dispense all of the ○ Fix and Perm Stop Buffer into **row 3** of the 8 Row Reservoir. Store the 8 Row Reservoir on ice.

| FIX AND PERM STOP BUFFER   |         |        |        |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| Number of Samples          | 12      | 48     | 96     |
| ○ Fix and Perm Stop Buffer | ~3.5 mL | ~14 mL | ~28 mL |

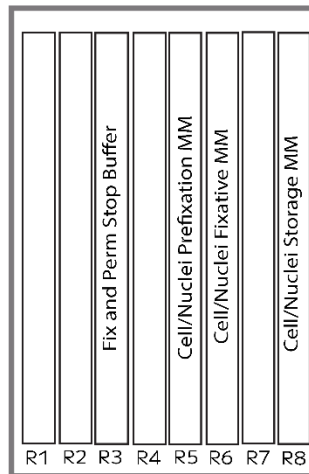
7. The 8 Row Reservoir should correspond to the Reagents 8 Row reservoir represented below.

### For 12 Nuclei Fixation Reactions

● Permeabilization Solution

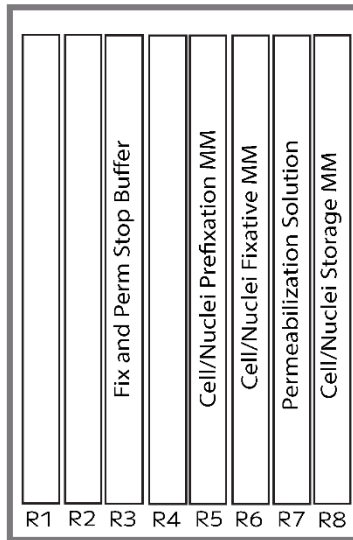


Sample Plate



8 Row Reservoir

### For 48/96 Nuclei Fixation Reactions



8 Row Reservoir



**CRITICAL!** Ensure that the liquid is distributed evenly throughout the reservoir.

## Section 2: Fixation

### Section 2.1. 12 Reactions Fixation

To fix samples:

1. Gather the following components:

| ITEM                                 | SOURCE            | QTY | HANDLING AND STORAGE  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|---|
| VIAFLO Pipette 12-Ch, 10-300 $\mu$ L | INTEGRA Component | N/A |   |
| Tip Deck for VIAFLO Pipetting Module | INTEGRA Component | N/A |   |
| 10-300 $\mu$ L Tip Rack              | INTEGRA-Provided  | 1   |   |
| Thermochromic PCR Cold Block         | Parse-Provided    | 1   | Pull the Freezer Block with stabilizer from the -20°C freezer and leave them at room temperature for 10 minutes prior to use. |
| Thermochromic PCR Cold Block Riser   | Parse-Provided    | 1   |   |
| Fixation Deep Well Adapter           | Parse-Provided    | 1   |   |
| Fixation Cooling Adapter Base        | Parse-Provided    | 1   |   |

2. Cool the centrifuge with a swinging bucket rotor to 4°C.
3. Fill a bucket with ice.
4. Prepare a hemocytometer, flow cytometer, or other cell counting device.
5. Count the cells in the single cell suspension with a hemocytometer or alternative counting device and record the count. Keep cells on ice during counting and work quickly to minimize time on ice prior to fixation.
6. With the plate on ice, transfer 100,000 to 1 million cells from each sample into the wells of a 1 mL Deepwell Plate (or BSA-coated deep well plate if prepared in Section 1.1). All samples should be in Row A.
7. Add a new plate seal on the deep well plate with the cell suspension.

8. Centrifuge the plate in a swinging bucket rotor for **5-10 minutes** at 200-500 x g at 4°C. Proceed to INTEGRA deck preparation during centrifugation.

**CRITICAL!** Using a fixed-angle rotor in this protocol will lead to substantial cell loss.



**CRITICAL!** Ideal centrifugation speed and duration should be determined for each sample type to optimize retention and resuspension efficiencies. See the Important Guidelines section for details.

**CRITICAL!** Move quickly and handle the sample gently to avoid dislodging the pellet, which will impact data quality.

9. Attach VIAFLO Pipetting Module 12-Ch, 10-300 µL and the corresponding Tip Deck.
10. Place a Thermochromic PCR Cold Block with Riser on Deck A.
11. Place a PCR semi-skirted plate on Deck A.
12. Fill two of the Cooling Adapter Bases with pebble ice and place one on Deck B and Deck C. If the Cooling Adapter Bases were filled with water and frozen the night before, ensure that the Cooling Adapter Base is thawed at room temperature for at least **10 minutes** before use.



**CRITICAL!** If using the pebble ice filled Cooling Adapter Bases for more than 45 minutes, refill the cooling base with more pebble ice at the 40 minute mark. If the Cooling Adapter Bases were frozen overnight, refill the cooling base with pebble ice at the 90 minute mark.

13. Place the Fixation Deep Well Adapter on the Fixation Cooling Adapter Base on Deck B.
14. Place the Fixation 8 Row Reservoir Cooling Adapter on the Cooling Adapter Base on Deck C.
15. Place the 8 Row Reservoir with Reagents prepared Section 1 on the Fixation 8 Row Reservoir Adapter on Deck C with **row 1** facing the left side.
16. Once the 10 minute cell centrifugation is complete, place the 1 mL Deepwell Plate on top of the Fixation Deep Well Plate Adapter on Deck B and remove the plate seal (Figure 3).

17. Cut an individual row of the plate strainer. Adhere one row of the plate strainer on Row D of the Deepwell Plate.



**CRITICAL!** Ensure your plate strainer is properly aligned to the top of your wells.

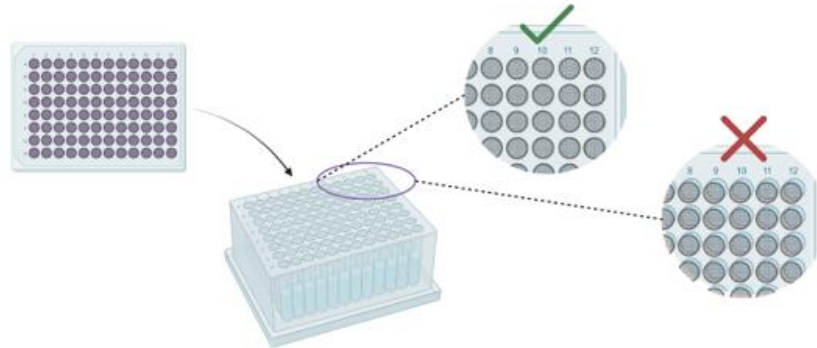
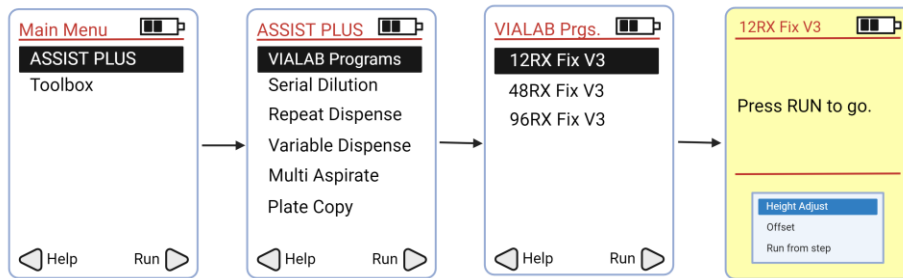


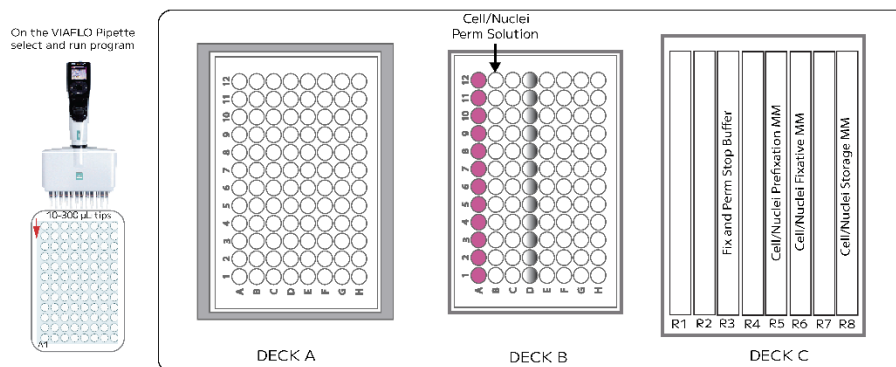
Figure 3: The tops of the strainer and the well openings line up to avoid sample loss.

18. Run the program **12RX Fix V3** following the diagram below.



19. Deck layout should correspond to the configuration below.

### Deck Configuration





|             | DECK A   | DECK B   | DECK C   |
|-------------|--|--|--|
| HARDWARE    | Thermochromic PCR Cold Block<br>Thermochromic PCR Cold Block Riser | Fixation Cooling Adapter Base<br>Fixation Deepwell Adapter               | Fixation Cooling Adapter Base<br>Fixation 8 Row Reservoir Cooling Adapter  |
| CONSUMABLES | Eppendorf Semi-skirted plate                                       | 96 Deepwell Plate plate strainer ( <b>Row D</b> )                        | 8 Row Reservoir  |
| REAGENTS    |  | Permeabilization Solution ( <b>Row B</b> )<br>● Samples ( <b>Row A</b> ) | <b>R3</b> : Fix and Perm Stop Buffer<br><b>R5</b> : Cell Prefixation Master Mix<br><b>R6</b> : Cell Fixative Master Mix<br><b>R8</b> : Cell Storage Master Mix |

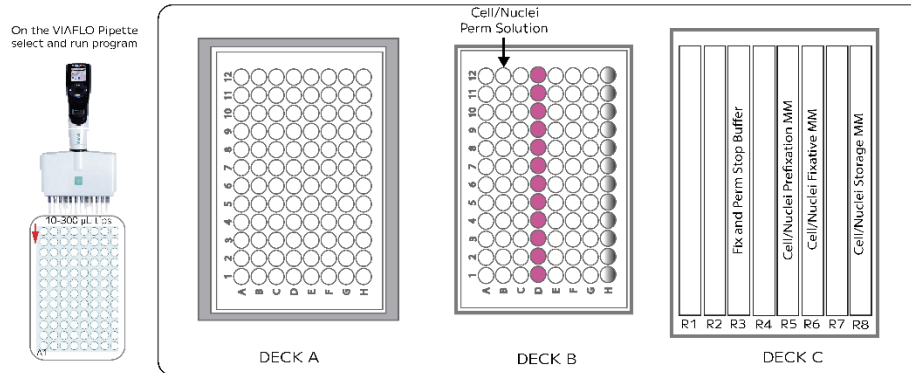
20. **When prompted**, tap the plate on Deck B 3x on the deck to move liquid to the bottom of the wells.
21. **When prompted**, carefully remove the strainer on Row D of the 96 deep well plate on Deck B.



**CRITICAL!** Remove the strainer with one swift motion to reduce chances of contamination.

22. Press "Run" to continue.
23. **When prompted**, seal and centrifuge the plate on Deck B in a swinging bucket rotor for **5-10 minutes** at 200-500 x g at 4°C.
24. Press "Run" to continue.
25. When the 10 minute centrifugation is complete, place the 1 mL Deepwell Plate on top of the Fixation Deepwell Adapter on Deck B and remove the plate seal.
26. Add a plate strainer on Row H. Deck layout should correspond to the configuration below.

## Deck Configuration



|             | DECK A   | DECK B   | DECK C   |
|-------------|--|--|--|
| HARDWARE    | Thermochromic PCR Cold Block<br>Thermochromic PCR Cold Block Riser | Fixation Cooling Adapter Base<br>Fixation Deep Well Adapter              | Fixation Cooling Adapter Base<br>Fixation Row Reservoir Cooling Adapter  |
| CONSUMABLES | Eppendorf Semi-skirted plate                                       | 96 Deepwell Plate plate strainer ( <b>Row H</b> )                        | 8 Row Reservoir  |
| REAGENTS    |  | Permeabilization Solution ( <b>Row B</b> )<br>● Samples ( <b>Row D</b> ) | <b>R3</b> : Fix and Perm Stop Buffer<br><b>R5</b> : Cell Prefixation Master Mix<br><b>R6</b> : Cell Fixative Master Mix<br><b>R8</b> : Cell Storage Master Mix |

27. **When prompted**, tap the plate on Deck A 3x on the deck to move liquid to the bottom of the wells.

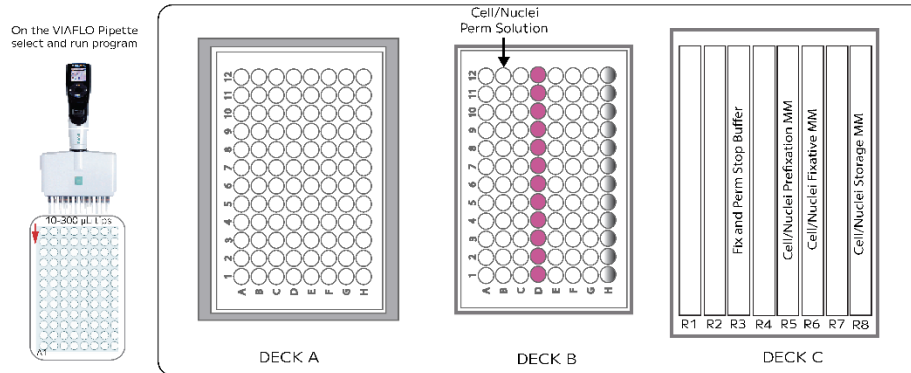


**CRITICAL!** Remove the strainer with one swift motion to reduce the chances of contamination.

28. **When prompted**, carefully peel off the plate strainer and discard it.

29. **When prompted**, replace the Eppendorf semi-skirted plate on deck A with a new Eppendorf semi-skirted plate on the Thermochromic PCR Cold Block on Deck A. The plate that was removed contains a counting aliquot. Store the plate on ice. Deck layout should correspond to the configuration below.

## Deck Configuration



|             | DECK A   | DECK B   | DECK C   |
|-------------|--|--|--|
| HARDWARE    | Thermochromic PCR Cold Block<br>Thermochromic PCR Cold Block Riser | Fixation Cooling Adapter Base<br>Fixation Deepwell Adapter               | Fixation Cooling Adapter Base<br>Fixation 8 Row Reservoir Adapter  |
| CONSUMABLES | Eppendorf semi-skirted plate                                       | Eppendorf semi-skirted plate   | 8 Row Reservoir  |
| REAGENTS    |  | Permeabilization Solution ( <b>Row B</b> )<br>● Samples ( <b>Row H</b> ) | <b>R3</b> : Fix and Perm Stop Buffer<br><b>R5</b> : Cell Prefixation Master Mix<br><b>R6</b> : Cell Fixative Master Mix<br><b>R8</b> : Cell Storage Master Mix |

30. Press "Run" to continue the program.



**Note:** These aliquots can be thawed and counted separately from the remaining sample for downstream processing with Evercode kits.

31. After the program is complete, seal the semi-skirted plates with a seal that can withstand storage at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  or transfer the remainder of the sample to 0.2 mL tube strip(s). The first semi-skirted plate on Deck A contains a 20  $\mu\text{L}$  counting aliquot. The second semi-skirted plate on Deck A contains the fixed cell suspension mix.



**CRITICAL!** Many clear plastic seals are not designed for storage at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$ , so we recommend using foil plate if storing the samples in PCR plates.

32. Place the samples in a room temperature styrofoam cooler, close the lid, and store at  $80^{\circ}\text{C}$  to slowly cool the samples.



Safe stopping point: samples are stable for up to 6 months at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

33. The day before running the downstream Evercode Whole Transcriptome kit, thaw the 20  $\mu\text{L}$  aliquots in the semi-skirted plate in a water bath set to  $37^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Count the cells in the single cell suspension with a hemocytometer or alternative counting device and record the count. Discard any remaining sample from the counting aliquot.

## Section 2.2. 48/96 Reactions Fixation

To fix samples:

1. Gather the following components:

| ITEM                                 | SOURCE            | QTY | HANDLING AND STORAGE  |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|---|
| VIAFLO Pipette 12-Ch, 10-300 µL      | INTEGRA Component | N/A |   |
| Tip Deck for VIAFLO Pipetting Module | INTEGRA Component | N/A |   |
| 10-300 µL Tip Rack                   | INTEGRA-Provided  | 1   |   |
| Thermochromic PCR Cold Block         | Parse-Provided    | 1   | Pull the Freezer Block with stabilizer from the -20°C freezer and leave them at room temperature for 10 minutes prior to use. |
| Thermochromic PCR Cold Block Riser   | Parse-Provided    | 1   |   |

2. Cool the centrifuge with a swinging bucket rotor to 4°C.
3. Fill a bucket with ice.
4. Prepare a hemocytometer, flow cytometer, or other cell counting device.
5. Count the cells in the single cell suspension with a hemocytometer or alternative counting device and record the count. Keep cells on ice during counting and work quickly to minimize time on ice prior to fixation.
6. With the plate on ice, transfer 100,000 to 1 million cells from each sample into the wells of a 1 mL deep well plate (or BSA-coated deep well plate if prepared in Section 1.1).
  - a. Row A - Row D for 48 Samples
  - b. Row A - Row H for 96 Samples
7. Add a new plate seal on the deep well plate with the cell suspension.

- Centrifuge the plate in a swinging bucket rotor for **5-10 minutes** at 200-500 x g at 4°C. Proceed to Integra deck preparation during centrifugation.

**CRITICAL!** Using a fixed-angle rotor in this protocol will lead to substantial cell loss.



**CRITICAL!** Ideal centrifugation speed and duration should be determined for each sample type to optimize retention and resuspension efficiencies. See the Important Guidelines section for details.

**CRITICAL!** Move quickly and handle the sample gently to avoid dislodging the pellet, which will impact data quality.

- Attach VIAFLO Pipetting Module 12-Ch, 10-300 µL and the corresponding Tip Deck.
- Fill three of the Cooling Adapter Bases with pebble ice and place one on Deck A, Deck B, and Deck C. If the Cooling Adapter Bases were filled with water and frozen the night before, ensure that the Cooling Adapter Base is thawed at room temperature for at least **10 minutes** before use.



**CRITICAL!** If using the pebble ice filled Cooling Adapter Bases for more than 45 minutes, refill the cooling base with more pebble ice at the 40 minute mark.

- Place the Fixation Deep Well Adapter on the Cooling Adapter Bases on Deck A and Deck B.
- Place the Fixation 8 Row Reservoir Adapter on the Cooling Adapter Base on Deck C.
- Place a new 8 Row Reservoir on the Fixation 8 Row Reservoir Adapter on Deck C.

14. Put a plate strainer on a new 1 mL deep well plate and place it on top of the Fixation Deep Well Adapter on Deck A with A1 on the bottom left corner (Figure 4).



**CRITICAL!** Ensure your plate strainer is properly aligned to the top of your wells.

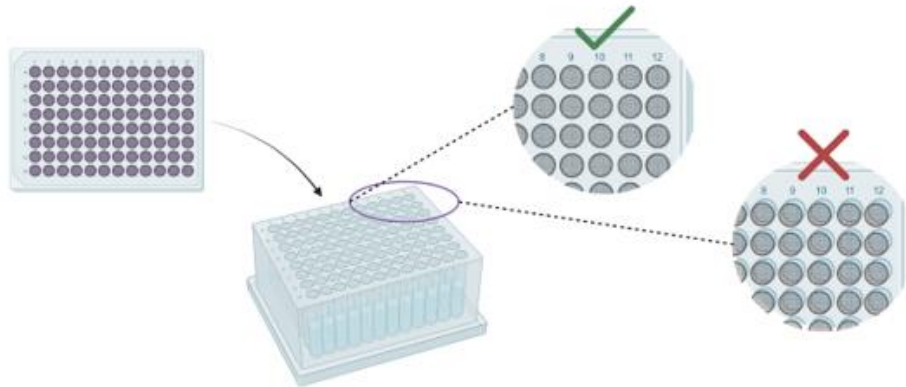
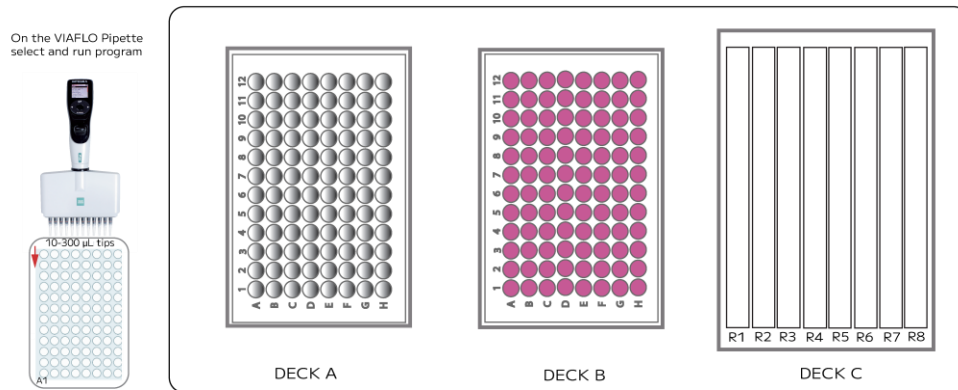


Figure 4: The tops of the strainer and the well openings line up to avoid sample loss.

15. Once the 10 minute centrifugation is complete, place the 1 mL deep well plate on top of the Fixation Deep Well Adapter on Deck B and remove the plate seal. Deck layout should correspond to the configuration below.

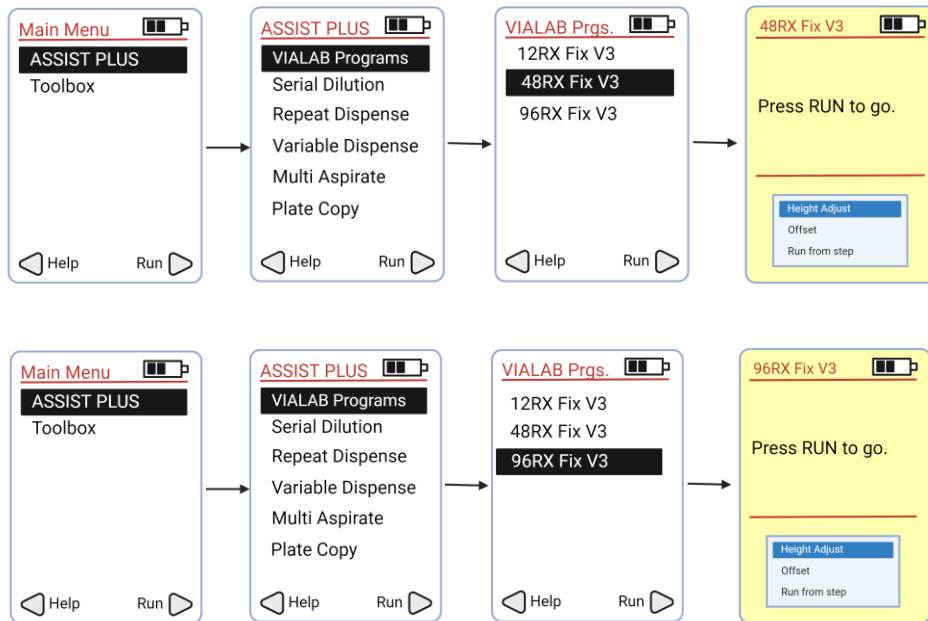
### Deck Configuration



|          | DECK A  | DECK B  | DECK C  |
|----------|---|---|---|
| HARDWARE | Cooling Adapter<br>Base<br>Fixation Deep Well Adapter | Cooling Adapter<br>Base<br>Fixation Deep Well Adapter | Cooling Adapter<br>Base<br>Fixation 8 Row Reservoir Adapter |

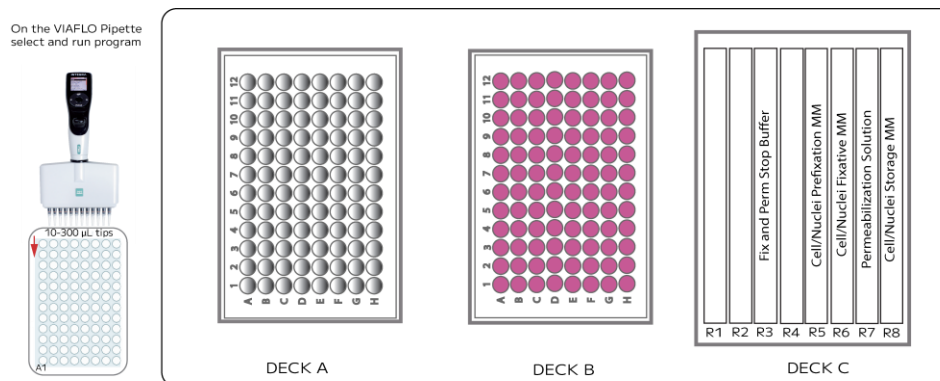
|             | DECK A                                   | DECK B            | DECK C                |
|-------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------|
| CONSUMABLES | 96 deep well plate + plate cell strainer | 96 Deepwell Plate | Empty 8 Row Reservoir |
| REAGENTS    |  | ● Samples         |                       |

16. Run the program **48RX Fix V3** if running up to 48 samples, or program **96RX Fix V3** if running up to 96 samples.



17. **When prompted**, replace the cell waste from Deck C with the Reagent 8 Row Reservoir prepared in Section 1. Deck layout should correspond to the configuration below.

### Deck Configuration





|             | DECK A   | DECK B   | DECK C   |
|-------------|--|--|--|
| HARDWARE    | Cooling Adapter Base<br>Fixation Deep Well Adapter | Cooling Adapter Base<br>Fixation Deep Well Adapter | Cooling Adapter Base<br>Fixation 8 Row Reservoir Adapter   |
| CONSUMABLES | 96 deep well plate + plate cell strainer           | 96 Deepwell Plate                                  | 8 Row Reservoir  |
| REAGENTS    |  | ● Samples  | <b>R3:</b> Fix and Perm Stop Buffer<br><b>R5:</b> Cell Prefixation Master Mix<br><b>R6:</b> Cell Fixative Master Mix<br><b>R7:</b> Permeabilization Solution<br><b>R8:</b> Cell Storage Master Mix |

18. **When prompted**, discard the 96 deep well plate on Deck B.
19. **When prompted**, tap the plate on Deck A 3x on the deck to move liquid to the bottom of the wells.
20. **When prompted**, carefully remove the strainer on the 96 deep well plate on Deck A.



**CRITICAL!** Remove the strainer with one swift motion to reduce the chances of contamination.

21. Press "Run" to continue.
22. **When prompted**, seal and centrifuge the plate on Deck A in a swinging bucket rotor for **5-10 minutes** at 200-500 x g at 4°C.
23. Press "Run" to continue.
24. **When prompted**, apply a Plate Strainer to a new 1 mL 96 deep well plate by peeling off the backing, carefully aligning over the wells A1-A12, and placing on the surface of the plate. Place this plate on the Deepwell Plate Cooling Adapter on Deck A with A1 towards the bottom left (Figure 5).

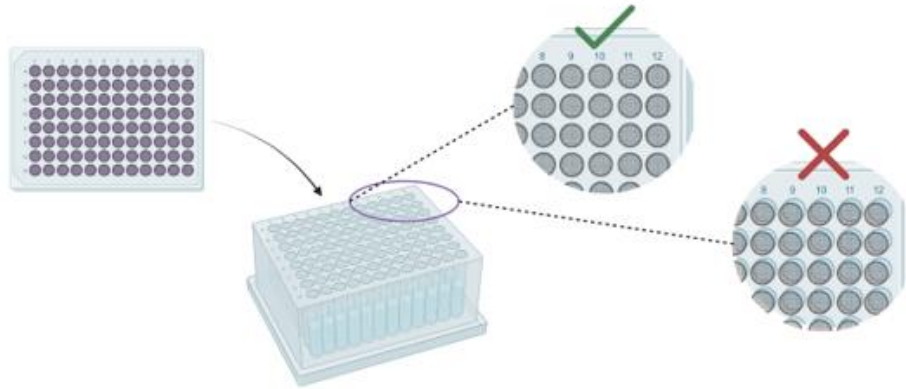


Figure 5: The tops of the strainer and the well openings line up to avoid sample loss.

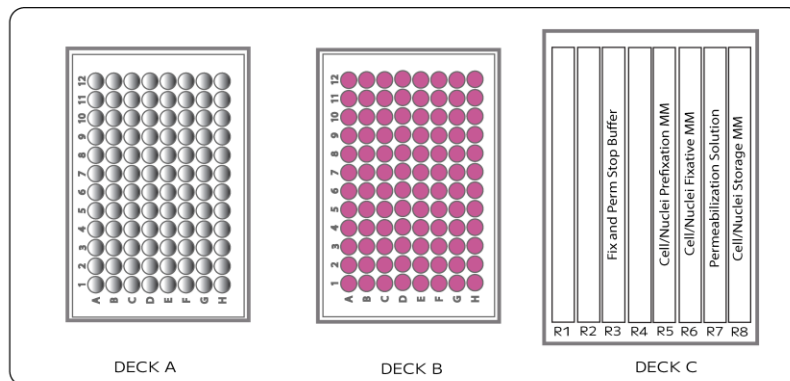
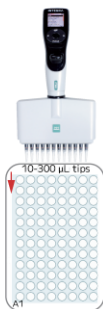


**CRITICAL!** Ensure your plate strainer is properly aligned to the top of your wells.

- Once the 10 minute centrifugation is complete, place the 1 mL Deepwell Plate on top of the Eppendorf 1mL Deepwell Plate Cooling Adapter on Deck B and remove the plate seal. Deck layout should correspond to the configuration below.

### Deck Configuration

On the VIAFLO Pipette select and run program



|             | DECK A   | DECK B   | DECK C   |
|-------------|--|--|--|
| HARDWARE    | Cooling Adapter Base<br>Fixation Deep Well Adapter | Cooling Adapter Base<br>Fixation Deep Well Adapter | Cooling Adapter Base<br>Fixation 8 Row Reservoir Adapter |
| CONSUMABLES | 96 deep well plate + plate cell strainer           | 96 Deepwell Plate                                  | 8 Row Reservoir  |

|          | DECK A | DECK B    | DECK C   |
|----------|--------|-----------|--|
| REAGENTS |        | ● Samples | <b>R3:</b> Fix and Perm Stop Buffer<br><b>R5:</b> Cell Prefixation Master Mix<br><b>R6:</b> Cell Fixative Master Mix<br><b>R7:</b> Permeabilization Solution<br><b>R8:</b> Cell Storage Master Mix |

26. **When prompted**, tap the plate on Deck A 3x on the deck to move liquid to the bottom of the wells.

27. **When prompted**, carefully peel off the plate strainer and discard.



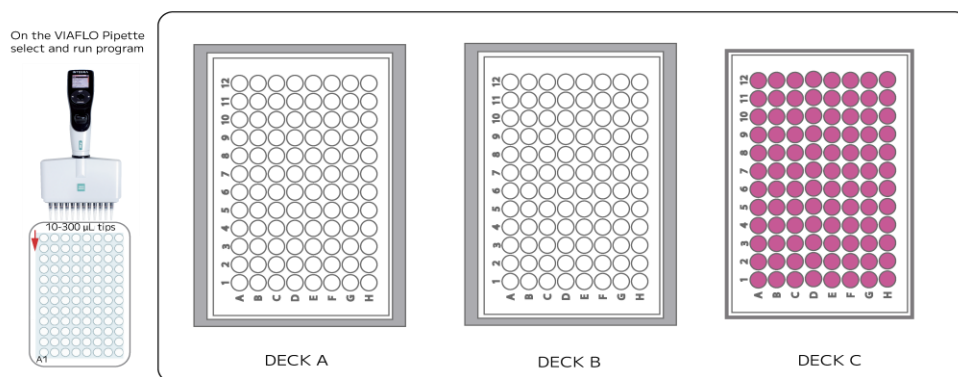
**CRITICAL!** Remove the strainer with one swift motion to reduce chances of contamination

28. **When prompted**, remove all labware on Decks B and C.

29. **When prompted**, move all labware from Deck A to Deck C.

30. **When prompted**, place 2 ThermoChromic PCR Cold Blocks and new Eppendorf semi-skirted plates on the ThermoChromic PCR Cold Blocks on both Decks A and B. Deck layout should correspond to the configuration below.

### Deck Configuration



|             | DECK A                       | DECK B                       | DECK C   |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| HARDWARE    | Thermochromic PCR Cold Block | Thermochromic PCR Cold Block | Cooling Adapter Base<br>Fixation Deep Well Adapter |
| CONSUMABLES | Eppendorf semi-skirted plate | Eppendorf semi-skirted plate | 96 deep well plate                                 |
| REAGENTS    |                              |                              | ● Samples  |

31. Press "Run" to continue the program.

32. After the program is complete, seal the semi-skirted plates on Deck A and B with a seal that can withstand storage at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  or transfer the remainder of the sample to 0.2 mL tube strip(s). The semi-skirted plate on Deck A contains a 20  $\mu\text{L}$  counting aliquot. The semi-skirted plate on Deck B contains the fixed cell suspension mix.



**Note:** The aliquots can be thawed and counted separately from the remaining sample for downstream processing with Evercode kits.



**CRITICAL!** Many clear plastic seals are not designed for storage at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$ , so we recommend using foil plate seals is storing fixes samples in PCR plates.

33. Place the samples in a room temperature styrofoam cooler, close the lid, and store at  $80^{\circ}\text{C}$  to slowly cool the samples.



Safe stopping point: samples are stable for up to 6 months at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

34. The day before running the downstream Evercode Whole Transcriptome kit, thaw the 20  $\mu\text{L}$  aliquots in the semi-skirted plate in a water bath set to  $37^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Count the cells in the single cell suspension with a hemocytometer or alternative counting device and record the count. Discard any remaining sample from the counting aliquot.

## Appendices

### Appendix A: Pipetting Programs

#### 12\_RXN\_FIX V3

| STEPS | ACTION                             |
|-------|------------------------------------|
| 1     | Initial Volumes                    |
| 2-4   | Row 1: Remove Supernatant          |
| 5     | Virtual Volume Modification        |
| 6     | Row 1: Add Cell Prefixation Buffer |
| 7     | Row 1: Strain                      |
| 8     | Row 1: Remove Excess               |
| 9     | Prompt to tap plate                |
| 10    | Prompt to remove strainer.         |
| 11    | Add Fixation Solution              |
| 12    | 9.5 min Incubation                 |
| 13    | Add Perm Solution                  |
| 14    | 2.5 min Incubation                 |
| 15    | Add Stop Mix                       |
| 16    | Prompt to seal and spin plate.     |
| 17    | Prompt to place a plate on Deck B. |
| 18    | Prompt to add strainer.            |
| 19    | Prompt to check the plate.         |
| 20    | Virtual volume modification        |
| 21-23 | Row 1: Remove Supernatant          |
| 24    | Row 1: Add Cell Storage Master Mix |

| STEPS | ACTION                      |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| 25    | Row 1: Strain               |
| 26    | Row 1: Remove Excess        |
| 27    | Prompt to tap plate         |
| 28    | Prompt to remove strainer.  |
| 29    | Aliquot counting aliquots.  |
| 30    | Sample Plate Notification   |
| 31    | Prompt to replace PCR plate |
| 32    | Aliquot counting aliquots.  |
| 33    | Sample Plate Notification   |

#### 48 \_RXN\_FIX V3

| STEPS | ACTION                                 |
|-------|--|
| 1     | Initial Volumes                        |
| 2-4   | Row 1: Remove Supernatant              |
| 5-7   | Row 2: Remove Supernatant              |
| 8-10  | Row 3: Remove Supernatant              |
| 11-13 | Row 4: Remove Supernatant              |
| 14    | Prompt to change the reservoir         |
| 15    | Virtual volume modification            |
| 16    | Row 1: Add Cell Prefixation Master Mix |
| 17    | Row 1: Strain Cells 1                  |
| 18    | Row 1: Remove Excess                   |
| 19    | Row 2: Add Cell Prefixation Master Mix |
| 20    | Row 2: Strain Cells 1                  |
| 21    | Row 2: Remove Excess                   |

| STEPS | ACTION   |
|-------|--|
| 22    | Row 3: Add Cell Prefixation Master Mix           |
| 23    | Row 3: Strain Cells 1                            |
| 24    | Row 3: Remove Excess                             |
| 25    | Row 4: Add Cell Prefixation Master Mix           |
| 26    | Row 4: Strain Cells 1                            |
| 27    | Row 4: Remove Excess                             |
| 28    | Prompt to tap plate                              |
| 29    | Prompt to remove strainer                        |
| 30    | Prompt to throw away the Deck B plate            |
| 31    | Add Fixation Solution                            |
| 32    | 8 Min Incubation                                 |
| 33    | Add Perm Solution                                |
| 34    | 30 Second Incubation                             |
| 35    | Add Fix and Perm Stop Buffer                     |
| 36    | Prompt to seal and spin plate                    |
| 37    | Prompt to add a strain plate on Deck A           |
| 38    | Prompt to place cell suspension plate on Deck B. |
| 39    | Virtual volume modification                      |
| 40-42 | Row 1: Remove Supernatant                        |
| 43-45 | Row 2: Remove Supernatant                        |
| 46-48 | Row 3: Remove Supernatant                        |
| 49-51 | Row 4: Remove Supernatant                        |
| 52    | Row 1: Cell Storage Master Mix                   |
| 53    | Row 1: Strain Cells 1                            |

| STEPS | ACTION                              |
|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 54    | Row 1: Remove Excess                |
| 55    | Row 2: Cell Storage Master Mix      |
| 56    | Row 2: Strain Cells 1               |
| 57    | Row 2: Remove Excess                |
| 58    | Row 3: Cell Storage Master Mix      |
| 59    | Row 3: Strain Cells 1               |
| 60    | Row 3: Remove Excess                |
| 61    | Row 4: Cell Storage Master Mix      |
| 62    | Row 4: Strain Cells 1               |
| 63    | Row 4: Remove Excess                |
| 64    | Prompt to tap plate.                |
| 65    | Prompt to remove the cell strainer. |
| 66    | Prompt to remove labware.           |
| 67    | Prompt to move labware              |
| 68    | Prompt to add PCR cold blocks.      |
| 69    | Prompt to add new PCR plates.       |
| 70    | Labware Change                      |
| 71    | Create Counting Aliquot Plate       |
| 72    | Create Sample Storage Plate         |

### 96\_RXN\_FIX V3

| STEPS | ACTION                    |
|-------|---------------------------|
| 1     | Initial Volumes           |
| 2-4   | Row 1: Remove Supernatant |
| 5-7   | Row 2: Remove Supernatant |



| STEPS | ACTION                                 |
|-------|--|
| 8-10  | Row 3: Remove Supernatant              |
| 11-13 | Row 4: Remove Supernatant              |
| 14-16 | Row 5: Remove Supernatant              |
| 17-19 | Row 6: Remove Supernatant              |
| 20-22 | Row 7: Remove Supernatant              |
| 23-25 | Row 8: Remove Supernatant              |
| 26    | Prompt to change the reservoir         |
| 27    | Virtual volume modification            |
| 28    | Row 1: Add Cell Prefixation Master Mix |
| 29    | Row 1: Strain Cells 1                  |
| 30    | Row 1: Remove Excess                   |
| 31    | Row 2: Add Cell Prefixation Master Mix |
| 32    | Row 2: Strain Cells 1                  |
| 33    | Row 2: Remove Excess                   |
| 34    | Row 3: Add Cell Prefixation Master Mix |
| 35    | Row 3: Strain Cells 1                  |
| 36    | Row 3: Remove Excess                   |
| 37    | Row 4: Add Cell Prefixation Master Mix |
| 38    | Row 4: Strain Cells 1                  |
| 39    | Row 4: Remove Excess                   |
| 40    | Row 5: Add Cell Prefixation Master Mix |
| 41    | Row 5: Strain Cells 1                  |
| 42    | Row 5: Remove Excess                   |
| 43    | Row 6: Add Cell Prefixation Master Mix |

| STEPS | ACTION   |
|-------|--|
| 44    | Row 6: Strain Cells 1                            |
| 45    | Row 6: Remove Excess                             |
| 46    | Row 7: Add Cell Prefixation Master Mix           |
| 47    | Row 7: Strain Cells 1                            |
| 48    | Row 7: Remove Excess                             |
| 49    | Row 8: Add Cell Prefixation Master Mix           |
| 50    | Row 8: Strain Cells 1                            |
| 51    | Row 8: Remove Excess                             |
| 52    | Prompt to tap plate                              |
| 53    | Prompt to remove strainer                        |
| 54    | Prompt to throw away the Deck B plate            |
| 55    | Add Fixation Solution                            |
| 56    | 5 Min Incubation                                 |
| 57    | Add Perm Solution                                |
| 58    | Add Fix and Perm Stop Buffer                     |
| 59    | Prompt to seal and spin plate                    |
| 60    | Prompt to add a strain plate on Deck A           |
| 61    | Prompt to place cell suspension plate on Deck B. |
| 62    | Virtual volume modification                      |
| 63-65 | Row 1: Remove Supernatant                        |
| 66-68 | Row 2: Remove Supernatant                        |
| 69-71 | Row 3: Remove Supernatant                        |
| 72-74 | Row 4: Remove Supernatant                        |
| 75-77 | Row 5: Remove Supernatant                        |

| STEPS | ACTION                         |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| 78-80 | Row 6: Remove Supernatant      |
| 81-83 | Row 7: Remove Supernatant      |
| 84-86 | Row 8: Remove Supernatant      |
| 87    | Row 1: Cell Storage Master Mix |
| 88    | Row 1: Strain Cells 1          |
| 89    | Row 1: Remove Excess           |
| 90    | Row 2: Cell Storage Master Mix |
| 91    | Row 2: Strain Cells 1          |
| 92    | Row 2: Remove Excess           |
| 93    | Row 3: Cell Storage Master Mix |
| 94    | Row 3: Strain Cells 1          |
| 95    | Row 3: Remove Excess           |
| 96    | Row 4: Cell Storage Master Mix |
| 97    | Row 4: Strain Cells 1          |
| 98    | Row 4: Remove Excess           |
| 99    | Row 5: Cell Storage Master Mix |
| 100   | Row 5: Strain Cells 1          |
| 101   | Row 5: Remove Excess           |
| 102   | Row 6: Cell Storage Master Mix |
| 103   | Row 6: Strain Cells 1          |
| 104   | Row 6: Remove Excess           |
| 105   | Row 7: Cell Storage Master Mix |
| 106   | Row 7: Strain Cells 1          |
| 107   | Row 7: Remove Excess           |

| STEPS | ACTION                              |
|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 108   | Row 8: Cell Storage Master Mix      |
| 109   | Row 8: Strain Cells 1               |
| 110   | Row 8: Remove Excess                |
| 111   | Prompt to tap plate.                |
| 112   | Prompt to remove the cell strainer. |
| 113   | Prompt to remove labware.           |
| 114   | Prompt to move labware              |
| 115   | Prompt to add PCR cold blocks.      |
| 116   | Prompt to add new PCR plates.       |
| 117   | Labware Change                      |
| 118   | Create Counting Aliquot Plate       |
| 119   | Create Sample Storage Plate         |

## Appendix B: Revision History

| Version | Description  | Date         |
|---------|--|--------------|
| 1.0     | Initial release  | October 2024 |
| 1.1     | Updated pipette references in deck configurations                            | October 2024 |
| 1.2     | Updated 12 Reactions Fixation deck configurations<br>Updated copyrights date | January 2025 |



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