Pairing single cell -omic technologies

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Motivation

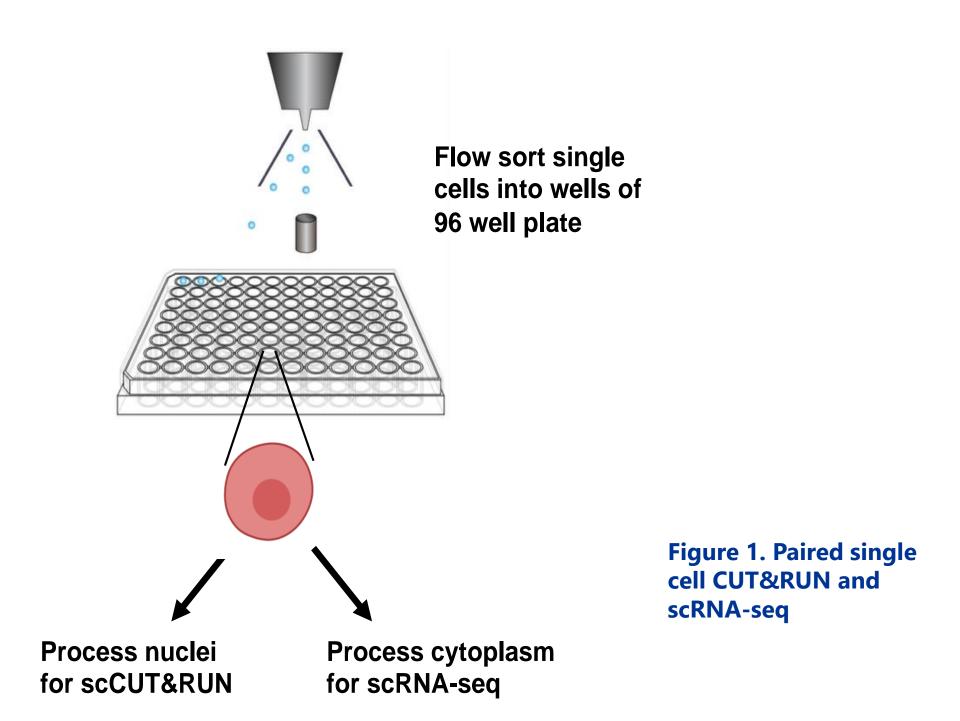
- We developed the first single cell technique to profile protein location on DNA.
- There has been huge advancement in assessing the transcriptome (via single cell RNA-seq)

Project Description

 We propose to integrate these techniques to address an important biological question during development

Context

 Heterogeneity across cell populations and tissues, as well as limitations in profiling technologies in rare populations limits our capacity to understand cellular biology



We will apply this technology during neural differentiation to assess the role of a conserved and essential protein complex called BAF.



Determining gene expression during neural differentiation through coupled protein localization and RNA-seq in single cells



Project Deliverables

- We will initially optimize the pairing in high cell populations, titrating from 500,000 to 10 cells within ~4-6 months
- Next, we will optimize for single cells over the next ~4-6 months
- Application to ~5,000 single cells throughout neural differentiation will begin over the last ~4 months and continue into the following year

Potential Impact

- This will be the first pairing of factor profiling and scRNA-seq within one individual cell
- This will revolutionize our ability to interpret mechanistically how factors impact the transcriptome.

References and/or Acknowledgements

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