

Simultaneous multiplexed amplicon sequencing and transcriptome profiling in single cells

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Abstract: We describe Droplet Assisted RNA Targeting by single cell sequencing (DART-seq), a versatile technology that enables multiplexed amplicon sequencing and transcriptome profiling in single cells. We applied DART-seq to simultaneously characterize the non-A-tailed transcripts of a segmented dsRNA virus and the transcriptome of the infected cell. In addition, we used DART-seq to simultaneously determine the natively paired, variable region heavy and light chain amplicons and the transcriptome of B lymphocytes.

1 Droplet microfluidics has made high-throughput single-cell RNA sequencing accessible
2 to more laboratories than ever before, but is restricted to capturing information from the
3 ends of A-tailed messenger RNA (mRNA) transcripts¹⁻³. Here we report DART-seq, a
4 method that enables high-throughput targeted RNA amplicon sequencing and
5 transcriptome profiling in single cells. DART-seq achieves this via a simple and
6 inexpensive alteration of the Drop-seq strategy¹. Drop-seq relies on co-encapsulation of
7 single cells with barcoded primer beads that capture and prime reverse transcription (RT)
8 of cellular mRNA^{1,2}. The primers on Drop-seq beads comprise a common PCR sequence,
9 a bead-specific cell barcode, a unique molecular identifier (UMI), and a poly-dT sequence
10 for mRNA RT priming. To enable simultaneous measurement of the transcriptome and
11 multiplexed RNA amplicons in DART-seq, we devised a scheme to enzymatically attach
12 custom primers to a subset of poly-dTs on Drop-seq beads. This is achieved by first
13 annealing a double-stranded toehold probe with a 3' ssDNA overhang that is
14 complementary to the poly-dT sequence, and then ligating the toehold using T4 DNA
15 ligase (Fig. S1). A variety of custom primers with different sequences can be attached to
16 the same beads in a single reaction.

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18 We characterized the efficiency, tunability and variability of the ligation reaction using
19 fluorescence hybridization assays (Fig. 1a and Fig. S2). We found that the primer ligation
20 reaction is highly efficient (25-40%), and the number of custom primers ligated to the
21 beads is directly proportional to the number of primers included in the ligation reaction
22 (Fig. 1a). This was true for four primer sequences tested over a wide range of primer
23 concentrations. The efficiency of probe ligation decreased for ligation reactions with more
24 than 10^{10} molecules per bead, indicating saturation of available oligo(dT)s. We compared
25 the fluorescence hybridization signal across individual beads and found that the bead-to-
26 bead variability in fluorescence signal is small (standard deviation 3.0%, Fig. 1b).

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28 After primer bead synthesis, DART-seq follows the Drop-seq workflow without
29 modification. Cells and primer beads are co-encapsulated in droplets using microfluidics.
30 Cellular RNA is captured by the beads, and reverse transcribed. The DART-seq beads
31 prime RT of both A-tailed mRNA and custom RNA amplicons. The resulting
32 complementary DNA (cDNA) is PCR-amplified, tagmented, and again PCR amplified
33 before sequencing. The cell-of-origin of mRNAs and RNA amplicons is identified by
34 decoding the cell barcodes.

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36 We assessed RT priming efficiency as a function of the number of custom primers ligated
37 to DART-seq beads. We used quantitative PCR (qPCR) to measure the yield of cDNA
38 copies of a non-A-tailed viral mRNA in reovirus-infected murine fibroblasts (L cells, Fig.
39 1c). Two distinct primers were ligated, targeting the same viral genome segment (S2).
40 The yield of cDNA copies of viral mRNA, relative to cDNA copies of a host transcript

1 (*Gapdh*), increased with the number of primers included in the ligation reaction, and
2 saturated for reactions with over 10^9 primers per bead (Fig. 1c). RT of *Gapdh* was not
3 affected for DART-seq beads prepared with up to 10^{10} primers per bead.

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5 Next, we evaluated the abundance of amplicons in sequencing libraries of reovirus
6 infected cells generated by Drop-seq, and a DART-seq assay targeting all ten viral
7 genome segments. We designed seven qPCR assays with amplicons distributed across
8 two viral genome segments (S3 and L3). To account for assay-to-assay and sample-to-
9 sample variability, we normalized the number of molecules detected in DART-seq and
10 Drop-seq libraries to the number of *Gapdh* transcripts. We observed significant
11 enrichment upstream (5'-end), but not downstream (3'-end) of the custom primer sites
12 (Fig. 1d). Consistent with sequencing library preparation via tagmentation, we found that
13 the degree of enrichment decreases with distance from the primer site.

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15 We applied DART-seq to investigate the heterogeneity of cellular phenotypes and viral
16 genotypes during T3D reovirus infection. Recent studies have explored RNA virus
17 infection biology in single cells⁴⁻⁶, but were limited by cell throughput or restricted to the
18 analysis of polyadenylated viral mRNAs. We infected L cells at a high multiplicity of
19 infection (MOI 10), ensuring nearly all cells were infected (Fig. 2a). We performed Drop-
20 seq and DART-seq experiments on infected and non-infected cells and implemented two
21 DART-seq designs. The first targeted each viral genome segment with a single amplicon.
22 The second comprised seven amplicons distributed across the S2 segment (Fig. 2b).

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24 We analyzed the sequence coverage upstream of the DART-seq target sites. For both
25 DART-seq designs, all targeted sites were enriched compared to Drop-seq (Fig. 2c, d).
26 For design-1, we observed a mean enrichment of 34.7x 200 nt upstream of the custom
27 primer sites. Viral transcripts were detected in Drop-seq upstream of A-rich sequences in
28 the viral genome, consistent with spurious RT priming by oligo(dT) primers (Fig. 2c). Viral
29 sequences were not detected in DART-seq or Drop-seq assays of non-infected cells.
30 Experiments on an independent sample revealed similar sequencing coverage tracks
31 across the reovirus genome (Fig. S3).

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33 We tested the utility of DART-seq to measure the heterogeneity of viral genotypes in
34 single cells with DART-seq design-2, which was tailored to retrieve the complete S2
35 segment. DART-seq design-2 increased the mean coverage across S2 430-fold
36 compared to Drop-seq (cells with at least 1500 UMIs, Fig. 2e), enabling point mutation
37 analysis. We identified 176 single-nucleotide variants (see Methods). Mutations from
38 guanine-to-adenine (G-to-A) were most common (58%; Fig. 2f, top), though G-to-A
39 mutational loads (mean 13%) varied across cells (Fig. 2f, bottom). We did not observe
40 the G-to-A hypermutation in a highly expressed host transcript (*Actb*). The high G-to-A

1 transition rate in viral transcripts could be secondary to a defect in viral transcription
2 fidelity. The T3D strain used in this study has strain-specific allelic variation in polymerase
3 co-factor $\mu 2$, which may affect the capacity of $\mu 2$ to associate with microtubules and the
4 encapsidation of viral mRNAs^{7,8}.

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6 We identified four distinct cell subpopulations, after dimensional reduction and
7 unsupervised clustering (design-1, Fig. 2g; Methods). Two major clusters comprised cells
8 with elevated gene expression related to transcription and replication (*Rpl36a*, cluster 1)
9 and metabolic pathways (*Ugdh*, cluster 2). Two additional clusters revealed upregulation
10 of genes related to mitotic function (*Cdc20*, cluster 3) and innate immunity (*Ifit1*, cluster
11 4). The abundance of viral transcripts relative to host transcripts was significantly elevated
12 for cells in cluster 3 (Fig. 2h; $p = 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$). We combined all datasets and quantified the
13 cell type composition for each experiment. We did not observe cells related to cluster 4
14 (immune response) for the non-infected control (Fig. 2i).

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16 We next explored the biological corollary of infection, the cellular immune response. The
17 adaptive immune response relies on a diverse repertoire of membrane-bound and free
18 antibodies. Antibody repertoires have previously been examined at depth^{9,10} but DART-
19 seq widens the scope of such studies by providing concurrent transcriptome information.
20 Antibodies are comprised of heavy and light chains, linked by disulfide bonds. Each chain
21 contains variable and constant domains. The variable region is comprised of variable (V),
22 diversity (D) and joining (J) segments in the heavy chain, and V and J segments in the
23 light chain. We designed DART-seq primers to target VDJ and VJ gene segments in
24 heavy and light chain transcripts¹¹ (Fig. 3a).

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26 We examined the efficiency of heavy and light chain transcript RT by qPCR (CD19+ B
27 cells). We observed an enrichment of transcripts for all isotypes tested, as the number of
28 custom primers on DART-seq beads was increased (Fig. 3b). Next, we compared the
29 performance of DART-seq and Drop-seq to describe antibody repertoires (Fig. 3c).
30 Approximately 120,000 B cells were loaded in each reaction, yielding 4909 and 4965
31 transcriptomes for DART-seq and Drop-seq, respectively. The number of UMIs and genes
32 detected per cell was similar for DART-seq and Drop-seq (Fig. S4). We mapped transcript
33 sequences to an immunoglobulin (Ig) sequence database (Methods). For both DART-seq
34 and Drop-seq, the percentage of cells for which Ig transcripts were detected scaled with
35 the number of UMIs detected in the cells (Fig. 3c). The Ig transcript recovery rate was
36 significantly greater for DART-seq. For cells with 1000-1200 UMIs, we identified both
37 heavy and light chain transcripts in 29% of cells using DART-seq, but in only 3% of cells
38 using Drop-seq.

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1 Next we applied DART-seq to determine the B cell antibody repertoire within human
2 PBMCs (120,000 PBMCs, 4997 single-cell transcriptomes). To identify B cells, we used
3 dimensional reduction and unsupervised clustering (Methods). We detected Ig transcripts
4 in 564 of the 818 cells in the B cell cluster, and Ig expression mapped accurately onto the
5 B cell population (Fig. 3d). DART-seq again outperformed Drop-seq in the recovery of
6 antibody transcripts (Fig. S5). To test the reproducibility of DART-seq, we assayed an
7 additional PBMC sample and observed similar Ig recovery rates (Fig. S5). We performed
8 isotype distribution analysis on CD27+ B cells (Fig. 3e). As expected, CD27+ B cells were
9 a mixed population of heavy chain isotypes, with IgM most frequently observed, followed
10 by IgD and IgA¹² (Fig. 3e). Kappa and lambda light chain isotypes were equally
11 represented, as expected¹³⁻¹⁵ (Fig. 3e). B cells for which we did not detect CD27 were
12 predominantly of the IgM isotype¹⁶ (Fig. 3e). B cells derive their repertoire diversity from
13 the variable regions of their heavy (IGHV) and light chains¹⁷ (IGKV, IGLV). DART-seq
14 captured a more diverse population of variable isoforms than Drop-seq (Fig. S6).

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16 DART-seq can pair variable heavy and light chain transcripts in single cells. Out of 564
17 Ig transcript positive cells, we mapped the complete CDR3L in 339 cells and the complete
18 CDR3H in 236 cells. The complete CDR3L+ CDR3H region was detected in 120 B cells.
19 The number of VH and VL transcripts in single cells was correlated, as expected (Fig S7).
20 The CDR3L and CDR3H length distributions had maxima around 30 and 50 nucleotides,
21 respectively, as described previously^{11,18} (Fig. 3f). In line with previous reports,
22 promiscuous light chain pairing was observed in 73.5% of the repertoires in CD27- B
23 cells¹⁸. Finally, we measured clone specific pairing for the heavy (IGHV) and light chain
24 variable regions (IGKV, IGLV) in 164 single B cells (Fig. 3g). The highest pairing
25 frequency was observed between the most highly expressed heavy and light chain
26 transcripts, consistent with previous reports^{10,19}.

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28 In conclusion, we have presented DART-seq an easy-to-implement droplet microfluidics
29 technology to perform simultaneous RNA amplicon sequencing and transcriptome
30 profiling in single cells. DART-seq enables a range of new biological measurements. We
31 applied DART-seq to study the single-cell heterogeneity of RNA virus infection, thereby
32 expanding on recent work that has demonstrated the utility to capture viral transcripts,
33 including non-polyadenylated ones, together with transcriptomes in single cells at
34 throughput⁴⁻⁶. DART-seq combines the ability to study multiple non-polyadenylated viral
35 RNAs with the simplicity of droplet microfluidics. We furthermore applied DART-seq to
36 determine the paired heavy and light chain repertoire in human B cells. A number of
37 methods to reconstruct paired heavy-light chains from B cells have been described^{10,18-}
38 ²⁰. DART-seq provides a tunable chemistry to simultaneously capture both heavy/light
39 chains and the rest of the transcriptome, which is a key piece of information to elucidate
40 the nature of the antibody-producing B cell.

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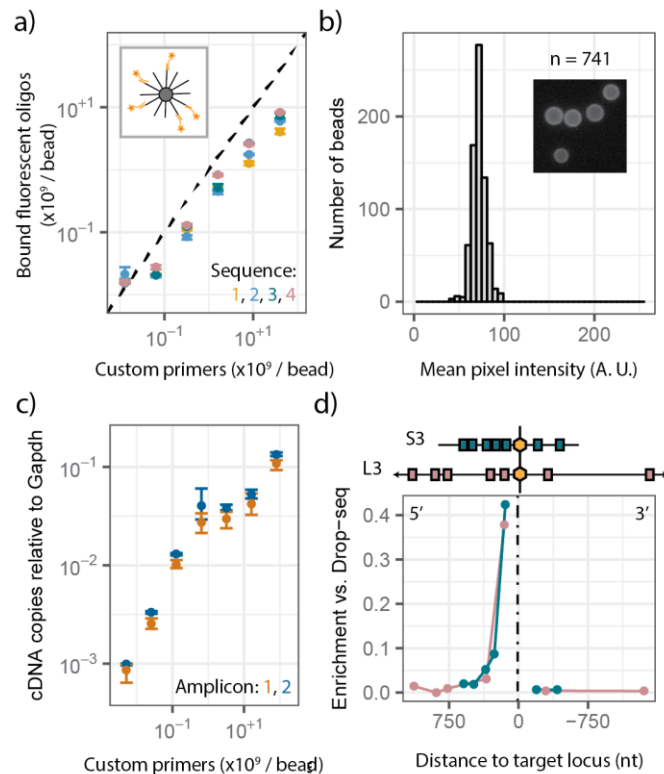
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1 FIGURES and LEGENDS

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5 **Fig. 1: Characterization of DART-seq primer bead synthesis and RT priming.** (a)

6 Number of fluorescence probes bound per bead as function of the number of primers per

7 bead included in the ligation reaction (four distinct primer sequences). Error bars indicate

8 the minimum and maximum of three replicate measurements, points indicate the mean.

9 The dotted line indicates expected values for 100% ligation efficiency. Inset: Schematic

10 of fluorescence hybridization assay. (b) Bead-to-bead variability in fluorescence pixel

11 intensity ($n = 741$ beads, maximum pixel intensity is 255). Inset: representative

12 fluorescence microscopy image of beads. (c) cDNA copies of reovirus RNA relative to

13 *Gapdh* as function of the number of custom primers included in the ligation reaction (bulk

14 assay). Error bars indicate minimum and maximum of three replicates, points indicate the

15 mean. (d) Enrichment of PCR amplicons relative to *Gapdh* in DART-seq versus Drop-seq

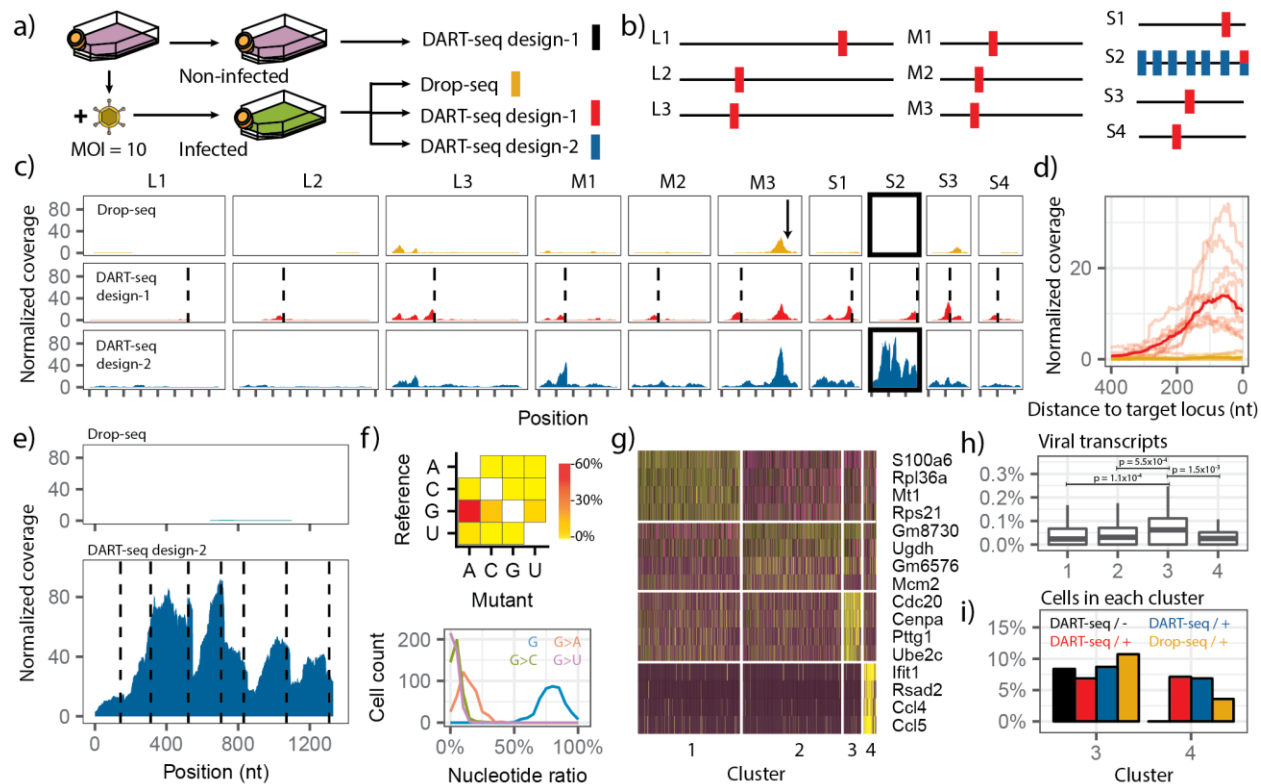
16 libraries as function of distance to the target locus. Measurement for two reovirus genes

17 (S3 in green and L3 in violet).

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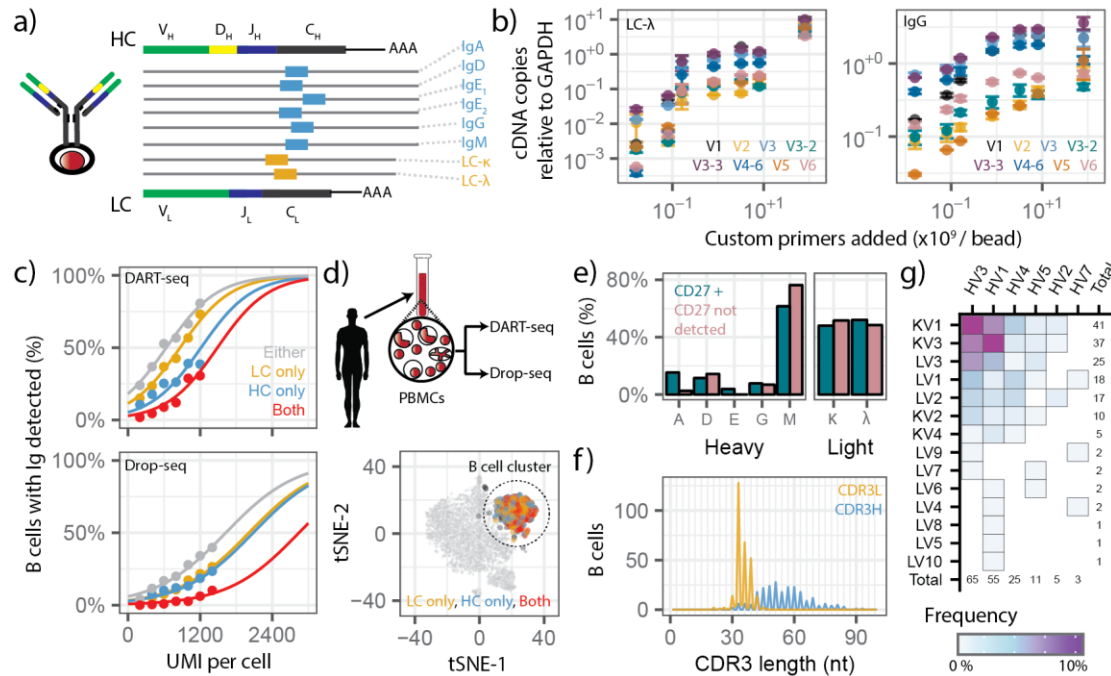
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2 **Figure 2 - DART-seq reveals heterogeneity in viral genotypes and host response to**
3 **infection.** (a) Experimental design. (b) Schematic of DART-seq designs (design-1, red
4 bars, design-2 blue bars). (c) Comparison of the sequence coverage (normalized to host
5 UMI detected $\times 10^6$) of the 10 reovirus gene segments (columns) for three different library
6 preparations (rows). Arrow indicates an A₅ pentanucleotide sequence part of segment
7 M3. Dotted lines indicate DART-seq target positions. (d) Per-base coverage upstream
8 (5'-end) of 10 custom primers of DART-seq design-1 (light red, average shown in dark
9 red), and mean coverage achieved with Drop-seq (yellow). (e) Per-base coverage of the
10 S2 gene segment achieved with DART-seq design-2 (bottom, dashed lines indicate
11 custom primer positions) and Drop-seq (top). (f) Frequency and pattern of base mutations
12 (top); histogram of nucleotide ratios for positions with reference nucleotide G detected in
13 single cells (bottom). (g) Clustering analysis for variable gene expression of reovirus
14 infected L cells (DART-seq design-1, yellow/purple is higher/lower expression). Similar
15 clustering was observed in all three experiments with infected cells. (h) Relative
16 abundance of viral transcripts in L-cell clusters (p-values determined by two-tailed Wilcoxon
17 rank sum test). Lower and upper hinges correspond to 25th and 75th percentiles,
18 respectively. Lower/upper whisker corresponds to smallest/largest value within 150% of
19 the interquartile range from the nearest hinge (cluster 1, n = 411 ; cluster 2, n = 397 ;
20 cluster 3, n = 50 ; cluster 4, n = 69). (i) Fraction of cells in meta-clusters for four
21 experiments depicted in panel a with assay type and infection status (+ or -) indicated.

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Fig. 3 DART-seq measures paired heavy and light chain B cell transcripts at single cell resolution. (a) DART-seq custom primer design targeting the constant region of human heavy and light isotypes. (b) cDNA copies of Ig transcripts relative to *GAPDH* as a function of the number of custom primers included in the ligation reaction (left panel, LC λ +V primers; right panel: IgG+V primers, 62500 cells, 12000 beads, bulk assay). Points are mean of two replicate measurements, bars indicate the minimum and the maximum. (c) Percentage of B cells for which heavy and/or light chain transcripts were detected as a function of the UMI count per cell. Cells were binned by the number of UMI detected (bin width 200 UMI, 0-2400 UMI per cell, bins with fewer than 20 cells omitted, 26 - 2396 cells per bin). Distributions were fit with a sigmoid curve (Methods). (d) Drop-seq and DART-seq assays of human PBMCs. Experiments were performed on two distinct PBMC samples (n=2). Representative t-distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (tSNE) for one DART-seq assay shown here (4997 single cells). Cells are colored based on heavy and/or light chain transcript detection. (e) Bar graph of isotype distribution for CD27+ B cells and B cells for which CD27 was not detected. (f) CDR3L and CDR3H length distribution. 818 B cells were used for the analysis. (g) Paired heavy (IGHV) and light (IGKV and IGLV) variable chain usage in B cells, (164 single cells).

1 ONLINE METHODS

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3 **Step-by-step protocol.** A detailed step-by-step protocol, including all reagents and
4 primers used, is included as a supplemental file.

5 **Primer bead synthesis.** Single-stranded DNA (ssDNA) primer sequences were
6 designed to complement regions of interest. The probes were annealed to the
7 complementary splint sequences that also carry a 10-12 bp overhang of A-repeats
8 (Supplementary table). All oligos were resuspended in Tris-EDTA (TE) buffer at a
9 concentration of 500 μ M. Double-stranded toehold adapters²¹ were created by heating
10 equal volumes (20 μ L) of the custom primer and splint oligos in the presence of 50 mM
11 NaCl. The reaction mixture was heated to 95 °C and cooled to 14 °C at a slow rate (-0.1
12 °C/s). The annealed mixture of dsDNA probes was diluted with TE buffer to obtain a final
13 concentration of 100 μ M. Equal amounts of custom primer probes were mixed and the
14 final mixture diluted to obtain the desired probe concentration (8.03×10^8 custom primers
15 per bead for reovirus DART-seq design-1 and B-cell DART-seq, and 4.01×10^9 custom
16 primers for reovirus DART-seq design-2). 16 μ L of this pooled probe mixture was
17 combined with 40 μ L of PEG-4000 (50% w/v), 40 μ L of T4 DNA ligase buffer, 72 μ L of
18 water, and 2 μ L of T4 DNA Ligase (30 U/ μ L, Thermo Fisher). Roughly 12,000 beads were
19 combined with the above ligation mix and incubated for 1 hr at 37 °C (15 second
20 alternative mixing at 1800 rpm). After ligation, enzyme activity was inhibited (65 °C for 3
21 minutes) and beads were quenched in ice water. To obtain the desired quantity of DART-
22 seq primer beads, 6-10 bead ligation reactions were performed in parallel. All reactions
23 were pooled, and beads were washed once with 250 μ L Tris-EDTA Sodium dodecyl
24 sulfate (TE-SDS) buffer, and twice with Tris-EDTA-Tween 20 (TE-TW) buffer. DART-seq
25 primer beads were stored in TE-TW at 4 °C.

26 **Cell preparation.** Murine L929 cells (L cells) in suspension culture were infected with
27 recombinant Type 3 Dearing reovirus^{22,23} at MOI 10. After 15 hours of infection, the cells
28 were centrifuged at 600 x g for 10 minutes and resuspended in PBS containing 0.01%
29 BSA. Two additional washes were followed by centrifugation at 600 x g for 8 min, and
30 then resuspended in the same buffer to a final concentration of 300,000 cells/mL (120,000
31 cells/mL in replicate experiment). Human CD19+ B cells or PBMCs were obtained from
32 Zen-Bio (B cells: SER-CD19-F, PBMCs: SER-PBMC-F). Cells were washed three times
33 with PBS containing 0.01% BSA, each wash followed by centrifugation at 1500 rpm for 5
34 min, and then resuspended in the same buffer. The cell suspension was filtered through
35 a 40 μ m filter and resuspended to a final concentration of 120,000 cells/mL.

36 **Single cell library preparation.** Single cell library preparation was carried out as
37 described². Briefly, single cells were encapsulated with beads in a droplet using a
38 microfluidics device (FlowJEM, Toronto, Ontario). After cell lysis, cDNA synthesis was
39 carried out (Maxima Reverse Transcriptase, Thermo Fisher), followed by PCR (2X Kapa
40 Hotstart Ready mix, VWR, 15 cycles). cDNA libraries were tagmented and PCR amplified

1 (Nextera tagmentation kit, Illumina). Finally, libraries were pooled and sequenced
2 (Illumina Nextseq 500, 20x130 bp). 2.6×10^7 to 3.7×10^7 sequencing reads were generated
3 for the experiments described in Figure 2. 4.2×10^7 to 6.8×10^8 sequencing reads were
4 generated for the experiments described in Figure 3.

5 **qPCR measurement of reverse transcription yield.** 80,000 L cells or 62,500 B cells
6 were lysed in one mL of lysis buffer, and placed on ice for 15 minutes with brief vortexing
7 every 3 minutes. After lysis and centrifugation (14,000 RPM for 15 minutes at 4°C), the
8 supernatant was transferred to a tube containing 12,000 DART-seq beads. The bead and
9 supernatant mixture was rotated at room temperature for 15 minutes and then rinsed
10 twice with 1 mL 6x SSC. Reverse transcription, endonuclease treatment, and cDNA
11 amplification steps performed as described above, with the exception that all reagent
12 volumes were decreased by 80%. Following cDNA amplification and cleanup (following
13 manufacturer's instructions, Beckman Coulter Ampure beads), the total yield of cDNA
14 was measured (Qubit 3.0 Fluorometer, HS DNA).

15 **qPCR measurements of amplicon enrichment in sequencing libraries.** 0.1 ng DNA
16 from sequencing libraries was used per qPCR reaction. Each reaction was comprised of
17 1 μ L cDNA (0.1 ng/ μ L), 10 μ L of iTaq™ Universal SYBR® Green Supermix (Bio-Rad),
18 0.5 μ L of forward primer (10 μ M), 0.5 μ L of reverse primer (10 μ M) and 13 μ L of DNase,
19 RNAse free water. Reactions were performed in a sealed 96-well plate using the following
20 program in the Bio-Rad C1000 Touch Thermal Cycler: (1) 95 °C for 10 minutes, (2) 95 °C
21 for 30 seconds, (3) 65 °C for 1 minute, (4) plate read in SYBR channel, (5) repeat steps
22 (2)-(4) 49 times, (6) 12 °C infinite hold. The resulting data file was viewed using Bio-Rad
23 CFX manager and the Cq values were exported for further analysis. Each reaction was
24 performed with two technical replicates.

25 **Fluorescence hybridization assay.** Roughly 6,000 DART-seq beads were added to a
26 mixture containing 18 μ L of 5M NaCl, 2 μ L of 1M Tris HCl pH 8.0, 1 μ L of SDS, 78 μ L of
27 water, and 1 μ L of 100 μ M Cy5 fluorescently labeled oligo (see Supplementary Table).
28 The beads were incubated for 45 minutes at 46 °C in an Eppendorf ThermoMixer C (15",
29 at 1800 RPM). Following incubation, the beads were pooled and washed with 250 μ L TE-
30 SDS, followed by 250 μ L TE-TW. The beads were suspended in water and imaged in the
31 Zeiss Axio Observer Z1 in the Cy5 channel and bright field. A custom Python script was
32 used to determine the fluorescence intensity of each bead.

33 **Fluorescence hybridization assay to determine ligation efficiencies.** Roughly 3,000
34 DART-seq beads were added to a mixture containing 18 μ L of 5M NaCl, 2 μ L of 1M Tris
35 HCl pH 8.0, 1 μ L of SDS, 78 μ L of water, and 1 μ L of 100 μ M Cy5 fluorescently labeled
36 oligo (see Supplementary Table). The beads were incubated for 45 minutes at 46 °C in
37 an Eppendorf ThermoMixer C (15", at 1800 RPM). Following incubation, the beads were
38 pooled and washed with 250 μ L TE-SDS, followed by 250 μ L TE-TW. The beads were
39 suspended in 200 μ L of DNase/RNase free water and transferred to a Qubit assay tube
40 (ThermoFisher Scientific, Q32856). Qubit 3.0 Fluorometer was set to "Fluorometer" mode

1 under the “635 nm” emission setting. The tube was vortexed briefly and placed in the
2 fluorometer for immediate readout. Two additional vortexing and measurement steps
3 were performed.

4 **Single cell host transcriptome profiling.** We used previously described bioinformatic
5 tools to process raw sequencing reads¹, and the Seurat package for downstream
6 analysis²⁴. Cells with low overall expression or a high proportion of mitochondrial
7 transcripts were removed. For clustering, we used principal component analysis (PCA),
8 followed by k-means clustering to identify distinct cell states. t-stochastic neighborhood
9 embedding²⁵ (tSNE) was used to visualize cell clustering. For meta-clustering, host
10 expression matrices from all four experiments were merged using Seurat²⁴. Cells with
11 fewer than 2000 host transcripts were excluded from the analysis in Figure 2. Cells with
12 fewer than 100 unique genes detected were excluded from the analysis in Figure 3.

13 **Viral genotype analysis.** Sequencing reads that did not align to the host genome were
14 collected and aligned to the T3D reovirus genome²⁶ (GenBank Accession EF494435-
15 EF494445). Aligned reads were tagged with their cell barcode and sorted. The per-base
16 coverage across viral gene segments was computed (Samtools²⁷ depth). Positions where
17 the per-base coverage exceeded 50, and where a minor allele with frequency greater
18 than 10% was observed, were labeled as single nucleotide variant (SNV) positions. The
19 frequency of SNVs was calculated across all cells. For the combined host virus analysis,
20 the host expression matrix and virus alignment information were merged. The per-base
21 coverage of the viral genome was normalized by the number of host transcripts. Cells
22 with fewer than 1500 host transcripts were excluded from the analysis.

23 **Immunoglobulin identification and analysis.** Sequences derived from B cells were
24 collected and aligned to a catalog of human germline V, D, J and C gene sequences using
25 MiXCR version 2.1.5²⁸. For each cell, the top scoring heavy and light chain variable
26 regions were selected for subtyping and pairing analyses (Fig. 3e and Fig. 3g).

27 **Sigmoidal fitting heavy/light chain capture.** The mapping for the fractions of B cells
28 containing heavy chains or light chains was fit with the following sigmoidal function:

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$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-b/(x-c)}} .$$

30 Where the parameter b was a free parameter for the fit of the light chain or heavy chain
31 data, and then fixed for the light chain only, heavy chain only, and combined light chain
32 and heavy chain data.

33 **Statistical analysis.** Statistical tests were performed in R version 3.3.2²⁹. Exact number
34 of n values for each experiment are indicated in the figure legends. Error bars indicate
35 the minimum and maximum of replicate measurements. Groups were compared using
36 the two-tailed nonparametric Mann-Whitney U test. More information on the statistical
37 parameters, sample size determination, and replication can be found in Life Sciences
38 Reporting Summary.

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1 DATA AVAILABILITY

2 Raw sequencing data and corresponding gene expression matrices have been made
3 available: NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus; Project ID GSE113675.

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5 CODE AVAILABILITY

6 Custom scripts are available at: <https://github.com/pburnham50/DART-seq>.

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