

Supplementary Data

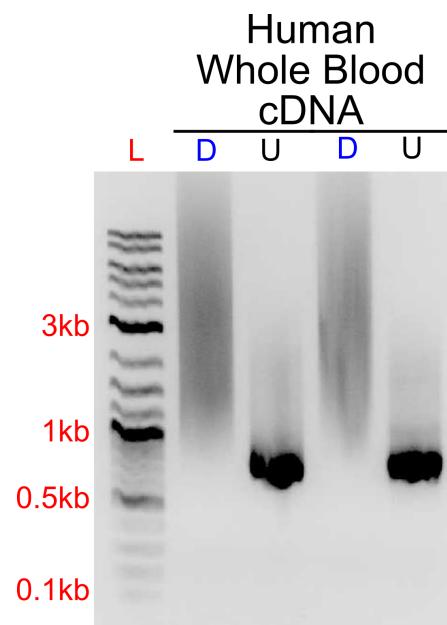
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**Depletion of hemoglobin transcripts and long read sequencing improves the transcriptome annotation of the polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*)**

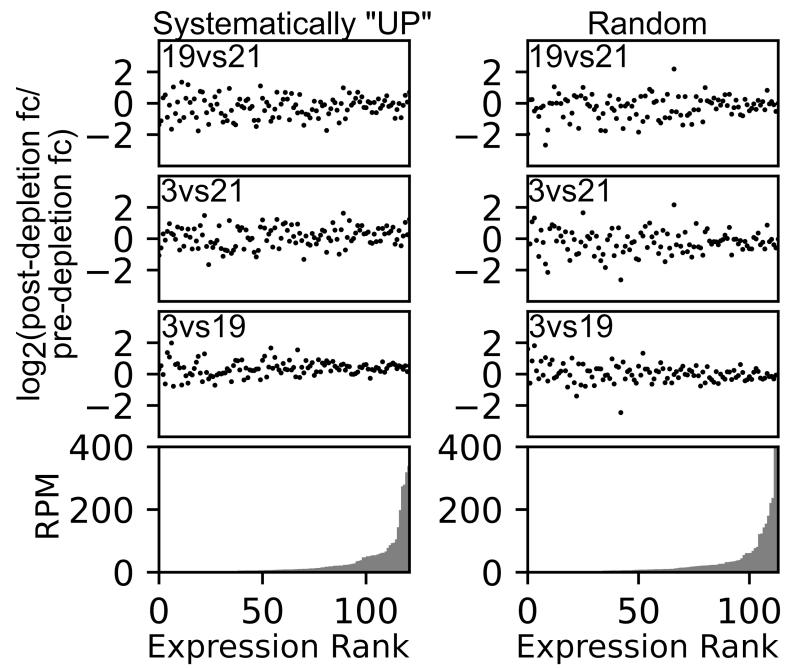
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**Figure S1: Long-DASH sgRNA also depletes human hemoglobin transcripts from full-length cDNA.**  
Technical replicates of depleted (D) or undepleted (U) human whole blood cDNA were visualized on an agarose gel. DNA ladder (L) suggests highly abundant cDNA species - putatively hemoglobin around ~700bp.



**Figure S2: Depletion of hemoglobin affects expression levels within but not fold-change between samples**  
 Expression levels (bottom) as well as the changes in differential expression between polar bears pre- and post-depletion are shown for genes that are upregulated in all 3 polar bears post-depletion (Systematically “UP”) and a random selection of genes with similar expression distribution (Random).

## A) Hemoglobin, alpha (HBA)

XM_008696690.1	-----CCGCCCCGACATTCCTGGTCTCACAGACTCAGAAAGAA	40
NM_000558.4	CATAAACCTGGCGCGCTCGCGGCCGGCACTCTCTGGTCCCACAGACTCAGAGAGAA	60
NM_000517.4	CATAAACCTGGCGCGCTCGCGGCCGGCACTCTCTGGTCCCACAGACTCAGAGAGAA	60
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XM_008696690.1	GCCACCATGGTGTCTCCGCCGACAAGAGAACCGTAAGGCCACCTGGATAAGATC	100
NM_000558.4	CCCACCATGGTGTCTCTGCCGACAAGACCAACCGTAAGGCCCTGGGATAAGGTC	120
NM_000517.4	CCCACCATGGTGTCTCT <b>CCGACAAGACCAACCGTAAGGCCCTGGGATAAGGTC</b>	120
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XM_008696690.1	GGCAGCCACGCTGGCGAGTATGGCGCGAGGCTCTGGAGAGGACCTTCGGCTCCCTCCCC	160
NM_000558.4	GGCGCGACGCTGGCGAGTATGGCGCGAGGCTCTGGAGAGGATTTCTGTCCCTCCCC	180
NM_000517.4	GGCGCGACGCTGGCGAGTATGGCGCGAGGCTCTGGAGAGGATTTCTGTCCCTCCCC <b>CC</b>	180
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XM_008696690.1	ACCACCAAGACCTACTTCCCCACTTCGACCTGAGCCCTGGCTCGCCAGGTCAAGGCC	220
NM_000558.4	ACCACCAAGACCTACTTCCCCACTTCGACCTGAGCCACGGCTCTCCCAGGTTAAGGGC	240
NM_000517.4	<b>ACCACCAAGACCTACTTCCCCACTTCGACCTGAGCCACGGCTCTCCCA<b>GGTTAAGGGC</b></b>	240
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XM_008696690.1	CACGGCAAGAAGGTGGCGACGCCCTGACCAACGCCGAGGCCACCTGGACGACCTGCCG	280
NM_000558.4	CACGGCAAGAAGGTGGCGACCGCTGACCAACGCCGAGGCCACGACATGCC	300
NM_000517.4	<b>CACGGCAAGAAGGTGGCGACCGCTGACCAACGCCGAGGCCACGACATGCC</b>	300
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XM_008696690.1	GGCGCCCTGTCCGCTCTGAGCAGCTGCACGCGACAAGCTGCGAGTGACCGGTCAAC	340
NM_000558.4	AACGCGCTGTCCGCCCTGAGCAGCTGCACGCGACAAGCTTGGTGACCGGTCAAC	360
NM_000517.4	<b>AACGCG<b>TGTCCGCCCTGAGCAGCTGCACGCGACAAGCTTGGTGACCGGTCAAC</b></b>	360
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XM_008696690.1	TTCAAGTCTGAGCCACTGCCTGCTGGTACCCCTGGCACGCCACCCCGCGAGTT	400
NM_000558.4	TTCAAGTCTTAAGCCACTGCCTGCTGGTACCCCTGGCACCTCCCAGGTT	420
NM_000517.4	<b>TTCAAGT<b>CTTAAGCCACTGCCTG<b>TGGTACCC<b>TGGCGCACCTCCCAGGTT</b></b></b></b>	420
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XM_008696690.1	ACCCCTGCCGTCCACGCCCTCCCTGGACAAGTTCTCAGGCCGTGAGCACCGTGCTCACC	460
NM_000558.4	ACCCCTGCCGTCCACGCCCTCCCTGGACAAGTTCTGCTGTGAGCACCGTGCTGACC	480
NM_000517.4	ACCCCTGCCGTCCACGCCCTCCCTGGACAAGTTCTGCTGTGAGCACCGTG <b>ACC</b>	480
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XM_008696690.1	TCCAAATACCGTTAACGCTGGAGCCCTGGTGGCCATGCTTCTGCCCCCTGGGCTCCCC	520
NM_000558.4	TCCAAATACCGTTAACGCTGGAGCCCTGGTGGCCATGCTTCTGCCCCCTGGGCTCCCC	540
NM_000517.4	<b>TCCAAATACCGTTAACG<b>TGGAGCCCTGGTAGCCCTCTGCCCGCTGGGCTCCCCAA</b></b>	540
	***** *	
XM_008696690.1	GC-----TCCACGCCCTGAACCTCCCGATCTTGAAATAAGTCTGAGTGG	566
NM_000558.4	CAGCCCTCCCTCCCTCTGCACCCGTACCCCGTGGCTTTGAATAAAAGTCTGAGTGG	600
NM_000517.4	CGGGCCCTCCCTCCCTCTGCACC-GGCCCTCTGGCTTTGAATAAAAGTCTGAGTGG	599
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XM_008696690.1	GCTGCAG-----	573
NM_000558.4	GCAGCAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA	627
NM_000517.4	GCAGCAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA	622
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## B) Hemoglobin, beta (HBB)

XM_008709611.1	GAGCAGGGCCAGCTGCTTATACTTGCTTCTGACACAACCGTGTCACTAGCAACCAC	60
NM_000518.4	-----ACATTGCTTCTGACACAACGTGTCACTA <b>GCAACCTC</b>	39
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XM_008709611.1	AAAGAGACACCATGGTCATCTGACTGGTGAGGAGAAGTCTCGTACCGGCCTGTGG	120
NM_000518.4	<b>AAACAGACACCA</b> TGGTCATCTGACTCCTGAGGAGAAGTCTGCCCTGTGG	99
	*** *	
XM_008709611.1	GCAAGGTGAACGTGGATGAAGTTGGTGGTGGCCCTGGCAGGCTCTGGTTGTCTACC	180
NM_000518.4	<b>GCAAGGTGAACGTGGATGAAGT</b> TGGTGGTGGCCCTGGCAGGCTGCTGGTGTCTACC	159
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XM_008709611.1	CCTGGACTCAGAGGTTCTTGACTCCTTGGGACCTGCTCTGCTGATGCTATTATGA	240
NM_000518.4	CTTGGACCA <b>GAGGTTCTTGAGTCCTT</b> TGGGATCTGTCACCTCTGATGCTGTTATGG	219
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XM_008709611.1	ACAACCCAAGGTCAGGCCATGGCAAGAAGGTGCTGAACCTCTTAGTGTAGGCCCTGA	300
NM_000518.4	GCAACCCAAGGTCAGGCCATGGCAAGAAAGTGTGCGCTTGTAGTGTAGGCCCTGG	279
	***** *	
XM_008709611.1	AGAACCTGACAACCTCAAGGGCACCTTGCTAACGCTGAGCGAGCTGCAGTGACAAGC	360
NM_000518.4	CTCACCTGGACAACCTCAAGGGCACCTTGCCACACTGAGTGAGCTG <b>ACTGTGACAAGC</b>	339
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XM_008709611.1	TGCACGGATCCCAGAGAACTCAAGCTCCTGGCACAGCTGCTGGTGTGTGTGCTGGCTC	420
NM_000518.4	<b>TGCACG</b> TGGATCTGAGAACCTCAGGCTCCTGGCACAGCTG <b>TGGTGTGTGTGCTGGCCC</b>	399
	***** *	
XM_008709611.1	ACCACTTGGCAAAGAGATTCAACCCCTCAGGTGCAGGCTGCCTATCAGAAGGTGGTGGCTG	480
NM_000518.4	ATCACTTGGCAAAGAACATTCAACCCACCAGTG <b>CAGGCTGCCTATCAGAAAGTGGCTG</b>	459
	* *	
XM_008709611.1	GTGTGGCCAACGCCCTGGCCCACAAGTACCACTGAGCTCCTGGCCTGTTCTGGTATC	540
NM_000518.4	<b>GTG</b> TGCTAATGCCCTGGCCCACAAGTATCACTAACGCTGCTTCTGCTGTCCAATTTC	519
	***** *	
XM_008709611.1	CCTG-GAAGACCCCTGTCCTAAATTCTATCTTCTGAACTGGGGAAAATATGCCACC	599
NM_000518.4	TATTAAGGTTCTTGTCCCTAACTAACGTCAAACACTAAACTGGGGATATTATGAAGGGC	579
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XM_008709611.1	ATCAAGGGTATGTTCTGCCATAAAAGAACCTTCAGCTAA-	642
NM_000518.4	CTTGAGCATCTGGATTCTGCCATAAAAAAACATTATTTCTATTGC	626
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**Figure S3. Alignment of orthologous HBA and HBB mRNA sequences in human and polar bear.** Multi-sequence alignment from Clustal Omega v1.2.4. \* indicates a match. Underline and bold indicates target sequences used for sgRNA design for Globin depletion. Red indicates (N-GG) PAM sequence a) Hemoglobin, alpha (HBA) b) Hemoglobin, beta (HBB).

### A) Construction of sgRNAs

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#1 tracrRNA oligo (in Reverse Orientation/Anti-sense)
<-----tracrRNA-----> <-----Primer----->
5'-AAAAAGCACCAGACTCGGTGCCACTTTTCAAGTTGATAACGGACTAGCCTTATTTAACTT GCTATTCTAGCTCTAAAAC-3'
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The oligo above is a universal tracrRNA template which allows you to generate full sgRNA templates with any target sequence oligo as long as the target sequence oligo meets the following requirements below:

1. The oligo contains the reverse complement of the primer sequence on the 3' end.
2. the oligo contains 'GG' on the 3' end of the target sequence for T7 RT.

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#1 HBA1/HBA2 target oligos based upon mRNA prediction of Polar Bear/Human genes.
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<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 1 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG AAGGSCCACGGCAAGAAGG GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 2 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG CACTGCCTGCTGGTACCC GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 3 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG GGYAAGGSCCACGGCAAGA GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 4 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG ACCTCCAAATACCGTTAACG GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 5 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG GCCGACAAGASCAACGTC GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 6 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG GGGAAAGTAGGTCTTGGTGGTG GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 7 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG TCCTRAGCCACTGCCTGC GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 8 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG CAGGTCGCTCAGRGCGGACA GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
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#2 HBB target oligos based upon mRNA prediction of Polar Bear/Human gene.
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<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 1 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG CACTGTGACAAGCTGCACG GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 2 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG GAAGTTGGTGGTGAGGCCCT GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 3 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG CAGGCTGCCTATCAGAARG GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 4 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG GCAACCWCAAASAGACACCA GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 5 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG GAGGTTCTTGABTCCTTG GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 6 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG AAGGTGAACGTGGATGAAGT GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 7 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG GCTCCTGGCAACGTGC GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
<-----T7-----><--target_sequence--><-----Primer----->
oligo 8 5'-GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG CAGAARGTGGTGGCTGGTG GTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGC-3'
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**B) Target sequences and oligo sequences for hemoglobin depletion**

HBA targets	HBB targets
(1) AAGG <b>S</b> CCACGGCAAGAAGG Human- AAGGGCCACGGCAAGAAGG Polar- AAGGCCACGGCAAGAAGG	(1) CACTGTGACAAGCTGCACG Human- CACTGTGACAAGCTGCACG Polar- CACTGTGACAAGCTGCACG
(2) CACTGCCTGCTGGTGACCC Human- CACTGCCTGCTGGTGACCC Polar- CACTGCCTGCTGGTGACCC	(2) GAAGTTGGTGGTGAGGCCCT Human- GAAGTTGGTGGTGAGGCCCT Polar- GAAGTTGGTGGTGAGGCCCT
(3) GGT <b>T</b> AAGGSCCACGGCAAGA Human- GGTAAAGGCCACGGCAAGA Polar- GGTCAAGGCCACGGCAAGA	(3) CAGGCTGCCCTATCAGAA <b>G</b> Human- CAGGCTGCCCTATCAGAAAG Polar- CAGGCTGCCCTATCAGAAGG
(4) ACCTCCAATACCGTTAAC Human- ACCTCCAATACCGTTAAC Polar- ACCTCCAATACCGTTAAC	(4) GCAACC <b>W</b> CAAASAGACACCA Human- GCAACCTCAAACAGACACCA Polar- GCAACCACAAAGAGACACCA
(5) GCCGACAAGA <b>S</b> CAACGTCA Human- GCCGACAAGACCAACGTCA Polar- GCCGACAAGAGCAACGTCA	(5) GAGGTTCTT <b>G</b> ACTCCTTG Human- GAGGTTCTT <b>G</b> ACTCCTTG Polar- GAGGTTCTT <b>G</b> ACTCCTTG
(6) GGGAA <b>G</b> TAGGTCTTGGTGGTG (r) Human- GGGAA <b>G</b> TAGGTCTTGGTGGTG Polar- GGGAA <b>G</b> TAGGTCTTGGTGGTG	(6) AAGGTGAACGTGGATGAAGT Human- AAGGTGAACGTGGATGAAGT Polar- AAGGTGAACGTGGATGAAGT
(7) TCCT <b>R</b> AGCCACTGCC <b>T</b> Human- TCCTAAGCCACTGCC <b>T</b> Polar- TCCTGAGCCACTGCC <b>T</b>	(7) GCTCCTGGGCAACGTGC Human- GCTCCTGGGCAACGTGC Polar- GCTCCTGGGCAACGTGC
(8) CAGGTG <b>C</b> TCAG <b>R</b> CGGACA (r) Human- CAGGTG <b>C</b> TCAGGGCGGACA (Lost PAM sequence) Polar- CAGGTG <b>C</b> TCAGAGCGGACA	(8) CAGA <b>A</b> RG <b>T</b> GGTGGCTGGT Human- CAGAAAG <b>T</b> GGTGGCTGGT Polar- CAGAAGGTGGTGGCTGGT

**Figure S4. sgRNA design and construction.**

Oligonucleotides designed for hemoglobin depletion from full-length cDNA. Oligos were chosen to deplete Hemoglobin mRNA transcripts from Human and Polar Bear whole blood. A) To generate sgRNAs a template free PCR was performed to anneal the tracrRNA oligo to an oligo containing the target sequence to generate a full-length oligo. The full-length oligos were converted into sgRNA templates using in-vitro transcription. B) Target oligos used for generating sgRNAs. Degenerate bases are highlighted in grey. (r) indicates reverse orientation

Sample Name	Sequencer	Run Type	Library Prep	Read Number	Median Accuracy
PB3_depleted	Illumina HiSeqX	2X151	Smart-seq2	22322746	N/A
PB19_depleted	Illumina HiSeqX	2X151	Smart-seq2	19418607	N/A
PB21_depleted	Illumina HiSeqX	2X151	Smart-seq2	22467660	N/A
PB3_undepleted	Illumina HiSeqX	2X151	Smart-seq2	58088942	N/A
PB19_undepleted	Illumina HiSeqX	2X151	Smart-seq2	105936701	N/A
PB21_undepleted	Illumina HiSeqX	2X151	Smart-seq2	63096050	N/A
PB19_undepleted	ONT MinION	9.4.1/LSK109	R2C2	5313	93%
PB3_depleted_R1	ONT MinION	9.4.1/LSK109	R2C2	390526	93%
PB3_depleted_R2	ONT MinION	9.4.1/LSK109	R2C2	1691780	94%
PB19_depleted_R1	ONT MinION	9.4.1/LSK109	R2C2	59097	93%
PB19_depleted_R2	ONT MinION	9.4.1/LSK109	R2C2	866087	97.5%
PB21_depleted	ONT MinION	9.4.1/LSK109	R2C2	830952	92%

**Table S1: High-throughput sequencing runs and characteristics**

For R2C2/ONT MinION runs, fully processed R2C2 read numbers and median accuracies are given.

Some R2C2/ONT MinION runs were multiplexed, sometimes with samples unrelated to this study.

Samples PB19\_depleted\_R2 and PB3\_depleted\_R2 represent the current output of the R2C2/ONT MinION combination

## RT

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>Oligo-dT-smartseq2
/5Me-isodC/AAGCAGTGGTATCAACGCAGAGTACTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTVN
>TSO_Smartseq2
AAGCAGTGGTATCAACGCAGAGTACATrGrGrG
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## Primers for amplifying cDNA

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>ISPCR
AAGCAGTGGTATCAACGCAGAGT
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## Tn5 Oligos (Smart-seq2 library prep)

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>Tn5ME-R
[phos]CTGTCTTATAACATCT
>Tn5ME-A
TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTGTATAAGAGACAG
>Tn5ME-B
GTCCTCGGGCTCGGAGATGTGTATAAGAGACAG
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## Primers for amplifying Tn5 Product

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>Nextera_Primer_A
AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACAC [8bp i5 index] TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATG
>Nextera_Primer_B
CAAGCAGAACGCGCATACGAGAT [8bp i7 index] CTCTCGTGGGCTCGGAGATGTGTAT
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## R2C2 Splint\_Oligos

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>UMI_Splint_1_Forward_ISPCR (Matches ISPCR Primer)
ACTCTGCCTTGATACCACTGCTTGAGGCTGATGAGTTCCATANNNTATATNNNNNATCACTACTAGTTTGATAGCTTC
AAGCCAGAGTTGCTTTCTCTTGCTGGCAGTAAAG
>UMI_Splint_1_Reverse_ISPCR (Matches ISPCR Primer)
ACTCTGCCTTGATACCACTGCTTAAGGGATATTCGATCGCCTTATAGTGCATTGATCCTTACTCCTC
CTAAAGAACACCTGACCCAGCAAAGGTACACAATTTACTGCCAGCAAAGAG
>UMI_Splint_2_Forward_ISPCR (Matches ISPCR Primer)
ACTCTGCCTTGATACCACTGCTTGCCGGTGGGTATCAATAANNNNTATATNNNNNATTGCCCTTATTCTATCTACTTAGTT
TGGCGATGTAGTCTACCTATCCTGATGCTGAATAAGGC
>UMI_Splint_2_Reverse_ISPCR (Matches ISPCR Primer)
ACTCTGCCTTGATACCACTGCTTAATTAGGTTAGGATCACGNNNNATATNNNNNCTGCCATCGAAAATTTTACCCGTAA
CAAGAACCTACAACCTCTGACGCCTATATCATGAAGGCCTTATTCAAGCATCAGGA
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**Table S2 Oligos used in the manuscript**

All oligos are shown 5'->3' and were ordered from Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT).

Lower case 'r' indicates RNA bases. Spaces in sequence