

A wide-angle photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California. The bridge's iconic red-orange towers and suspension cables are the central focus, extending from the foreground into the distance. In the background, the San Francisco city skyline is visible, including the Transamerica Pyramid. The sky is a clear, bright blue with some light clouds. The overall scene is a classic view of the bridge and the city.

PacBio Americas User Group Meeting Sample Prep Workshop Breakout Session: *Short Insert Library Prep & Amplicon Sequencing*

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AGENDA

Introduction

- Amplicon Sequencing Applications
- Technical Resources for Amplicon Sequencing
- Recommendations for Preparing High-quality Amplicons for SMRTbell library construction
- Recommended Amplicon Sequencing Conditions (PacBio RS II / Sequel)
- Where to Find SMRT Resources

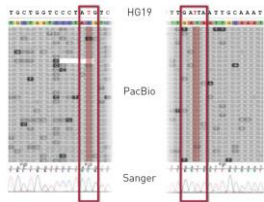
Customer Presentations

- **“Rescuing Ebola Makona Using Reverse Genetics and SMRT Sequencing”**

David Kimmel, United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID)

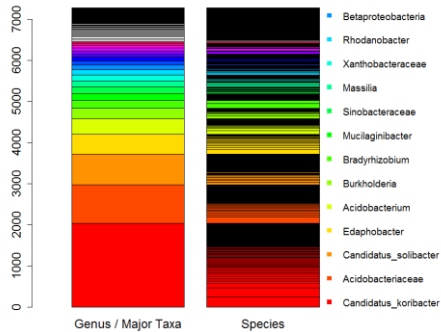
Q&A and Open Discussion

AMPLICON SEQUENCING APPLICATIONS



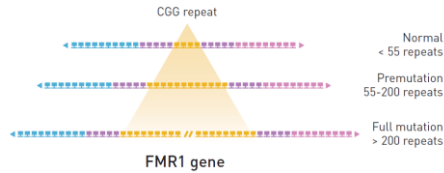
Highly Accurate SNP Detection and Validation

- Highly accurate SNP validation for any genomic region reduces false positives and false negatives.



Characterize Metagenomic Communities

- Resolve community composition and phylogeny using full-length 16S rRNA sequences
- Discover novel genes and gene clusters from longer reads and assembled contigs



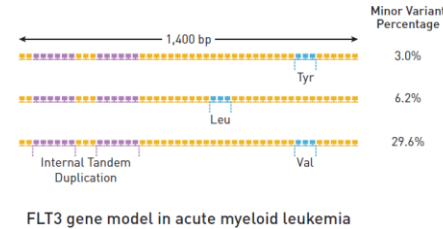
Repeat Expansion Analysis in Low Complexity Regions

- Span extreme CGG repeats and AT-rich regions with minimal bias, over hundreds to thousands of bases

HIV HXB2		Reverse Transcriptase					
Codon	AA	Pos	AA	Codon	% Coverage	Affected Drugs*	
ATG	M	41	L	T T G	1	2793	ABC + DDI + TDF + D4T + ZDV
AAA	K	65	R	A G A	1.1	2529	3TC + FTC + ABC + DDI + TDF + D4T
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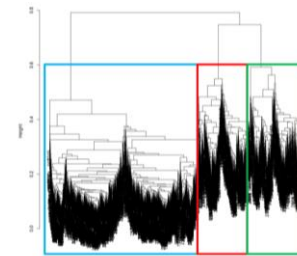
Detect Minor Variants in Complex Mixtures

- Exquisitely sensitive and specific analysis of mixed populations (MV detection to 1% frequency)



Compound Mutations and Haplotype Phasing

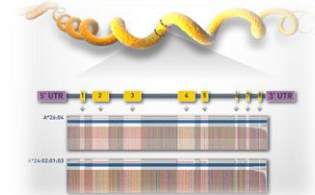
- Study linked mutations hundreds, even thousands, of bases apart
- Differentiate polyclonal from compound mutations



EXP (%)	60	20	20
OBS (%)	59	21	20

Resolve Viral Populations

- Deconvolute complex mixtures of unique haplotypes
- Track evolution and phylogeny of viral populations



True HLA Allelic Diversity Assessment

- Generate highly accurate consensus sequences spanning full-length HLA genes to obtain directly phased, high-resolution HLA types without imputation

TECHNICAL RESOURCES FOR AMPLICON SMRTBELL LIBRARY SAMPLE PREPARATION AND SEQUENCING

User Bulletins

*User Bulletin for PacBio RS II and Sequel Systems: Centrifuge Tube and Pipet Tip Recommendations (*NEW) (May 2017)*

- PacBio advises against the use of Axygen MAXYMum Recovery™ tubes and pipet tips. Please discontinue use of these products immediately. PacBio recommends alternatives in the User Bulletin.
- <http://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/User-Bulletin-Centrifuge-Tube-and-Pipet-Tip-Recommendations.pdf>

*Field Advisory for Sequel System: Securing Sequel Pipet Tip Rack (*NEW) (May 2017)*

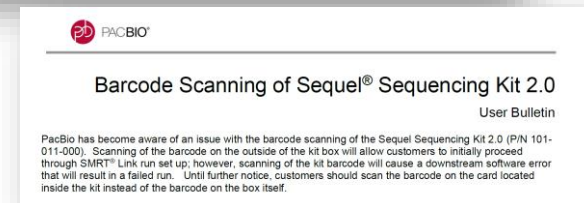
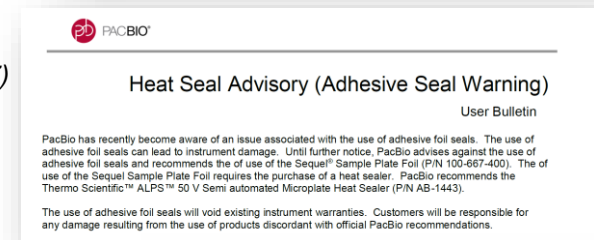
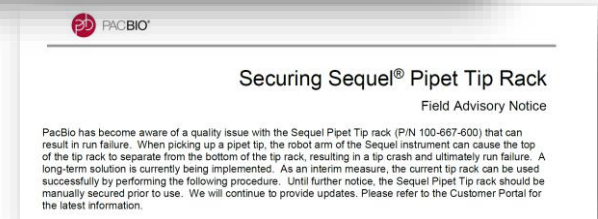
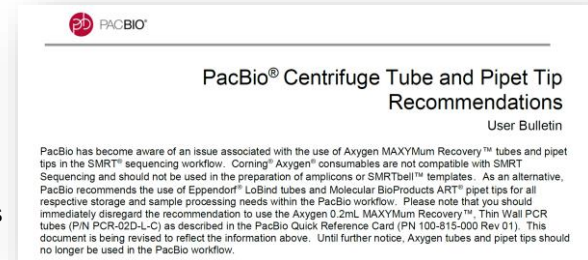
- PacBio recommends a simple procedure to ensure that the Sequel Pipet Tip rack is firmly affixed to the tip box.
- <http://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/Field-Advisory-Notice-Securing-Sequel-Pipet-Tip-Rack.pdf>

*User Bulletin for Sequel System: Heat Seal Advisory (Adhesive Seal Warning) (*NEW) (May 2017)*

- PacBio advises against the use of adhesive foils and recommends the use of Sequel Sample Plate Foil.
- <http://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/User-Bulletin-Heat-Seal-Advisory-Adhesive-Seal-Warning.pdf>

*User Bulletin for Sequel System: Barcode Scanning of Sequel Sequencing Kit 2.0 (*NEW) (May 2017)*

- PacBio is providing clarity on which barcode to scan to ensure the Sequel System has the correct information and that all the consumables are compatible.
- <http://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/User-Bulletin-Barcode-Scanning-of-Sequel-Sequencing-Kit-2.0.pdf>



Find all protocols at <http://www.pacb.com/support/documentation/>

Amplicon SMRTbell Library Preparation Protocols

Procedure & Checklist – Amplicon Template Preparation and Sequencing

- <http://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/Procedure-Checklist-Amplicon-Template-Preparation-and-Sequencing.pdf>

Shared Protocol – <250 bp Amplicon Library Preparation and Sequencing

- <http://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Shared-Protocol-250-bp-Amplicon-Library-Preparation-and-Sequencing.pdf>

Multiplexed Amplicon SMRTbell Library Preparation Protocols

Procedure & Checklist – Preparing SMRTbell™ Libraries using PacBio® Barcoded Universal Primers for Multiplex SMRT® Sequencing

- <http://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Procedure-and-Checklist-Preparing-SMRTbell-Libraries-PacB-Barcoded-Universal-Primers.pdf>

Procedure & Checklist - Preparing Amplicon Libraries using PacBio® Barcoded Adapters for Multiplex SMRT® Sequencing

- <http://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Procedure-Checklist-Preparing-SMRTbell-Libraries-using-PacBio-Barcoded-Adapters-for-Multiplex-SMRT-Sequencing.pdf>

User Bulletin – Barcode Plate Mapping

- <http://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/User-Bulletin-Barcode-Plate-Mapping.pdf>

Full-Length 16S Amplicon SMRTbell Library Preparation Protocol

Unsupported Protocol – Unsupported Protocol – Full-Length 16S Amplification, SMRTbell Library Preparation and Sequencing

- <http://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/Unsupported-Full-Length-16S-Amplification-SMRTbell-LibraryPreparation-and-Sequencing.pdf>

Procedure & Checklist - Amplicon Template Preparation and Sequencing

Before You Begin

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- SMRTbell™ Templat
- DNA/Polymerase Bin
- MagBead Kit for amp
- DNA Sequencing Re
- DNA Internal Control
- SMRT® Cells
- AMPure® PB beads

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Procedure & Checklist - Preparing SMRTbell™ Libraries using PacBio® Barcoded Universal Primers for Multiplex SMRT® Sequencing

Before You Begin

This document describes methods for generating barcoded PCR products using PacBio Barcoded Universal

Procedure & Checklist - Preparing Amplicon Libraries using PacBio® Barcoded Adapters for Multiplex SMRT® Sequencing

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Barcode Plate Mapping

User Bulletin

This User Bulletin describes the mapping between a **specific well** and a **sample** on a 96-well plate.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	lbc001	lbc009	lbc017	lbc025	lbc033	lbc041	lbc049	lbc057	lbc065	lbc073	lbc081	lbc089
B	lbc002	lbc010	lbc018	lbc026	lbc034	lbc042	lbc050	lbc058	lbc066	lbc074	lbc082	lbc090
C	lbc003	lbc011	lbc019	lbc027	lbc035	lbc043	lbc051	lbc059	lbc067	lbc075	lbc083	lbc091

Full-Length 16S Amplification, SMRTbell™ Library Preparation and Sequencing

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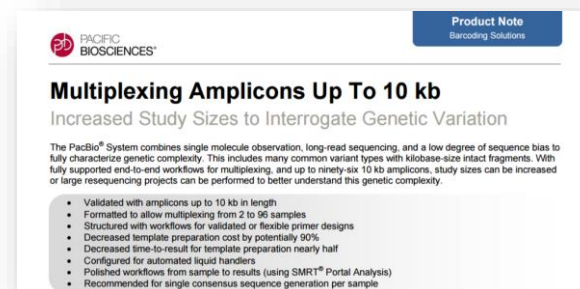
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Product Notes

Product Note: Multiplexing Amplicons Up To 10 kb Using Barcoded Adapters and Barcoded Universal Primers

- <http://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/ProductNote-Barcoded-Adapters-Barcoded-Universal-Primers.pdf>



PACIFIC BIOSCIENCES® Product Note
Barcoding Solutions

Multiplexing Amplicons Up To 10 kb

Increased Study Sizes to Interrogate Genetic Variation

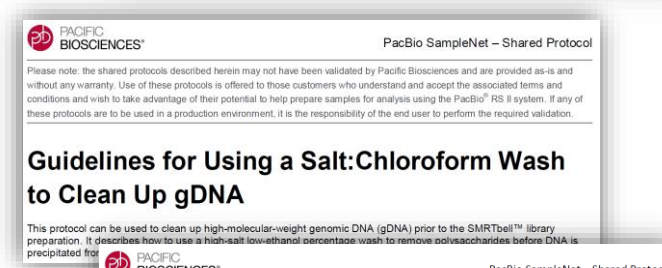
The PacBio® System combines single molecule observation, long-read sequencing, and a low degree of sequence bias to fully characterize genetic complexity. This includes many common variant types with kilobase-size intact fragments. With fully supported end-to-end workflows for multiplexing, and up to ninety-six 10 kb amplicons, study sizes can be increased or large resequencing projects can be performed to better understand this genetic complexity.

- Validated with amplicons up to 10 kb in length
- Formatted to allow multiplexing from 2 to 96 samples
- Structured with workflows for validated or flexible primer designs
- Decreased template preparation cost by potentially 90%
- Decreased time-to-result for template preparation nearly half
- Configured for automated liquid handlers
- Polished workflows from sample to results (using SMRT® Portal Analysis)
- Recommended for single consensus sequence generation per sample

Genomic DNA Cleanup

Unsupported Protocol – High Salt Phenol Chloroform Cleanup

- <http://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Shared-Protocol-Guidelines-for-Using-a-Salt-Chloroform-Wash-to-Clean-Up-gDNA.pdf>



PACIFIC BIOSCIENCES® PacBio SampleNet – Shared Protocol

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Guidelines for Using a Salt:Chloroform Wash to Clean Up gDNA

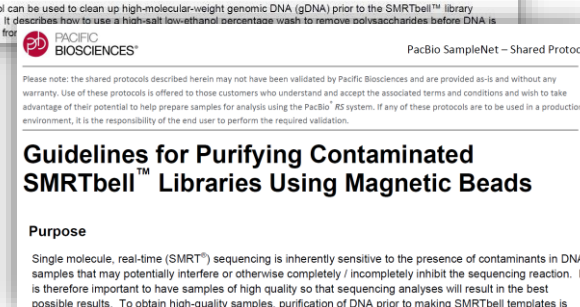
This protocol can be used to clean up high-molecular-weight genomic DNA (gDNA) prior to the SMRTbell™ library preparation. It describes how to use a high-salt, low-ethanol percentage wash to remove polysaccharides before DNA is precipitated from.

PACIFIC BIOSCIENCES® PacBio SampleNet – Shared Protocol

SMRTbell Library Cleanup

Unsupported Protocol – Purification of Contaminated SMRTbell™ Library Using Magnetic Bead Capture

- <http://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Purifying-Contaminated-SMRTbell-Libraries-Using-MagBeads-052013.pdf>



PACIFIC BIOSCIENCES® PacBio SampleNet – Shared Protocol

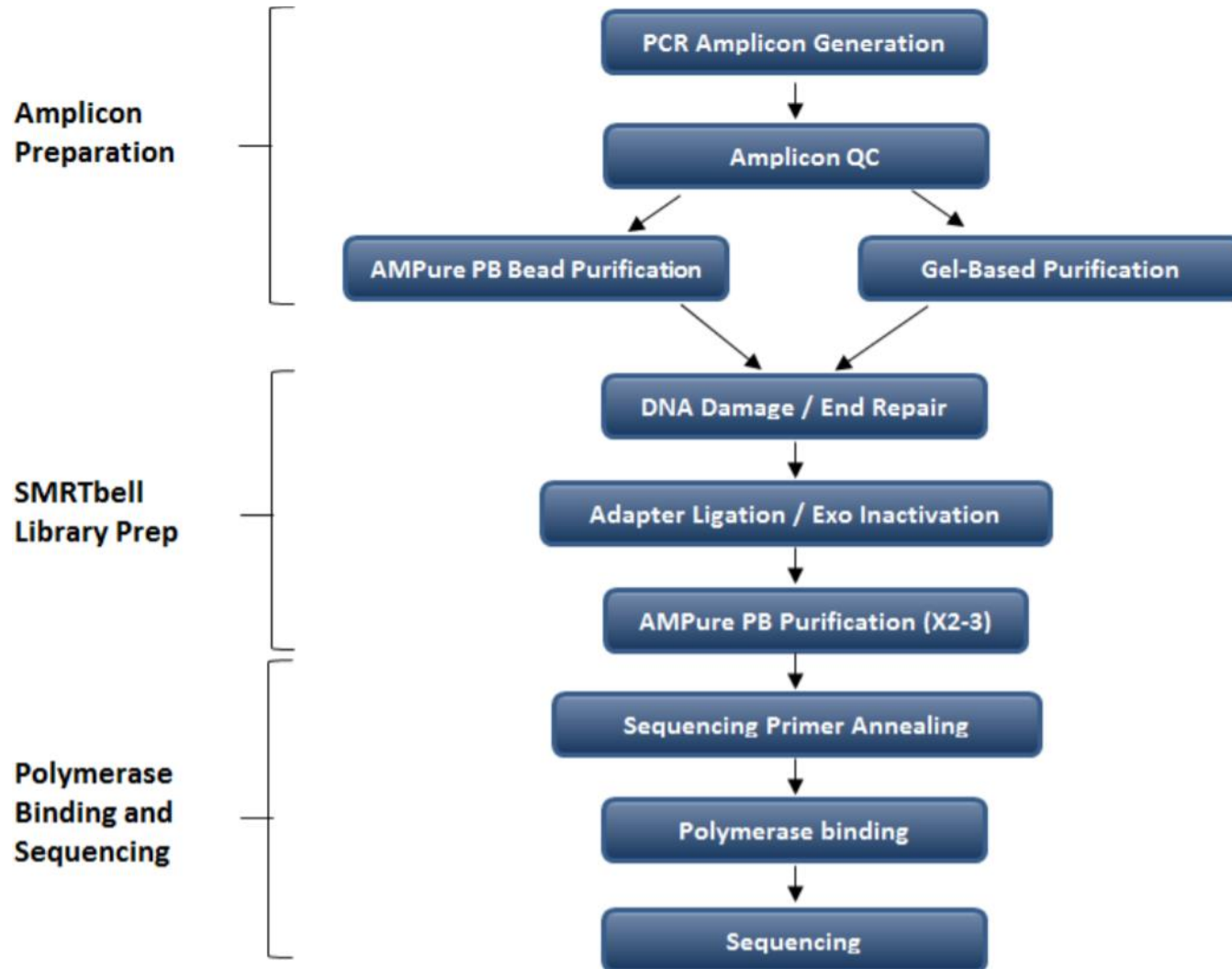
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Guidelines for Purifying Contaminated SMRTbell™ Libraries Using Magnetic Beads

Purpose

Single molecule, real-time (SMRT®) sequencing is inherently sensitive to the presence of contaminants in DNA samples that may potentially interfere or otherwise completely / incompletely inhibit the sequencing reaction. It is therefore important to have samples of high quality so that sequencing analyses will result in the best possible results. To obtain high-quality samples, purification of DNA prior to making SMRTbell templates is

GENERAL WORKFLOW FOR AMPLICON SAMPLE PREPARATION AND SEQUENCING



Find all protocols at <http://www.pacb.com/support/documentation/>

SAMPLE COLLECTION AND NUCLEIC ACID EXTRACTION



General Guidance:

- Environmental - RNA or DNA
- Plants/animals
- Human
- Tissues
- Cultures
- FFPE
- Store/ transport specimens in proper buffer ,additives and temperature to preserve the nucleic acid content
- Reduce DNA damages: Avoid high temperature, UV light, aliquot samples to minimize freeze/thaw cycles
- Remove contaminants: polysaccharides, proteins.....
- High-molecular weight genomic DNA

AMPLICON GENERATION



EPIGENETIC SIGNATURES ARE REMOVED!

- Targeted PCR: 16S, HLA, viral genes/genomes
- Target capture enrichment: NimbleGen SeqCap, IDT, Agilent SureSelect
- Targeted or whole transcriptome: Iso-Seq
- Whole genome amplification (WGA)

GENERATING HIGH-QUALITY PCR PRODUCTS



- Begin with high-quality nucleic acids
 - Use fresh nucleic acids as templates in amplification reactions.
 - Store / freeze at high concentrations in appropriately-buffered solutions.
 - To minimize degradation and possible contamination, sub-aliquot extracts into smaller volumes for storage. For DNA samples, DNASTable[®] Plus (Biomatrica) may be used to help preserve extracted DNA.
 - Do DNA repair if damage to input DNA is suspected.
 - Do not expose DNA to intercalating fluorescent dyes or ultraviolet radiation. SYBR dyes are not DNA damaging, but do avoid ethidium bromide.
- Use PCR reagents and conditions likely to generate clean, undamaged, and non-chimeric amplicons
 - High-quality primers
 - High fidelity polymerase
 - Minimize high temperature time and cycle numbers
 - Ensure extension time is long enough to complete template synthesis to avoid chimera generation
- Multiplexing Options
 - Amplicon-specific barcoded PCR primers
 - PacBio[®] Barcoded Universal Primers kit
 - PacBio[®] Barcoded Adapters Kit

AMPLICON QC



- Visual check: Foamy? Insoluble material? Cloudy?.....
- Agarose gel/Bioanalyzer: RNA, primers, non-specific bands
- Spectrophotometer: Spectral profile shifts
 - Common chemicals, phenol, guanidine, DMSO, etc. can cause spectral shifts
 - 260 nm/280 nm ~1.8-2.0
 - 260 nm/230 nm: ~2.0-2.2
- Options to follow
 - Clean up amplicons before going into SMRTbell library prep
 - Perform size selection to clean up non-specific products

Shifts in Spectral Profile

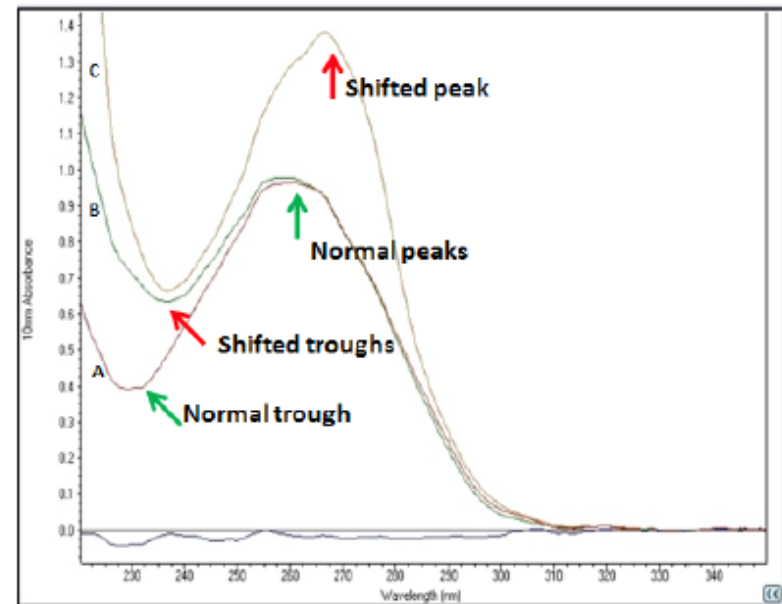


FIGURE 2. Spectra of purified DNA without contamination (A), and of the same DNA sample contaminated with guanidine (B) and phenol (C). www.nanodrop.com

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND SEQUENCING



Standard Protocol for Amplicons 250 bp – 10 kb or Larger



Procedure & Checklist - Amplicon Template Preparation and Sequencing

Before You Begin

To perform this procedure, you must have the following PacBio® products:

- SMRTbell™ Template Prep Kit
- DNA/Polymerase Binding Kit
- MagBead Kit for amplicons ≥ 1 kb
- DNA Sequencing Reagent
- DNA Internal Control Complex
- SMRT® Cells
- AMPure® PB beads

The PacBio System can be used to generate highly accurate sequences from amplicons ranging from several hundred bases to 10 kb or larger. Unlike sheared genomic DNA (gDNA), which is comprised of DNA fragments spanning a range of lengths, PCR products from one reaction are typically the same or similar lengths. This document describes methods for preparing PCR-amplified DNA for sequencing on the PacBio System.

Protocol for Full-Length 16 Amplicon Sequencing



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Full-Length 16S Amplification, SMRTbell™ Library Preparation and Sequencing

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Alternative Protocol for Amplicons <250 bp



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250 bp Amplicon Library Preparation and Sequencing

Before You Begin

To perform this procedure, you must have the PacBio® Template Prep Kit.

This procedure is optimized for SMRTbell™ template preparation from PCR amplicons of less than 250 bp. Although sheared DNA can be used in this procedure, we find that yields are significantly lower than when starting with PCR products.

Protocols for Multiplexed Amplicon Sequencing



Procedure & Checklist - Preparing Amplicon Libraries using PacBio® Barcoded Adapters for Multiplex SMRT® Sequencing

Before You Begin

This document describes methods for generating Amplicon libraries using PacBio barcoded adapters.

The procedure is a modification to the standard library preparation procedure in that samples must first go through a single tube End-Repair and Ligation reaction. After ligation, samples (depending on the desired multiplex level) are pooled in equimolar quantities for DNA damage repair, followed by treatment with Exo III and VII.



Procedure & Checklist - Preparing SMRTbell™ Libraries using PacBio® Barcoded Universal Primers for Multiplex SMRT® Sequencing

Before You Begin

This document describes methods for generating barcoded PCR products using PacBio Barcoded Universal Primers (BUP) and subsequently constructed to SMRTbell libraries.

The procedure provides recommendations for amplifying targets using primers tailed with two different universal sequences. The amplified products are further amplified using barcoded universal primers. The barcoded PCR products are pooled for SMRTbell library construction and subsequently sequenced on the PacBio system.



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Guidelines for Using PacBio® Barcodes for SMRT® Sequencing

A set of 384 barcodes, each comprised of 16 bp, are custom-designed for the PacBio System. By adding these barcodes to PCR primers, users can perform parallel or multiplex sequencing using SMRT Analysis v1.4 or later. This set of barcodes is ordered for optimal discrimination with SMRT Sequencing; the barcodes at the beginning of the list have maximum sequence differences.

- Follow the recommended input DNA amounts for different amplicon sizes and scale up the reactions accordingly if using more than the default starting input amounts to ensure that the adaptor to template ratio is optimal to reduce concatemer formation

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCING CONDITIONS FOR AMPLICONS (PACBIO RS II)

Insert Size Range	100 bp - 300 bp	301 bp - 999 bp	1 kb - 5 kb	5 kb - 10 kb
Run Protocol	Standard (Diffusion)	Standard (Diffusion)	MagBead OCPW or MagBead Standard	MagBead OCPW or MagBead Standard
Stage Start	No	No	1 kb - 3 kb (No) 3 kb - 5 kb (Yes)	Yes
On-Plate Loading Concentration (nM)	0.1 - 0.2 <i>(custom)</i>	0.2 - 0.45 <i>(custom)</i>	0.010 - 0.025 <i>(custom)</i>	0.025 - 0.040 <i>(custom)</i>
Primer: Template Ratio	5 <i>(custom)</i>	5 <i>(custom)</i>	20 (standard)	20 (standard)
Polymerase: Template Ratio	2 (standard) or 3 <i>(custom)</i>	2 (standard) or 3 <i>(custom)</i>	10 (standard)	10 (standard)

Movie Time	30	45	60	90	120	180	240	360
Bases/Run ¹	3750	5625	7500	11250	15000	22500	30000	45000
Insert Size	Minimum number of passes for movie-limited reads ²							
100	38	56	75	113	150	225	300	450
300	13	19	25	38	50	75	100	150
1000	4	6	8	11	15	23	30	45
5000	0.8	1.1	1.5	2.3	3.0	4.5	6	9
10000	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.5	2.3	3.0	4.5

¹ Theoretical minimum read length for a movie-limited read

² Based on 125 bases/min, or 2.08 bases/sec, to include slow or paused polymerases

AMPLICON DATA ANALYSIS WITH SMRT ANALYSIS OR PACBIO DEVNET



Visit [PacBio DevNet](https://devnet.pacbio.com) to find open-source community data analysis software, documentation, tutorials and PacBio System data sets

- Resequencing

- Map sequencing reads against a reference sequence to identify variants.
- Example: Targeted SNP detection and validation

- Long Amplicon Analysis (LAA2)

- Generation of reference-free de novo phased consensus haplotype sequences from pooled amplicons
- Example: Phase full-length HLA allele variation without imputation

- Minor Variant Analysis (Juliet) (**NEW!**)

- Calls minor variants in a heterogeneous data set against a user-provided reference sequence
- Example: Detection of somatic cancer variants down to 1%

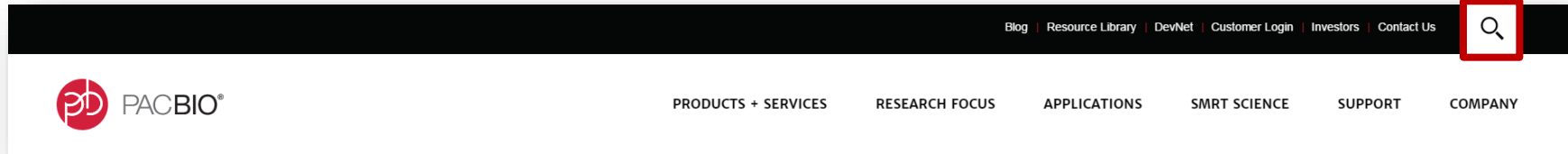
- Cluster Consensus Analysis (CluCon)

- Reference-free deconvolution of distinct genomic species in a complex mixture and determination of relative abundances
- Example: Analysis of mixtures of near-full length HIV genomes (9 kb)

- rDNATools

- Reference-free deconvolution of distinct genomic species in a complex mixture and determination of relative abundances
- Example: Analysis of full length 16S sequences to characterize microbial communities

WHERE TO FIND SMRT RESOURCES



<http://www.pacb.com/smrt-science/smrt-resources/>

Explore our collection of resources and learn how scientists use SMRT Sequencing to advance their research.

Scientific publications

[Explore](#) our database of scientific publications featuring PacBio data.

Conference proceedings

[Access](#) conference posters and presentations our customers, collaborators, and internal scientists have presented at various scientific meetings.

PacBio literature

[View](#) case studies, brochures, application notes, and more.

Video gallery

[Watch](#) our collection of videos, webinars, customer testimonials, and more.

Blog

[Read](#) our blog featuring new research, publications, conference summaries, and SMRT Sequencing updates.

Product documentation and training

Visit user [documentation](#) for our entire documentation library and [training](#) for user training materials.



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Q&A and Open Discussion

Q&A AND OPEN DISCUSSION

Frequently Asked Questions

How long can I store my polymerase-bound sample?

- PacBio RS II:

- PacBio recommends that polymerase-bound samples be stored at 4°C and used within 3 days.

- Sequel System:

- PacBio recommends that polymerase-bound samples be stored at 4°C and used within 7 days.

How do I dissociate my polymerase-bound sample from MagBeads?

- Dissociating polymerase-bound sample from MagBeads may damage the sample and is not recommended. PacBio recommends binding sample to MagBeads immediately before sequencing and proceeding with sequencing as soon as possible. If a delay between MagBead binding and sequencing is unavoidable, Customers can store the sample in the dark at 4°C, but delaying sequencing will be at the Customer's own risk. If a MagBead sample has already been aliquoted into a sample plate, the sample plate should be sealed upon storage at 4°C. For Sequel samples, the sample plate should be heat-sealed with the Sequel Sample Plate Foil (P/N 100-667-400). For PacBio RS II samples, the sample plate should be temporarily sealed with an adhesive microplate sealing film and then the sealing film should be replaced with the PacBio RS II Sample Plate Septum (P/N 000-882-901) before sequencing.

How long can I store my MagBead bound sample?

- PacBio recommends that MagBead samples be stored at 4°C in the dark and sequenced as soon as possible.

My MagBeads were accidentally left at room temperature for several hours. Can they still be used?

- In most cases, MagBeads should still be useable by first chilling them at 4°C before use.

My MagBeads / AMPure beads were accidentally stored at -20°C. Is it still okay to use the beads?

- PacBio does not recommend using AMPure PB beads or MagBeads that have been accidentally stored at -20°C because the beads may become damaged and may leach after being frozen. However, Customers *may* use them at their own risk after bringing the MagBeads to 4°C and AMPure PB beads to room temperature.

When preparing >30 kb SMRTbell libraries, can (AMPure-purified and concentrated) sheared gDNA be stored at 4°C for longer than 24 hours?

- PacBio generally recommends that AMPure-purified and concentrated sheared gDNA be stored for up to 24 hours at 4°C or at -20°C for longer durations. However, if the gDNA is relatively pure (i.e., free of endonucleases), it should be acceptable to store the sheared gDNA sample for 2-3 days at 4°C.

Conditions for shearing gDNA to a size that can support producing ≥30 kb libraries must be determined and verified empirically for each sample. When preparing ≥30 kb SMRTbell libraries using Megaruptor, what is the recommended target shear size if the desired size selection lower cutoff is, for example, 15-20 kb, 30 kb, or 40 kb?

- When preparing ≥30 kb SMRTbell libraries using Megaruptor, the recommended target shear size depends on the size selection lower cutoff to be employed. The Table below may be considered a useful starting point; but empirical optimization and accurate size quantitation are essential:

Library Insert Size (kb)	Size Selection Lower Cut (kb)	Target gDNA Shear Size (kb)
30	15 - 20	30
30 - 40	15 - 20	50
40 - 50	30	60
50 - 60	40	75

Where can I find the Plate Map and sequences of all the primers in the Barcoded Universal F/R Primers Plate - 96 (P/N 100-466-100) product and Barcoded Adapter Plate - 96 (P/N 100-466-000) product?

- To obtain the sequences of the primers used in the Barcoded Universal F/R Primers Plate - 96 Kit, please contact your local Field Applications Scientist, or submit your inquiry through the PacBio Customer Portal (<http://www.pacbioportal.com/>) or email techsupport@pacificbiosciences.com.
- The Barcode Plate Map Diagram can be downloaded from PacBio's Documentation webpage (<http://www.pacb.com/support/documentation/>) here: <http://www.pacb.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/User-Bulletin-Barcode-Plate-Mapping.pdf>

There is a 'Barcoding – PacBio RSII and SMRT Analysis 2.3.0 or older' webpage on GitHub (<https://github.com/PacificBiosciences/Bioinformatics-Training/wiki/Barcoding>). Where can I find the latest guidance on PacBio Barcoding recommendations for multiplexed sample preparation for Sequel System / SMRT Link v4.0 (or later)?

- The most up to date information on PacBio multiplexing applicable to SMRT Link v4.0 (or later) can be found here: <https://github.com/PacificBiosciences/SMRT-Link/wiki/SMRT-Analysis-Barcoding-Primer>

Can I use Illumina 8-bp barcode index sequences for preparing multiplexed samples for PacBio sequencing?

- No; PacBio does **not** recommend using Illumina 8-bp barcode index sequences for preparing multiplexed samples for PacBio SMRT sequencing applications.

How are the 16-bp PacBio barcodes incorporated into the SMRTbell DNA template?

- PacBio uses two approaches:
 - Adding a barcode to end of the standard SMRTbell adapter. The combined adapter is called a Barcoded Adapter.
 - Adding a barcode to the PCR amplicon. This approach involves a two-step PCR reaction workflow. The internal primers for the first PCR are augmented at the 5' end by universal sequences to the target-specific primers. The external primers contain the 16bp barcode at the 5' end and the universal sequences. This approach is called Barcoded Universal Primers.

What are the supported applications for using PacBio Barcoded Adapters and PacBio Barcoded Universal Primers with multiplexed samples? What are not supported applications?

- Supported applications are sequencing of **one species per sample or loci**. Examples of supported applications include: Confirmation of SNPs, resequencing, most Long Amplicon Analysis (LAA) applications, and Sanger sequencing replacement. An exception is HLA typing, which may have 2 species per loci. Multiplexing of HLA has also been demonstrated with the use of additional custom analyses (see PacBio's AGBT 2015 Poster: http://files.pacb.com/pdf/Poster_MultiplexingHumanHLAGenotyping_DNABarcodeAdapters_HighThroughputResearch.pdf)
- Note: The product specifications for the PacBio Barcoded Adapter Kit and PacBio Barcoded Universal Primer Kit are such that the level of barcode oligo contamination in the 96-plate wells should not exceed 5%. Therefore it is possible, though unlikely, to have 1 other contaminant barcode primer/adaptor sequence present at levels up to 5%. PacBio does not recommend using the PacBio Barcoded Adapter Kit and PacBio Barcoded Universal Primer Kit for minor variant detection < 10%.

Does PacBio have any specific DNA polymerase enzyme or Kit recommendations for long-range PCR (LR PCR) for generating long DNA amplicon samples for sequencing?

- While PacBio does not recommend a specific enzyme, a high-fidelity enzyme is generally preferred. For example, PrimeStart GXL from Takara and ThermoFisher Phusion Hot Start II DNA Polymerase have given good results to our internal scientists.

Other Discussion Points

- ***Do these protocols/tools serve you well for your amplicon sequencing needs?***
- ***What other things would you like us to add to our current solutions for amplicon sequencing?***
- ***What are your opinions about the fastest growing applications for amplicon sequencing with PacBio?***
 - E.g., clone validation, viral sequencing, 16S/18S, somatic variation, Immune repertoire.....



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