



Targeted RNAseq for gene expression using unique molecular indexes (UMIs): Introduction to QIAseq Targeted RNA Panels.

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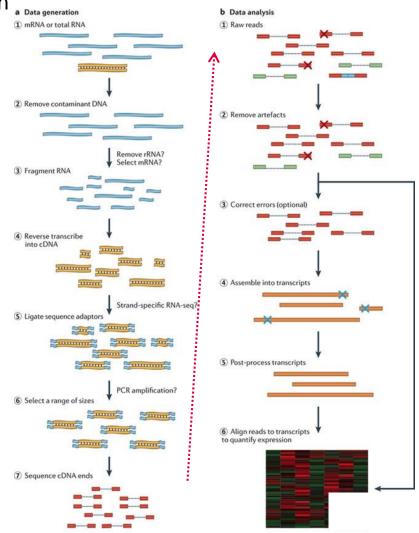
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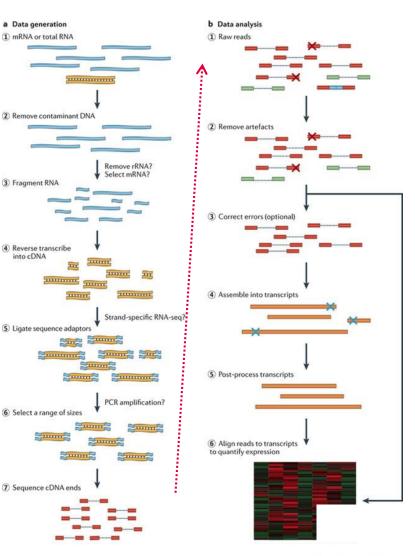


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Drawbacks

- Complex library construction
- 1µg of total RNA
- Fails on FFPE & fragmented RNA
- Large computational requirements
 - Massive amount of data generated
 - Filtering, alignment, assembly, curation
 - Aggressive normalization for quantification
 - Not at all straightforward
 - Requires skilled bioinformatics scientists
- Cost
 - Large read budget = money
 - Limits sample numbers in studies
- Only runs on HT instruments
 - Limits accessibility to core labs





What are the advantages of applying *targeted* gene profiling to NGS?

- Use read budget only for genes of interest
 - Cost
 - Time (quick prep, run, analysis)
 - Sample throughput multiplex many samples
- Desktop platforms can now be used for RNA analysis (500,000 reads per sample instead of 20,000,000 or more)
- Simplified bioinformatics (no assembly required)
 - Don't need that bioinformatics guy down the hall
- Minimal sample pre-processing
 - No ribosomal depletion or blocking
 - No polyA selection
 - Only nanogram quantities of RNA required
 - 6 hour sample prep only need thermocycler and magnet.

When? Who?

- Scientists with known gene list or pathway
- Follow up on WTS or microarray
- Alternative to digital PCR/ Nanostring/Taqman qPCR/ Fluidigm/OpenArray/Wafergen qPCR

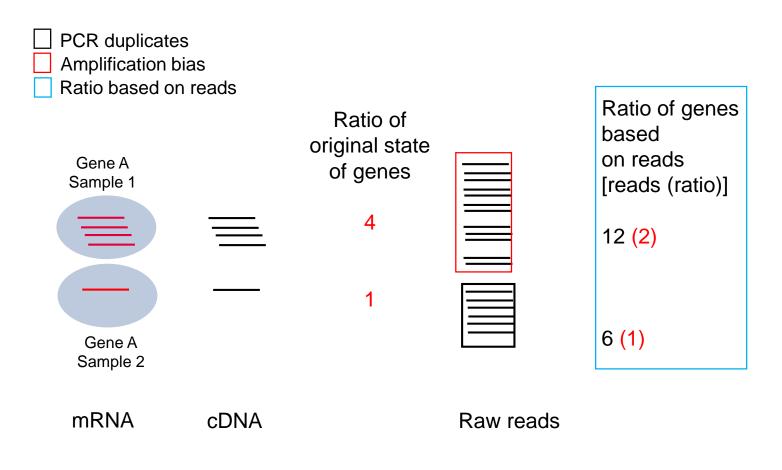


Targeted RNAseq still is a "read" based approach to understanding gene expression.

How do we go from "reads" to counting transcripts?

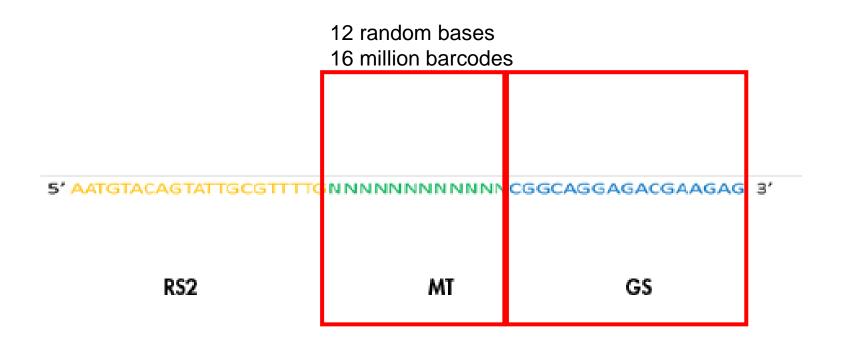


PCR duplicates and amplification bias are major issues in current RNAseq workflows, as they result in biased and inaccurate gene expression profiles





Molecular barcodes each "capture" event



Use approximately 1/20th of total number of primers in a reaction - each gene specific primer is statistically unique!





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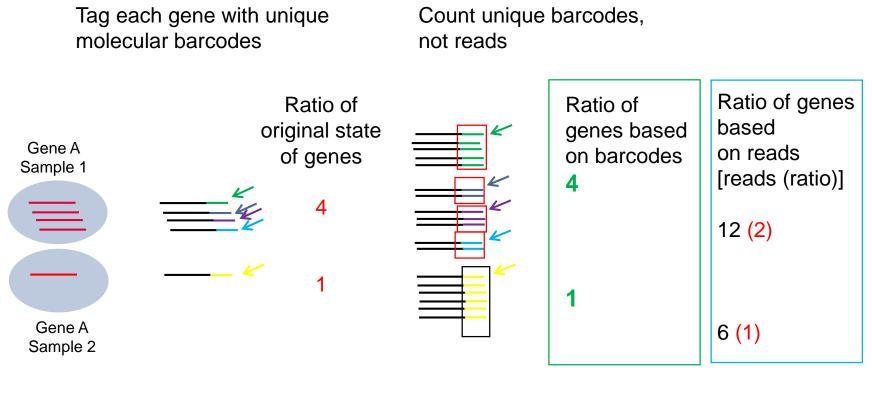
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Molecular barcodes allow the counting of original gene levels instead of PCR duplicates, thereby enabling digital sequencing and resulting in unbiased and accurate gene expression profiles

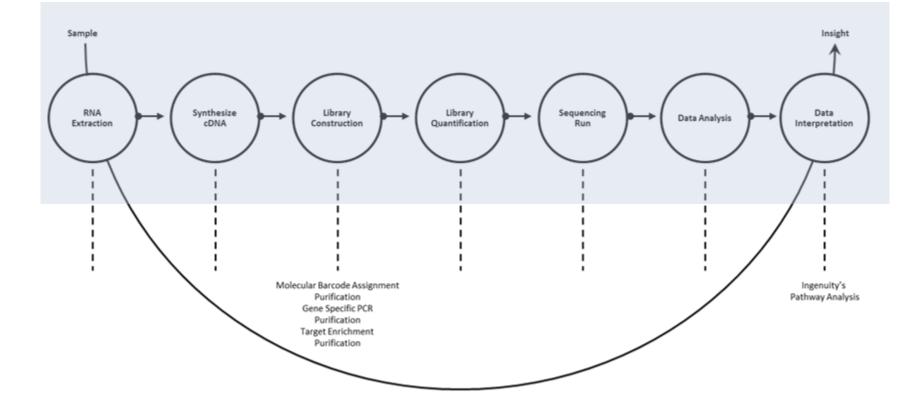


mRNA

cDNA

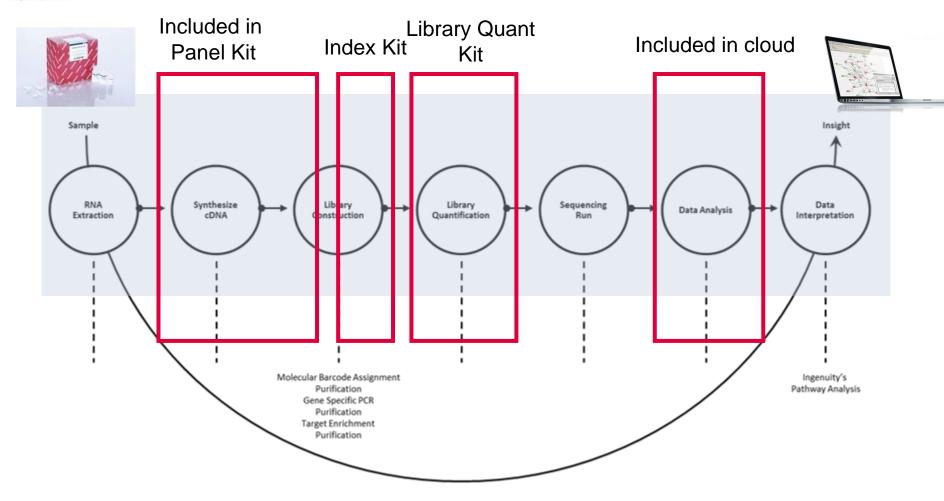
Barcode reads



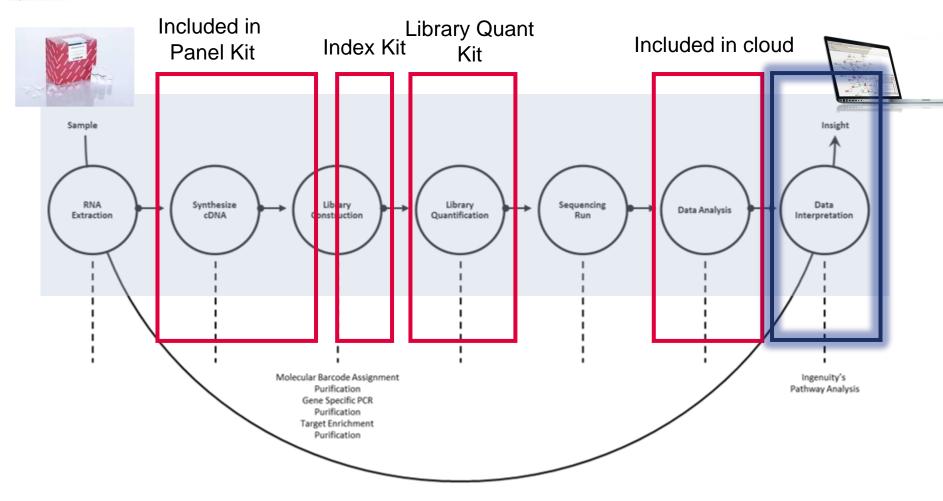


"Leave no scientist behind"....



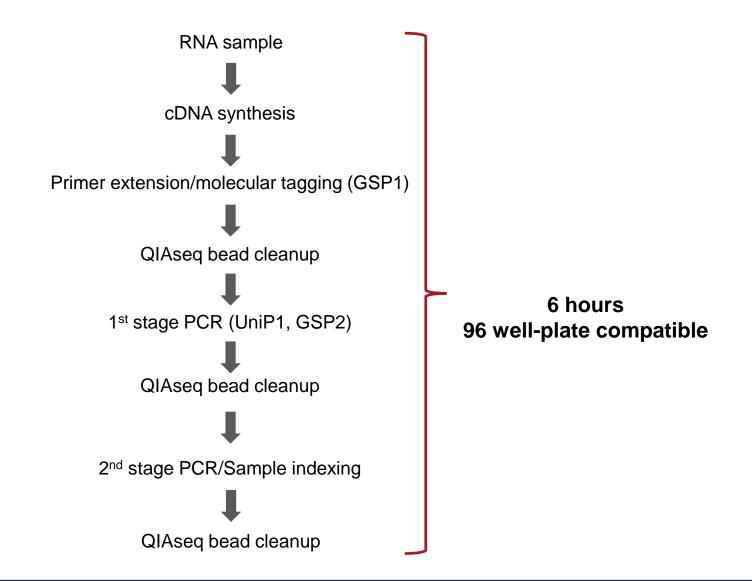






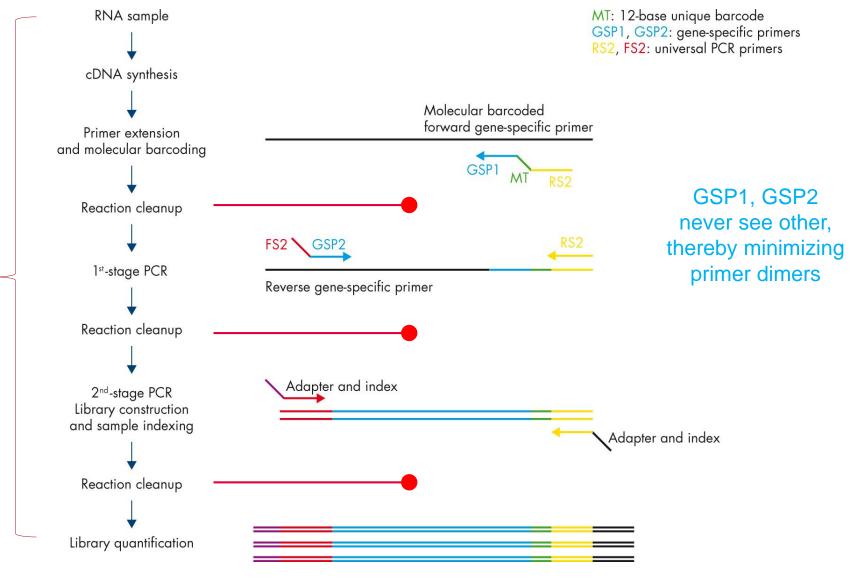


Everything needed to go from RNA \rightarrow Library in <u>one kit</u>, <u>one day</u>!





6 hours

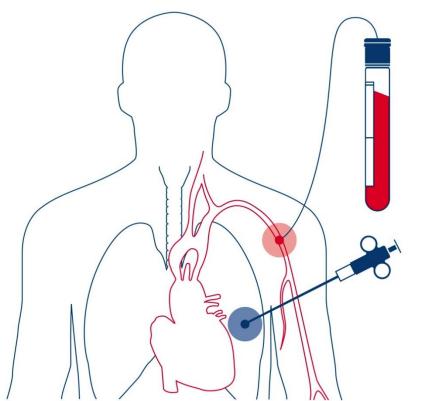


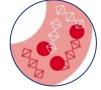


Customer Criteria	Differential Gene Expression By QIAseq NGS						
Species coverage	Human - Catalog, Extended, Virtual, Custom panels Mouse + Rat - Custom						
Biological replicates	Essential for robustness of experimental design (and statistics!)						
Short reads for FFPE, and Exosomal RNA	Average amplicon 97 bps'; range 95-130 bases						
Coverage across the transcript (i.e. cover every exon)	We are counting single common regions per gene. Same design philosophy as RT2 PCR Arrays						
Depth of sequencing	High enough to infer accurate statistics determined by Smcounter - ~2-5 reads per random barcode						
Role of sequencing depth	Capture enough unique tags of each transcript such that statistical inferences can be made (>10 tags per gene)						
Stranded library prep	Not required, amplicons do not overlap IncRNA						
Type of reads (paired or Unpaired?)	Not necessary, 150 base single reads more than enough for accurate data						
mRNA and IncRNAs	Qiaseq was designed against database containing IncRNA and mRNA. Assay are specific for IncRNA or mRNA. Currently 54,881 genes from Ensembl version 81						



Access RNA from any sample





Free circulating nucleic acids

RNA and DNA from dead cells shed into the bloodstream, can contain cancer-related mutations.



Exosomes

Tiny microvesicles found in body fluids that transport RNA between cells.

Circulating tumor cells

Tumor cells shed from a tumor into the bloodstream carrying genetic information.

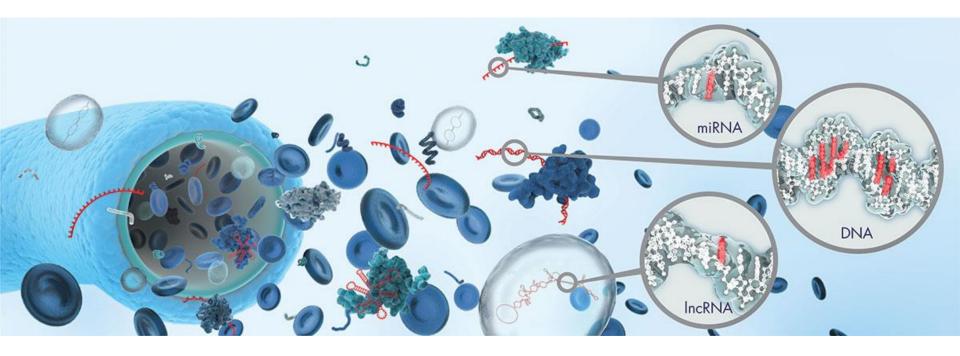


Tissue samples

Fresh tissue or archived FFPE samples

QIAGEN comprehensive sample isolation portfolio compatible with QIAseq RNA





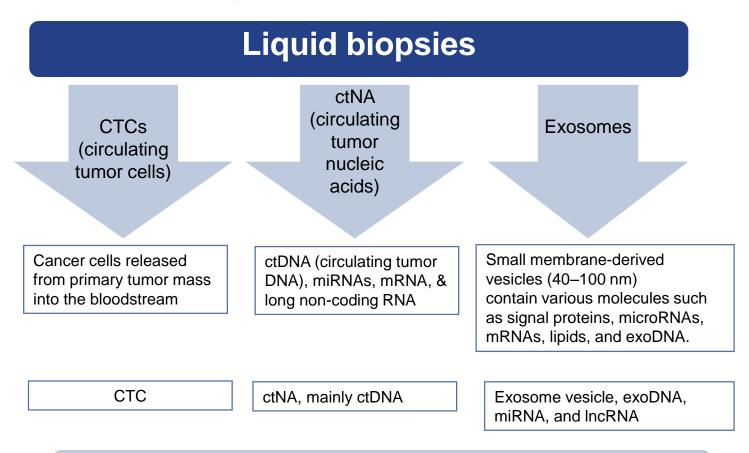
A liquid biopsy is a liquid biomarker that can be isolated from body fluids, such as blood, saliva, urine, ascites, or pleural effusion. Like a tissue biopsy, it is a representative of the tissue from which it has spread.

Liquid biopsies have become more clinically useful in recent years due to the ability to pair tests on circulating tumor cells with genomic tests.

Diaz, Jr., L.A. and Bardelli, A. (2014) "Liquid biopsies: genotyping circulating tumor DNA." Am. Soc. Clin. Oncol. 32, 579. Sample to Insight



Tumors shed both intact cells (resulting in circulating tumor cells) as well as cellular components, such as nucleic acids (resulting in cell-free DNA or RNA).



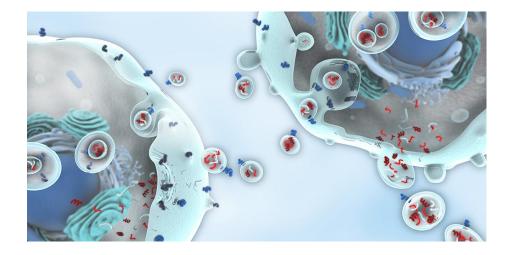
Samples: blood, serum/plasma, urine, CSF, saliva

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Exosomes: Small membrane vesicles (30–100 nm), secreted by most cell types into the bloodstream.



Functional biomolecules:

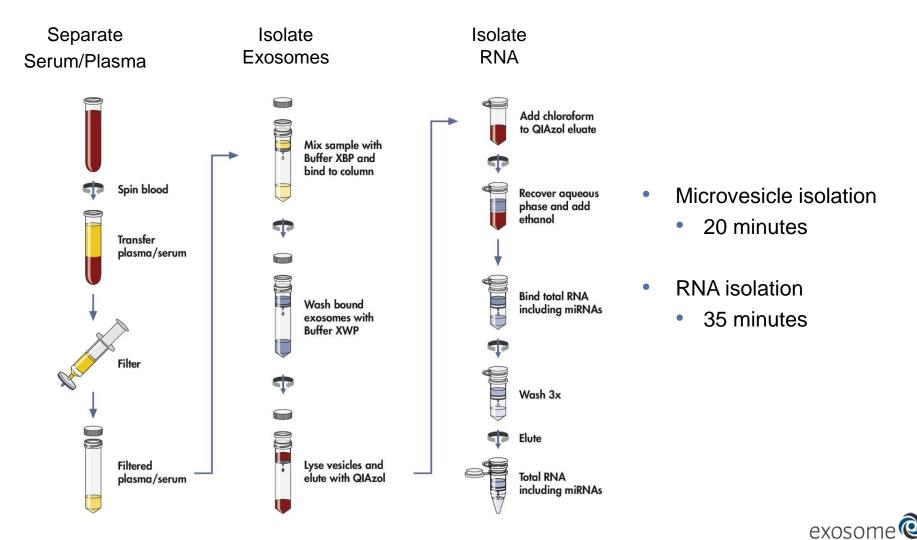
- DNA fragments (exosomal DNA, exoDNA)
- Proteins and/or peptides
- mRNA
- microRNA (miRNA)
- Lipids

- Exosomes play a central role in cell-to-cell communication
- The majority of DNA associated with tumor exosomes is double-stranded, representing whole genomic DNA
- Biological molecules (protein, RNA, and miRNA) contained in exosomes are well protected by a lipid bilayer membrane that confers a high degree of stability

Rolfo, C. et al. (2014) "Liquid biopsies in lung cancer: the new ambrosia of researchers." Biochimica et Biophysica Acta **1846**, 539. Klevebring, D. et. al. (2014) "Evaluation of exome sequencing to estimate tumor burden in plasma." PLOS One **9**, e104417.



From sample to extracellular vesicle RNA isolation in just 1 hour



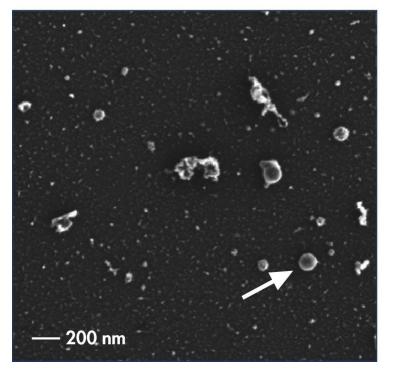
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diagnostics

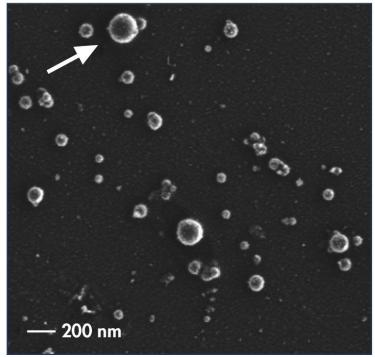


Co-precipitation of large protein complexes

Ultracentrifugation (UC)



Eluate from exoEasy

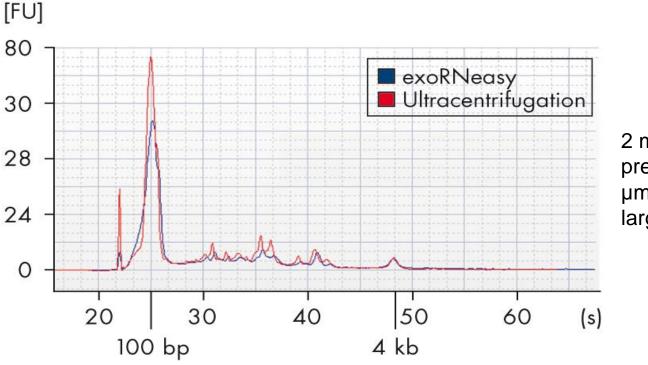


- Both preparations contain vesicle-shaped structures within an expected size range
- **UC:** Many smaller, unidentified structures/particles that do not match the expected size
- **exoEasy:** Intact vesicles with higher purity





Bioanalyzer sizing



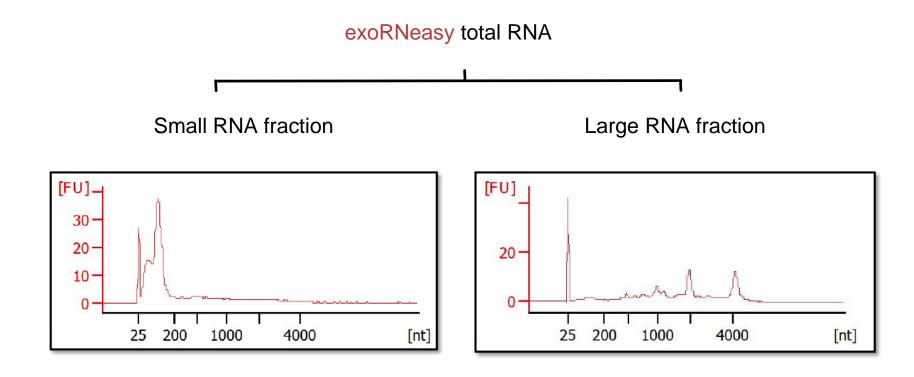
2 ml plasma was pre-filtered (0.8 µm) to exclude larger particles.

Both methods purify RNA of similar size and yield





Purification of large, intact, non-degraded RNAs from EVs

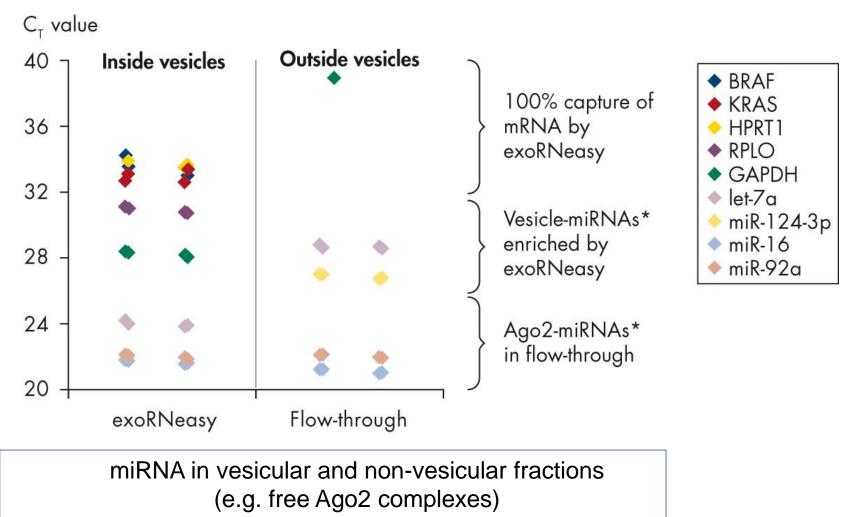






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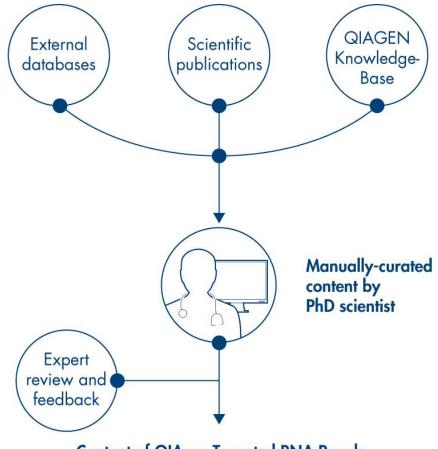
mRNA exclusively within vesicles - near 100% bound



* Arroyo, J.D. et al. (2011) Argonaute2 complexes carry a population of circulating microRNAs independent of vesicles in human plasma. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA **108**, 5003.







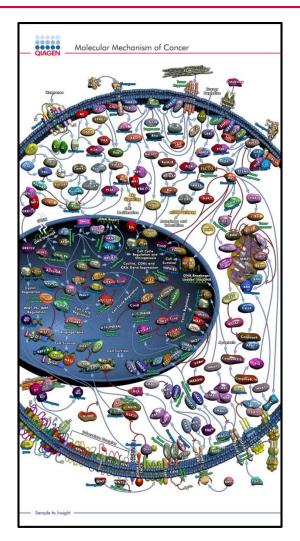
Content of QIAseq Targeted RNA Panels



Flexible experiment design for any Catalog Panel options:

Comprehensive Panels (available for 12, 96 or 384 samples)

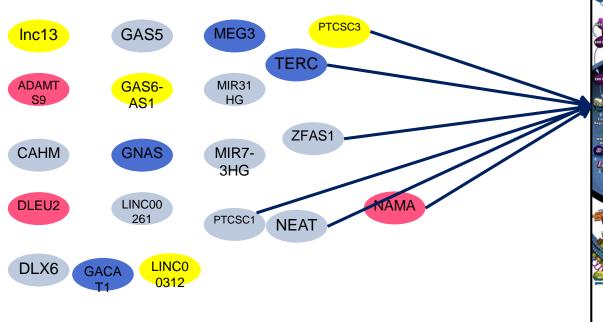
- Cancer Transcriptome (395)
- Inflammation & Immunity Transcriptome (475)
- Signal Transduction PathwayFinder (406)
- Stem Cell & Differentiation Markers (293)
- Molecular Toxicology Transcriptome (370)
- Angiogenesis & Endothelial Cell Biology (340)
- Apoptosis & Cell Death (264)
- ECM & Adhesion Molecules (421)

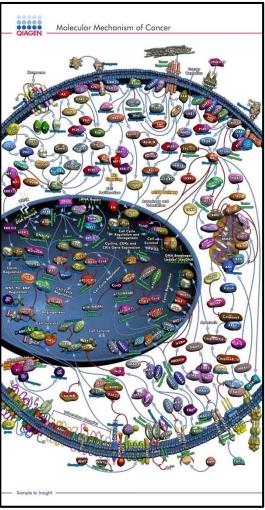




Flexible experiment design for any Extended Panel options:

Add 25 of your favorite targets (mRNAs or lncRNAs) to QIAGEN's comprehensive panel





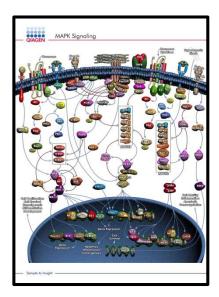
What is the role of tumor suppressor IncRNAs? Find out!



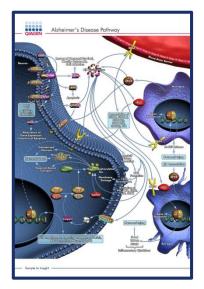
Flexible experiment design for any pathway panel options:

QIAseq Targeted RNA pathway panels (available for 12, 96 or 384 samples)

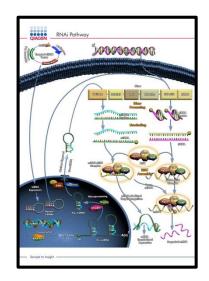
Each panel contains 84 genes + controls and housekeeping genes. Choose from over 180 panels!



Pathways



Diseases



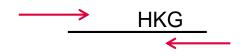
miRNA Targets



Built-in controls:



- gDNA assays to control for any gDNA contamination in the RNA sample
- Mean tags per target calculated and mRNAs near this number are flagged during analysis as 'close to noise level'



- Multiple HKG assays to normalize data to make sample-to-sample and run-to-run comparisons possible
- Flexible use one, two, all, none or any other genes as normalizers
- HKG efficacy evaluation built into secondary data analysis

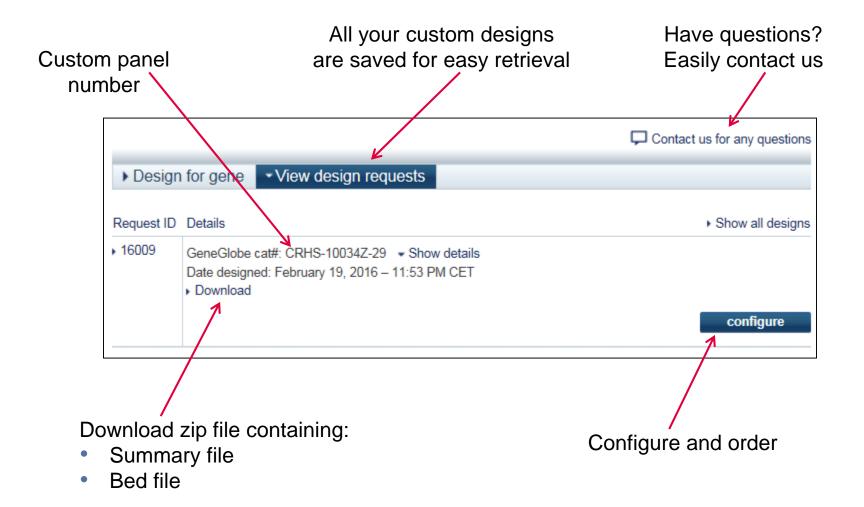
Online custom builder:

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GDC controls (6 as a set)			
○ all house keeping genes (HKGs) - (10 as a set)		next	

- Choose your own gene content from 54,881 human genes and IncRNA
- Easy to use online Custom Panel Builder to tailor panel to your research needs
 - Input list of genes
 - Select proper controls (genomic DNA contamination control, HKGs, or your own)
 - Output: list of genomic coordinates for primers designed specifically for your genes of interest



Custom builder



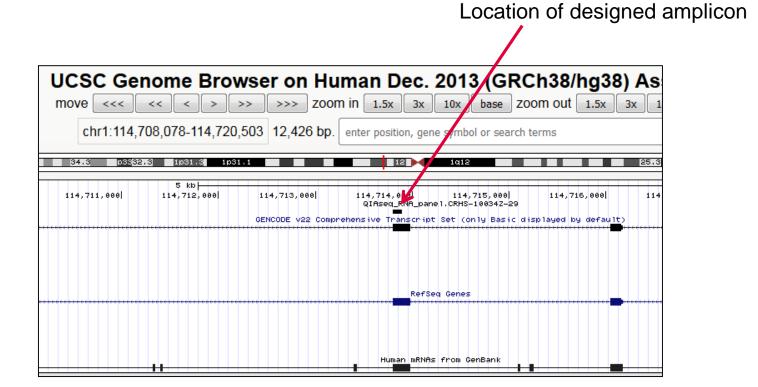


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- Single exon (1) means both primers are within one exon
- # Gencode basic RNAs: Total number of RNA transcripts found for the gene in Gencode
- **# Gencode basic RNAs matched**: # of RNA transcripts targeted by the designed amplicon
- **# off target genes:** Rough prediction of # of off target genes that will also get enriched by the primer pair for the target gene
- Amplicon not genome unique: Reads that will not be able to be uniquely mapped to the genome; Some MT counts might come from another loci



Bed file







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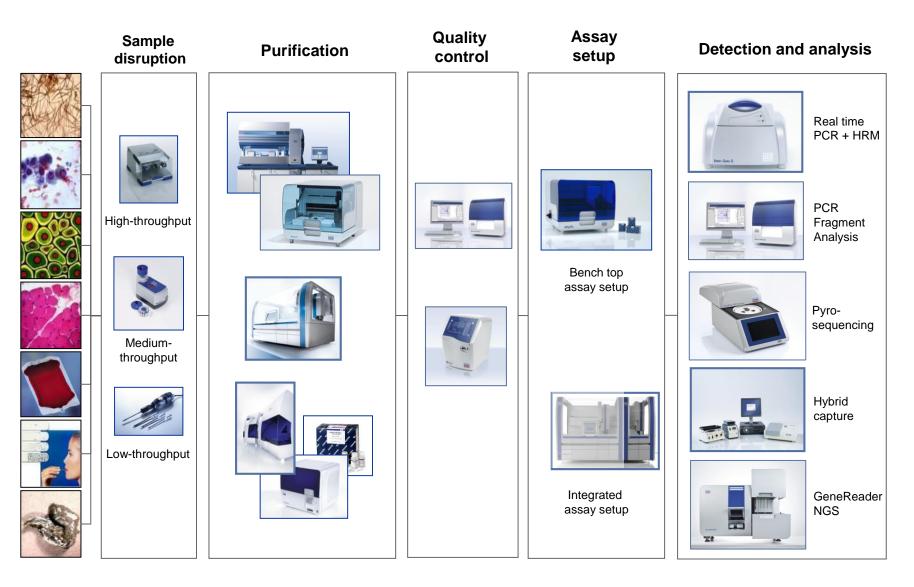
Treated cells

RNA

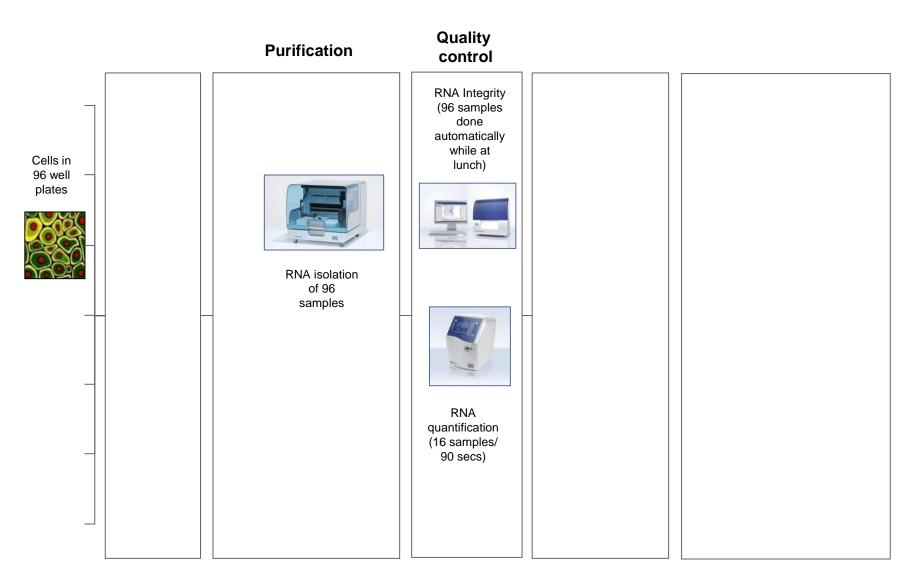
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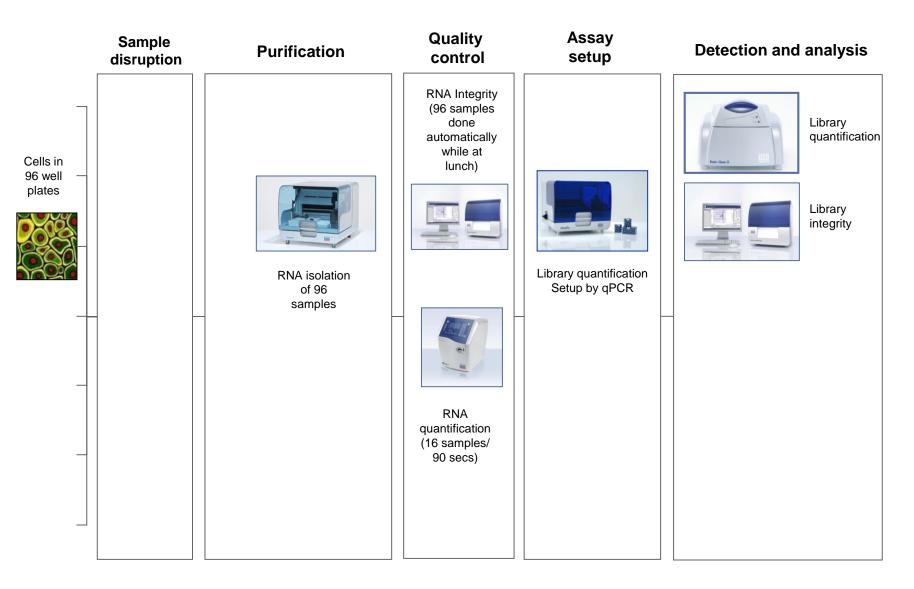
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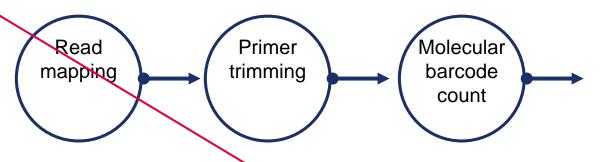
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- The parameters of the NextSeq sequencing run were; Single 151 bp read, with a Custom Sequencing Primer (included in kit)



Normalized, pooled libraries



QIAseq Targeted RNA Data Analysis automated workflow



Read Mapping

- Identify the possible position of the read within the reference genome
- Align the read sequence to reference sequences
- Primer Trimming
 - Remove the primer sequences from the reads
- Molecular Barcode Counting





Primary data analysis for QIAseq Targeted RNA Sequencing

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Differential gene expression inter- and intra-samples



Upload data

Analysis setup

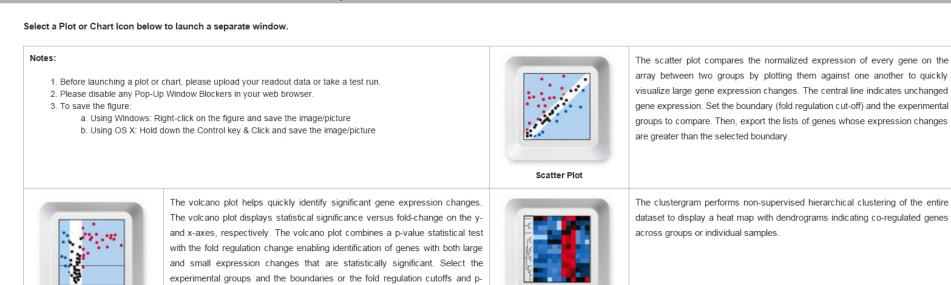
Scatter Plot

Plot Home

Analysis

Clustergram

Volcano Plot



Plots & charts

Export data

Clustergram

Analysis: What kinds of things get flagged? Low tag #, high gDNA, poor normalizer performance

* NOTE: This plot requires three or more replicates in each group.

and p-values are beyond the selected boundaries.

value cutoff values. Then, export the lists of genes whose expression changes

Sample to Insight

Volcano Plot

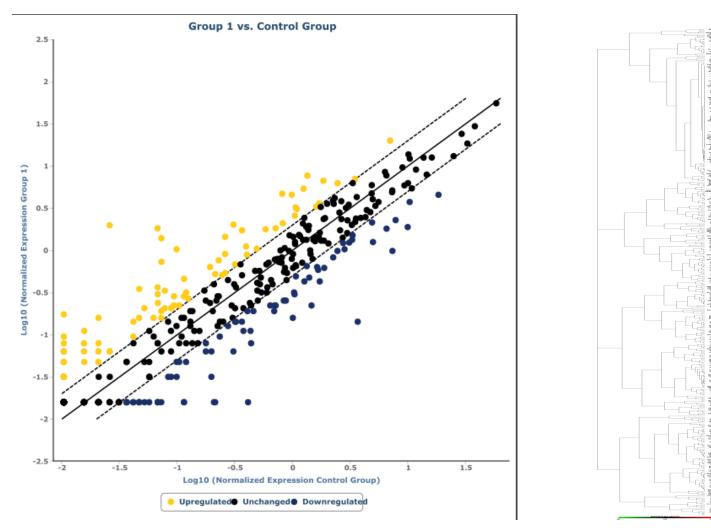


Changes in gene expression due to chemical perturbation and quantified by QIAseq RNA NGS were characterized.

	А	В	С	D	E	F
1	Symbol	Group 1 vs Control Group FC	Group 2 vs Control Group FC	Group 3 vs Control Group FC	Group 4 vs Control Group FC	Group 5 vs Control Group FC
2	ABCC4	0.347303984	0.599495235	0.913120058	1.007402609	0.706931657
3	ABCG2	0.789834324	0.545345791	0.593316022	0.865141275	0.229670718
4	ACACA	0.703476499	0.623639875	0.704593128	0.751523724	0.613677886
5	ACSL3	2.545269175	0.985252008	0.475569118	1.821679828	0.959904487
6	ACSL4	0.607090553	0.954206469	1.16790896	0.920871511	0.783629237
7	ACSL5	1.524483462	0.818680055	8.016242204	1.298761113	3.103061498
8	ACTC1	1.524483462	0.818680055	8.016242204	0.432920371	3.103061498
9	ADA	0.524762261	0.507255299	0.827812466	1.072952252	0.534072559
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12	ADM	1.287226367	1.814578361	0.846083164	7.265196567	1.637580318
13	ADM2	0.759478555	0.407856143	3.993591403	0.215675503	1.54590635
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18	ALDOC	5.55235194	1.507248701	0.962509361	7.502548214	0.496779025
19	ANGPTL4	7.097042262	2.177864398	5.331230557	2.015406691	4.127404302
20	ANKRD37	0.712116512	0.600948414	2.139740566	0.866681597	0.828286671
21	APEX1	0.277482896	0.718928251	0.80634339	0.785226601	0.61931136
22	APOA1	0.509396697	0.547113729	2.678577631	0.867945947	1.03686876
23	APOA5	1.524483462	0.818680055	8.016242204	0.432920371	3.103061498
24	APOC3	0.435114402	0.233665691	6.863929684	0.123563091	0.885668346
25	APOE	3.048966924	0.818680055	8.016242204	1.731681484	3.103061498
26	AR	1.018793394	0.547113729	5.357155262	0.578630631	2.073737521
27	ARNT	0.631616725	1.136589464	1.281886459	0.714315259	1.060093787
28	ASNS	2.022391069	1.635229597	0.744168392	1.155112866	4.943570253
29	ATF3	5.781443893	1.395043461	2.464926417	3.610862055	11.4102239
30	ATF4	1.180830418	1.230428098	0.579847466	1.021648438	1.780069371
31	ATM	0.460883341	0.766464495	0.703590455	0.8063953	0.968382561
32	AXIN2	1.161108884	1.402965395	0.381593597	1.154054443	1.329422854
33	BAG2	0.302770298	1.006050942	0.895537771	0.816812128	0.731837318
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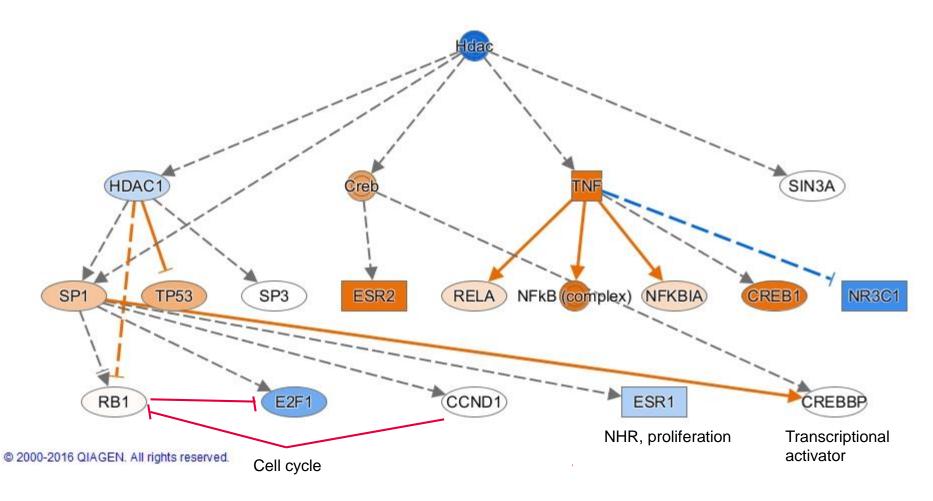


Scatter plot and clustergram (HDAC Sample compared to Control)





HDAC is predicted to be inhibited by Trichostatin A and drives a mechanistic network with 18 other regulators.





QIAseq sample multiplexing guidelines on NGS platforms

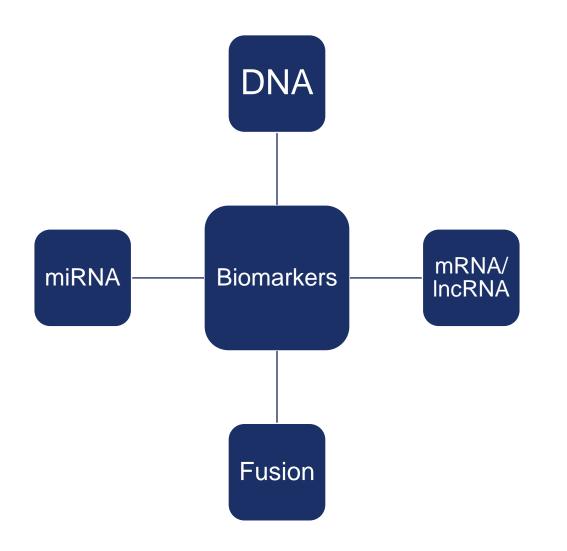
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			average 5000 reads/gene						
			average 2-5 reads per MT						
Instrument	Version	Capacity	100 genes	250 genes	500 genes	1000 genes			
MiSeq	V2	15 M	30	12	6	3			
MiSeq	V3	25 M	50	20	10	5			
NextSeq 500	High Output	400 M	800	320	160	80			
NextSeq 500	Mid Output	130 M	260	104	52	26			
Ion Torrent PGM	lon 314 Chip v2	400-550 K	1	0	0	0			
Ion Torrent PGM	lon 316 Chip v2	2-3 M	4	2	1	0			
Ion Torrent PGM	lon 318 Chip v2	4-5.5 M	8	3	2	1			
lon S5	Ion 520 Chip	3-5 M	6	2	1	1			
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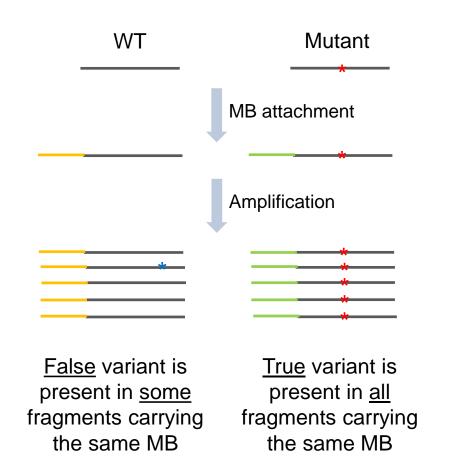
An example: 96 samples, 421 genes

Parameter	QIAseq targeted RNA panels	RT-PCR
Material required	One pool of primers	105 384-well plates
Run time	14 hours for NextSeq run	310 hours (2 hours per plate)
Hands-on time	3 hours (for 96 samples)	105 hours (one hour per plate)
Cost per sample	\$65 (exclusive of sequencing run)	\$239
Sample	10 ng each sample	4 µg each sample





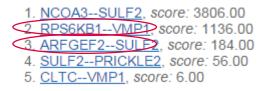


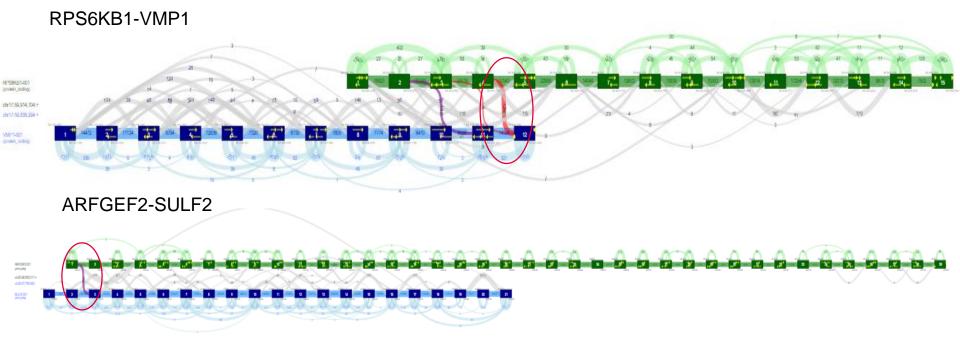


Molecular barcoding allows for traceability of variants, AND CNV analysis.



QIASeq Targeted RNAscan is a RNA target enrichment method that allows verification of known fusions and discovery of novel fusions with next-generation sequencing (NGS).

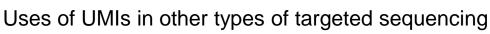






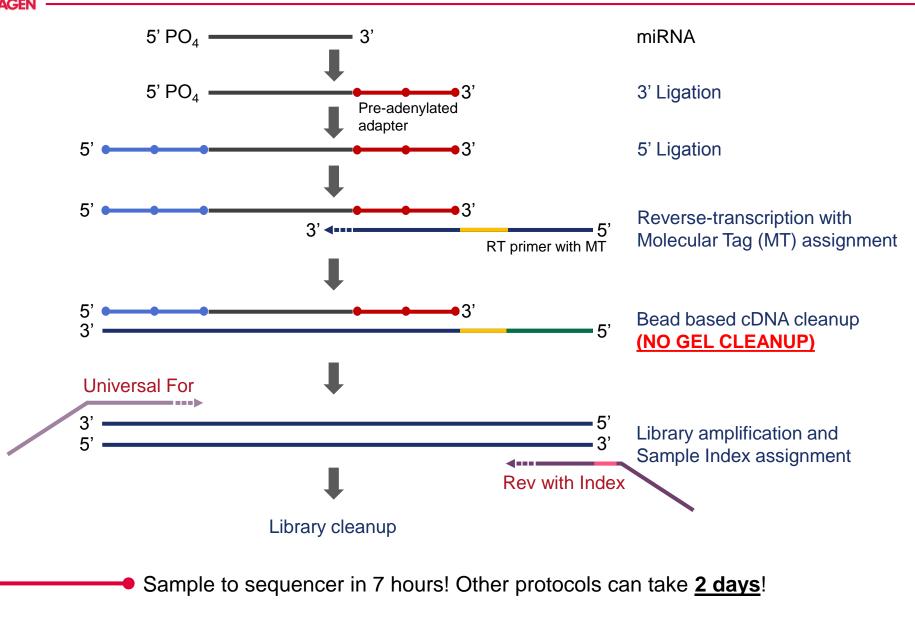


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5 Summary and Discussion

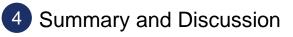
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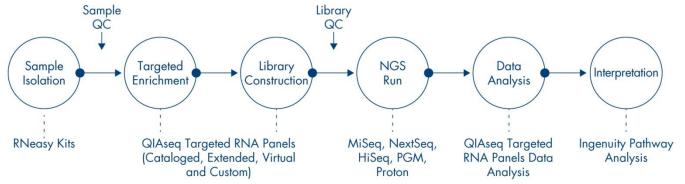


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- Extremely sensitive expression profiling, >1 copy per cell
- Highly flexible in experimental design, from 12 to 1000 or more targets, 1 to 96 samples
- High specificity, ~97-99% maintained through all panels
- Extremely high primer uniformity ~0.98 at 20% mean
- Random molecular barcoding for quantification
- Requires no rRNA depletion or blocking or dT selection
 - Only requires ~1ng-20ng total RNA
- Makes best use of limited NGS read budget
- System optimized for best possible performance with FFPE samples
- Leverage QIAGEN content know-how for NGS
 - Disease and pathway specific collections
 - Extended panels and fully custom gene content 12-1000 genes





QIAseq Targeted RNA Panel (12 or 96 samples)

Kit containing reagents for first strand synthesis, Smcounter tagging, and gene-specific amplification for targeted RNA sequencing

<u>QIAseq Targeted RNA Extended Panel (12 or 96 samples) (up to 25 additional targets)</u> Kit containing reagents for first strand synthesis, Smcounter tagging, and gene-specific amplification for targeted RNA sequencing;

QIAseq Targeted RNA Custom Panel (12, 96 or 384 samples)

Kit containing reagents for first strand synthesis, Smcounter tagging, and gene-specific amplification for targeted RNA sequencing

QIAseq Targeted RNA sample Indexing(12-plex or 96-plex HT) for ion torrent

QIAseq Targeted RNA sample Indexing (12-plex or 96-plex or HT) for illumina

Library Quant Assay/Array Kit Assays and master mix for library quantification prior to NGS

Initial Content:comprehensive 250 – 500 gene panels and ALL human RT2 panel content (200 panels)

Immunity and Inflammation	Angiogenesis and Endothelial
Cell Death	Cancer Pathway
Signal Transduction	ECM and Cell Adhesion
Molecular Toxicology	Stem Cells



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