Next-gen Sequencing

Automated solutions for library preparation







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Precision & Accuracy

Handle your valuable liquids with confidence

When it comes to your valuable samples and reagents, Hamilton's leading pipetting technology ensures extensive process control and the highest degree of reliability.

With precise air displacement pipetting technology, and integrated real-time pressure monitoring of each pipetting step, our platforms offer unmatched performance for low volume pipetting and sample handling. Every step in the library preparation workflow is analyzed, verifying transfer volumes. Sample and reagent quantity is measured by liquid level detection and end users can be notified of any inconsistencies such as insufficient liquid, clots or air bubbles.

This capability ensures methods are executed reliably without compromising sample processing.

The highest performance requires the highest technology!

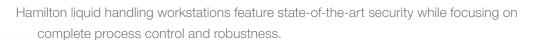
- More for less: increased sample recovery yields compared to manual methods
- Reagent savings: less dead volume, reduced reagent waste
- Consistently high reads on target





Traceability & Tracking

Everything under your control



All platforms ensure full sample tracking during every step of your workflow; primary samples and destination plate IDs are tracked and stored. Our platforms have extensive file handling capabilities to suit the end user's data management infrastructure, including LIMS integration.

Have complete confidence in your results! Each step is monitored, ensuring proactive error handling for maximum sample safety.

- ▶ 1D and 2D barcode reading for primary samples and destination plates
- Sample tracking data is fully traceable; internal database maintains real-time storage of all process data and sensitive information
- Unlimited interfacing options with external LIMS, thus no more manual data transfers





Modularity & Scalability

New kits, new protocols - same workstation

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All Hamilton platforms are developed to evolve in parallel with your scientific needs; new kits and new workflows are released on a regular basis in the NGS field.

The modular design of Hamilton's liquid handling systems allows them to adapt to the end user's changing requirements such as accommodating an increase in sample throughput and walkaway time, or adding extra functionality with deck accessories and pipetting tools.

Many upgrades can be performed in field making our platforms futureproof and the scope for new assay development achievable.

- ► More throughput: upgrade with more pipetting channels or add a multiprobe head with 96 or 384 parallel pipetting channels
- More functionality: upgrade with on-deck thermal cycling or cooled positions for samples and reagents
- More methods: by collaborating with all major NGS kit providers, we can provide existing customers with the most up-to-date protocols and methods







Flexibility & Versatility



The right platform for every application

With a wide range of supplier validated and customer approved protocols, you will benefit from pretested automated workflows.

Methods can be installed and implemented on your platform using a simple "copy and paste." At the same time, all Hamilton systems are open platforms to ensure the highest degree of flexibility and versatility. Other protocols, such as nucleic acid extraction (vacuum filtration or magnetic bead based), PCR setup or mother/daughter plate replication can be programmed via the flexible Venus software and run on a routine basis.

Peripheral devices, such as plate readers, thermal cyclers or plate sealers, can be integrated and fully controlled by the same, central user interface. There are no application limitations, today or in the future!

- More than 15 NGS workflows available now, with more regularly being released
- Open platform: use any kit and any protocol
- Additional assay scope: downstream processes can be automated on the same platform





Introduction

The following section illustrates a brief description of the main next-generation sequencing library preparation methods available from Hamilton.

As a leading player in the NGS automation field, Hamilton continuously develops new methods which will be available for all Hamilton users.

To find out more about the latest updates, please contact your Hamilton representative.

The **Next-gen sequencing methods** presented in this overview are categorized as the following:



Qualified method: the method was tested and approved by the kit manufacturer



Approved method: the method was tested and approved by an independent scientific body or a customer



Verified method: the method was tested and verified internally by Hamilton

In describing the automation of each method, we represented the **most efficient robotic configurations** for automation of the protocol.

A graphical representation of the **instrument deck layout** is convenient to understand where samples, reagents and all consumables are placed onto the deck.

The "walkaway batch size" indicates the number of samples the system can run autonomously, without any user intervention.

The block diagram, which represents the **complete workflow** of the method, shows the steps divided by color:



Blue blocks illustrate steps performed at room temperature



Red blocks illustrate steps involving incubation or thermal cycling



Grey blocks illustrate steps performed off-line





Illumina Nextera XT library preparation

Description and Workflow

High throughput, automation friendly and rapid preparation of sequencing-ready libraries for small genomes (bacteria, archaea, viruses), amplicons, and plasmids. With the full recommended configuration, 96 libraries can be prepared and pooled in 6 hours with no user intervention.



* Dilution and Clustering performed offline

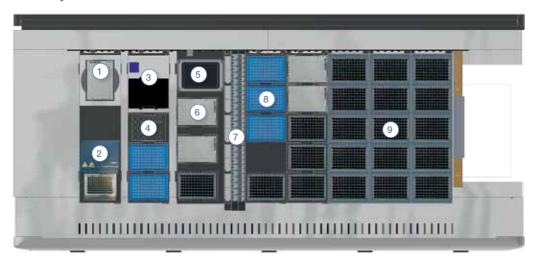
We have found our Hamilton STAR to be reliable, robust and adaptable to our sequencing protocol needs. I am particularly keen on the easy-to-use and powerful programming interface and excellent support from the company.

Dr. Nick Loman, Ph.D

Independent Research Fellow, MicrobesNG, University of Birmingham



Deck Layout



- Turntable
- (2) On Deck Thermal Cycler
- (3) Cooling module
- Reagents
- Hamilton Heater Shaker
- (6) Magnet position
- Reagent troughs & Reagent tubes
- (8) PCR plate positions
- (9) Tips

Platform	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Batch size	ODTC **
STARIet ML *	4	No	48 samples ***	No
STAR ML *	8	No	96 samples ***	No
STAR ML *	8	No	96 samples	Yes



Illumina SeqLab TruSeq Nano DNA

Description and Workflow

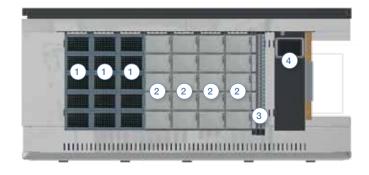
This kit prepares up to 96 pooled, indexed paired-end libraries of genomic DNA (gDNA) for subsequent cluster generation and DNA sequencing in HiSeq X sequencing platforms. This method does use a PCR step.

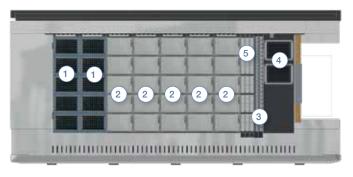


^{*} Incubations are performed on Hamilton Heater Shakers (HHS) set at different temperatures. PCR amplification is performed off line. Optional on-line Thermal Cycling with ODTC.

** Library Validation is performed off-line on 3rd party devices.

Deck Layout





Pre-PCR STAR for HiSeq X

- (1) Tip Carriers
- 3 Reagent Carriers
- 2 Plate Carriers
- 4 HHS (fixed carrier)*

Post-PCR STAR for HiSeg X

- 1 Tip Carriers
- (4) HHS (fixed carrier)*
- 2 Plate Carriers
- 5 Strip Tube
- 3 Reagent Carriers

Platform	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Batch size	ODTC *
STAR	8	Yes	96 samples	No





Illumina SeqLab TruSeq PCR free DNA

Description and Workflow

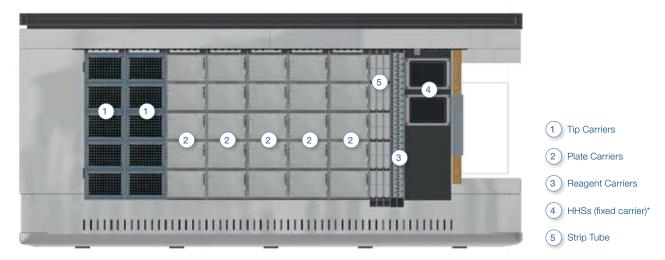
This kit prepares up to 96 pooled, indexed paired-end libraries of genomic DNA (gDNA) for subsequent cluster generation and DNA sequencing on HiSeq X sequencing platforms. This method does not use PCR.



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Deck Layout



Recommended Platforms

Platform	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Batch size	ODTC *
STAR	8	Yes	96 samples	No



Illumina TruSeq Nano DNA

Description and Workflow

This kit prepares up to 96 pooled, indexed paired-end libraries of genomic DNA (gDNA) for subsequent cluster generation and DNA sequencing.

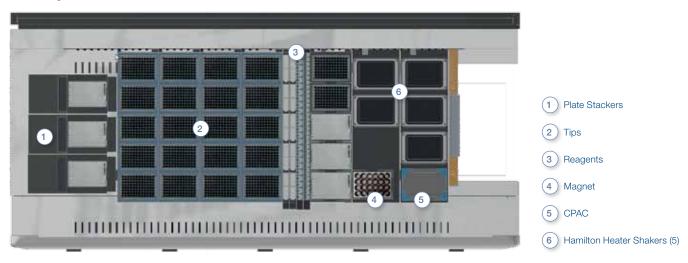
The goal of this protocol is to add adapter sequences onto the ends of DNA fragments to generate indexed single read or paired-end sequencing libraries. The method uses PCR steps.



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Deck Layout



Platform	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Batch size	ODTC *
STARlet	8	No	48 samples	No
STAR	8	No/Yes	96 samples	Yes

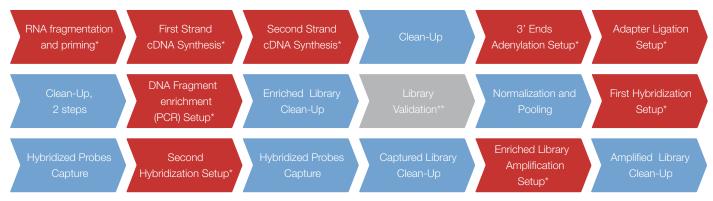




Illumina TruSeq RNA Access

Description and Workflow

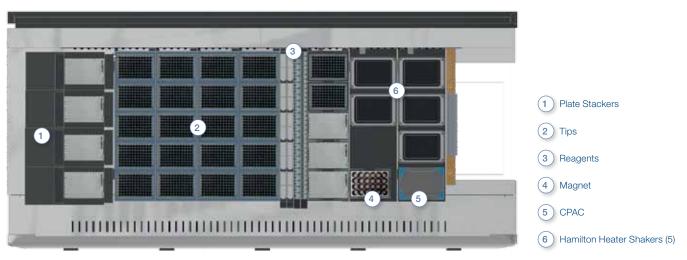
This protocol converts total RNA into a library of template molecules of known strand origin and then captures the coding regions of the transcriptome. The resulting library is suitable for subsequent cluster generation and sequencing. The RNA is fragmented into small pieces using divalent cations under elevated temperature. cDNA is generated from the cleaved RNA fragments using random priming during first and second strand synthesis and sequencing adapters are ligated to the resulting double-stranded cDNA fragments. The coding regions of the transcriptome are then captured from this library using sequence-specific probes to create the final library.



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Deck Layout



Recommended Platforms

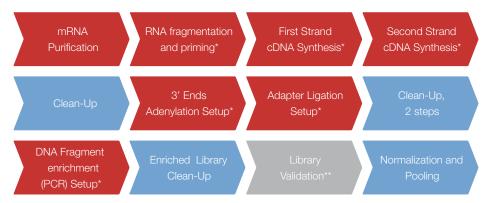
Platform	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Batch size	ODTC *
STARlet	8	No	48 samples	No
STAR	8	No/Yes	96 samples	Yes
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Illumina TruSeq Stranded mRNA

Description and Workflow

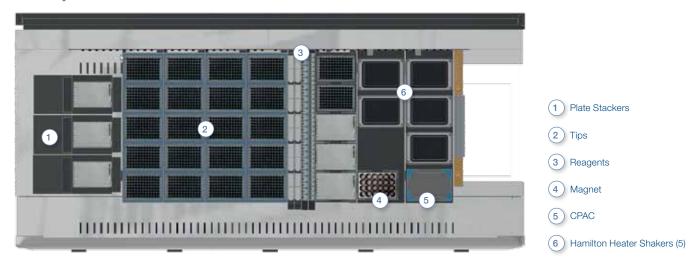
This protocol converts the mRNA from total RNA into a library of template molecules of known strand origin. The library is suitable for subsequent cluster generation and DNA sequencing.



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** Library Validation is performed off-line on 3rd party devices.

Deck Layout



Platform P	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Batch size	ODTC *
STARlet 8	3	No	48 samples	No
STAR 8	3	No/Yes	96 samples	Yes



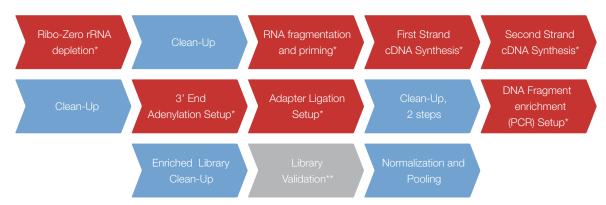




Illumina TruSeq Stranded Total RNA

Description and Workflow

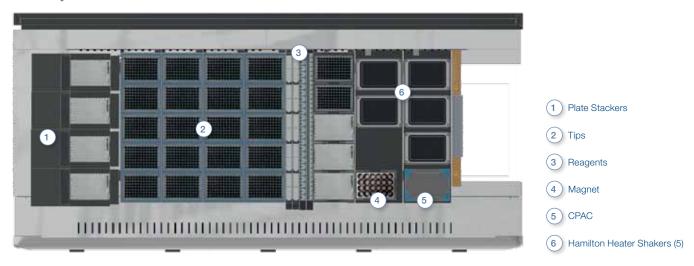
This protocol converts total RNA into a library of template molecules of known strand origin and suitable for subsequent cluster generation and DNA sequencing.



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** Library Validation is performed off-line on 3rd party devices.

Deck Layout



STARlet 8	No	48 samples	No
STAR 8	No/Yes	96 samples	Yes

^{*} On Deck Thermal Cycler



Illumina Nextera Rapid Capture Exome DNA

Description and Workflow

The automated Nextera Rapid Capture protocol is intended to be completed over 2 days by performing library preparation, first hybridization, first capture and second hybridization setup on day 1, final capture, PCR enrichment and final clean-up on day 2.

Genomic DNA
Tagmentation
Setup *

Tagmentation
DNA Clean-Up

Tagmented DNA
Amplification
Setup*

Amplified DNA Clean-Up Quantification**
and Pooling

First
Hybridization
Setup*

Hybridized Probes Capture Second
Hybridization
Setup*

Hybridized Probes Capture

Captured Library
Clean-Up

Enriched Library

Amplification

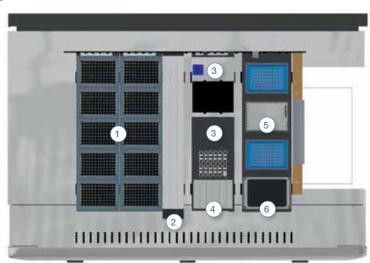
Setup *

Amplified Library Clean-Up

* Off line incubation on Thermal Cycler. Optional on line incubation with ODTC

** Quantification is performed off line on 3rd party devices

Deck Layout



1 Tips

2 DNA Samples

(3) 4°C Position

4 Reagents

(5) Magnet

(6) Hamilton Heater Shaker

By using to Hamilton technology and the expertise of their support team NGS libraries can be prepared in a reliable and reproducible way. This allows us to be more committed on patient's health.

Dr. Maria lascone, Ph.D

Lab Genetica Moleculare - USSD LGM, AO Papa Giovanni XXIII

Platform	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Unattended batch size	ODTC *
STARlet	4	No	24 samples	No
STARlet	8	No	48 samples	No
STAR	8	Yes	96 samples	Yes







NEBNext Ultra DNA Library Prep for Illumina

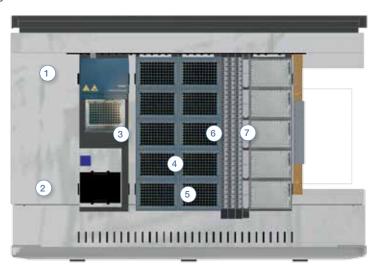
Description and Workflow

The NEBNext Ultra DNA library preparation kit for Illumina contains enzymes and buffers to convert a small amount of DNA input into indexed libraries for next generation sequencing on the Illumina platforms.



** Library Validation is performed off-line on 3rd party devices.

Deck Layout



- 1 On Deck Thermal Cycler (ODTC)
- (2) Cooling module for NEB reagents
- (3) Disposable Tips
- 4 Microtubes, fragmented DNA
- (5) Reagents
- 6 Plates, magnet and primers
- 7 Liquid waste

Recommended Platforms

Platform	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Batch size	ODTC *
STARlet	8	No	48 samples	Yes



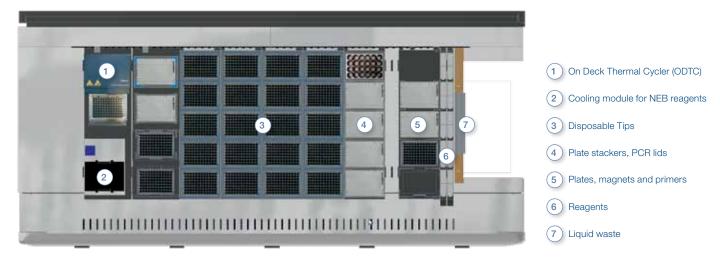
NEBNext rRNA Depletion Kit (human/mouse/rat)

Description and Workflow

The NEBNext rRNA Depletion Kit (Human/Mouse/Rat) depletes both cytoplasmic (5S rRNA, 5.8S rRNA, 18S rRNA and 28S rRNA) and mitochondrial ribosomal RNA (12S rRNA and 16S rRNA) from human total RNA preparations. This kit is suitable for both intact and degraded RNA (e.g. FFPE RNA). The resulting rRNA-depleted RNA is suitable for RNA-Seq, random-primed cDNA synthesis, or other downstream RNA analysis applications.

Hybridize the RNase H DNase I RNA Purification
Probes to the DNA Digestion Digestion after rRNA Depletion

Deck Layout



Platform	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Batch size	ODTC *
STAR	8	No	48 samples	Yes





NEBNext Fast DNA Library Prep for Ion Torrent

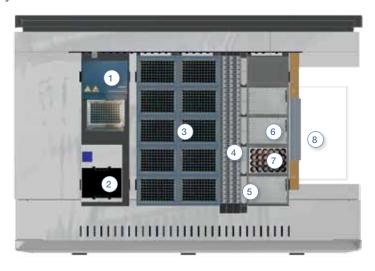
Description and Workflow

The NEBNext Ultra DNA library preparation kit for Ion Torrent contains enzymes and buffers in convenient master mix formulations that are suited for samples preparation for next generation sequencing on the Ion Torrent sequencer (Life Technologies, Inc.).



** Library Validation is performed off-line on 3rd party devices.

Deck Layout



- 1 On Deck Thermal Cycler (ODTC)
- (2) Cooling module for NEB reagents
- 3 Disposable Tips
- (4) Microtubes, fragmented DNA
- 5 Reagents
- (6) Plates and primers
- (7) Magnet
- 8 Liquid waste

Recommended Platforms

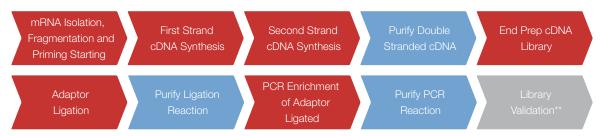
Platform	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Batch size	ODTC *
STARlet	8	No	48 samples	Yes



NEBNext Ultra Directional RNA Libr Prep for Illumina

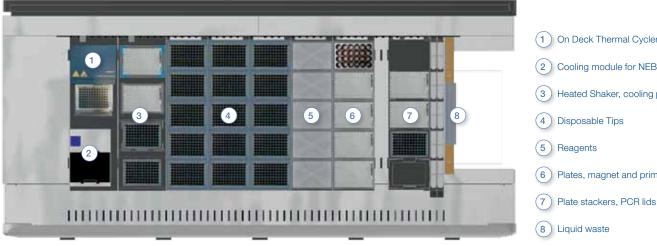
Description and Workflow

The NEBNext Ultra RNA Directional Library Prep Kit for Illumina contains enzymes and buffers that are ideally suited for cDNA library preparation for next-generation sequencing.



^{**} Library Validation is performed off-line on 3rd party devices.

Deck Layout



- (1) On Deck Thermal Cycler (ODTC)
- (2) Cooling module for NEB reagents
- (3) Heated Shaker, cooling position
- (6) Plates, magnet and primers

Platform	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Batch size	ODTC *
STAR	8	No	48 samples	Yes
STAR	8	Yes	96 samples	Yes

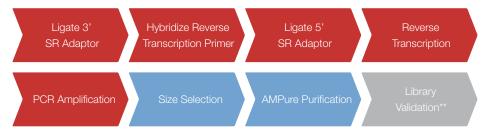




NEBNext Small RNA Library Prep Set for Illumina

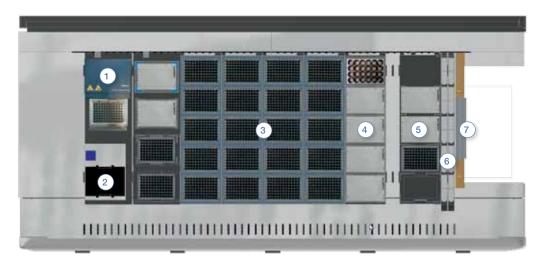
Description and Workflow

The NEBNext Small RNA Library Prep Set for Illumina (Multiplex Compatible) contains adaptors, primers, enzymes and buffers that are ideally suited to convert small RNA transcripts into barcoded cDNA libraries for next- generation sequencing on the Illumina platform (Illumina, Inc.).



** Library Validation is performed off-line on 3rd party devices.

Deck Layout



- (1) On Deck Thermal Cycler (ODTC)
- (2) Cooling module for NEB reagents
- 3 Disposable Tips
- (4) Plate stackers, PCR lids
- (5) Plates, magnets and primers
- (6) Reagents
- 7 Liquid waste

Recommended Platforms

Platform	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Batch size	ODTC *
STAR	8	No	48 samples	Yes



HaloPlex Target Enrichment System

Description and Workflow

The optimized automation protocol for preparing target enriched sequencing library samples for Illumina sequencing platforms consists of a Pre- and Post-PCR system and is intended to complete a maximum of 24 samples per run.

Sample dilution

Sample digestion *

Hybridization to HaloPlex probes *

Target DNA *

Capture Target DNA hybrids *

Elution of Target DNA*

PCR Amplification *

Transfer samples to Post-PCR system

Amplified Library Clean-Up

Capture Target DNA *

Validation and Quantification of Post-PCR system

Amplified Library Clean-Up

Capture Target DNA *

Validation and Quantification of Post-PCR system

Capture Target DNA *

Validation and Quantification of Post-PCR system

Clean-Up

Capture Target DNA *

Validation and Quantification of Post-PCR system

Clean-Up

* Mastermix set up and shaking steps offline, automation optional
** Quantification is performed off line on 3rd party devices, as well as sample pooling

Deck Layout



- 1 On Deck Thermal Cycler
- 8 Magnet position9 Plate stack
- (2) MultiFlex Cooling module
 - (10) Liquid Waste
- (3) CO-RE Tips, 50 μl
- 4 CO-RE Tips, 300 μl
- (5) Sample/Dilution plate
- (6) Reaction plate
- 7 Primer Cassette plate
- (11) Reagent Containers
 - AMPure beads - Ethanol
 - Elution Buffer
 - Liution Dunei
- (12) Tube positions
- (13) Lid stack

Platform	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Batch size	ODTC **
STARIet ML *	4	No	12 samples	No
STARIet ML *	8	No	24 samples ***	Yes
STAR AL *	8	No	48 samples ***	Yes





Ion AmpliSeq Library Prep for Ion Torrent

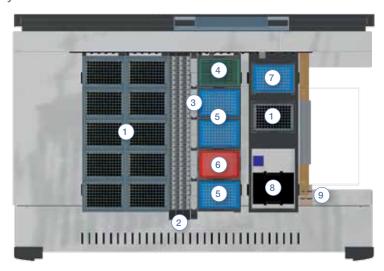
Description and Workflow

The automated AmpliSeq Library Preparation protocol offers a fully automated walk-away solution. The system performs all the steps of the protocol started from partial primer digest, barcode adapter ligation trough final clean-up steps Dynamic assignment of barcode adapters to samples is possible and managed by worklists. All steps are done on-deck including thermal incubations. Subsequent qPCR protocols and library pooling methods are available.

PCR amplification
of target DNA

Partial Primer Digest Barcode Adapter Ligation Clean-Up optional double Clean-Up)

Deck Layout



- 1 Tips 50 μl, 300 μl
- 2 3x Sample Carrier 32 for 1,5 ml Eppendorf Tubes
- (3) 5x 60 ml troughs Ethanol 70%, water, liquid waste, beads
- 4 Barcode Adapter Plate
- 5 Pipetting Positions for PCR plates
- 6 Magnet
- (7) CPAC (Inheco) (4-110°C)
- 8 Cooling Module (cooling of reagent tubes)
- (9) CO-RE Gripper

Recommended Platforms

Platform	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Batch size	ODTC *
STARIet	4	No	24 samples	No
STARlet	8	No	48 samples **	No
STAR	8	Yes	96 samples **	Yes

^{**} Actual throughput evaluated on case by case basis



Agilent SureSelect XT

Description and Workflow

The automated workflow completes all Sure Select protocol steps, preparing libraries from sheared DNA, and includes post hybridization probes capture, library indexing and pooling.



^{*} Incubations are performed on Hamilton Heater Shakers and Inheco CPACs at different temperature. PCR amplification is performed off line. Optional on deck Thermal Cycling with ODTC option.

** Library Validation and Hybridization Setup are performed off line.

Deck Layout



- 1 Tips
- 2 DNA samples
- (3) 4° C Cooled Positions
- (4) Reagents
- 5 Magnet
- (6) Hamilton Heater Shaker

Platform	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Unattended batch size	ODTC *
STARlet	4	No	24 samples	No
STARlet	8	No	48 samples	No
STAR	8	No/Yes	96 samples	Yes





Coastal Genomics Ranger Technology - Size Selection and Fragment Analysis

Description and Workflow

Ranger® Technology offers the complete automation of agarose gel loading, electrophoretic analysis and recovery of targeted DNA fragments. Users can consolidate analytical and size selection processes into a single run that can accommodate 1 to 96 samples. Groups interested in analytics without size selection can process up to 384 samples in a single run as well.

Sample mixed with loading buffer/internal standards (Assav Plate)

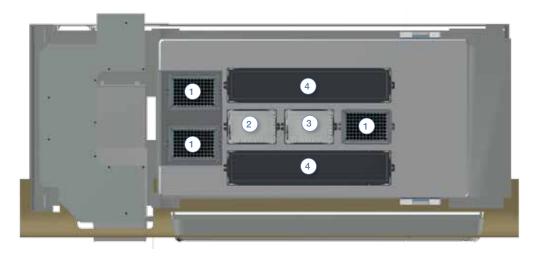
Sample/buffer mixtures loaded into cassettes Electrophoresis initiated, cassette imaging cycles begin

Interpolation between standards to identify size selection targets

Electrophoresis voltage altered/updated for each sample

Imaging cycle, sample mobility characterized All targets arrive at extraction wells at the same time Targets extracted, reformatted to Target Plate PDF and CSV reports on sample characteristics

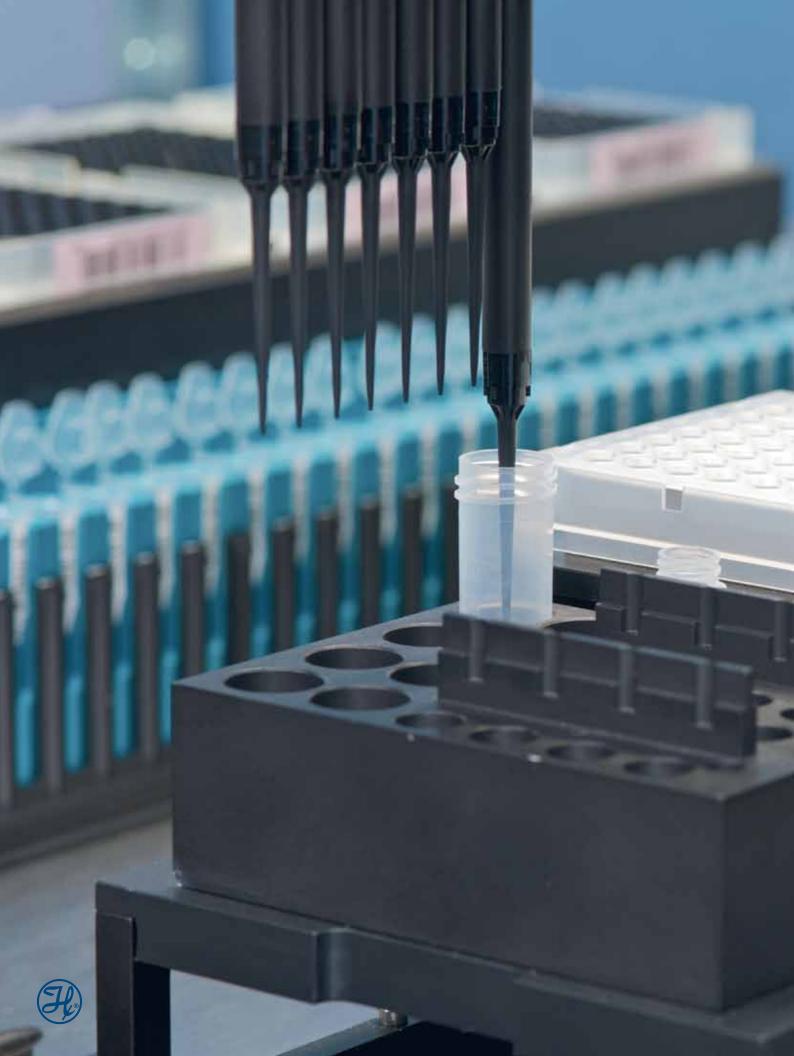
Deck Layout



- Disposable Tips
- (2) Assay Plate
- 3 Target Plate
- (4) Agarose Cassette

Recommended Platforms

Platform	Pipetting Channels	96 MPH	Batch size	ODTC *
NIMBUS	n.a.	No	96 samples	No



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