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State of the Core: NUSeq in 2024



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The Mission of NUSeq



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NUSeq Team

NUSeq is committed to providing project support on: **Next-gen sequencing, other genomics technologies,** with **integrated bioinformatics and data mining**



Most Requested NGS Applications

- Bulk RNA-seq (from standard to ultra-low RNA input)
- Single cell sequencing
- Spatial transcriptomics
- ChIP-seq
- ATAC-seq
- DNA methylation sequencing
- Whole exome sequencing
- Whole genome sequencing



Other Genomics Services

- Illumina bead arrays: for genotyping and epigenomics (DNA methylation) studies
- NanoString nCounter: direct detection of up to 800 gene expression targets
- Digital droplet PCR and real-time qPCR: target DNA and RNA analysis, and validation of NGS results
- Cell line authentication
- DNA/RNA extraction
- Sanger sequencing (via ACGT)



Bioinformatics Services

- Support analysis of all data generated in the Core
- You can also bring your own data to us for analysis



NUSeq Fiscal Year 2023 Core Utilization Numbers (2022-09-01 to 2023-08-31)

- 762 Direct Users (Service Requesters)
- 357 Pls/Groups, 288 NU + 69 External
- 82% of services completed for NU users, 18% for external users
- \$3.7M: Users spent on NUSeq services



2024 Sequencing Updates

Short Read Sequencing

- 2024 is a major transition year
- Focus will be on latest technologies
- Services on some of the old sequencers are being discontinued
 - NovaSeq 6000
 - HiSeq 4000



Short Read Sequencing Latest technologies to focus on

1+ and 3+ billion reads per lane



Illumina NovaSeq X Plus Top data throughput Most cost effective



250 - 500 million reads per lane 2-week turnaround



Element AVITI Low to intermediate throughput Quick turnaround time

100 - 450 million reads per lane

Complete Genomics DNBSEQ-G400 Low to intermediate throughput More flexibility

How to Select the Right Sequencer

- How many reads are needed
 - Over 1 billion reads: suggest NovaSeq X Plus (replaces NovaSeq 6000)
 - 250-500 million reads: Element AVITI (replaces HiSeq 4000)
 - As low as 100 million reads: Complete Genomics G400
- Turnaround time: AVITI and G400 have shorter TAT
- Cost efficiency:
 - All better than previous sequencers
 - Running 25B flow cell on NovaSeq X Plus is most cost effective for high volumes of data (e.g., high volumes of single cell or whole genome sequencing)





Long Read Sequencing

Oxford Nanopore MinION & PromethION (running) Northwestern Medicine[®]



PacBio Revio (upcoming soon this year)

When to Use Long Read Sequencers

- Genome assembly
- Structural variant detection
- Full length transcript sequencing for splicing isoform detection
- Epigenomics: direct calling of DNA/RNA modifications without derivatization
- Any applications that need long reads



Single Cell Sequencing Updates

Single Cell Sequencing

- 10x Chromium X based single cell sequencing is still the most requested
- New technologies are also available



Parse analyzes 1 million cells in a single sample (running) Northwestern Medicine[®]

ResolveOME



Bioskryb scDNA+RNA (coming soon)

Single Cell Sequencing



Single cell methylation sequencing (Scale Bioscience, coming soon)



Spatial Transcriptomics Updates

Spatial Transcriptomics Latest Acquisition





- Subcellular resolution: 200 nm optical resolution
- Fresh Frozen (FF) and FFPE samples compatible
- Section thickness: 10 um for FF, 5 um for FFPE
- Sample imageable area: 10.45 x 22.45 mm
- High sensitivity achieved using hybridizationbased in situ sequencing
- High specificity from the use of barcoded padlock probes
- Targeted analysis of hundreds to thousands of genes, using predesigned human/mouse brain panels among others
- Allows IF and H&E staining, or Visium whole transcriptome analysis on the same tissue section

10x Xenium In Situ System (running, certified service provider)



Spatial Transcriptomics

Existing Platforms



Visium System with CytAssist (running)



- Spatial whole transcriptome analysis
- Resolution: 50 um (2 um with upcoming Visium HD)
- Fresh Frozen (FF) and FFPE samples compatible, FFPE preferred
- Tissue capture area: 6.5 x 6.5 mm (x4, v1), 11 x 11 mm (x2, v2)
- Protein panel and IF staining doable on the same tissue section

Visium HD to be released by 10x this year



Spatial Transcriptomics

Other Available Platforms



Molecular Cartography (partnership, running)



Stereo-Seq (coming soon)



Use Case of Single Cell Sequencing Coupled with Latest Spatial Transcriptomics

Single-Cell Resolution Spatial Analysis of Multiple Sclerosis Development



*Acquired by 10x and developed into Xenium



Spatial Organization of Various Cell Types





	Astro	MC/d_A	Neu_In_GABA_A	Schw
	CAM_A	MC/d_B	Neu_In_GABA_B	T-cell_A
	CAM_B	MOL2	Neu_In_GABA_C	T-cell_B
	DA-Astro	MOL5/6	Neu_In_GABA_D	VEC_A
	DA-MOL2	MiGL	Neu_In_GABA_E	VEC_B
1	DA-MOL5/6	NFOL/MFOL	Neu_In_GABA_F	VEC_Per
	🛑 DA-MiGL	Neu_Chol	Neu_In_Gly	VLMC_A
	DA-OPC/COP	Neu_Ex_Glu_A	OPC/COP_A	VLMC_B
	DC DC	Neu_Ex_Glu_B	OPC/COP_B	
	Ep	Neu_Ex_Glu_C	OPC/COP_C	
	Ep_Neu	Neu Ex Glu D	Per	



Interactive dataset at:

https://tissuumaps.scilifelab.se/web/2023_spinal_brain.html

Cell Compartmentalization Analysis





Relative cellular composition of the different compartments.



Connections between Cell Types from Spatial Neighborhood Analysis





Summarization of 2024 NUSeq Updates

- Short read sequencing focuses on latest technologies
- PacBio Revio HiFi long read sequencing will greatly strengthen LRS
- More single cell sequencing options are available, not only on RNA, but also DNA and methylation sequencing
- More spatial transcriptomics platforms established, with 10x Xenium In Situ System being the latest offering
- Integrated single cell sequencing and spatial characterization creates unprecedented opportunities



Thank you Questions?

