

Genotyping by Multiplexing Amplicon Sequencing

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1. Primer mix

- a) Order primers with normalized dry condition (10 nM) 25 nM scale
- b) Hydrate primers with (100 ul) PCR grade water and dilute to 100 uM final concentration
- c) Mix primers

The primer design may divide the total number of primers into several plexes (groups), on average 30 SNPs/plex. For each plex, take 5 ul of each primer (including 1st and 2nd , 5ul each), and combine them in one sterile reservoir. Add water to make up to 1000ul. For example,

$$30 \text{ primers} \times 5 \text{ ul} = 150 \text{ ul} \times 2 = 300 \text{ul} + 700 \text{ ul water} = 1 \text{ ml}$$

If you want to increase the plexing level, you can combine two plexes into one plex, so 60 primers $\times 2 \times 5 \text{ul} = 600 \text{ul} + 400 \text{ul water} = 1 \text{ml}$. After combing 60 pairs of primers, add 400 ul of water to add up to 1000 ul.

2. Aliquote samples onto 384 plates.

Each reaction requires 2 ul of gDNA at a concentration from 10ng/ul -50ng/ul. Spin the DNA samples down after aliquot.

The following table is an example of layout. In this example, there are total 96 samples and 4 plexes (~120 SNPs). Each sample is duplicated four times on the plate (2 ul each well).

Aliquot DNA samples in 384-well plate: (total 96 samples x 4 PCR reaction)

384-well	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	Plex #
A	AB	1
B	CD	
C	EF	
D	GH	
E	AB	2
F	CD	
G	EF	
H	GH	
I	AB	3
J	CD	
K	EF	
L	GH	
M	AB	4
N	CD	
O	EF	
P	GH	

3. PCR mix set up

	final conc. in 5ul	5 ul vol (1x)(uL)	96 wells + 25%
Water	-	0.85	102
Qiagen Hotstar PCR Buff. (10x) (15mM Mg ²⁺)	1.25 X	0.625	75
MgCl ₂ (25 mM)	1.625 mM	0.325	39.6
dNTPs (25 mM ea.)*	500 uM	0.1	12
Primer Mix (500 nM ea.)	100 nM	1	120
KBio science Klear Taq 5U/ul	1 U/rxn	0.2	24
	Total	3	372

Dispense 3 ul of the PCR cocktail into each well on the 384 plate with samples.

PCR program: Wei Wu > Touchdown PCR cycles

Steps:

- 1) 94°C 10 min
- 2) 94°C 20 sec
- 3) Touchdown over 64-56 1 min
 10 cycles of step 2 and 3 (0.8°C decrease per cycle)
- 4) 94°C 20 sec
- 5) 57°C 60 sec
- 6) 68°C 30 sec
 20 cycles of step 4 to 6
- 7) 72°C 3 min
- 8) 4°C forever
 Quick spin before the next step.

4. Dilute the 1st PCR plate and pool all amplicons from one sample.

- Add 15 ul PCR water into each well
- Seal plate with films, vortex, and then quick spin
- Take 5 ul out into a new plate, and put all reactions with the same sample together into one well. For example: A1, E1, I1 and M1 are combined together in one well (on a new PCR plate). These four wells have the same DNA samples with different PCR primer plexes.
- Mix the plate well after sealing, and then spin down

5. Barcoding PCR amplicons

- Take 2 ul of DNA from each mixed amplicon pool into a new PCR plate
- Add 1 ul 100nM barcode primer into each well separately
- Make PCR mix according the chart below

	final conc	5 ul vol (1x)(uL)	96 wells + 25%
water	-	0.85	102
Qiagen Hotstar PCR Buff. (10x) (15mM Mg ²⁺)	1.25 X	0.625	75
MgCl ₂ (25 mM)	1.625 mM	0.33	39.6
dNTPs (25 mM ea.)*	500 uM	0.1	12
Primer Mix (500 nM ea.)	100 nM	0	0
KBio science Klear Taq 5U/ul	1 U/rxn	0.2	24
Aliquot master mix	Total	2	253

- Dispense 2 ul of PCR cocktail mix into each well with samples and primers.

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- 8) 4°C forever
Quick spin before the next step.

6. Pool each population/library

- Add 15 ul of water into each well
- Take out 5 ul from each well and combine them into a clean reservoir.

7. AMPure Purification (>100 bp selection)

- 1) Shake AMPure beads to fully resuspend the magnetic beads before using.
Note: Equilibrate AMPure beads to room temperature before using.
- 2) Add 1.8x mixed AMPure beads to PCR reaction.
- 3) Mix by pipetting five times and incubate for 5 min at room temp.
- 4) Place the tube on magnetic stand for ~2 min to let beads separate from solution.
- 5) Remove supernatant and discard.
- 6) Rinse beads twice with 200 ul of 70% ethanol, incubating 30 sec before discarding ethanol.
- 7) Dry beads for ~5-15 min to remove traces of ethanol. Do not overdry (lots of cracking).
- 8) Add 40 ul elution buffer.
- 9) Place tubes or plate on magnetic plate for ~1 min.
- 10) Transfer eluent to new tube or plate.

8. nanodrop or DNA analyzer to quantify DNA.

9. The purified PCR pool is ready for NGS library construction.