

Sequencing Panel for 4813 Genes with Known Associated Clinical Phenotypes

TruSight™ One Sequencing Panel provides high depth of coverage for accurate variant calling

Introduction

Clinical research laboratories often make use of several molecular profiling assays when studying a particular disease. Each assay targets a single gene and provides a limited amount of information; the cost and time to results can be significant for multiple assays. Next-generation sequencing (NGS) offers a faster and more cost-effective method for clinical genomics research.

To assist with this challenge, Illumina introduces the TruSight One Sequencing Panel for genomic analysis of the coding regions of 4813 genes with associated clinical phenotypes. The panel achieves high depth of coverage (> 20x) for multiple samples when sequenced on a MiniSeq™, MiSeq®, NextSeq®, or HiSeq® System. Researchers can choose to analyze all genes on the panel or focus on a specific subset relevant to the disease of interest. TruSight One is provided with VariantStudio software for analysis, classification, and reporting of genomic variants.

This technical note describes the TruSight One Sequencing Panel performance, how gene content was chosen, and the identity of target exons not covered by the panel or eliminated due to a high prevalence of incorrect variant calls.

TruSight One Sequencing Panel Performance

While probe-capture methods are powerful in their ability to enrich for and sequence multiple genomic targets, they are often unable to achieve high levels of coverage uniformity. Due to the variable affinity of each probe for its target region, some regions register overly high amounts of coverage, while others do not achieve enough coverage to call variants accurately.

To improve the coverage uniformity of the TruSight One Sequencing Panel, Illumina employed 2 different methods during its design. Regions underrepresented relative to the entire panel were supplemented with additional probes to increase their coverage. These probes were added to the initial pool and their performance was verified. This process was repeated 3 times to make sure that every region captured by this method was adequately covered. Similarly, overrepresented regions (more than 2 times the mean coverage) were identified, and nonbiotinylated oligos consisting of the reverse complement of the probe sequence were added to the pool. These nonbiotinylated probes blocked the efficiency of the sense probes, decreasing representation of these regions and increasing representation of other regions (on average, this increase was ~ 5x per region). For example, a region covered at 15x is now covered at 20x. The result is increased uniformity of the TruSight One panel to a level where > 97% of the regions are covered at > 0.2x of the mean, which is the highest uniformity demonstrated for a probe-based enrichment panel.

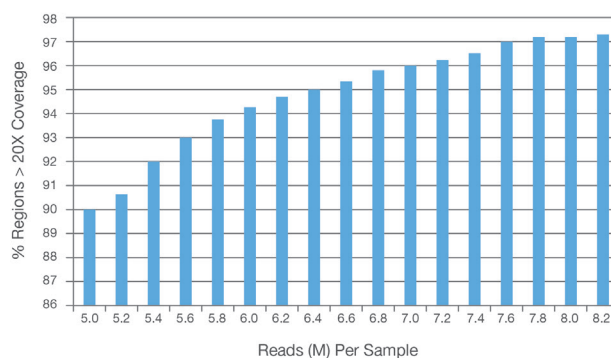


Figure 1: Reads vs. % Regions Covered—Depiction of the number of reads per sample vs. the percentage of regions on the TruSight One Sequencing Panel that achieve over 20x coverage.

Figure 1 depicts the percentage of regions in the TruSight One Sequencing Panel covered at 20x depth or higher, given a certain number of reads per sample. The high percentage of regions covered, even at a low number of reads, is a direct result of the high uniformity of this panel. For example, at 6.4 M reads, 95% of the regions are covered at 20x or higher; thus, at only 77% of the capacity of a MiSeq System (using the v3 chemistry and software), 3 samples can be sequenced at this high depth of coverage. Presumably, in the case of a child with a rare genetic disease, these 3 samples can be a trio (father, mother, and affected child). When used with trio subtraction techniques that can be performed with VariantStudio 2.0 software, this analysis greatly enhances the chances of identifying the causative variant.

Genes Targeted

When designing the TruSight One Sequencing Panel, Illumina attempted to include all genes with known associated clinical phenotypes. This design enables clinical research laboratories to use the panel as the basis for smaller sequencing panels that comprise a comprehensive portfolio of sequencing assays. As a baseline, Illumina included all genes in the TruSight Exome Content Set¹ (2761 genes, Figure 2). Genes not present in this set, but listed in the Human Gene Mutation Database (HGMD)² were added, while 51 genes not in the Online Mendelian Inheritance of Man (OMIM)³ were eliminated, resulting in an additional 1966 genes. Next, genes not already in the panel but present in GeneTests.org⁴ (69 genes) were added. Finally, Illumina added 17 genes not already in the panel that were included in other TruSight Sequencing Panels, such as TruSight Cancer and TruSight Tumor.⁵

Table 3: Regions Eliminated from TruSight One

Gene	Chromosome	Start	Stop
ATXN8OS	chr13	70713372	70713885
CSGALNACT1	chr8	19261671	19263580
CYP2D6	chr22	42523448	42523636
CYP2D6	chr22	42525739	42525911
DSPP	chr4	88534936	88537720
FANCD2	chr3	10089600	10089735
FBXL6	chr8	145579960	145580191
FLG	chr1	152275175	152287223
FOXD4	chr9	116799	118119
FRG1	chr4	190876192	190876306
HBG1	chr11	5269588	5269717
HLA-A	chr6	29911045	29911320
HLA-B	chr6	31323943	31324219
HLA-B	chr6	31324464	31324734
HLA-C	chr6	31238850	31239125
HLA-C	chr6	31239376	31239645
HLA-C	chr6	31237987	31238262
HLA-DQA1	chr6	32610386	32610541
HLA-DQA1	chr6	32609748	32610030
HLA-DQB1	chr6	32629744	32630025
HLA-DQB1	chr6	32634276	32634384
HLA-DRB1	chr6	32549334	32549615
HLA-DRB1	chr6	32557420	32557519
HLA-DRB5	chr6	32497902	32498001
HS6ST1	chr2	129075610	129076137
HYDIN	chr16	70954494	70955120
HYDIN	chr16	70902473	70902691
HYDIN	chr16	71163542	71163726
IGHG2	chr14	106109389	106109812
KCNJ18	chr17	21318654	21319956
KIR2DL3	chr19	55255243	55255536
KRT6B	chr12	52845322	52845862
KRT6C	chr12	52866981	52867521
KRT81	chr12	52681379	52681505
MAP2K3	chr17	21204186	21204305

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MAP2K3	chr17	21215454	21215593
MAP2K3	chr17	21203857	21203970
MAP2K3	chr17	21202190	21202238
MAP2K3	chr17	21217459	21217539
MASP1	chr3	186951869	186954355
MLL3	chr7	151944987	151945705
MUC2	chr11	1092080	1093668
MUC3A	chr7	100551549	100552774
MUC3A	chr7	100608728	100608891
MUC3A	chr7	100552880	100553066
MUC3A	chr7	100607745	100607894
MUC4	chr3	195505661	195518368
MUC5B	chr11	1262081	1272973
MUC6	chr11	1015762	1018770
NBPF1	chr1	16890441	16890681
NT5C3	chr7	33053741	33054443
PHF2	chr9	96438876	96439245
PLIN4	chr19	4510458	4513716
PRB1	chr12	11506040	11506936
PRB3	chr12	11420458	11421082
PRB4	chr12	11461172	11461816
PRDM2	chr1	14104913	14109326
PRG4	chr1	186275449	186278272
PRSS2	chr7	142479907	142481375
PRSS3P2	chr7	142479908	142480068
PTCSC3	chr14	36604916	36605563
RP1L1	chr8	10464404	10470856
SEC63	chr6	108243000	108243113
TAS2R31	chr12	11183007	11183934
TBP	chr6	170870879	170871321
TNXB	chr6	31977307	31977404
TPTE	chr21	10910307	10910399
UNC93A	chr6	167728675	167728937
ZAN	chr7	100349335	100350852

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