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A rapid, cost-effective workflow for accurate, unbiased detection of the protein-coding transcriptome with precise measurement of strand information.

illumina Stranded mRNA Prep, Ligation

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 **6.5 hr**
Assay time

 **< 3 hr**
Hands-on time

 **25-1000 n...**
Input quantity

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Sequencing



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RNA

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comprehensive analysis across the coding transcriptome for discovery of features such as novel isoforms, gene fusions, and allele-specific expression.

Key features

Precise measurement of strand orientation—Enables detection of antisense transcription, enhances transcript annotation, and increases alignment efficiency

Exceptional performance—Provides excellent polyA capture efficiency and coverage uniformity, minimizing required sequencing depth for accurate, unbiased detection of the coding transcriptome.

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High-quality data from low-input samples—Achieves highly sensitive results from as little as 25 ng of high-quality RNA*

Fast library preparation workflow—Prepares libraries ~40% faster than TruSeq Stranded mRNA; shorter incubation times and reduced sample cleanup steps result in a total assay time of 6.5 hr

*Not compatible with FFPE samples

 Specifications

Assay time 6.5 hr

Automation capability Liquid handling robot(s)

Automation details [Explore available automation methods](#)

Content specifications Captures the coding transcriptome with strand information

Description A simple, cost-effective solution for analysis of the coding transcriptome with precise strand information

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Instruments

NextSeq 550 System, NextSeq 2000 System, NextSeq 1000 System, NovaSeq X System, NextSeq 500 System, NovaSeq 6000 System, NovaSeq X Plus System

Mechanism of action

PolyA capture, ligation-based addition of adapters and indexes

Method

mRNA sequencing

Multiplexing

Up to 384 Unique Dual Indexes (UDIs)

Nucleic acid type

RNA

Specialized sample types

Not FFPE-compatible, Low-input samples

Species category

Mammalian, Bovine, Mouse, Human, Rat

Species details

Works with high-quality RNA from any species with polyA tails

Strand specificity

Stranded

System compatibility details

Library prep is designed to be compatible with all Illumina sequencing systems, and is extensively validated on the NextSeq 500/550 and NovaSeq 6000 Systems.

Technology

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Variant class

Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), Gene fusions, Novel transcripts, Transcript variants

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