



Admera Health RUO Services

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Whole Exome Sequencing (WES)

Service description:

Whole Exome Sequencing (WES) is aimed to sequence all the protein-coding regions or exons in a genome, collectively known as exome. There are approximately 180,000 exons which represent less than 2% of the human genome. As most of the disease-related variants are located in the exons, WES is thought to be an efficient way to understand the genetic cause of diseases or conditions. We provide a very cost-effective, high quality WES service.

Advantages:

Low cost
High coverage depth and uniformity
Short TAT

Service grade: Research Use Only (RUO) in a CLIA environment

Genes/regions covered: Human exons in approximately 22,000 genes.

Deliverables:

FASTQ, BAM, and VCF files
Variant annotation

Sequencing depth:

Mean depth of coverage*: $\geq 100x$
90% of exons covered at $\geq 20x$ depth
*Higher depth of coverage available for additional charges, please inquire for details.

Turnaround time: 28 days

Sample requirements*:

Extracted genomic DNA: a minimum of 100 nanogram as quantified by Qubit 2.0

Purity of genomic DNA samples:

OD260/280 ratio is between 1.8 to 2.0

OD260/230 ratio is between 1.5 to 2.0

*Extraction services provided (please inquire)

Library preparation options:

xGen® Exome Research Panel v1.0

TruSeq Exome Library Prep kit

Nextera® Rapid Capture Expanded Exome Kit (additional charges apply, please inquire for details)

SeqCap EZ Exome v3

SureSelect Focused Exome

SureSelect Human All Exon V5

SureSelect Human All Exon V6

*additional library preparation options available, please inquire for details

Sequencing platforms:

Illumina NextSeq, Illumina HiSeq

Data security: biometrically restricted laboratory access, biometrically restricted data room, and closed loop data behind firewall

Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS)

Service Description:

Human whole genome sequencing allows for detection of variations to discover potential correlations to certain disease risks, and it can also play a role as molecular biomarkers for disease diagnosis and prediction. De novo sequencing is typically performed without prior knowledge of the sequencing data. De novo sequencing has proven successful for confirming and expanding upon results from database searches, and providing excellent resources for understanding a species. Some of the most crucial information, obtained by resequencing of organism's genome DNA, are the individual variations in the genome, such as single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP), copy number variation (CNV), and structural variation.

Advantages:

Low cost & short TAT

High coverage depth and uniformity

Service grade: Research Use Only (RUO) in a CLIA environment

Genes/regions covered: Human whole genome

Deliverables:

FASTQ, BAM, and VCF files

Sequencing depth:

Mean depth of coverage: $\geq 30x$

Higher depth of coverage available for additional charges, please inquire for details.

Turnaround time: 28 days

Sample requirements:

Extracted genomic DNA: a minimum of 100 nanogram as quantified by Qubit 2.0

Purity of genomic DNA samples:

OD260/280 ratio is between 1.8 to 2.0

OD260/230 ratio is between 1.5 to 2.0

*Extraction services provided (please inquire)

Sequencing platforms:

Illumina HiSeq X Ten Platform

Library preparation options:

KAPA Hyper Prep Kits

Nextera XT

Data security: biometrically restricted laboratory access, biometrically restricted data room, and closed loop data behind firewall

RNA-Seq

Service description:

Transcriptome profiling with RNA-Seq is a powerful tool for analyzing gene expression levels within an individual sample as well as for comparing differential gene expression between multiple samples. Additionally, RNA-Seq is capable of detecting the presence of novel isoforms, alternatively spliced transcripts; potential gene fusion events can also be detected through analysis of RNA-seq data.

Advantages:

Complete solution from RNA extraction to bioinformatics analysis
Variable sample type: mRNA, whole transcriptome, targeted RNA, miRNA, low input, ribosomal profiling
Ability to detect transcripts with low expression levels
Low cost and short TAT

Service grade: Research Use Only (RUO) in a CLIA environment

Deliverables:

Raw data as FASTQ files
Quality control results
Gene expression analysis (FPKM in both gene and transcript levels)
Alternative splicing/novel isoform analysis
List of potential gene fusion events if detected

TAT: 28 days

Sample requirements*:

Extracted RNA, Fresh frozen tissue or cell pellet, FFPE tissue on slides (extra QC may be needed)

Purity of samples:

OD260/280 ratio is between 1.8 to 2.0

OD260/230 ratio is between 1.5 to 2.0

*Extraction services provided (please inquire)

Sequencing platforms:

High depth of coverage and long reads available, please inquire for details.

Library preparation options*:

NEBNext® Ultra™ RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina
NEBNext® Ultra™ Directional RNA Library Prep Kit
NEBNext Multiplex Small RNA Library Prep Kit
TruSeq Small RNA Library Preparation Kits
SMARTer Stranded Total RNA-Seq Kit - Pico Input Mammalian
SMART-Seq® v4 Ultra® Low Input RNA Kit
ArcherDx Fusionplex

*Special library prep method upon to request

Basic data analysis included: Read mapping (Tophat) and Gene expression quantification (Cufflinks /FPKM) for human, Single Nucleotide Variation discovery, Fusion Gene Detection*

*Additional charge may apply for special requirement

Data security: biometrically restricted laboratory access, biometrically restricted data room, and closed loop data behind firewall

16S rRNA sequencing

Service description

The goal of 16S Ribosomal RNA Sequencing is to determine the type and relative abundance of bacterial and archaeal species in heterogeneous samples, such as soil, marine, or gut microbiome. Floracheck™ is a proprietary assay that improves upon current 16S metagenomics techniques with significant sensitivity and specificity. Side-by-side comparison with the most commonly used 16S metagenomics assays reveals that Floracheck™ has the ability to detect more bacterial and archaeal genera with a lower limit of detection for both environmental and mammalian species.

Advantages:

Higher sensitivity
Low bias
Cost-effective
Fast TAT

Region coverage:

Floracheck™ Environmental (V3, V4, and V5 hypervariable regions)
Floracheck™ Mammalian (V3 and V4 hypervariable regions)
Floracheck™ Essential (V4 hypervariable region)

Deliverables:

Raw data as FASTQ files
Chart detailing the type and relative abundance of bacterial and archaeal genera in each sample

Sequencing Depth:

Guaranteed 50MB data, deep coverage per request

Turnaround time: 2 weeks

Sample requirements*:

Extracted genomic DNA: a minimum of 100 nanogram as quantified by Qubit 2.0

Purity of genomic DNA samples:

OD260/280 ratio is between 1.8 to 2.0

OD260/230 ratio is between 1.5 to 2.0

*Extraction services provided (please inquire)

Data security: biometrically restricted laboratory access, biometrically restricted data room, and closed loop data behind firewall

Metatranscriptomics

Service Description:

Metatranscriptomics has been developed to help understand how communities respond to changes in their environment. Metagenomic studies provided a snapshot of the genetic composition of the community at any given time. However, short-timescale studies investigating the response of communities to rapid environmental changes (e.g. pollution events or diurnal light availability) require analysis of changes in the abundance and composition of the active fraction of the community. Metatranscriptomics enables researchers to investigate the actively transcribed ribosomal and messenger RNA from a community. It has been applied to environments as diverse as soil and seawater.

Advantages:

- a) Complete solution from RNA extraction to BI analysis
- c) Ability to detect transcripts with low expression levels
- e) Low cost and fast TAT

Service grade: Research Use Only (RUO) in a CLIA environment

TAT: 28 days

Deliverables:

- a) Raw data as FASTQ files
- b) Quality control result
- c) Gene expression analysis (FPKM in both gene and transcript levels)
- d) Alternative splicing/novel isoform analysis
- e) List of potential gene fusion events if detected.

Sample requirements (internal QC upon receipt):

- a) Extracted RNA
- b) Cell pellet

Sequencing platforms:

High depth of coverage and long reads available

*price upon to request

Library preparation options:

- a) NEBNext® Ultra™ RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina
- b) NEBNext® Ultra™ Directional RNA Library Prep Kit
- c) Ribo-Zero rRNA Removal Kit
- d) RiboMinus™ Transcriptome Isolation Kit
- e) SMART-Seq v4 Ultra Low Input RNA Kit

*Special library prep method upon to request

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Metagenomics

Service description:

Metagenomics is the study of genetic material recovered directly from environmental samples. The broad field may also be referred to as environmental genomics, ecogenomics or community genomics. While traditional microbiology and microbial genome sequencing and genomics rely upon cultivated clonal cultures, early environmental gene sequencing cloned specific genes (often the 16S rRNA gene) to produce a profile of diversity in a natural sample. Such work revealed that the vast majority of microbial biodiversity had been missed by cultivation-based methods. Recent studies use either "shotgun" or PCR directed sequencing to get largely unbiased samples of all genes from all the members of the sampled communities. Because of its ability to reveal the previously hidden diversity of microscopic life, metagenomics offers a powerful lens for viewing the microbial world that has the potential to revolutionize understanding of the entire living world. As the price of DNA sequencing continues to fall, metagenomics now allows microbial ecology to be investigated at a much greater scale and detail than before.

Advantages:

Higher sensitivity
Low bias
Cost-effective & fast turnaround time

TAT: 28 days

Region coverage:

Whole Genome

Sample Submission:

Cell pellets
High quality genomic DNA (a minimum of 100ng as quantified by Qubit 2.0)

Purity of genomic human DNA samples:

- a) OD260/280 ratio is between 1.8 to 2.0
- b) OD260/230 ratio is between 1.5 to 2.0

Deliverables:

Raw data as FASTQ files
Assembly and de novo per request

Data security: biometrically restricted laboratory access, biometrically restricted data room, and closed loop data behind firewall

Customized gene panels

Service description:

Targeted resequencing allows researchers to analyze a specific subset of the genome to discover and validate novel variants, examine specific genes in pathways, or as a follow-up to GWAS data. Based on prior knowledge of the region of interest, custom targeted sequencing aims to only sequence the specified subset of the genome to enable maximum utilization of the NGS platform by giving the deepest genetic analysis compared to WGS and Exome-Seq. Depending on the genes for your target, we can design up to 40 million base pairs and perform the gene sequencing for your specific project. Each project is given special attention and designed exclusively.

Advantages:

High coverage depth and uniformity
Short TAT
Accurate results

Service grade:

Research Use Only (RUO) in a CLIA environment

Genes/regions covered:

In flexibility to target 1-1000 genes

Deliverables:

FASTQ, BAM and VCF files
Variant annotation

Sequencing depth*:

Mean depth of coverage: $\geq 250x$
90% of exons covered at $\geq 50x$ depth

*Higher depth of coverage available for additional charges, please inquire for details

TAT: 28 days

Sample requirements*:

Extracted genomic DNA: a minimum of 100 nanogram as quantified by Qubit 2.0

Purity of genomic DNA samples:

OD260/280 ratio is between 1.8 to 2.0

OD260/230 ratio is between 1.5 to 2.0

*Extraction services provided (please inquire)

Sequencing platforms:

Illumina NextSeq, Illumina HiSeq

Library preparation options:

xGen® target capture products

TruSeq Custom Amplicon Low Input Library Prep Kit

Powered by the SmartChip™ technology, WaferGen technology based singleplex PCR

Data security: biometrically restricted laboratory access, biometrically restricted data room, and closed loop data behind firewall

Quantitative Real-Time PCR (qPCR)

Admera Health, a molecular diagnostics company, offers qualitative and quantitative real time PCR for all of your NGS based DNA and RNA needs. Run on our QuantStudio® 5, we offer qPCR services using a variety of commercial kits on SYBR Green-based assays.

Service Description:

Real Time PCR allows for the enzymatic amplification and fluorescent labeling of a short, specific region of your template. As amplification continues, fluorescence is released in a manner that is directly proportional to the amount of DNA that is amplified. The release of fluorescence during amplification is monitored in real time providing highly sensitive quantitative data. The results gained from performing RT-qPCR have a variety of applications, including identifying microorganisms, genotyping, detecting SNPs, primer efficiency, precise quantitation measures, etc.

Advantages:

Fast turnaround times

Affordable pricing

Deliverables:

RAW data

Exported excel file

TAT: 1-2 weeks

Sample Acceptance Criteria:

gDNA Concentration starting from as little as 20ng per sample

RNA Concentration starting from as little as 100ng per sample

Platform: QuantStudio® 5

Data security: biometrically restricted laboratory access, biometrically restricted data room, and closed loop data behind firewall

Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) typing

Service description:

Human leukocyte antigen (HLA genes are the most polymorphic in the human genome). They play a pivotal role in the immune response and have been implicated in numerous human pathologies, especially autoimmunity and infectious diseases. When a mutation occurs in any of the 11 HLA loci, our body loses the ability to distinguish between self cells and non-self cells. Furthermore, mutations can cause transplant rejection, autoimmune responses, promotion of cancer, and drug sensitivity.

Advantages:

Sample-to-report services.
High-throughput, high-resolution human leukocyte antigen (HLA) typing results
Definitive, unambiguous results
High coverage depth and uniformity
Short TAT

Genes/regions covered:

Loci Target Sequence
HLA-A 4.1 kb (entire gene)
HLA-B 2.6 kb (exons 1-7 + introns)
HLA-C 4.2 kb (entire gene)
HLA-DRB1/3/4/5 4.1 kb (exon 2, intron 4)
HLA-DQB1 7.1 kb (exon 1-3'UTR)
HLA-DPB1 9.7 kb (exon 2-3'UTR)
HLA-DQA1 7.3 kb (entire gene)
HLA-DPA1 10.3 kb (entire gene)

Deliverables:

FASTQ, BAM, and VCF files
Variant annotation
Technical report

Sequencing depth

Mean depth of coverage: $\geq 300x$

TAT: 28 days

Sample requirements*:

Extracted genomic DNA: a minimum of 100 nanogram as quantified by Qubit 2.0

Purity of genomic DNA samples:

OD260/280 ratio is between 1.8 to 2.0

OD260/230 ratio is between 1.5 to 2.0

*Extraction services provided (please inquire)

Sequencing platforms:

Illumina MiSeq, Illumina NextSeq

Library preparation:

Illumina's TruSight™ HLA Sequencing Panel

Software & Reporting:

Conexio Genomics

Data security: biometrically restricted laboratory access, biometrically restricted data room, and closed loop data behind firewall

Clinical Biomarker Services

Your Complete Clinical Biomarker Solution Partner

Service Description:

Admera Health discovers, develops, and commercializes non-invasive clinical biomarkers and diagnostic tests. We are a trusted partner to biopharmaceutical companies and biomedical institutions, enabling their efforts to bring the most effective personalized therapies to global markets.

Our Ability to Deliver

Admera Health provides effective clinical biomarker solutions to meet your needs throughout the entire discovery, development, approval, and commercialization process. Our client can depend on us to deliver the following high quality services:

- Experiment design
- Feasibility studies
- Novel biomarker discovery
- Clinical validation
- Companion diagnostic development
- Regulatory approval
- CLIA-certified, CAP-accredited laboratory services
- Commercialization of clinical tests to global markets
- Project management and customer service
- Reimbursement

Our Technology Platforms and Advantages

We have set up an array of technology platforms to discover and develop different types of clinical biomarkers, including but not limited to DNA mutation, RNA (mRNA, smRNA, miRNA), protein and metabolite biomarkers. In particular, we have proprietary platforms that are suitable for developing non-invasive clinical biomarkers:

BEST™: this blocker-based enrichment technology preferentially amplifies circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) in blood and reliably identifies genetic alterations. We offer this technology on both qPCR and NGS platform. An added benefit of using NGS is the ability to accurately quantify ctDNA abundance, thus indicating tumor burden.

CiRiSeq™: this technology incorporates an innovative non-blocker non-probe based method to enrich genes and regions of interest. Its near error-free deep sequencing technology is ideal for novel rare mutation discovery.

UltraD™: this aptamer-based technology uses single-stranded nucleic acid to bind to targets including proteins and small molecules in a similar fashion to antibodies. Compared to traditional antibodies, UltraD™ has advantages such as easy chemical synthesis and modification, short development time, reduced cost, batch consistency, stability, and long shelf-life. Hence, it's more suitable for the development of novel clinical applications.

Key Features & Benefits:

- Complete solutions include biomarker discovery and validation, as well as development and processing of clinically relevant assays and companion diagnostics.
- Expertise with and availability of multiple technology platforms, including liquid biopsy, aptamer, next generation sequencing, and qPCR.
- State-of-the-art CLIA-certified, and CAP-accredited laboratory.
- Pre-designed solutions and CLIA-certified tests for oncology, cardiovascular and pharmacogenomics diagnostics.
- Extensive experience in obtaining regulatory approval and commercialization of Lab Developed Tests (LDTs) globally, especially in US and China.

Aptamer Services

Service description:

Aptamers are single-stranded DNA or RNA (ssDNA or ssRNA) molecules that can bind to pre-selected targets including proteins and peptides with high affinity and specificity. Similar to antibodies, aptamers interact with their targets by recognizing a specific three-dimensional structure and are thus termed “chemical antibodies.” In contrast to protein antibodies, aptamers offer unique chemical and biological characteristics based on their oligonucleotide properties, with advantages of easy chemical synthesis and modification, short development time, reduced cost, batch consistency, stability, and long shelf-life. Hence, they are more suitable for the development of novel clinical applications. Aptamer technology has been widely investigated in various biomedical fields for biomarker discovery, in vitro diagnosis, in vivo imaging, and targeted therapy.

We offer the following custom aptamer services:

- 1) Aptamer design and characterization against known targets
- 2) Novel biomarker discovery
- 3) Aptamer-based companion diagnostic development
- 4) Aptamer-based therapeutic target validation and drug development

Advantages:

More than 10 years of experience and expertise in aptamer technology
Strong track record in developing clinical tests
Proprietary technology platforms
Reduced cost and short TAT
CLIA environment

Deliverables:

Desired aptamer products with characterized sequence and affinity.

Novel biomarkers (proteins, peptides, small molecules)

Aptamer-based companion diagnostics

Aptamer-based drug leads

TAT: 4-12 weeks* for aptamer design and characterization

*For biomarker discovery, aptamer-based companion diagnostics and drug leads, it depends on the complexity of the projects.

Sample Requirements:

For aptamer development against known targets, customers need to provide the targets (proteins, peptides, small molecules). For other services such as biomarker discovery, aptamer-based diagnostic and therapeutic development, customers need to provide specimens (plasma / body fluids / cells) and relevant information.