



# **SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Automated Target Enrichment for Illumina Multiplexed Sequencing**

**Featuring Transposase-Based Library  
Prep Technology**

**Automated using Agilent NGS  
Workstation Option B**

## **Protocol**

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## In this Guide...

This guide describes an optimized protocol for Illumina paired-end multiplexed library preparation using the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Automated Target Enrichment system.

This protocol is specifically developed and optimized to enrich targeted regions of the genome from repetitive sequences and sequences unrelated to the research focus prior to sample sequencing. Sample processing steps are automated using Agilent's NGS Workstation Option B.

### **1 Before You Begin**

This chapter contains information that you should read and understand before you start an experiment.

### **2 Using the Agilent NGS Workstation for SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Target Enrichment**

This chapter contains an orientation to the Agilent NGS Workstation, an overview of the SureSelect target enrichment protocol, and considerations for designing SureSelect experiments for automated processing using the Agilent NGS Workstation.

### **3 Sample Preparation**

This chapter describes the steps to prepare gDNA sequencing libraries for target enrichment.

### **4 Hybridization**

This chapter describes the steps to hybridize and capture the prepared DNA library using a SureSelect or ClearSeq Capture Library.

### **5 Indexing and Sample Processing for Multiplexed Sequencing**

This chapter describes the steps for post-capture amplification and guidelines for sequencing sample preparation.

## **6 Reference**

This chapter contains reference information, including component kit contents and index sequences.

## What's New in Version C0

- Updates to custom sequencing primer mixtures for the NextSeq 500 v2 platform (see [Table 63](#) and [Table 64](#) on page 114)
- Update to P5 Index details for NextSeq 500 platform runs using BaseSpace (see [Table 72](#) on page 124)
- Update to Qubit dsDNA Assay Kit nomenclature ([Table 1](#) on page 12 and [step 4](#) on [page 38](#))
- Updates to SureCycler 8800 PCR plate compatibility considerations (see *Caution* on [page 34](#))
- Support for Agilent 4200 TapeStation (see [Table 5](#) on [page 16](#))
- Correction to ordering information for Axygen 96 Deep Well plates (see [Table 5](#) on page 15)
- Revised ordering information for nucleic acid surface decontamination wipes ([Table 5](#) on page 15)

## What's New in Version B1

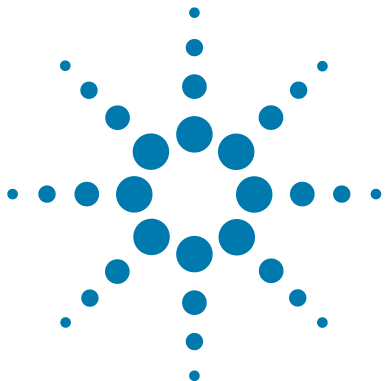
- Support for ClearSeq Capture Libraries, including ClearSeq Comprehensive Cancer Libraries (see [Table 3](#) on page 14).
- Support for Human All Exon v6 Capture Libraries (see [Table 2](#) on page 13).
- Update to SBS Kit Configuration details for HiSeq 2500 Rapid Run sequencing (see [Table 59](#) on page 111).
- Support for sequencing using NextSeq 500 v2 (see [Table 63](#) on page 111).
- Update to Qubit dsDNA Assay Kit ordering information (see [Table 1](#) on page 12).

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# 1 Before You Begin

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Make sure you read and understand the information in this chapter and have the necessary equipment and reagents listed before you start an experiment.

## NOTE

Agilent cannot guarantee the SureSelect Target Enrichment kits and cannot provide technical support for the use of non-Agilent protocols or instruments to process samples for enrichment.



## Procedural Notes

- The SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> system requires high-quality DNA samples for optimal performance. Use best practices for verifying DNA sample quality before initiating the workflow. For best practice, store diluted DNA solutions at 4°C to avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles, which may compromise DNA quality.
- Performance of the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> library preparation protocol is very sensitive to variations in amounts of DNA sample and other reaction components. It is important to quantify and dilute DNA samples as described on [page 38](#). Carefully measure volumes for all reaction components, and combine components as described in this instruction manual. Use best-practices for liquid handling, including regular pipette calibration, to ensure precise volume measurement.
- Use care in handling the SureSelect QXT Enzyme Mix. After removing the vial from storage at -20°C, keep on ice or in a cold block while in use. Return the vial to storage at -20°C promptly after use.
- Use best-practices to prevent PCR product contamination of samples throughout the workflow:
  - 1 Assign separate pre-PCR and post-PCR pipettors, supplies, and reagents. In particular, never use materials designated to post-PCR segments for the pre-PCR segments of the workflow. For the pre-PCR workflow steps, always use dedicated pre-PCR pipettors with nuclease-free aerosol-resistant tips to pipette dedicated pre-PCR solutions.
  - 2 Maintain clean work areas. Clean pre-PCR surfaces that pose the highest risk of contamination daily using a 10% bleach solution.
  - 3 Wear powder-free gloves. Use good laboratory hygiene, including changing gloves after contact with any potentially-contaminated surfaces.
- Possible stopping points, where samples may be stored at -20°C, are marked in the protocol. Do not subject the samples to multiple freeze/thaw cycles.
- To prevent contamination of reagents by nucleases, always wear powder-free laboratory gloves and use dedicated solutions and pipettors with nuclease-free aerosol-resistant tips.
- In general, follow Biosafety Level 1 (BL1) safety rules.

## Safety Notes

### CAUTION

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when working in the laboratory.
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## Required Reagents

**Table 1** Required Reagents for SureSelect<sup>OXT</sup> Target Enrichment

Description	Vendor and part number
SureSelect or ClearSeq Capture Library	Select one library from <a href="#">Table 2</a> or <a href="#">Table 3</a>
SureSelect <sup>OXT</sup> Reagent Kit	Agilent
Illumina HiSeq or MiSeq platform (ILLM), 96 Samples	p/n G9681B
Illumina NextSeq platform (NSQ), 96 Samples	p/n G9683B
Agencourt AMPure XP Kit	Beckman Coulter Genomics
5 ml	p/n A63880
60 ml	p/n A63881
450 ml	p/n A63882
Dynabeads MyOne Streptavidin T1	Life Technologies
2 ml	p/n 65601
10 ml	p/n 65602
100 ml	p/n 65603
1X Low TE Buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 0.1 mM EDTA)	Life Technologies p/n 12090-015, or equivalent
100% Ethanol, molecular biology grade	Sigma-Aldrich p/n E7023
Qubit dsDNA HS Assay Kit <i>or</i>	Life Technologies p/n Q32851
Qubit dsDNA BR Assay Kit	Life Technologies
100 assays	p/n Q32850
500 assays	p/n Q32853
Nuclease-free Water (not DEPC-treated)	Ambion Cat #AM9930

**Table 2** SureSelect<sup>XT</sup> Automation Capture Libraries

Capture Library	96 Reactions	480 Reactions
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Human All Exon v6	5190-8865	5 × 5190-8865
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Human All Exon v6 + UTRs	5190-8883	5 × 5190-8883
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Human All Exon v6 + COSMIC	5190-9309	5 × 5190-9309
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Human All Exon v6 Plus 1	5190-8868	5 × 5190-8868
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Human All Exon v6 Plus 2	5190-8871	5 × 5190-8871
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Clinical Research Exome	5190-7344	5 × 5190-7344
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Focused Exome	5190-7789	5 × 5190-7789
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Focused Exome Plus 1	5190-7792	5 × 5190-7792
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Focused Exome Plus 2	5190-7796	5 × 5190-7796
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Human All Exon v5	5190-6210	5 × 5190-6210
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Human All Exon v5 + UTRs	5190-6215	5 × 5190-6215
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Human All Exon v5 + lncRNA	5190-6448	5 × 5190-6448
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Human All Exon v5 Plus	5190-6224	5 × 5190-6224
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Human All Exon v4	5190-4633	5190-4635
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Human All Exon v4 + UTRs	5190-4638	5190-4640
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Mouse All Exon	5190-4643	5190-4645
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Custom 1 kb up to 499 kb (reorder)	5190-4808 (5190-4813)	5190-4810 (5190-4815)
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Custom 0.5 Mb up to 2.9 Mb (reorder)	5190-4818 (5190-4823)	5190-4820 (5190-4825)
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Custom 3 Mb up to 5.9 Mb (reorder)	5190-4828 (5190-4833)	5190-4830 (5190-4835)
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Custom 6 Mb up to 11.9 Mb (reorder)	5190-4838 (5190-4843)	5190-4840 (5190-4845)
SureSelect <sup>XT</sup> Custom 12 Mb up to 24 Mb (reorder)	5190-4898 (5190-4903)	5190-4900 (5190-4905)

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### Optional Reagents

**Table 3** Compatible ClearSeq Automation Capture Libraries

Capture Library	96 Reactions	480 Reactions
ClearSeq Comprehensive Cancer XT	5190-8013	5 × 5190-8013
ClearSeq Comprehensive Cancer Plus XT	5190-8016	5 × 5190-8016
ClearSeq Inherited Disease XT	5190-7520	5 × 5190-7520
ClearSeq Inherited Disease Plus XT	5190-7523	5 × 5190-7523
ClearSeq DNA Kinome XT	5190-4648	5190-4650

## Optional Reagents

**Table 4** Optional Reagents for SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Target Enrichment

Description	Vendor and part number
Agilent QPCR NGS Library Quantification Kit (Illumina GA)	Agilent p/n G4880A

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**Table 5** Required Equipment for SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Target Enrichment

Description	Vendor and part number
Agilent NGS Workstation Option B, with VWorks software version 11.3.0.1195	Agilent p/n G5522A Contact Agilent Automation Solutions for more information: Customerservice.automation@agilent.com
Robotic Pipetting Tips (Sterile, Filtered, 250 µL)	Agilent p/n 19477-022
Clear Peelable Seal plate seals (for use with the PlateLoc Thermal Plate Sealer)	Agilent p/n 16985-001
Thermal cycler and accessories	SureCycler 8800 Thermal Cycler (Agilent p/n G8810A), 96 well plate module (Agilent p/n G8810A) and compression mats (Agilent p/n 410187) or equivalent
PCR plates compatible with selected Thermal Cycler, e.g. Agilent semi-skirted PCR plate for the SureCycler 8800 Thermal Cycler When selecting plates for another thermal cycler, see <a href="#">Table 9</a> on page 35 for the list of PCR plates supported in automation protocols	Agilent p/n 401334
Eppendorf twin.tec full-skirted 96-well PCR plates	Eppendorf p/n 951020401 or 951020619
Thermo Scientific Reservoirs	Thermo Scientific p/n 1064156
Nunc DeepWell Plates, sterile, 1.3-ml well volume	Thermo Scientific p/n 260251
Axygen 96 Deep Well Plate, 2 mL, Square Well (waste reservoirs; working volume 2.2 mL)	Axygen p/n P-2ML-SQ-C E & K Scientific p/n EK-2440
DNA LoBind Tubes, 1.5-ml PCR clean, 250 pieces	Eppendorf p/n 022431021 or equivalent
Nucleic acid surface decontamination wipes	DNA Away Surface Decontaminant Wipes, Thermo Scientific p/n 7008, or equivalent
Qubit Fluorometer	Life Technologies p/n Q32857
Qubit Assay Tubes	Life Technologies p/n Q32856
Vacuum concentrator	Savant SpeedVac, model DNA120, with 96-well plate rotor, model RD2MP, or equivalent

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### Required Equipment

**Table 5** Required Equipment for SureSelect<sup>OXT</sup> Target Enrichment

Description	Vendor and part number
Magnetic separator	DynaMag-50 magnet, Life Technologies p/n 123-02D or equivalent
DNA Analysis Platform and Consumables	
Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer Laptop Bundle	Agilent p/n G2943CA
Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer Electrophoresis Set	Agilent p/n G2947CA
Agilent DNA 1000 Kit	Agilent p/n 5067-1504
Agilent High Sensitivity DNA Kit	Agilent p/n 5067-4626
OR	
Agilent 4200 TapeStation	Agilent p/n G2991AA
Agilent D1000 ScreenTape	Agilent p/n 5067-5582
Agilent D1000 Reagents	Agilent p/n 5067-5583
Agilent High Sensitivity D1000 ScreenTape	Agilent p/n 5067-5584
Agilent D1000 Reagents	Agilent p/n 5067-5585
OR	
Agilent 2200 TapeStation	Agilent p/n G2964AA or G2965AA
Agilent D1000 ScreenTape	Agilent p/n 5067-5582
Agilent D1000 Reagents	Agilent p/n 5067-5583
Agilent High Sensitivity D1000 ScreenTape	Agilent p/n 5067-5584
Agilent D1000 Reagents	Agilent p/n 5067-5585
Centrifuge	Eppendorf Centrifuge model 5804 or equivalent
Plate or strip tube centrifuge	Labnet International MPS1000 Mini Plate Spinner p/n C1000 (requires adapter, p/n C1000-ADAPT, for use with strip tubes) or equivalent
Pipettes (multichannel pipette and P10, P20, P200 and P1000 pipettes)	Pipetman or equivalent
Vortex mixer	
Ice bucket	
Powder-free gloves	
Sterile, nuclease-free aerosol barrier pipette tips	





## 2 Using the Agilent NGS Workstation for SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Target Enrichment

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This chapter contains an orientation to the Agilent NGS Workstation, an overview of the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> target enrichment protocol, and considerations for designing SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> experiments for automated processing using the Agilent NGS Workstation.



## About the Agilent NGS Workstation

### About the Bravo Platform

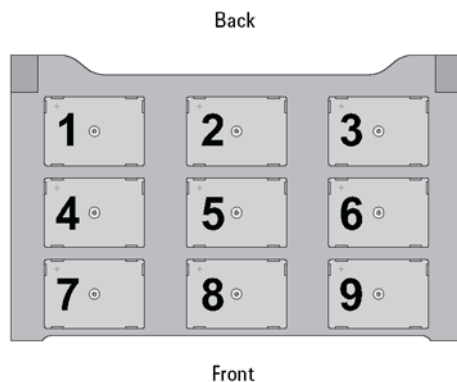
The Bravo platform is a versatile liquid handler with a nine plate-location platform deck, suitable for handling 96-well, 384-well, and 1536-well plates. The Bravo platform is controlled by the VWorks Automation Control software. Fitted with a choice of seven interchangeable fixed-tip or disposable-tip pipette heads, it accurately dispenses fluids from 0.1  $\mu$ l to 250  $\mu$ l.

#### CAUTION

Before you begin, make sure that you have read and understand operating, maintenance and safety instructions for using your Bravo platform. Refer to the *Bravo Platform User Guide* (G5409-90006) and the *VWorks Software User Guide* (G5415-90063).

#### Bravo Platform Deck

The protocols in the following sections include instructions for placing plates and reagent reservoirs on specific Bravo deck locations. Use [Figure 1](#) to familiarize yourself with the location numbering convention on the Bravo platform deck.



**Figure 1** Bravo platform deck

### Setting the Temperature of Bravo Deck Heat Blocks

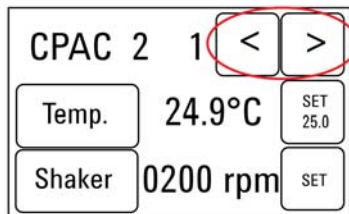
Bravo deck positions 4 and 6 are equipped with Inheco heat blocks, used to incubate sample plates at defined temperatures during the run. Runs that include high- (85°C) or low- (4°C) temperature incubation steps may be expedited by pre-setting the temperature of the affected block before starting the run.

Bravo deck heat block temperatures may be changed using the Inheco Multi TEC Control device touchscreen as described in the steps below. See [Table 6](#) for designations of the heat block-containing Bravo deck positions on the Multi TEC control device.

**Table 6** Inheco Multi TEC Control touchscreen designations

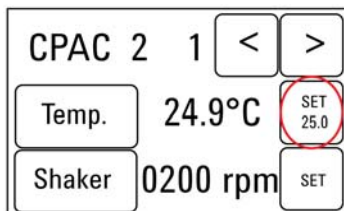
Bravo Deck Position	Designation on Inheco Multi TEC Control Screen
4	CPAC 2 1
6	CPAC 2 2

- Using the arrow buttons, select the appropriate block (CPAC 2 block 1 or CPAC 2 block 2).

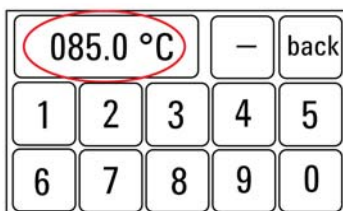


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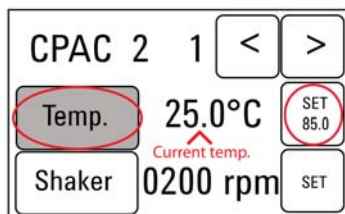
- 2 To set the temperature of the selected block, press the SET button.



- 3 Using the numeral pad, enter the desired temperature. The entered temperature appears in the top, left rectangle. Once the correct temperature is displayed, press the rectangle to enter the temperature.



- 4 Press the Temp button until the new temperature is displayed on the SET button and until the Temp button is darkened, indicating that the selected heat block is heating or cooling to the new temperature setting. The current temperature of the block is indicated in the center of the display.



### Setting the Temperature of Bravo Deck Position 9 Using the ThermoCube Device

Bravo deck position 9 is equipped with a ThermoCube thermoelectric temperature control system, used to incubate components at a defined temperature during the run. During protocols that require temperature control at position 9, you will be instructed to start and set the temperature of the ThermoCube device before starting the run.

ThermoCube temperature settings are modified using the control panel (LCD display screen and four input buttons) on the front panel of the device using the following steps.

- 1 Turn on the ThermoCube and wait for the LCD screen to display **TEMP.**
- 2 Press the **UP** or **DOWN** button to change **SET TEMP 1** to the required set point.
- 3 Press the **START** button.

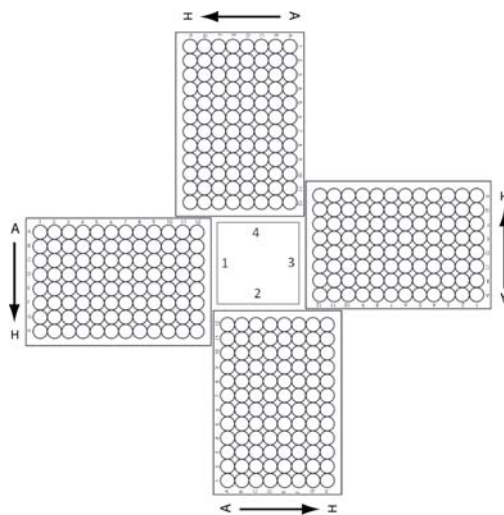
The ThermoCube then initiates temperature control of Bravo deck position 9 at the displayed set point.

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### Using the Labware MiniHub

The protocols in the following sections include instructions for placing plates or reservoirs at specific Labware MiniHub positions. Use [Figure 2](#) to familiarize yourself with the required orientations loading plates in the Labware MiniHub for use in SureSelect automation protocols.

For Thermo Scientific reservoirs, place the notched corner facing the center of the hub.



**Figure 2** Agilent Labware MiniHub plate orientation.

## VWorks Automation Control Software

VWorks software, included with your Agilent NGS Workstation, allows you to control the robot and integrated devices using a PC. The Agilent NGS Workstation is preloaded with VWorks software containing all of the necessary SureSelect system liquid handling protocols. General instructions for starting up the VWorks software and the included protocols is provided below. Each time a specific VWorks protocol is used in the SureSelect procedure, any settings required for that protocol are included in the relevant section of this manual.

### NOTE

The instructions in this manual are compatible with VWorks software version 11.3.0.1195, including SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> automation protocols version 1.0.

If you have questions about VWorks version compatibility, please contact [service.automation@agilent.com](mailto:service.automation@agilent.com).

### Logging in to the VWorks software

- 1 Double-click the VWorks icon or the SureSelectQXT\_ILM\_v1.0.VWForm shortcut on the Windows desktop to start the VWorks software.
- 2 If User Authentication dialog is not visible, click **Log in** on the VWorks window toolbar.
- 3 In the User Authentication dialog, type your VWorks user name and password, and click **OK**. (If no user account is set up, contact the administrator.)


### VWorks protocol and runset files

VWorks software uses two file types for automation runs, .pro (protocol) files and .rst (runset) files. Runset files are used for automated procedures in which the workstation uses more than one automation protocol during the run.

## 2 Using the Agilent NGS Workstation for SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Target Enrichment VWorks Automation Control Software

### Using the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup>\_ILM\_v1.0.VWForm to setup and start a run

Use the VWorks form SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup>\_ILM\_v1.0.VWForm, shown below, to set up and start each SureSelect automation protocol or runset.



**SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup>**  
Transposase Library Prep  
for Illumina sequencers

**Parameters**

1) Select Protocol to Run

AMPureXP Case:

2) Select PCR Plate labware for Thermal Cycling

3) Select Number of Columns of Samples

4) Click button below to Display Initial Workstation Setup

5) Load labware according to Workstation Setup -->

**Controls**

Once you have loaded labware according to Workstation Setup on right, click "Run Selected Protocol" to start run.

Elapsed Time: 00:00:00

**Information**

Currently Running Protocol:

**Advanced Settings**

TESTING ONLY: Reduces all incubation times

**Workstation Setup**

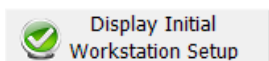
MiniHub	MiniHub Cassette 1	MiniHub Cassette 2	MiniHub Cassette 3	MiniHub Cassette 4
Shelf 5				
Shelf 4				
Shelf 3				
Shelf 2				
Shelf 1				

**Bravo Deck**

<Position 1>	<Position 2>	<Position 3>
<Pos 4: Peltier>	<Pos 5: Shaker>	<Pos 6: Peltier>
<Pos 7: Magnetic>	<Position 8>	<Pos 9: Chiller>

BenchCel	BenchCel Stacker 1	BenchCel Stacker 2	BenchCel Stacker 3	BenchCel Stacker 4

- 1 Open the form using the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup>\_ILM\_v1.0.VWForm shortcut on your desktop.
- 2 Use the form drop-down menus to select the appropriate SureSelect workflow step and number of columns of samples for the run.
- 3 Once all run parameters have been specified on the form, click **Display Initial Workstation Setup**.





- 4 The Workstation Setup region of the form will then display the required placement of reaction components and labware on the NGS Workstation for the specified run parameters.



**SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup>**  
Transposase Library Prep  
for Illumina sequencers

**Parameters**

1) Select Protocol to Run

LibraryPrep\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.rst

AMPureXP Case: Not Applicable

2) Select PCR Plate labware for Thermal Cycling

96 Agilent Semi-skirted PCR in Red Alum Insert

3) Select Number of Columns of Samples

12

4) Click button below to Display Initial Workstation Setup

Display Initial Workstation Setup    Clear Workstation Setup Display

5) Load labware according to Workstation Setup -->

**Controls**

Once you have loaded labware according to Workstation Setup on right, click "Run Selected Protocol" to start run.

Run Selected Protocol    Pause    Initialize all devices

Full Screen    Gantt Chart    Elapsed Time: 00:00:00

Reset All Form Selections to Defaults

**Information**

Currently Running Protocol:

**Advanced Settings**

TESTING ONLY: Reduces all incubation times

**Workstation Setup**

MiniHub				
	MiniHub Cassette 1	MiniHub Cassette 2	MiniHub Cassette 3	MiniHub Cassette 4
Shelf 5		Empty Nunc DeepWell Plate		
Shelf 4				Stop Solution (twin.tec)
Shelf 3		Empty Eppendorf twin.tec Plate		
Shelf 2	New Tip Box	Nuclease-free Water Reservoir	AmpureXP Beads in Nunc DeepWell	
Shelf 1	Empty Tip Box	70% Ethanol Reservoir		Empty Tip Box

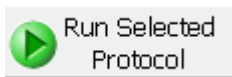
**Bravo Deck**

<Position 1> Waste Reservoir (Axygen 96DW)	<Position 2>	<Position 3>
<Pos 4: Peltier> 52°C Red Insert	<Pos 5: Shaker>	<Pos 6: Peltier> 4°C Nunc MasterMix Plate (Col 1)
<Pos 7: Magnetic> DNA Plate (twin.tec)	<Position 8>	<Pos 9: Chiller> 0°C Empty Eppendorf twin.tec Plate on Red Insert

**BenchCel**

BenchCel Stacker 1	BenchCel Stacker 2	BenchCel Stacker 3	BenchCel Stacker 4
8 Tip Boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty

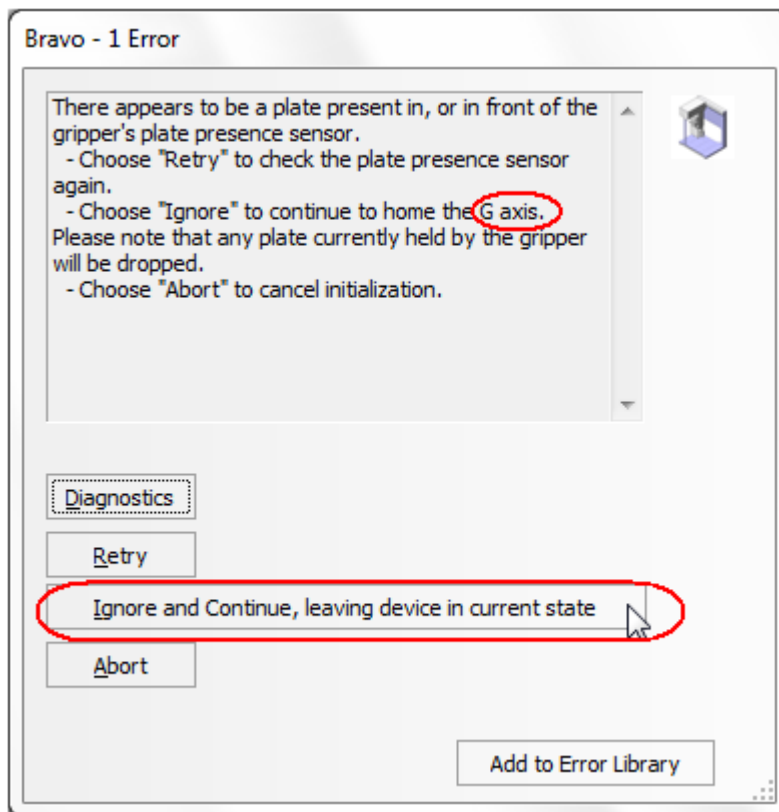
- 5 After verifying that the NGS Workstation has been set up correctly, click **Run Selected Protocol**.



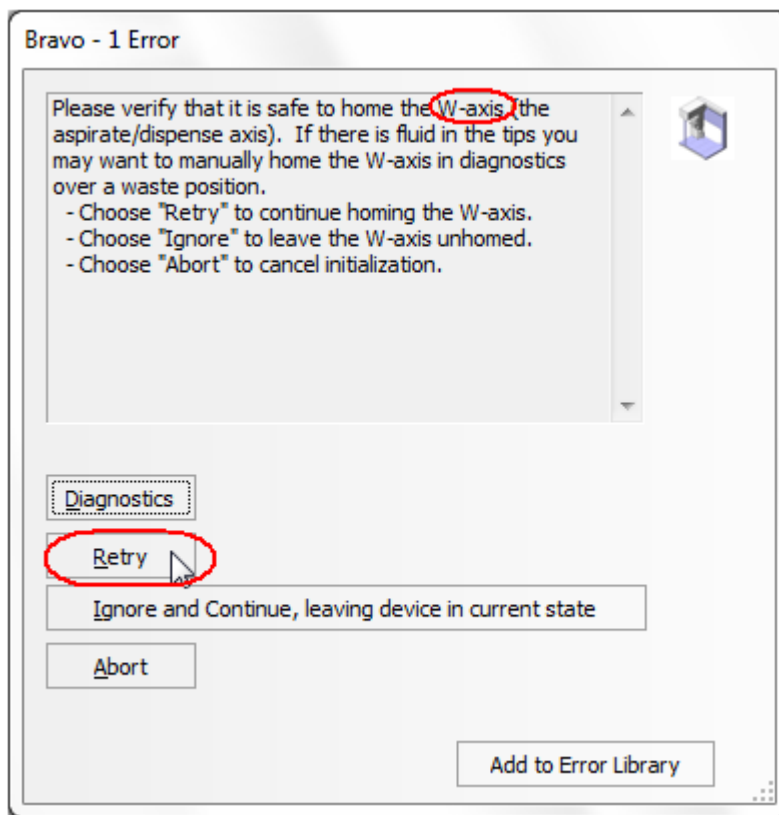
### Error messages encountered at start of run

After starting the run, you may see the error messages displayed below. When encountered, make the indicated selections and proceed with the run. Encountering either or both of these error messages is not indicative of a problem with the NGS workstation or your run setup.

- 1 If you encounter the G-axis error message shown below, select **Ignore and Continue, leaving device in current state**.



- 2 If you encounter the W-axis error message shown below, select **Retry**.



### Verifying the Simulation setting

VWorks software may be run in simulation mode, during which commands entered on screen are not completed by the NGS workstation. If workstation devices do not respond when you start a run, verify the simulation mode status in VWorks using the following steps.

- 1 Verify that **Simulation is off** is displayed on the status indicator (accessible by clicking **View > Control Toolbar**).



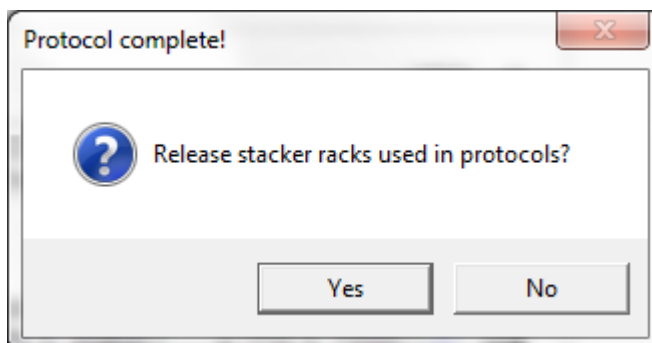
- 2 If the indicator displays **Simulation is on**, click the status indicator button to turn off the simulation mode.

#### NOTE

If you cannot see the toolbar above the SureSelect\_XT\_Illumina VWorks form, click the **Full Screen** button to exit full screen mode. If the toolbar is still not visible, right-click on the form and then select **Control Toolbar** from the menu.

### Finishing a protocol or runset

The window below appears when each run is complete. Click **Yes** to release the BenchCel racks to allow removal of components used in the current run in preparation for the next .pro or .rst run.



## Overview of the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Target Enrichment Procedure

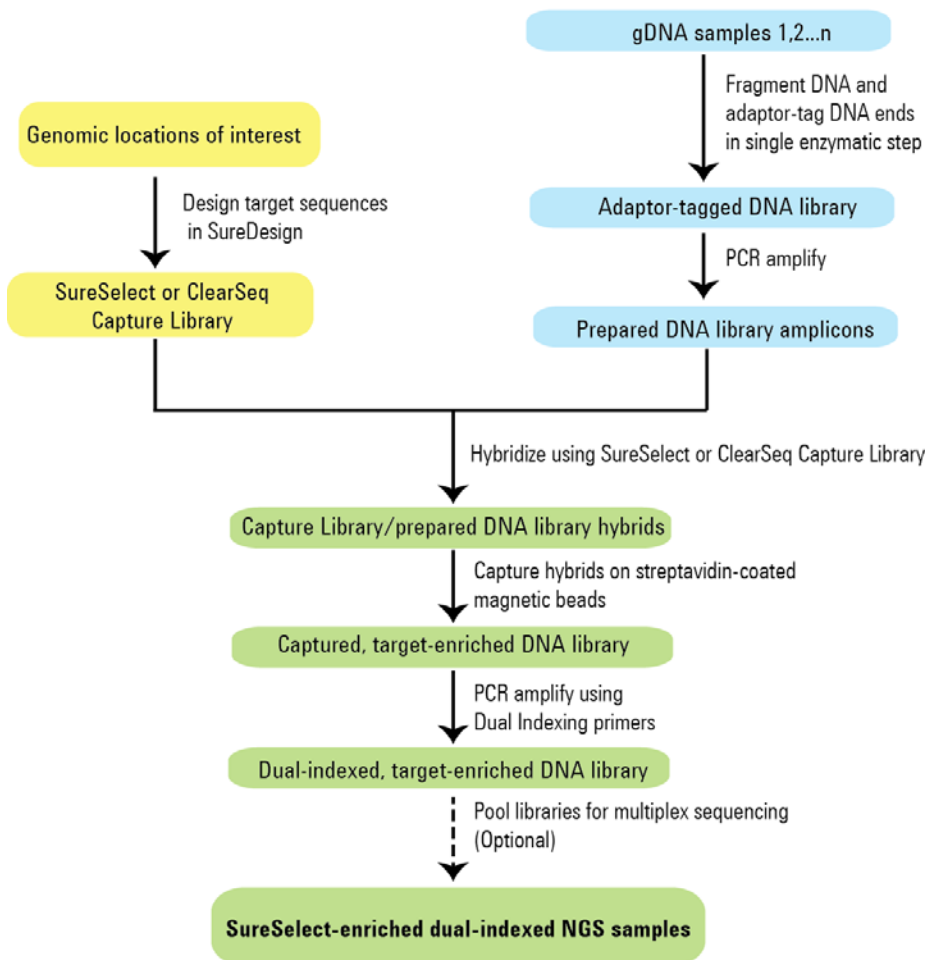
Figure 3 summarizes the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> target enrichment workflow for samples to be sequenced using the Illumina paired-read sequencing platform. For each sample to be sequenced, individual library preparations, hybridizations, and captures are performed. The samples are then tagged by PCR with an index sequence. Depending on the target size of the SureSelect capture, up to 96 samples can be pooled and sequenced in a single lane using the dual index tags that are provided with SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Library Prep kits.

Table 7 summarizes how the VWorks protocols are integrated into the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> workflow. See [Sample Preparation](#), [Hybridization](#), and [Indexing and Sample Processing for Multiplexed Sequencing](#) chapters for complete instructions for use of the VWorks protocols for sample processing.

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### Overview of the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Target Enrichment Procedure

## SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> NGS Target Enrichment Workflow



**Figure 3** Overall sequencing sample preparation workflow.

**Table 7** Overview of VWorks protocols and runsets used for SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Target Enrichment

Workflow Step (Protocol Chapter)	Substep	VWorks Protocols Used for Agilent NGS Workstation automation
Sample Preparation	Prepare fragmented and adaptor-tagged DNA	LibraryPrep_QXT_ILM_v1.0.rst
	Amplify adaptor-tagged DNA	Pre-CapturePCR_QXT_ILM_v1.0.pro
	Purify DNA using AMPure XP beads	AMPureXP_QXT_ILM_v1.0.pro:Pre-Capture PCR
Hybridization	Aliquot prepped libraries for hybridization	Aliquot_Libraries_v1.0.pro
	Hybridize prepped DNA to Capture Library	Hybridization_QXT_v1.0.pro
	Capture and wash DNA hybrids	SureSelectQXT_Capture&Wash_v1.0.rst
Indexing	Add index tags by PCR	Post-CapturePCR_QXT_ILM_v1.0.pro
	Purify DNA using AMPure XP beads	AMPureXP_QXT_ILM_v1.0.pro:Post-Capture PCR

## Experimental Setup Considerations for Automated Runs

Agilent SureSelect Automated Library Prep and Capture System runs may include 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 12 columns (equivalent to 8, 16, 24, 32, 48, or 96 wells) of gDNA samples to be enriched for sequencing on the Illumina platform. Plan your experiments using complete columns of samples.

**Table 8** Columns to Samples Equivalency

Number of Columns Processed	Total Number of Samples Processed
1	8
2	16
3	24
4	32
6	48
12	96

The number of columns or samples that may be processed using the supplied reagents will depend on the experimental design. For greatest efficiency of reagent use, plan experiments using at least 3 columns per run. Each 96-reaction kit contains sufficient reagents for 96 reactions configured as 4 runs of 3 columns of samples per run.



## Considerations for Placement of gDNA Samples in 96-well Plates for Automated Processing

- The Agilent NGS Workstation processes samples column-wise beginning at column 1. gDNA samples should be loaded into 96-well plates column-wise, in well order A1 to H1, then A2 to H2, ending with A12 to H12. When processing partial runs with <12 sample columns, do not leave empty columns between sample columns; always load the plate using the left-most column that is available.
- At the hybridization step (see [Figure 3](#)), you can add a different SureSelect or ClearSeq Capture Library to each row of the plate. Plan your experiment such that each prepared DNA library corresponds to the appropriate Capture Library.
- For post-capture amplification (see [Figure 3](#)), different Capture Libraries can require different amplification cycle numbers, based on sizes of the captured targets. It is most efficient to process similar-sized Capture Libraries on the same plate. See [Table 54](#) on page 100 to determine which Capture Libraries may be amplified on the same plate.
- Post-capture dual index assignments for the DNA samples can affect sample placement decisions at the beginning of the workflow. For example, all samples on the same row of the DNA sample plate must be assigned to the same P5 indexing primer during sample indexing after hybridization to the Capture Library (see [Figure 3](#)). It is important to review and understand the guidelines for assignment of dual indexing primers on [page 94](#) while planning sample placement for the run to ensure that the indexing design is compatible with the initial DNA sample placement.

## Considerations for Equipment Setup

- Some workflow steps require the rapid transfer of sample plates between the Bravo deck and a thermal cycler. Locate your thermal cycler in close proximity to the Agilent NGS Workstation to allow rapid and efficient plate transfer.

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- Several workflow steps require that the sample plate be sealed using the PlateLoc thermal microplate sealer included with the Agilent NGS Workstation, and then centrifuged to collect any dispersed liquid. To maximize efficiency, locate the centrifuge in close proximity to the Agilent NGS Workstation.

### PCR Plate Type Considerations

Automation protocols include several liquid-handling steps in which reagents are dispensed to PCR plates in preparation for transfer to a thermal cycler. For these steps you must specify the PCR plate type to be used on the SureSelectQXT\_ILM\_v1.0.VWForm to allow correct configuration of the liquid handling components for the PCR plate type. Before you begin the automation protocol, make sure that you are using a supported PCR plate type. The PCR plate type to be used in the protocol is specified using the menu below. Vendor and part number information is provided for the supported plate types in [Table 9](#) on page 35.

#### 2) Select PCR Plate labware for Thermal Cycling

3) 96 ABI PCR half skirt in Red Alum Insert  
96 Agilent Semi-skirted PCR in Red Alum Insert  
96 Eppendorf Twin.tec half skirt PCR in Red Alum Insert  
4) 96 Eppendorf Twin.tec PCR in Red Alum Insert

#### CAUTION

The plates listed in [Table 9](#) are compatible with the Agilent NGS Bravo and associated VWorks automation protocols, designed to support use of various thermal cyclers.

Accordingly, some plates listed in [Table 9](#) are not compatible with the recommended SureCycler 8800 Thermal Cycler. When using the SureCycler 8800 Thermal Cycler in the SureSelect automation workflow, use 96 Agilent semi-skirted PCR plates.

When using a different thermal cycler in the workflow, be sure to select a PCR plate that is compatible with your thermal cycler and that is listed in [Table 9](#).

**Table 9** Ordering information for supported PCR plates

Description in VWorks menu	Vendor and part number
96 ABI PCR half-skirted plates (MicroAmp Optical plates)	Life Technologies p/n N8010560
96 Agilent semi-skirted PCR plate	Agilent p/n 401334
96 Eppendorf Twin.tec half-skirted PCR plates	Eppendorf p/n 951020303
96 Eppendorf Twin.tec PCR plates (full-skirted)	Eppendorf p/n 951020401 or 951020619

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### **PCR Plate Type Considerations**



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This section contains instructions for gDNA library preparation specific to the Illumina paired-read sequencing platform and to automated processing using the Agilent NGS Workstation.



### 3 Sample Preparation

#### Step 1. Prepare the genomic DNA samples and Library Prep reagents

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It is important to have all materials prepared in advance of use in the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> automated Library Prep protocol. In this step, the gDNA is carefully quantified and dispensed into the sample plate. Additional reagents that require modification or temperature equilibration before use are also prepared in this step.

- 1 Remove the DMSO vial from the SureSelect QXT Library Prep Kit Box 2 in  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  storage. Leave the DMSO vial at room temperature in preparation for use on [page 49](#).
- 2 Prepare reagents for the purification protocols on [page 41](#) and [page 55](#).
  - a Transfer the AMPure XP beads to room temperature. The beads should be held at room temperature for at least 30 minutes before use. *Do not freeze the beads at any time.*
  - b Prepare 150 ml of fresh 70% ethanol for use in the purification steps. The 70% ethanol may be used for multiple steps done on the same day, when stored in a sealed container.
- 3 Obtain the bottle of SureSelect QXT Stop Solution from SureSelect QXT Hyb Module Box 1 (stored at room temperature). Verify that the SureSelect QXT Stop Solution contains 25% ethanol, by referring to the container label and the instructions below.

Before the first use of a fresh container, add 1.5 ml of ethanol to the provided bottle containing 4.5 ml of stop solution, for a final ethanol concentration of 25%. Seal the bottle then vortex well to mix. After adding the ethanol, be sure to mark the label for reference by later users.

Keep the prepared 1X SureSelect QXT Stop Solution at room temperature, tightly sealed, until it is used on [page 42](#).

- 4 Quantify and dilute gDNA samples using two serial fluorometric assays:
  - a Use the Qubit dsDNA BR Assay or Qubit dsDNA HS Assay to determine the initial concentration of each gDNA sample. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the specific assay kit and the Qubit

## Step 1. Prepare the genomic DNA samples and Library Prep reagents

instrument. This step is critical for successful preparation of input DNA at the required concentration to ensure optimal fragmentation.

- b** Dilute each gDNA sample with nuclease-free water to a final concentration of 100 ng/μl in a 1.5-ml LoBind tube.
  - c** Carefully measure the DNA concentration of each of the 100 ng/μl dilutions using a second Qubit dsDNA BR or HS Assay.
  - d** Adjust each gDNA sample with nuclease-free water to a final concentration of 10 ng/μl in a 1.5-ml LoBind tube.
- 5** Transfer 5 μl of the 10 ng/μl-DNA samples into the wells of a 96-well Eppendorf plate, column-wise, for processing on the Agilent NGS Workstation, in well order A1 to H1, then A2 to H2, ending with A12 to H12.

**NOTE**

SureSelect Automated Library Prep and Capture System runs may include 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 12 columns of the plate. See [Experimental Setup Considerations for Automated Runs](#) on [page 33](#) for additional sample placement considerations.

- 6** Seal the plate using the PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer, with sealing settings of 165°C and 1.0 sec.
- 7** Centrifuge the plate for 30 seconds to drive the well contents off the walls and plate seal and to remove air bubbles.  
Store the sample plate on ice until it is used on [page 45](#).

### 3 Sample Preparation

#### Step 2. Fragment and adaptor-tag the genomic DNA samples

## Step 2. Fragment and adaptor-tag the genomic DNA samples

In this step, automation runset LibraryPrep\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.rst is used to enzymatically fragment the gDNA and to add adaptors to ends of the fragments in a single reaction. After fragmentation and tagging, the Agilent NGS Workstation purifies the prepared DNA using AMPure XP beads.

This step uses the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Reagent Kit components listed in [Table 10](#) in addition to reagents prepared for use on [page 38](#) to [page 39](#).

**Table 10** Reagents for DNA fragmentation and adaptor-tagging

Kit Component	Storage Location	Where Used
SureSelect QXT Buffer	SureSelect QXT Library Prep Kit Box 2, -20°C	<a href="#">page 40</a>
SureSelect QXT Enzyme Mix ILM	SureSelect QXT Library Prep Kit Box 2, -20°C	<a href="#">page 40</a>

### Prepare the workstation

- 1 Clear the Labware MiniHub and BenchCel of all plates and tip boxes.
- 2 Gently wipe down the Labware MiniHub, Bravo decks, and BenchCel with a DNA Away decontamination wipe.
- 3 Pre-set the temperature of Bravo deck position 4 to 52°C and position 6 to 4°C using the Inheco Multi TEC control touchscreen, as described in [Setting the Temperature of Bravo Deck Heat Blocks](#). On the control touchscreen, Bravo deck position 4 corresponds to CPAC 2, position 1 and Bravo deck position 6 corresponds to CPAC 2, position 2.
- 4 Turn on the ThermoCube, set to 0°C, at position 9 of the Bravo deck. Be sure that the chiller reservoir contains at least 300 ml of 25% ethanol.
- 5 Place red PCR plate inserts at Bravo deck positions 4 and 9.



## Step 2. Fragment and adaptor-tag the genomic DNA samples

- 6 Load tip boxes for the run in the BenchCel Microplate Handling Workstation according to [Table 11](#).

**Table 11** Initial BenchCel configuration for LibraryPrep\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.rst

No. of Columns Processed	Rack 1	Rack 2	Rack 3	Rack 4
1	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
2	2 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
3	2 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
4	3 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
6	4 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
12	8 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty

- 7 Load the workstation MiniHub with the empty plates and other labware components for the run, using the positions shown in the Workstation Setup region of the VWorks Form. Use the plate orientations shown in [Figure 2](#) on page 22.

### Prepare the purification reagents

- 8 Verify that the AMPure XP bead suspension is at room temperature. *Do not freeze the beads at any time.*
- 9 Mix the bead suspension well so that the reagent appears homogeneous and consistent in color.
- 10 Prepare a Nunc DeepWell source plate for the beads by adding 55 µl of homogeneous AMPure XP beads per well, for each well to be processed. Place the bead source plate on shelf 2 of cassette 3 of the workstation MiniHub.
- 11 Prepare a Thermo Scientific reservoir containing 15 ml of nuclease-free water. Place the water reservoir on shelf 2 of cassette 2 of the workstation MiniHub.
- 12 Prepare a separate Thermo Scientific reservoir containing 45 ml of freshly-prepared 70% ethanol. Place the ethanol reservoir on shelf 1 of cassette 2 of the workstation MiniHub.

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#### Step 2. Fragment and adaptor-tag the genomic DNA samples

##### Prepare the Library Prep Master Mix and Stop Solution source plates

**13** Prepare the Stop Solution source plate using an Eppendorf twin.tec full-skirted PCR plate. Add 35  $\mu\text{l}$  of 1X SureSelect QXT Stop Solution per well, for each well to be processed. Place the source plate on shelf 4 of cassette 4 of the workstation MiniHub.

**14** Before use, vortex the SureSelect QXT Buffer and SureSelect QXT Enzyme Mix ILM tubes vigorously at high speed.

These components are in liquid form when removed from  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  storage and should be returned to  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  storage promptly after use.

#### CAUTION

Minor variations in volumes of the solutions combined in [step 15](#) below may result in DNA fragment size variation.

The SureSelect QXT Buffer and Enzyme Mix solutions are highly viscous. Thorough mixing of the reagents is critical for optimal performance.

**15** Prepare the appropriate volume of Library Prep Master Mix, according to [Table 12](#). Mix well by vortexing for 20 seconds and then keep on ice.

**Table 12** Preparation of Library Prep Master Mix

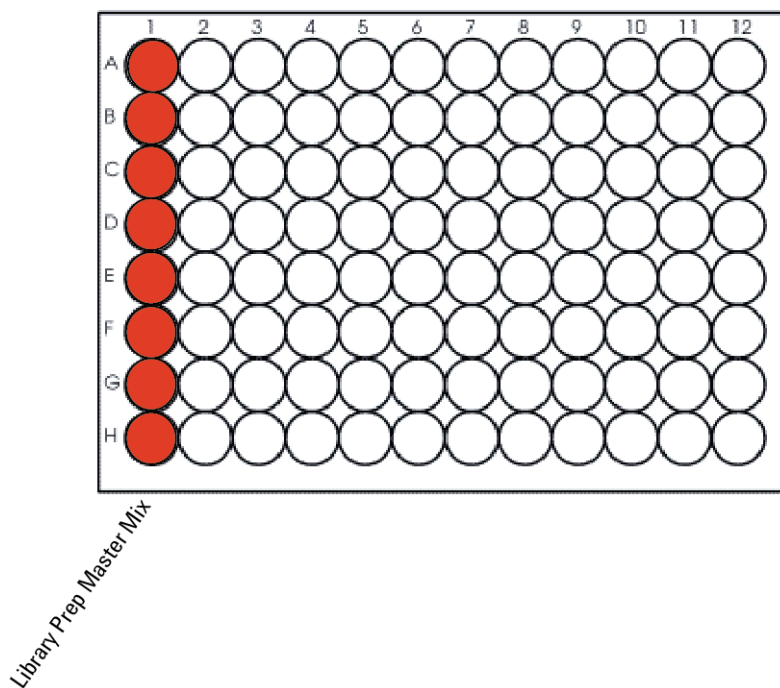
SureSelect <sup>QXT</sup> Reagent	Volume for 1 Library	Volume for 1 Column	Volume for 2 Columns	Volume for 3 Columns	Volume for 4 Columns	Volume for 6 Columns	Volume for 12 Columns
SureSelect QXT Buffer	17.0 $\mu\text{l}$	216.8 $\mu\text{l}$	361.3 $\mu\text{l}$	505.8 $\mu\text{l}$	650.3 $\mu\text{l}$	939.3 $\mu\text{l}$	1878.5 $\mu\text{l}$
SureSelect QXT Enzyme Mix ILM	2.0 $\mu\text{L}$	25.5 $\mu\text{l}$	42.5 $\mu\text{l}$	59.5 $\mu\text{l}$	76.5 $\mu\text{l}$	110.5 $\mu\text{l}$	221.0 $\mu\text{l}$
<b>Total Volume</b>	<b>19 <math>\mu\text{l}</math></b>	<b>242.3 <math>\mu\text{l}</math></b>	<b>403.8 <math>\mu\text{l}</math></b>	<b>565.3 <math>\mu\text{l}</math></b>	<b>726.8 <math>\mu\text{l}</math></b>	<b>1049.8 <math>\mu\text{l}</math></b>	<b>2099.5 <math>\mu\text{l}</math></b>

## Step 2. Fragment and adaptor-tag the genomic DNA samples

- 16** Prepare the Library Prep master mix source plate using a Nunc DeepWell plate, containing the mixture from [step 15](#). Add the volume indicated in [Table 13](#) to all wells of column 1 of the Nunc DeepWell plate. Keep the master mix on ice during the aliquoting steps. The final configuration of the master mix source plate is shown in [Figure 4](#).

**Table 13** Preparation of the Master Mix Source Plate for LibraryPrep\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.rst

Master Mix Solution	Position on Source Plate	Volume of Master Mix added per Well of Nunc Deep Well Source Plate					
		1-Column Runs	2-Column Runs	3-Column Runs	4-Column Runs	6-Column Runs	12-Column Runs
Library Prep Master Mix	Column 1 (A1-H1)	27.9 $\mu$ l	48.1 $\mu$ l	68.3 $\mu$ l	88.5 $\mu$ l	128.8 $\mu$ l	260.1 $\mu$ l



**Figure 4** Configuration of the master mix source plate for LibraryPrep\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.rst

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#### Step 2. Fragment and adaptor-tag the genomic DNA samples

**17** Seal the master mix source plate using the PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer, with sealing settings of 165°C and 1.0 sec.

**18** Centrifuge the plate for 30 seconds to drive the well contents off the walls and plate seal and to eliminate any bubbles. Keep the master mix source plate on ice.

#### NOTE

The presence of bubbles in source plate solutions may cause inaccurate volume transfer by the Bravo liquid handling platform. Ensure that the source plate is sealed and centrifuged prior to use in a run.

#### Load the Agilent NGS Workstation

**19** Verify that the Labware MiniHub has been loaded as shown in [Table 14](#).

**Table 14** Initial MiniHub configuration for LibraryPrep\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.rst

Vertical Shelf Position	Cassette 1	Cassette 2	Cassette 3	Cassette 4
Shelf 5 (Top)	Empty	Empty Nunc DeepWell plate	Empty	Empty
Shelf 4	Empty	Empty	Empty	Stop Solution source plate from <a href="#">step 13</a>
Shelf 3	Empty	Empty Eppendorf plate	Empty	Empty
Shelf 2	New tip box	Nuclease-free water reservoir from <a href="#">step 11</a>	AMPure XP beads in Nunc DeepWell plate from <a href="#">step 10</a>	Empty
Shelf 1 (Bottom)	Empty tip box	70% ethanol reservoir from <a href="#">step 12</a>	Empty	Empty tip box

## Step 2. Fragment and adaptor-tag the genomic DNA samples

20 Load the Bravo deck according to [Table 15](#).

**Table 15** Initial Bravo deck configuration for LibraryPrep\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.rst

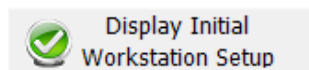
Location	Content
1	Empty waste reservoir (Axygen 96 Deep Well Plate, square wells)
4	Empty red insert
6	Library Prep Master Mix source plate (unsealed)
7	gDNA samples (5 µl of 10 ng/µl DNA per well) in Eppendorf plate (unsealed)
9	Empty Eppendorf plate on red insert

### Run VWorks runset LibraryPrep\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.rst

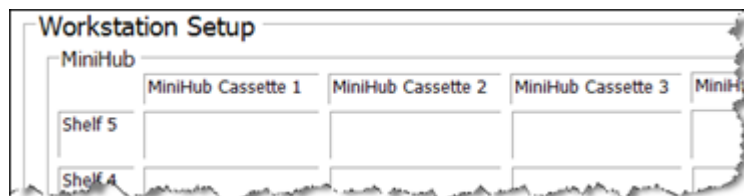
21 On the SureSelect setup form, under **Select Protocol to Run**, select **LibraryPrep\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.rst**.

22 Select the number of columns of samples to be processed. Runs must include 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 12 columns.

23 Click **Display Initial Workstation Setup**.



24 Verify that the NGS workstation has been set up as displayed in the Workstation Setup region of the form.



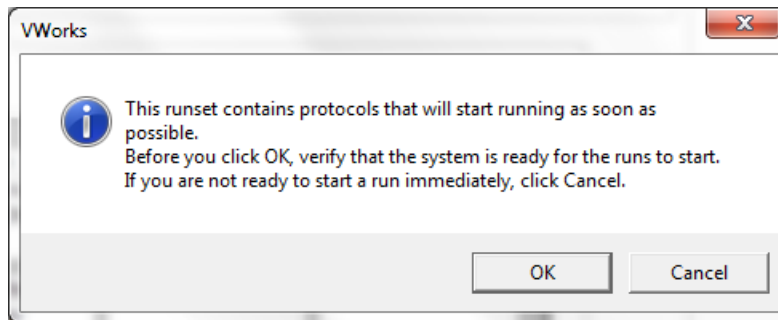
25 When verification is complete, click **Run Selected Protocol**.



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#### Step 2. Fragment and adaptor-tag the genomic DNA samples

26 When ready to begin the run, click **OK** in the following window.



Running the LibraryPrep\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.rst runset takes approximately 1 hour. Once complete, the purified, adaptor-ligated DNA samples are located in the Eppendorf plate at position 7 of the Bravo deck.

## Step 3. Amplify adaptor-ligated libraries

In this step, the Agilent NGS Workstation completes the liquid handling steps for amplification of the adaptor-ligated DNA samples using automation protocol Pre-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro. Afterward, you transfer the PCR plate to a thermal cycler for amplification.

This step uses the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Reagent Kit components listed in [Table 16](#).

**Table 16** Reagents for precapture amplification

Kit Component	Storage Location	Where Used
Herculase II Fusion DNA Polymerase	SureSelect QXT Library Prep Kit Box 2, -20°C	<a href="#">page 48</a>
Herculase II 5× Reaction Buffer	SureSelect QXT Library Prep Kit Box 2, -20°C	<a href="#">page 48</a>
100 mM dNTP Mix (25 mM each dNTP)	SureSelect QXT Library Prep Kit Box 2, -20°C	<a href="#">page 48</a>
SureSelect QXT Primer Mix	SureSelect QXT Hyb Module Box 2, -20°C	<a href="#">page 48</a>
DMSO	Transferred to Room Temperature storage on <a href="#">page 38</a>	<a href="#">page 48</a>

### CAUTION

To avoid cross-contaminating libraries, set up PCR master mixes in a dedicated clean area or PCR hood with UV sterilization and positive air flow.

### Prepare the workstation

- 1 Turn on the ThermoCube, set to 0°C, at position 9 of the Bravo deck. Be sure that the chiller reservoir contains at least 300 ml of 25% ethanol.
- 2 Leave tip boxes on shelves 1 and 2 in cassette 1 of the Labware MiniHub from the previous LibraryPrep\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.rst run. Otherwise, clear the remaining positions of the MiniHub and BenchCel of plates and tip boxes.
- 3 Pre-set the temperature of Bravo deck position 6 to 4°C using the Inheco Multi TEC control touchscreen, as described in [Setting the Temperature of Bravo Deck Heat Blocks](#). Bravo deck position 6 corresponds to CPAC 2, position 2 on the Multi TEC control touchscreen.

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#### Step 3. Amplify adaptor-ligated libraries

- 4 Load tip boxes for the run in the BenchCel Microplate Handling Workstation according to [Table 17](#).

**Table 17** Initial BenchCel configuration for Pre-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro

No. of Columns Processed	Rack 1	Rack 2	Rack 3	Rack 4
1	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
2	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
3	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
4	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
6	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
12	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty

#### Prepare the pre-capture PCR master mix and master mix source plate

- 5 Prepare the appropriate volume of pre-capture PCR Master Mix, according to [Table 18](#). Mix well using a vortex mixer and keep on ice.

**Table 18** Preparation of Pre-Capture PCR Master Mix

SureSelect <sup>QXT</sup> Reagent	Volume for 1 Library	Volume for 1 Column	Volume for 2 Columns	Volume for 3 Columns	Volume for 4 Columns	Volume for 6 Columns	Volume for 12 Columns
Nuclease-free water	13.5 µl	172.1 µl	286.9 µl	401.6 µl	516.4 µl	745.9 µl	1491.8 µl
Herculase II 5X Reaction Buffer	10.0 µL	127.5 µl	212.5 µl	297.5 µl	382.5 µl	552.5 µl	1105 µl
DMSO	2.5 µL	31.9 µl	53.1 µl	74.4 µl	95.6 µl	138.1 µl	276.3 µl
dNTP mix	0.5 µL	6.4 µl	10.6 µl	14.9 µl	19.1 µl	27.6 µl	55.3 µl
SureSelect QXT Primer Mix	1.0 µL	12.8 µl	21.3 µl	29.8 µl	38.3 µl	55.3 µl	110.5 µl
Herculase II Fusion DNA Polymerase	1.0 µL	12.8 µl	21.3 µl	29.8 µl	38.3 µl	55.3 µl	110.5 µl
<b>Total Volume</b>	<b>28.5 µl</b>	<b>363.4 µl</b>	<b>605.6 µl</b>	<b>847.9 µl</b>	<b>1090.1 µl</b>	<b>1574.6 µl</b>	<b>3149.3 µl</b>



- 6 Using the same Nunc DeepWell master mix source plate that was used for the LibraryPrep\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.rst run, add the volume of PCR Master Mix indicated in Table 19 to all wells of column 2 of the master mix source plate. The final configuration of the master mix source plate is shown in Figure 5.

**Table 19** Preparation of the Master Mix Source Plate for Pre-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro

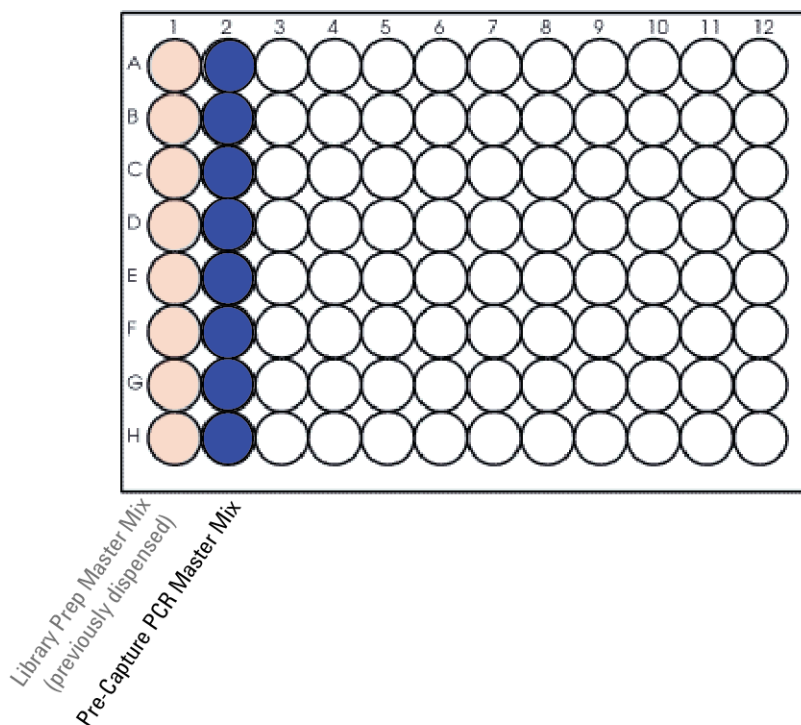
Master Mix Solution	Position on Source Plate	Volume of Master Mix added per Well of Nunc Deep Well Source Plate					
		1-Column Runs	2-Column Runs	3-Column Runs	4-Column Runs	6-Column Runs	12-Column Runs
Pre-Capture PCR Master Mix	Column 2 (A2-H2)	41.9 µl	72.1 µl	102.4 µl	132.7 µl	193.3 µl	390.1 µl

**NOTE**

If you are using a new DeepWell plate for the pre-capture PCR source plate, leave column 1 empty and add the PCR Master Mix to column 2 of the new plate.

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#### Step 3. Amplify adaptor-ligated libraries



**Figure 5** Configuration of the master mix source plate for Pre-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro. Column 1 was used to dispense master mix during the previous protocol.

- 7** Seal the master mix source plate using the PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer, with sealing settings of 165°C and 1.0 sec.
- 8** Centrifuge the plate for 30 seconds to drive the well contents off the walls and plate seal and to eliminate any bubbles.

#### NOTE

The presence of bubbles in source plate solutions may cause inaccurate volume transfer by the Bravo liquid handling platform. Ensure that the source plate is sealed and centrifuged prior to use in a run.

### Load the Agilent NGS Workstation

**9** Load the Labware MiniHub according to [Table 20](#).

**Table 20** Initial MiniHub configuration for Pre-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro

Vertical Shelf Position	Cassette 1	Cassette 2	Cassette 3	Cassette 4
Shelf 5 (Top)	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
Shelf 4	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
Shelf 3	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
Shelf 2	Clean tip box*	Empty	Empty	Empty
Shelf 1 (Bottom)	Waste tip box*	Empty	Empty	Empty tip box

\* The clean tip box (Cassette 1, Shelf 2) and waste tip box (Cassette 1, Shelf 1) are retained from the LibraryPrep\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.rst run and reused here.

#### NOTE

If you are using a new box of tips on shelf 2 of cassette 1, first remove the tips from column 1 of the tip box. Any tips present in column 1 of the tip box may be inappropriately loaded onto the Bravo platform pipette head and may interfere with automated processing steps.

**10** Load the Bravo deck according to [Table 21](#).

**Table 21** Initial Bravo deck configuration for Pre-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro

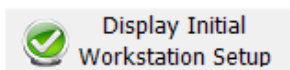
Location	Content
6	Empty PCR plate seated in red insert (PCR plate type must be specified on setup form under step 2)
7	Adaptor-ligated DNA samples in Eppendorf plate
9	Master mix plate containing PCR Master Mix in Column 2 (unsealed)

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#### Step 3. Amplify adaptor-ligated libraries

##### Run VWorks protocol Pre-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro

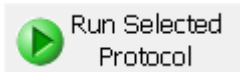
- 11 On the SureSelect setup form, under **Select Protocol to Run**, select **Pre-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro**.
- 12 Under **Select PCR plate labware for Thermal Cycling**, select the specific type of PCR plate used at position 6 of the Bravo deck.
- 13 Select the number of columns of samples to be processed. Runs must include 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 12 columns.
- 14 Click **Display Initial Workstation Setup**.



- 15 Verify that the NGS workstation has been set up as displayed in the Workstation Setup region of the form.

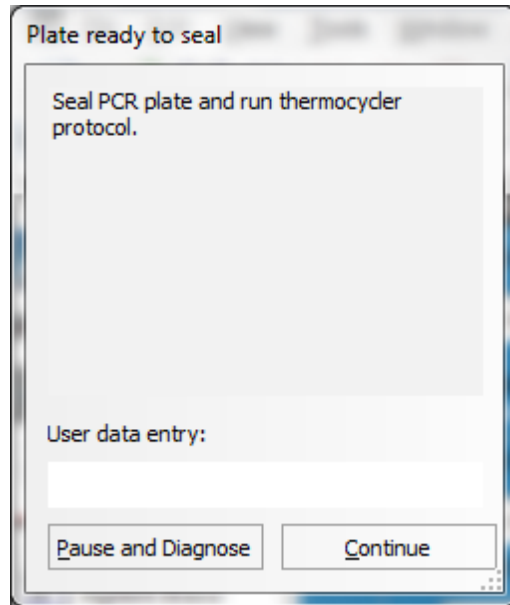


- 16 When verification is complete, click **Run Selected Protocol**.



Running the Pre-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro protocol takes approximately 15 minutes. Once complete, the PCR-ready samples, containing prepped DNA and PCR master mix, are located in the PCR plate at position 6 of the Bravo deck.

- 17** When you see the following prompt, remove the PCR plate from position 6 of the Bravo deck and seal the plate using the PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer, with sealing settings of 165°C and 3.0 seconds.



- 18** Centrifuge the plate for 30 seconds to drive the well contents off the walls and plate seal and to eliminate air bubbles.
- 19** Transfer the PCR plate to a thermal cycler and run the PCR amplification program shown in [Table 22](#).

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#### Step 3. Amplify adaptor-ligated libraries

**Table 22** Pre-Capture PCR cycling program

Segment	Number of Cycles	Temperature	Time
1	1	68°C	2 minutes
2	1	98°C	2 minutes
3	8	98°C	30 seconds
		57°C	30 seconds
		72°C	1 minute
4	1	72°C	5 minutes
5	1	4°C	Hold

## Step 4. Purify amplified DNA using AMPure XP beads

In this step, the Agilent NGS Workstation transfers AMPure XP beads and amplified adaptor-ligated DNA to a Nunc DeepWell plate and then collects and washes the bead-bound DNA.

### Prepare the workstation and reagents

- 1 Clear the Labware MiniHub and BenchCel of all plates and tip boxes.
- 2 Verify that the AMPure XP bead suspension is at room temperature. (If necessary, allow the bead solution to come to room temperature for at least 30 minutes.) *Do not freeze the beads at any time.*
- 3 Mix the bead suspension well so that the reagent appears homogeneous and consistent in color.
- 4 Prepare a Nunc DeepWell source plate for the beads by adding 55  $\mu$ l of homogeneous AMPure XP beads per well, for each well to be processed.
- 5 Prepare a Thermo Scientific reservoir containing 20 ml of nuclease-free water.
- 6 Prepare a separate Thermo Scientific reservoir containing 45 ml of freshly-prepared 70% ethanol.
- 7 Centrifuge the amplified DNA sample plate for 30 seconds to drive the well contents off the walls and plate seal.

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#### Step 4. Purify amplified DNA using AMPure XP beads

- 8 Load the Labware MiniHub according to [Table 23](#), using the plate orientations shown in [Figure 2](#) on page 22.

**Table 23** Initial MiniHub configuration for AMPureXP\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro:Pre-Capture PCR

Vertical Shelf Position	Cassette 1	Cassette 2	Cassette 3	Cassette 4
Shelf 5 (Top)	Empty Nunc DeepWell plate	Empty	Empty	Empty
Shelf 4	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
Shelf 3	Empty	Empty Eppendorf Plate	Empty	Empty
Shelf 2	Empty	Nuclease-free water reservoir from <a href="#">step 5</a>	AMPure XP beads in Nunc DeepWell plate from <a href="#">step 4</a>	Empty
Shelf 1 (Bottom)	Empty	70% ethanol reservoir from <a href="#">step 6</a>	Empty	Empty tip box

- 9 Load the Bravo deck according to [Table 24](#).

**Table 24** Initial Bravo deck configuration for AMPureXP\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro:Pre-Capture PCR

Location	Content
1	Empty waste reservoir (Axygen 96 Deep Well Plate, square wells)
9	Amplified DNA libraries in unsealed PCR plate seated in red insert (PCR plate type must be specified on setup form under step 2)



## Step 4. Purify amplified DNA using AMPure XP beads

**10** Load the BenchCel Microplate Handling Workstation according to Table 25.

**Table 25** Initial BenchCel configuration for AMPureXP\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro:Pre-Capture PCR

No. of Columns Processed	Rack 1	Rack 2	Rack 3	Rack 4
1	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
2	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
3	2 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
4	2 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
6	3 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
12	6 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty

### Run VWorks protocol *AMPureXP\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro:Pre-Capture PCR*

**11** On the SureSelect setup form, under **Select Protocol to Run**, select **AMPureXP\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro:Pre-Capture PCR**.

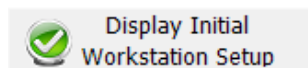
#### NOTE

AMPureXP purification protocols are used during multiple steps of the SureSelect automation workflow. Be sure to select the correct workflow step when initiating the automation protocol.

**12** Under **Select PCR plate labware for Thermal Cycling**, select the specific type of PCR plate containing the amplified libraries at position 9.

**13** Select the number of columns of samples to be processed. Runs must include 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 12 columns.

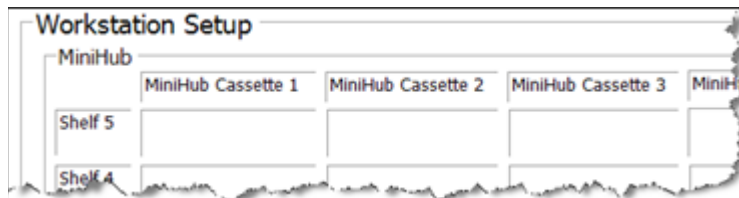
**14** Click **Display Initial Workstation Setup**.



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#### Step 4. Purify amplified DNA using AMPure XP beads

- 15 Verify that the NGS workstation has been set up as displayed in the Workstation Setup region of the form.



- 16 When verification is complete, click **Run Selected Protocol**.



The purification protocol takes approximately 45 minutes. When complete, the purified DNA samples are in the Eppendorf plate located on Bravo deck position 7.

## Step 5. Assess Library DNA quantity and quality

Measure the concentration of each library using one of the methods detailed below.

### Option 1: Analysis using the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer and DNA 1000 Assay

Use a Bioanalyzer DNA 1000 chip and reagent kit to analyze the amplified libraries. For more information to do this step, see the *Agilent DNA 1000 Kit Guide* at [www.genomics.agilent.com](http://www.genomics.agilent.com).

- 1 Set up the 2100 Bioanalyzer as instructed in the reagent kit guide.
- 2 Seal the sample plate using the PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer, with sealing settings of 165°C and 1.0 sec.
- 3 Vortex the plate to mix samples in each well, then centrifuge the plate for 30 seconds to drive the well contents off the walls and plate seal.
- 4 Prepare the chip, samples and ladder as instructed in the reagent kit guide, using 1 µl of each sample for the analysis.
- 5 Load the prepared chip into the 2100 Bioanalyzer and start the run within five minutes after preparation.
- 6 Verify that the electropherogram shows the peak of DNA fragment size positioned between 245 to 325 bp. Sample electropherograms are shown in [Figure 6](#). Variability of fragmentation profiles may be observed.

#### NOTE

A peak DNA fragment size significantly less than 245 bp may indicate too little gDNA in the fragmentation reaction and may be associated with increased duplicates in the sequencing data. In contrast, a peak DNA fragment size significantly greater than 325 bp may indicate too much gDNA in the fragmentation reaction and may be associated with decreased percent-on-target performance in sequencing results.

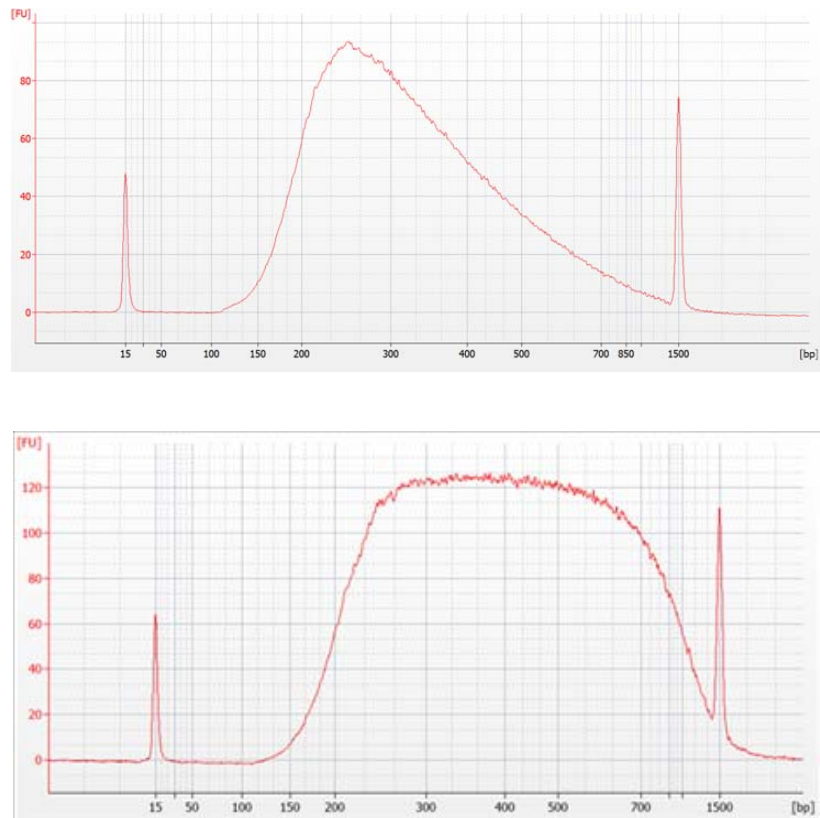
- 7 Measure the concentration of each library by integrating under the entire peak. For accurate quantification, make sure that the concentration falls within the linear range of the assay.

#### Stopping Point

If you do not continue to the next step, seal the plate and store at 4°C overnight or at -20°C for prolonged storage.

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#### Step 5. Assess Library DNA quantity and quality



**Figure 6** Representative sample electropherograms showing pre-capture analysis of amplified library DNA using the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer and a DNA 1000 Assay.

**Option 2: Analysis using an Agilent TapeStation and D1000 ScreenTape**

Use a D1000 ScreenTape (p/n 5067-5582) and associated reagent kit (p/n 5067-5583) to analyze the amplified libraries using the Agilent 4200 TapeStation or 2200 TapeStation. For more information to do this step, see the appropriate TapeStation user manual at [www.genomics.agilent.com](http://www.genomics.agilent.com).

- 1 Prepare the TapeStation samples as instructed in the instrument user manual. Use 1  $\mu$ l of each amplified library DNA sample diluted with 3  $\mu$ l of D1000 sample buffer for the analysis.

**CAUTION**

Make sure that you thoroughly mix the combined DNA and sample buffer on a vortex mixer for 5 seconds for accurate quantitation.

- 2 Load the sample plate or tube strips from [step 1](#), the D1000 ScreenTape, and loading tips into the TapeStation as instructed in the instrument user manual. Start the run.
- 3 Verify that the electropherogram shows the peak of DNA fragment size positioned between 245 to 325 bp. Sample electropherograms are shown in [Figure 7](#). Variability of fragmentation profiles may be observed.

**NOTE**

A peak DNA fragment size significantly less than 245 bp may indicate too little gDNA in the fragmentation reaction and may be associated with increased duplicates in the sequencing data. In contrast, a peak DNA fragment size significantly greater than 325 bp may indicate too much gDNA in the fragmentation reaction and may be associated with decreased percent-on-target performance in sequencing results.

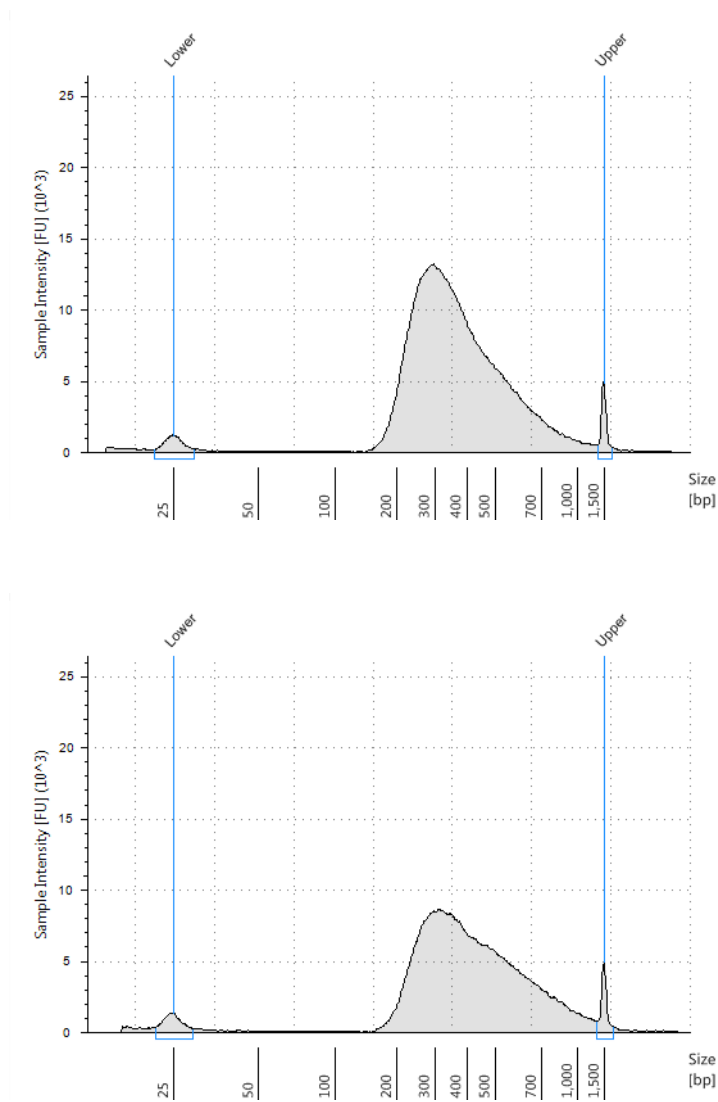
- 4 Measure the concentration of each library by integrating under the entire peak.

**Stopping Point**

If you do not continue to the next step, seal the library DNA sample plate and store at 4°C overnight or at -20°C for prolonged storage.

### 3 Sample Preparation

#### Step 5. Assess Library DNA quantity and quality



**Figure 7** Representative sample electropherograms showing pre-capture analysis of amplified library DNA using the 2200 TapeStation with a D1000 ScreenTape.



## 4 Hybridization

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This chapter describes the steps to combine the prepped library with the blocking agents and the SureSelect or ClearSeq Capture Library. Each DNA library sample must be hybridized and captured individually prior to addition of the indexing tag by PCR.

### CAUTION

The ratio of Capture Library to prepped library is critical for successful capture.

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## Step 1. Aliquot prepped DNA samples for hybridization

For each sample library prepared, do one hybridization and capture. Do not pool samples at this stage.

The amount of prepared gDNA library used in the hybridization reaction varies according to the size of the Capture Library used for hybridization as outlined in [Table 26](#) below. Use the maximum possible amount of each prepped DNA, within the range listed in [Table 26](#).

**Table 26** Amount of adaptor-tagged DNA libraries used for hybridization

Capture Library Size	Amount of prepared gDNA library used in hybridization
Libraries >3.0 Mb (except ClearSeq DNA Kinome; see below)	750 to 1500 ng DNA
Libraries ≤3.0 Mb and ClearSeq DNA Kinome (3.2 Mb)	500 to 750 ng DNA

Using the DNA concentration for each sample determined on [page 59](#) to [page 62](#), calculate the volume of each sample to be used for hybridization using the appropriate formula below:

$$\text{Volume } (\mu\text{l}) = 750 \text{ ng/concentration (ng}/\mu\text{l})$$

OR

$$\text{Volume } (\mu\text{l}) = 1500 \text{ ng/concentration (ng}/\mu\text{l})$$

If the concentration of any sample is not sufficient to allow use of the recommended amount of DNA (750 ng for ClearSeq DNA Kinome and libraries ≤3.0 Mb or 1500 ng for libraries >3.0 Mb), then use the full remaining volume of DNA sample (approximately 12 μl) for the hybridization step.

The automation protocol Aliquot\_Libraries\_v1.0.pro is used to prepare a new sample plate containing the appropriate amount of each DNA sample for hybridization. Before running the automation protocol, you must create a table containing instructions for the Agilent NGS Workstation indicating the volume of each sample to aliquot, as described in the steps below.



## Step 1. Aliquot prepped DNA samples for hybridization

- 1 Create a .csv (comma separated value) file with the headers shown in [Figure 8](#). The header text must not contain spaces. The table may be created using a spreadsheet application, such as Microsoft Excel software, and then saved in .csv format. The file must include rows for all 96 wells of the plate.
- 2 Enter the information requested in the header for each DNA sample.
  - In the SourceBC field, enter the sample plate description or barcode. The SourceBC field contents must be identical for all rows.
  - In the SourceWell and DestinationWell fields, enter each well position for the plate. SourceWell and DestinationWell field contents must be identical for a given sample.
  - In the Volume field, enter the volume (in  $\mu\text{l}$ ) of each DNA sample to be used in the hybridization step (see [page 64](#) for guidelines). For all empty wells on the plate, enter the value 0, as shown in [Figure 8](#); **do not delete rows for empty wells.**

	A	B	C	D
1	SourceBC	SourceWell	DestinationWell	Volume
2	SamplePlateXYZ	A1	A1	5.35
3	SamplePlateXYZ	B1	B1	4.28
4	SamplePlateXYZ	C1	C1	4.76
5	SamplePlateXYZ	D1	D1	5.19
6	SamplePlateXYZ	E1	E1	5.49
7	SamplePlateXYZ	F1	F1	4.86
8	SamplePlateXYZ	G1	G1	5.05
9	SamplePlateXYZ	H1	H1	4.37
10	SamplePlateXYZ	A2	A2	0
11	SamplePlateXYZ	B2	B2	0
12	SamplePlateXYZ	C2	C2	0
13	SamplePlateXYZ	D2	D2	0

**Figure 8** Sample spreadsheet for 1-column run.

## NOTE

You can find a sample spreadsheet in the directory **C: > VWorks Workspace > NGS Option B > OXT\_ILM\_v1.0 > Aliquot Library Input Files > Aliquot\_Libraries\_full\_plate\_template.csv**.

The Aliquot\_Libraries\_full\_plate\_template.csv file may be copied and used as a template for creating the .csv files for each Aliquot\_Libraries\_v1.0.pro run. If you are using the sample file as a template for runs with fewer than 12 columns, be sure to retain rows for all 96 wells, and populate the Volume column with 0 for unused wells.

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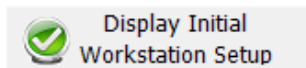
### Step 1. Aliquot prepped DNA samples for hybridization

- 3 Load the .csv file onto the PC containing the VWorks software into a suitable folder, such as **C: > VWorks Workspace > NGS Option B > QXT\_ILM\_v1.0 > Aliquot Library Input Files.**
- 4 Turn on the chiller, set to 0°C, at position 9 of the Bravo deck. Be sure that the chiller reservoir contains at least 300 ml of 25% ethanol.
- 5 Load the Bravo deck according to [Table 27](#).

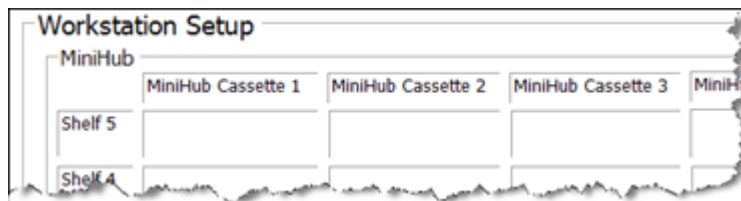
**Table 27** Initial Bravo deck configuration for Aliquot\_Libraries\_v1.0.pro

Location	Content
5	Empty Eppendorf plate
6	Empty tip box
8	New tip box
9	Prepped library DNA in Eppendorf plate

- 6 On the SureSelect setup form, under **Select Protocol to Run**, select **Aliquot\_Libraries\_v1.0.pro**.
- 7 Click **Display Initial Workstation Setup**.



- 8 Verify that the NGS workstation has been set up as displayed in the Workstation Setup region of the form.

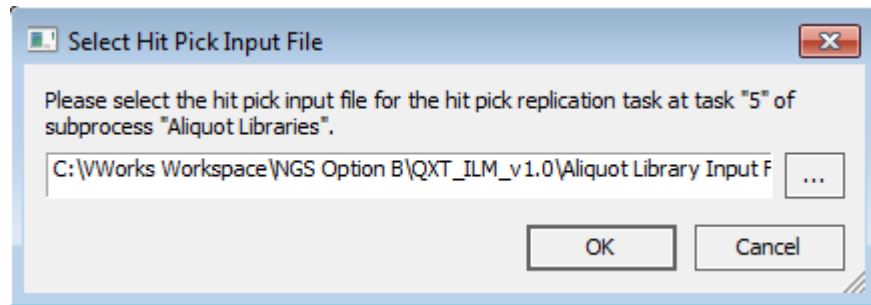


- 9 When verification is complete, click **Run Selected Protocol**.



## Step 1. Aliquot prepped DNA samples for hybridization

- 10 When prompted by the dialog below, browse to the .csv file created for the source plate of the current run, and then click **OK** to start the run.



The library aliquoting protocol takes approximately 1 hour for 96 samples. When complete, the DNA sample plate is on Bravo deck position 5.

- 11 Remove the sample plate from the Bravo deck and use a vacuum concentrator to dry the samples at  $\leq 45^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- 12 Reconstitute each dried sample with 12  $\mu\text{l}$  of nuclease-free water. Pipette up and down along the sides of each well for optimal recovery.
- 13 Seal the plate using the PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer, with sealing settings of  $165^{\circ}\text{C}$  and 1.0 sec.
- 14 Vortex the plate for 30 seconds to ensure complete reconstitution, then centrifuge the plate for 1 minute to drive the well contents off the walls and plate seal.

## Step 2. Hybridize the gDNA library and Capture Library

In this step, automation protocol Hybridization\_QXT\_v1.0.pro is used to complete the liquid handling steps to set up the hybridization reactions. Afterward, you transfer the sample plate to a thermal cycler, held at 65°C, to allow hybridization of the DNA samples to the SureSelect or ClearSeq Capture Library.

This step uses the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Reagent Kit components listed in [Table 28](#). Thaw each component under the conditions indicated in the table. Vortex each reagent to mix, then spin briefly to collect the liquid.

**Table 28** Reagents for Hybridization and Capture

Kit Component	Storage Location	Thawing Conditions	Where Used
SureSelect QXT Fast Hybridization Buffer	SureSelect QXT Hyb Module Box 2, -20°C	Warm to Room Temperature (RT), then keep at RT	<a href="#">page 74</a>
SureSelect QXT Fast Blocker Mix	SureSelect QXT Hyb Module Box 2, -20°C	Thaw on ice	<a href="#">page 71</a>
SureSelect RNase Block	SureSelect QXT Hyb Module Box 2, -20°C	Thaw on ice	<a href="#">page 72</a> or <a href="#">page 73</a>
Capture Library	-80°C	Thaw on ice	<a href="#">page 72</a> or <a href="#">page 73</a>

### Program the thermal cycler

- 1 Pre-program the thermal cycler for the Hybridization workflow by entering the thermal cycling program shown in [Table 29](#) below.

It is critical to pre-program the thermal cycler before starting the automation protocol for Hybridization, in order to maintain the required sample and reagent temperatures during the workflow.

**Table 29** Thermal cycler program for Hybridization \*

Segment Number	Purpose	Number of Cycles	Temperature	Time
1	Denaturation	1	95°C	5 minutes
2	Blocking	1	65°C	10 minutes
3	Hold for NGS workstation steps <sup>†</sup>	1	65°C	Hold
4	Hybridization	60	65°C	1 minute
			37°C	3 seconds
5	Hold until start of Capture <sup>‡</sup>	1	65°C	Hold

\* When setting up the thermal cycling program, use a reaction volume setting of 35 µl (final volume of hybridization reactions during cycling in Segment 4).

† Samples are transferred to the NGS Workstation during this Hold step when prompted by the VWorks software.

‡ Samples are held at 65°C until they are processed in the Capture & Wash automation protocol that begins on [page 82](#).

### CAUTION

The lid of the thermal cycler is hot and can cause burns. Use caution when working near the lid.

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### Step 2. Hybridize the gDNA library and Capture Library

#### Prepare the workstation

- 2 Clear the Labware MiniHub and BenchCel of all plates and tip boxes.
- 3 Gently wipe down the Labware MiniHub, Bravo decks, and BenchCel with a DNA Away decontamination wipe.
- 4 Turn on the chiller, set to 0°C, at position 9 of the Bravo deck. Be sure that the chiller reservoir contains at least 300 ml of 25% ethanol.
- 5 Place a red PCR plate insert at Bravo deck position 4.
- 6 Place the silver Nunc DeepWell plate insert on position 6 of the Bravo deck. This insert is required to facilitate heat transfer to DeepWell source plate wells during the Hybridization protocol.
- 7 Place an empty tip box on shelf 2 of cassette 4 of the workstation MiniHub.
- 8 Load tip boxes for the run in the BenchCel Microplate Handling Workstation according to [Table 30](#).

**Table 30** Initial BenchCel configuration for Hybridization\_QXT\_v1.0.pro

No. of Columns Processed	Rack 1	Rack 2	Rack 3	Rack 4
1	2 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
2	2 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
3	2 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
4	3 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
6	3 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
12	5 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty

**Prepare the Block Master Mix**

- 9 Prepare the appropriate volume of Block Master Mix, on ice, as indicated in [Table 31](#).

**Table 31** Preparation of Block Master Mix

SureSelect <sup>QXT</sup> Reagent	Volume for 1 Library	Volume for 1 Column	Volume for 2 Columns	Volume for 3 Columns	Volume for 4 Columns	Volume for 6 Columns	Volume for 12 Columns
Nuclease-free water	2.5 µl	31.9 µl	53.1 µl	74.4 µl	95.6 µl	138.1 µl	276.3 µl
SureSelect QXT Fast Blocker Mix (blue cap)	5.0 µl	63.8 µl	106.3 µl	148.8 µl	191.3 µl	276.3 µl	552.5 µl
<b>Total Volume</b>	<b>7.5 µl</b>	<b>95.6 µl</b>	<b>159.4 µl</b>	<b>223.1 µl</b>	<b>286.9 µl</b>	<b>414.4 µl</b>	<b>828.8 µl</b>

**Prepare one or more Capture Library Master Mixes**

- 10 Prepare the appropriate volume of Capture Library Master Mix for each of the Capture Libraries that will be used for hybridization as indicated in [Table 32](#) to [Table 35](#). Mix thoroughly by vortexing at high speed then spin down briefly. Keep the Capture Library Master Mix(es) on ice.

**NOTE**

Each row of the prepped gDNA sample plate may be hybridized to a different Capture Library. However, libraries of different sizes require different post-capture amplification cycles. Plan experiments such that similar-sized libraries are hybridized on the same plate.

For runs that use a single Capture Library for all rows of the plate, prepare the master mix as described in Step a ([Table 32](#) or [Table 33](#)) on [page 72](#).

For runs that use different Capture Libraries for individual rows, prepare each master mix as described in Step b ([Table 34](#) or [Table 35](#)) on [page 73](#).

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### Step 2. Hybridize the gDNA library and Capture Library

- a** For runs that use a single Capture Library for all rows, prepare a Master Mix as described in Table 32 or Table 33, according to the size of the Capture Library.

**Table 32** Preparation of Capture Library Master Mix for **Capture Libraries <3 Mb**, 8 rows of wells

Target size <3.0 Mb							
Reagent	Volume for 1 Library	Volume for 1 Column	Volume for 2 Columns	Volume for 3 Columns	Volume for 4 Columns	Volume for 6 Columns	Volume for 12 Columns
Nuclease-free water	4.5 µl	76.5 µl	114.8 µl	153.0 µl	191.3 µl	306.0 µl	592.9 µl
RNase Block (purple cap)	0.5 µl	8.5 µl	12.8 µl	17.0 µl	21.3 µl	34.0 µl	65.9 µl
Capture Library	2.0 µl	34.0 µl	51.0 µl	68.0 µl	85.0 µl	136.0 µl	263.5 µl
<b>Total Volume</b>	<b>7.0 µl</b>	<b>119.0 µl</b>	<b>178.6 µl</b>	<b>238.0 µl</b>	<b>297.6 µl</b>	<b>476.0 µl</b>	<b>922.3 µl</b>

**Table 33** Preparation of Capture Library Master Mix for **Capture Libraries ≥3 Mb<sup>\*</sup>**, 8 rows of wells

Target size ≥3.0 Mb							
Reagent	Volume for 1 Library	Volume for 1 Column	Volume for 2 Columns	Volume for 3 Columns	Volume for 4 Columns	Volume for 6 Columns	Volume for 12 Columns
Nuclease-free water	1.5 µl	25.5 µl	38.3 µl	51.0 µl	63.8 µl	102.0 µl	197.6 µl
RNase Block (purple cap)	0.5 µl	8.5 µl	12.8 µl	17.0 µl	21.3 µl	34.0 µl	65.9 µl
Capture Library	5.0 µl	85.0 µl	127.5 µl	170.0 µl	212.5 µl	340.0 µl	658.8 µl
<b>Total Volume</b>	<b>7.0 µl</b>	<b>119.0 µl</b>	<b>178.6 µl</b>	<b>238.0 µl</b>	<b>297.6 µl</b>	<b>476.0 µl</b>	<b>922.3 µl</b>

\* Includes ClearSeq DNA Kinome XT Library (3.2 Mb)



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- b For runs that use different Capture Libraries in individual rows,** prepare a Master Mix for each Capture Library as listed in [Table 34](#) or [Table 35](#), according to the library size. The volumes listed in [Table 34](#) and [Table 35](#) are for a single row of sample wells. If a given Capture Library will be hybridized in multiple rows, multiply each of the values below by the number of rows assigned to that Capture Library.

**Table 34** Preparation of Capture Library Master Mix for **Capture Libraries <3 Mb**, single row of wells

Target size <3.0 Mb							
Reagent	Volume for 1 Library	Volume for 1 Column	Volume for 2 Columns	Volume for 3 Columns	Volume for 4 Columns	Volume for 6 Columns	Volume for 12 Columns
Nuclease-free water	4.5 µl	9.0 µl	13.8 µl	18.6 µl	23.3 µl	37.7 µl	73.5 µl
RNase Block (purple cap)	0.5 µl	1.0 µl	1.5 µl	2.1 µl	2.6 µl	4.2 µl	8.2 µl
Capture Library	2.0 µl	4.0 µl	6.1 µl	8.3 µl	10.4 µl	16.8 µl	32.7 µl
<b>Total Volume</b>	<b>7.0 µl</b>	<b>14.0 µl</b>	<b>21.4 µl</b>	<b>28.9 µl</b>	<b>36.3 µl</b>	<b>58.6 µl</b>	<b>114.4 µl</b>

**Table 35** Preparation of Capture Library Master Mix for **Capture Libraries ≥3 Mb\***, single row of wells

Target size >3.0 Mb							
Reagent	Volume for 1 Library	Volume for 1 Column	Volume for 2 Columns	Volume for 3 Columns	Volume for 4 Columns	Volume for 6 Columns	Volume for 12 Columns
Nuclease-free water	1.5 µl	3.0 µl	4.6 µl	6.2 µl	7.8 µl	12.6 µl	24.5 µl
RNase Block (purple cap)	0.5 µl	1.0 µl	1.5 µl	2.1 µl	2.6 µl	4.2 µl	8.2 µl
Capture Library	5.0 µl	10.0 µl	15.3 µl	20.6 µl	25.9 µl	41.9 µl	81.7 µl
<b>Total Volume</b>	<b>7.0 µl</b>	<b>14.0 µl</b>	<b>21.4 µl</b>	<b>28.9 µl</b>	<b>36.3 µl</b>	<b>58.6 µl</b>	<b>114.4 µl</b>

\* Includes ClearSeq DNA Kinome XT Library (3.2 Mb)

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#### Prepare the Hybridization Buffer master mix

**11** Prepare the appropriate volume of Hybridization Buffer Master Mix, at room temperature, as indicated in [Table 36](#).

**Table 36** Preparation of Hybridization Buffer Master Mix

SureSelect <sup>QXT</sup> Reagent	Volume for 1 Library	Volume for 1 Column	Volume for 2 Columns	Volume for 3 Columns	Volume for 4 Columns	Volume for 6 Columns	Volume for 12 Columns
Nuclease-free water	2.5 µl	53.1 µl	74.4 µl	95.6 µl	116.9 µl	159.4 µl	297.5 µl
SureSelect QXT Fast Hybridization Buffer (yellow cap)	6.0 µl	127.5 µl	178.5 µl	229.5 µl	280.5 µl	382.5 µl	714.0 µl
<b>Total Volume</b>	<b>8.5 µl</b>	<b>180.6 µl</b>	<b>252.9 µl</b>	<b>325.1 µl</b>	<b>397.4 µl</b>	<b>541.9 µl</b>	<b>1011.5 µl</b>

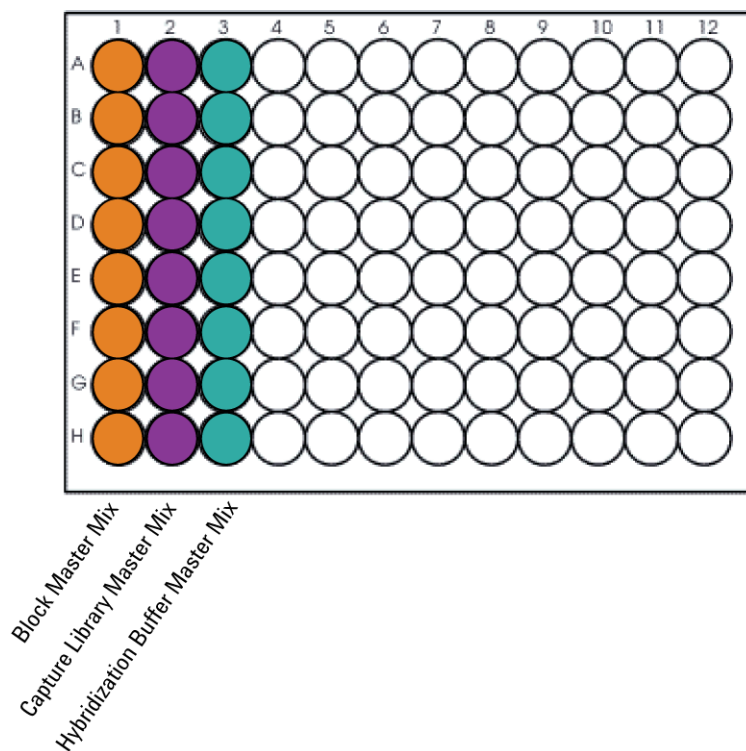
#### Prepare the master mix source plate

**12** In a Nunc DeepWell plate, prepare the master mix source plate containing the master mixes prepared in [step 9](#) to [step 11](#) at room temperature. Add the volumes indicated in [Table 37](#) of each master mix to each well of the indicated column of the Nunc DeepWell plate. When using multiple Capture Libraries in a run, add each Capture Library Master Mix to the appropriate row(s) of the Nunc DeepWell plate. The final configuration of the master mix source plate is shown in [Figure 9](#).

**Table 37** Preparation of the Master Mix Source Plate for Hybridization\_QXT\_v1.0.pro

Master Mix Solution	Position on Source Plate	Volume of Master Mix added per Well of Nunc Deep Well Source Plate					
		1-Column Runs	2-Column Runs	3-Column Runs	4-Column Runs	6-Column Runs	12-Column Runs
Block Master Mix	Column 1 (A1-H1)	11.0 µl	19.0 µl	27.0 µl	34.9 µl	50.9 µl	102.7 µl
Capture Library Master Mix	Column 2 (A2-H2)	14.0 µl	21.4 µl	28.9 µl	36.3 µl	58.6 µl	114.4 µl
Hybridization Buffer Master Mix	Column 3 (A3-H3)	19.9 µl	29.0 µl	38.0 µl	47.0 µl	65.1 µl	123.8 µl

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**Figure 9** Configuration of the master mix source plate for Hybridization\_QXT\_v1.0.pro.

- 13** Seal the master mix source plate using the PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer, with sealing settings of 165°C and 1.0 sec.
- 14** Centrifuge the plate for 30 seconds to drive the well contents off the walls and plate seal and to eliminate any bubbles. Keep the master mix plate at room temperature.

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#### Load the Bravo deck

15 Load the Bravo deck according to [Table 38](#).

**Table 38** Initial Bravo deck configuration for Hybridization\_QXT\_v1.0.pro

Location	Content
4	Empty PCR plate seated in red insert (PCR plate type must be specified on setup form under step 2)
5	Empty Eppendorf plate
6	Master Mix source plate (unsealed) seated on silver Nunc DeepWell insert
8	Empty tip box
9	Prepared gDNA aliquots in Eppendorf plate (unsealed)

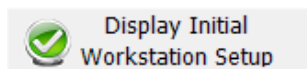
#### Run VWorks protocol Hybridization\_QXT\_v1.0.pro

16 On the SureSelect setup form, under **Select Protocol to Run**, select **Hybridization\_QXT\_v1.0.pro**.

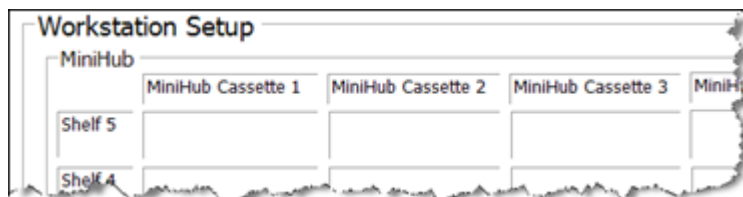
17 Under **Select PCR plate labware for Thermal Cycling**, select the specific type of PCR plate used at position 4 of the Bravo deck.

18 Select the number of columns of samples to be processed. Runs must include 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 12 columns.

19 Click **Display Initial Workstation Setup**.

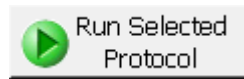


20 Verify that the NGS workstation has been set up as displayed in the Workstation Setup region of the form.



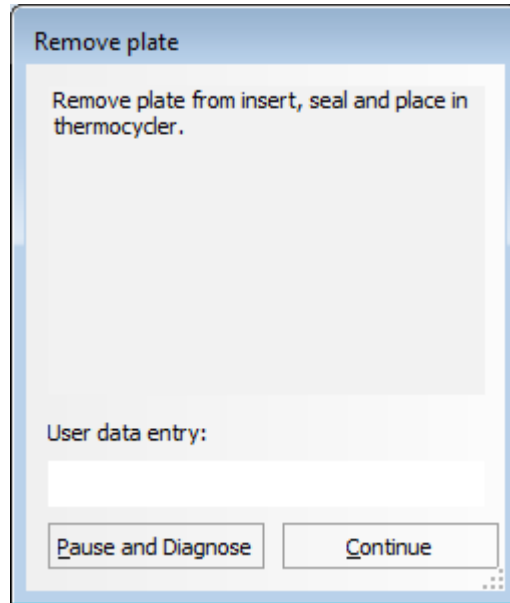
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21 When verification is complete, click **Run Selected Protocol**.



The Agilent NGS Workstation combines the prepped gDNA in the wells of the sample plate with the aliquotted SureSelect Block Master Mix. When this process is complete, you will be prompted to transfer the plate to the thermal cycler for sample denaturation and blocking prior to hybridization.

22 When prompted by VWorks as shown below, remove the PCR plate from position 4 of the Bravo deck, leaving the red insert in place. After removing the sample plate, click **Continue**.



23 Seal the sample plate using the PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer, with sealing settings of 165°C and 3.0 sec.

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**24** Transfer the sealed plate to a thermal cycler and initiate the preprogrammed thermal cycling program described in [Table 29](#) on page 69. The denaturation and blocking segments of the preprogrammed thermal cycler program are shown in [Figure 10](#) below for reference.

**Table 28** Thermal cycler program for Hybridization\*

Segment Number	Purpose	Number of Cycles	Temperature	Time
1	Denaturation	1	95°C	5 minutes
2	Blocking	1	65°C	10 minutes
3	Hold for NGS workstation steps†	1	65°C	Hold

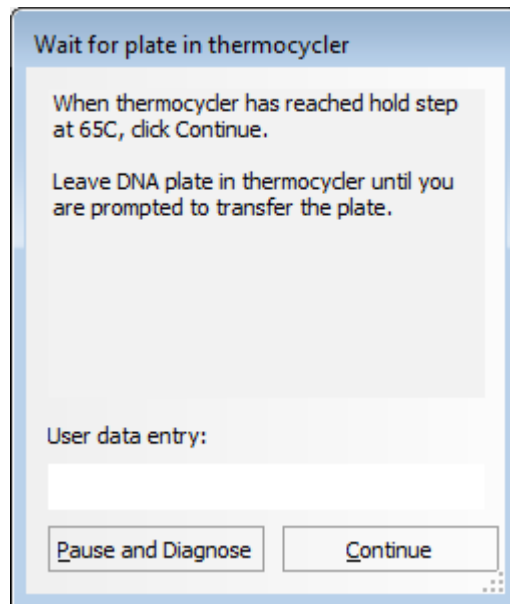
**Figure 10** Preprogrammed thermal cycler segments used for sample denaturation and blocking prior to hybridization.

While the sample plate incubates on the thermal cycler, the Agilent NGS Workstation combines aliquots of the Capture Library master mix and Hybridization Buffer master mix.

**CAUTION**

You must complete [step 25](#) to [step 29](#) quickly, and immediately after being prompted by the VWorks software. It is important that sample temperature remains approximately 65°C during transfers between the Agilent NGS Workstation and thermal cycler.

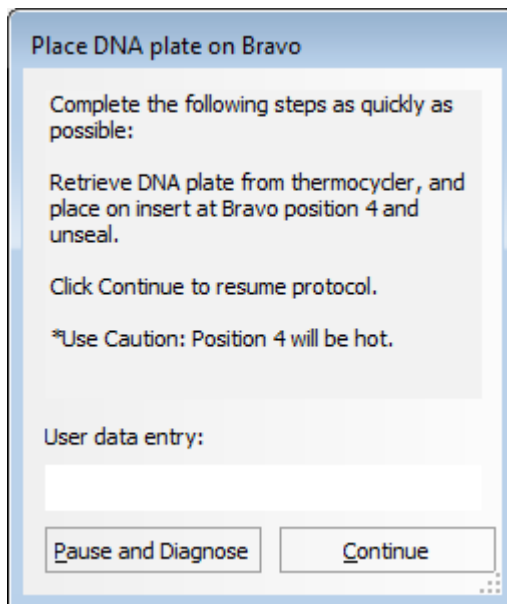
- 25** When the workstation has finished aliquoting the Capture Library and Hybridization Buffer master mixes, you will be prompted by VWorks as shown below. When the thermal cycler reaches the 65°C hold step, click **Continue**. Leave the sample plate in the thermal cycler until you are notified to move it.



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- 26** When prompted by VWorks as shown below, quickly remove the sample plate from the thermal cycler, unseal the plate carefully to avoid splashing, and transfer the plate to position 4 of the Bravo deck, seated in the red insert. Click **Continue**.



### WARNING

**Bravo deck position 4 will be hot.**

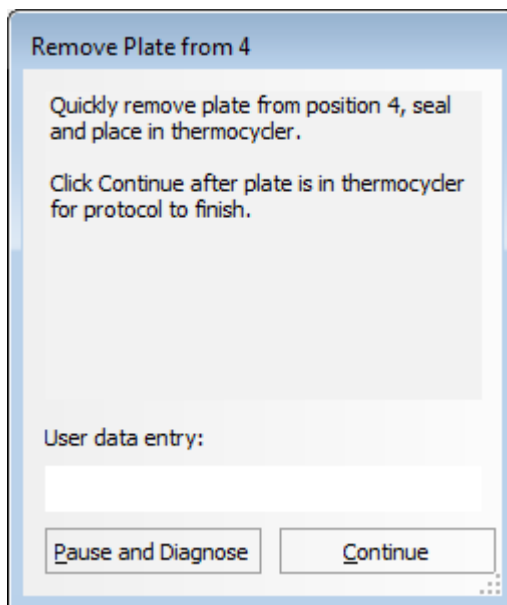
**Use caution when handling components that contact heated deck positions.**

The Agilent NGS Workstation transfers the Capture Library-hybridization buffer mixture to the wells of the PCR plate that contain the mixture of prepped gDNA samples and blocking agents.



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- 27 When prompted by VWorks as shown below, quickly remove the PCR sample plate from Bravo deck position 4, leaving the red insert in place.



- 28 Seal the sample plate using the PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer, with sealing settings of 165°C and 3.0 sec.
- 29 Quickly transfer the plate back to the thermal cycler, held at 65°C. Press the *Play* button to initiate the hybridization segment of the pre-programmed thermal cycling program (segment 4 from [Table 29](#) on page 69). During this step, the prepared DNA samples are hybridized to the Capture Library.

**CAUTION**

The thermal cycler is held at 65°C using a heated lid at 105°C. The lid of the thermal cycler is hot and can cause burns. Use caution when working near the lid.

- 30 After initiating hybridization on the thermal cycler, click **Continue** on the VWorks screen.
- 31 To finish the VWorks protocol, click **Continue** in the **Unused Tips** and **Empty Tip box** dialogs, and click **Yes** in the **Protocol Complete** dialog.

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This step uses runset SureSelectQXT\_Capture&Wash\_v1.0.rst to automate capture of the gDNA-Capture Library hybrids using streptavidin-coated magnetic beads. Setup tasks for the Capture & Wash protocol ([step 1](#), below, through [step 16](#) on [page 85](#)) should be completed during the thermal cycler incubation for hybridization (approximately 1.5-hour duration) started on [page 81](#).

The Capture & Wash runset uses the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Reagent Kit components in [Table 39](#) in addition to streptavidin-coated magnetic beads obtained from another supplier (see [Table 1](#) on [page 12](#)).

**Table 39** Reagents for hybrid capture

Kit Component	Storage Location	Where Used
SureSelect Binding Buffer	SureSelect QXT Hyb Module Box 1, RT	<a href="#">page 83</a>
SureSelect Wash Buffer 1	SureSelect QXT Hyb Module Box 1, RT	<a href="#">page 84</a>
SureSelect Wash Buffer 2	SureSelect QXT Hyb Module Box 1, RT	<a href="#">page 84</a>

### Prepare the workstation

- 1 Clear the Labware MiniHub and BenchCel of all plates and tip boxes.
- 2 Gently wipe down the Labware MiniHub, Bravo decks, and BenchCel with a DNA Away decontamination wipe.
- 3 Pre-set the temperature of Bravo deck position 4 to 66°C using the Inheco Multi TEC control touchscreen, as described in [Setting the Temperature of Bravo Deck Heat Blocks](#). Bravo deck position 4 corresponds to CPAC 2, position 1 on the Multi TEC control touchscreen.
- 4 Place a red PCR plate insert at Bravo deck position 4.
- 5 Place the silver Nunc DeepWell plate insert on position 6 of the Bravo deck. This insert is required to facilitate heat transfer to DeepWell source plate wells during the Capture & Wash runset. When loading a source plate on the silver insert, make sure the plate is seated properly to ensure proper heat transfer.

**Prepare the Dynabeads streptavidin beads**

- 6 Vigorously resuspend the Dynabeads MyOne Streptavidin T1 magnetic beads on a vortex mixer. The beads settle during storage.
- 7 Wash the magnetic beads.
  - a In a conical vial, combine the components listed in [Table 40](#). The volumes below include the required overage.

**Table 40** Magnetic bead washing mixture

Reagent	Volume for 1 Library	Volume for 1 Column	Volume for 2 Columns	Volume for 3 Columns	Volume for 4 Columns	Volume for 6 Columns	Volume for 12 Columns
Dynabeads MyOne Streptavidin T1 bead suspension	50 µl	425 µl	825 µl	1225 µl	1.65 ml	2.5 ml	5.0 ml
SureSelect Binding Buffer	0.2 ml	1.7 ml	3.3 ml	4.9 ml	6.6 ml	10 ml	20 ml
<b>Total Volume</b>	<b>0.25 ml</b>	<b>2.125 ml</b>	<b>4.125 ml</b>	<b>6.125 ml</b>	<b>8.25 ml</b>	<b>12.5 ml</b>	<b>25 ml</b>

- b Mix the beads on a vortex mixer for 5 seconds.
  - c Put the vial into a magnetic device, such as the Dynal magnetic separator.
  - d Remove and discard the supernatant.
  - e Repeat [step a](#) through [step d](#) for a total of 3 washes. (Retain the beads after each wash and combine with a fresh aliquot of the indicated volume of SureSelect Binding Buffer.)
- 8 Resuspend the beads in SureSelect Binding buffer, according to [Table 41](#) below.

**Table 41** Preparation of magnetic beads for SureSelectQXT\_Capture&Wash\_v1.0.rst

Reagent	Volume for 1 Library	Volume for 1 Column	Volume for 2 Columns	Volume for 3 Columns	Volume for 4 Columns	Volume for 6 Columns	Volume for 12 Columns
SureSelect Binding Buffer	0.2 ml	1.7 ml	3.3 ml	4.9 ml	6.6 ml	10 ml	20 ml

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- 9 Prepare a Nunc DeepWell source plate for the washed streptavidin bead suspension. For each well to be processed, add 200  $\mu$ l of the homogeneous bead suspension to the Nunc DeepWell plate.
- 10 Place the streptavidin bead source plate at position 5 of the Bravo deck.

#### Prepare capture and wash solution source plates

- 11 Prepare a Thermo Scientific reservoir containing 15 ml of nuclease-free water.
- 12 Prepare an Eppendorf source plate labeled *Wash #1*. For each well to be processed, add 160  $\mu$ l of SureSelect Wash Buffer 1.
- 13 Prepare a Nunc DeepWell source plate labeled *Wash #2*. For each well to be processed, add 1150  $\mu$ l of SureSelect Wash Buffer 2.

#### Load the Agilent NGS Workstation

- 14 Load the Labware MiniHub according to [Table 42](#), using the plate orientations shown in [Figure 2](#).

**Table 42** Initial MiniHub configuration for SureSelectQXT\_Capture&Wash\_v1.0.rst

Vertical Shelf Position	Cassette 1	Cassette 2	Cassette 3	Cassette 4
Shelf 5 (Top)	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
Shelf 4	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
Shelf 3	Empty Eppendorf plate	Empty	<i>Wash #1</i> Eppendorf source plate	Empty
Shelf 2	Empty	Nuclease-free water reservoir	Empty	Empty
Shelf 1 (Bottom)	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty tip box

**15** Load the Bravo deck according to [Table 43](#) (position 5 should already be loaded).

**Table 43** Initial Bravo deck configuration for SureSelectQXT\_Capture&Wash\_v1.0.rst

Location	Content
1	Empty waste reservoir (Axygen 96 Deep Well Plate, square wells)
4	Empty red insert
5	Dynabeads streptavidin bead DeepWell source plate
6	Wash #2 DeepWell source plate seated on silver Nunc DeepWell insert

**16** Load the BenchCel Microplate Handling Workstation according to [Table 44](#).

**Table 44** Initial BenchCel configuration for SureSelectQXT\_Capture&Wash\_v1.0.rst

No. of Columns Processed	Rack 1	Rack 2	Rack 3	Rack 4
1	1 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
2	2 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
3	3 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
4	4 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
6	6 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
12	10 Tip boxes	2 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty

### Run VWorks runset SureSelectQXT\_Capture&Wash\_v1.0.rst

Start the SureSelectQXT\_Capture&Wash\_v1.0.rst runset upon completion of the hybridization incubation (approximately 1 hour) that was started on [page 81](#), when the thermal cycler program reaches the 65°C Hold step in Segment 5.

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The total duration of the SureSelectQXT\_Capture&Wash\_v1.0.rst runset is approximately 1.5 hours. A workstation operator must be present to complete two actions during the runset at the time points in the table below. The times provided are approximate; each action is completed in response to a VWorks prompt at the appropriate time in the runset.

**Table 45**

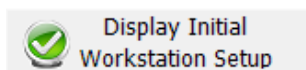
Operator action	Approximate time after run start
Transfer hybridization reactions from thermal cycler to NGS workstation	<5 minutes
Remove PCR plate from red aluminum insert	5-10 minutes

**17** On the SureSelect setup form, under **Select Protocol to Run**, select **SureSelectQXT\_Capture&Wash\_v1.0.rst**.

**18** Under **Select PCR plate labware for Thermal Cycling**, select the specific type of PCR plate used for hybridization. This plate will be transferred from the thermal cycler to Bravo deck position 4 when prompted by VWorks.

**19** Select the number of columns of samples to be processed. Runs must include 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 12 columns.

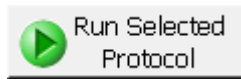
**20** Click **Display Initial Workstation Setup**.



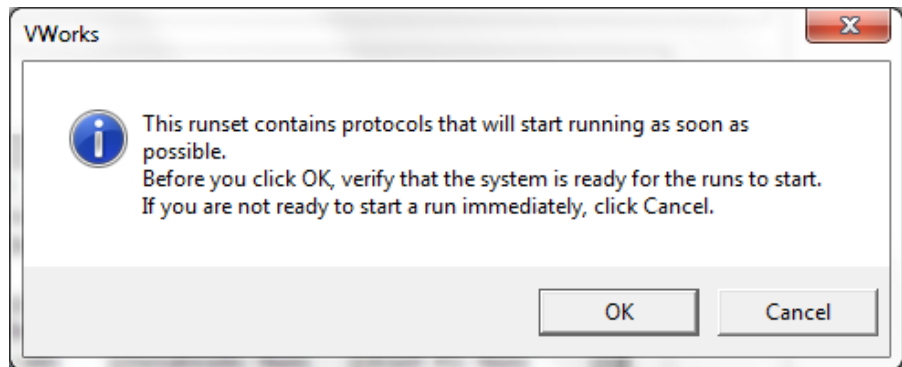
**21** Verify that the NGS workstation has been set up as displayed in the Workstation Setup region of the form.



22 When verification is complete, click **Run Selected Protocol**.



23 When ready to begin the run, click **OK** in the following window. If the temperature of Bravo deck position 4 was not pre-set to 66°C, the runset will pause while position 4 reaches temperature.



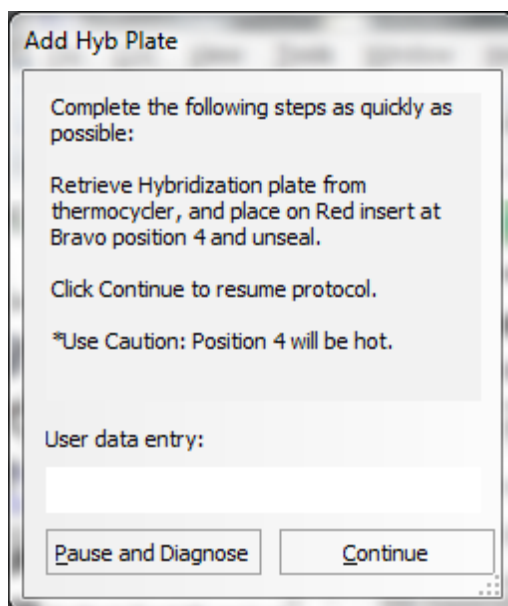
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#### CAUTION

It is important to complete [step 24](#) quickly and carefully. Transfer the sample plate to the Bravo platform quickly to retain the 65°C sample temperature. Unseal the plate without tilting or jerking the plate to avoid sample splashing. Make sure that the Agilent NGS Workstation is completely prepared, with deck platforms at temperature and all components in place, before you transfer the sample plate to the Bravo deck.

**24** When prompted by VWorks as shown below, quickly remove the PCR plate, containing the hybridization reactions held at 65°C, from the thermal cycler. Unseal the plate carefully to avoid splashing, and quickly transfer the plate to position 4 of the Bravo deck, seated in the red insert. Click **Continue** to resume the runset.



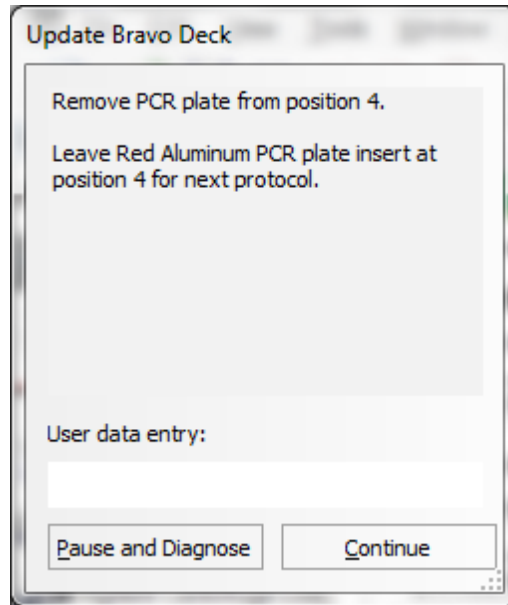
#### WARNING

**Bravo deck position 4 will be hot.**

**Use caution when handling components that contact heated deck positions.**



- 25 When prompted by VWorks as shown below, remove the PCR plate from position 4 of the Bravo deck, leaving the red aluminum insert in place. When finished, click **Continue** to resume the runset.



The remainder of the SureSelectQXT\_Capture&Wash\_v1.0.rst runset takes approximately 1.5 hours. Once the runset is complete, the captured, bead-bound DNA samples are located in the Eppendorf plate at position 9 of the Bravo deck

When the runset is complete, seal the plate using the PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer, with sealing settings of 165°C and 1.0 sec and store the plate on ice while setting up the next automation protocol.

**NOTE**

Captured DNA is retained on the streptavidin beads during the post-capture amplification step.

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This chapter describes the steps to add index tags by amplification, and to purify and assess quality and quantity of the indexed libraries. Sample pooling instructions are provided to prepare the indexed samples for multiplexed sequencing, and guidelines are provided for downstream sequencing steps.



## Step 1. Amplify the captured libraries to add index tags

In this step, the Agilent NGS Workstation completes the liquid handling steps for PCR-based addition of dual indexing tags to the SureSelect-enriched DNA samples using automation protocol Post-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro. After the PCR plate is prepared by the Agilent NGS Workstation, you transfer the plate to a thermal cycler for amplification.

This step uses the components listed in [Table 46](#). Thaw then vortex to mix the reagents listed below and keep on ice.

**Table 46** Reagents for post-capture indexing by PCR amplification

Kit Component	Storage Location	Where Used
Herculase II Fusion DNA Polymerase	SureSelect QXT Library Prep Kit Box 2, -20°C	<a href="#">page 93</a>
Herculase II 5× Reaction Buffer	SureSelect QXT Library Prep Kit Box 2, -20°C	<a href="#">page 93</a>
100 mM dNTP Mix (25 mM each dNTP)	SureSelect QXT Library Prep Kit Box 2, -20°C	<a href="#">page 93</a>
SureSelect QXT P7 and P5 dual indexing primers	SureSelect QXT Library Prep Kit Box 2, -20°C	<a href="#">page 94</a>

### Prepare the workstation

- 1 Turn on the ThermoCube, set to 0°C, at position 9 of the Bravo deck. Be sure that the chiller reservoir contains at least 300 ml of 25% ethanol.
- 2 Clear the Labware MiniHub and BenchCel of plates and tip boxes.
- 3 Pre-set the temperature of Bravo deck positions 4 and 6 to 4°C using the Inheco Multi TEC control touchscreen, as described in [Setting the Temperature of Bravo Deck Heat Blocks](#). Bravo deck position 4 corresponds to CPAC 2, position 1 and deck position 6 corresponds to CPAC 2, position 2 on the Multi TEC control touchscreen.
- 4 Place a red PCR plate insert at Bravo deck position 6.

### Prepare the PCR master mix

**CAUTION**

To avoid cross-contaminating libraries, set up PCR master mixes in a dedicated clean area or PCR hood with UV sterilization and positive air flow.

- 5 Prepare the appropriate volume of PCR master mix, according to [Table 47](#). Mix well using a vortex mixer and keep on ice.

**Table 47** Preparation of PCR Master Mix for Post-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro

SureSelect <sup>QXT</sup> Reagent	Volume for 1 Library	Volume for 1 Column	Volume for 2 Columns	Volume for 3 Columns	Volume for 4 Columns	Volume for 6 Columns	Volume for 12 Columns
Nuclease-free water	9.5 µl	121.1 µl	201.9 µl	282.6 µl	363.4 µl	524.9 µl	1049.8 µl
Herculase II 5× Reaction Buffer	10.0 µL	127.5 µl	212.5 µl	297.5 µl	382.5 µl	552.5 µl	1105.0 µl
100 mM dNTP Mix	0.5 µL	6.4 µl	10.6 µl	14.9 µl	19.1 µl	27.6 µl	55.3 µl
Herculase II Fusion DNA Polymerase	1.0 µl	12.8 µl	21.3 µl	29.8 µl	38.3 µl	55.3 µl	110.5 µl
<b>Total Volume</b>	<b>21.0 µl</b>	<b>267.8 µl</b>	<b>446.3 µl</b>	<b>624.8 µl</b>	<b>803.3 µl</b>	<b>1160.3 µl</b>	<b>2320.6 µl</b>

- 6 Using the same Nunc DeepWell master mix source plate that was used for the Hybridization\_QXT\_v1.0.pro protocol, add the volume of PCR master mix indicated in [Table 48](#) to all wells of column 4 of the plate. Keep the source plate on ice until it is used on [page 95](#).

**Table 48** Preparation of the Master Mix Source Plate for Post-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro

Master Mix Solution	Position on Source Plate	Volume of Master Mix added per Well of Nunc Deep Well Source Plate					
		1-Column Runs	2-Column Runs	3-Column Runs	4-Column Runs	6-Column Runs	12-Column Runs
PCR Master Mix	Column 4 (A4-H4)	30.8 µl	53.2 µl	75.5 µl	97.8 µl	142.4 µl	287.4 µl

**NOTE**

If you are using a new DeepWell plate for the post-capture PCR source plate, leave columns 1 to 3 empty and add the PCR Master Mix to column 4 of the new plate.

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#### Assign and aliquot indexing primers

- 7 Determine the appropriate index assignments for each sample. See the [Reference](#) section for sequences of the index portion of the P7 and P5 indexing primers used to amplify the DNA libraries in this step. (See [Table 71](#) and [Table 72](#) for sequencing on HiSeq and MiSeq platforms or see [Table 71](#) and [Table 73](#) for sequencing on the NextSeq platform.

Use the following guidelines for dual index assignments:

- Use a different indexing primer combination for each sample to be sequenced in the same lane.
- All samples on the same row of the target-enriched DNA library plate must be assigned to the same P5 indexing primer (P5 i13 through P5 i20). This design results from the automation protocol configuration in which the P5 indexing primer is dispensed from a single source plate column to all columns of the indexing PCR plate. Each row of samples may be assigned to the same or different P5 primers, depending on run size and multiplexing requirements. (See [step 10](#), below, for details of P5 primer addition to the master mix source plate.)
- The automation protocol configuration allows for any of the provided P7 indexing primers (P7 i1 through P7 i12) to be assigned to any sample position of the target-enriched DNA library plate. (See [step 8](#) and [step 9](#) below, for P7 primer source plate setup details.)
- For sample multiplexing, Agilent recommends maximizing index diversity on both P7 and P5 primers as required for color balance. For example, when 8-plexing, use eight different P7 index primers with two P5 index primers. See [Table 74](#) on page 125 for additional details.

- 8 Dilute each P7 indexing primer (P7 i1 through P7 i12) to be used in the run according to [Table 49](#). The volumes below include the required excess.

**Table 49** Preparation of P7 indexing primer dilutions

Reagent	Volume to Index 1 Sample	Volume to Index 8 Samples
Nuclease-free water	4.0 µl	34 µl
SureSelect QXT P7 dual indexing primer (P7 i1 to P7 i12)	1.0 µl	8.5 µl
<b>Total Volume</b>	<b>5.0 µl</b>	<b>42.5 µl</b>

- 9 In a fresh PCR plate, aliquot 5 µl of the appropriate P7 indexing primer dilution from [Table 49](#) to the intended sample indexing well position(s). Keep the plate on ice.

- 10 Obtain the Nunc DeepWell master mix source plate containing the PCR Master Mix in column 4 (prepared in [step 6](#), above). Add each P5 indexing primer (P5 i13 through P5 i20) to be used in the run to the master mix in the appropriate well of column 4. Add the volume listed in [Table 50](#) to each well of column 4, according to the number of sample columns in the run. Each well of column 4 can contain the same or different P5 indexing primers. The final configuration of the master mix source plate is shown in [Figure 11](#) on page 96.

Keep the source plate on ice.

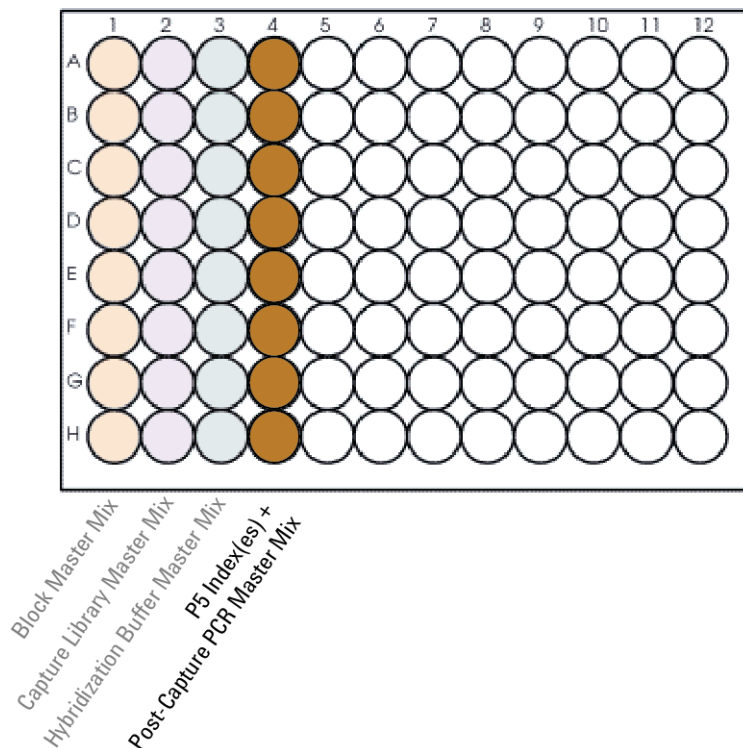
**Table 50** Addition of P5 indexing primers to the post-capture PCR master mix source plate

Solution added to Source Plate	Position on Source Plate	Volume of Primer added per Well of Nunc Deep Well Source Plate					
		1-Column Runs	2-Column Runs	3-Column Runs	4-Column Runs	6-Column Runs	12-Column Runs
SureSelect QXT P5 dual indexing primer(s)*	Column 4 (A4-H4)	1.5 µl	2.5 µl	3.6 µl	4.7 µl	6.8 µl	13.7 µl

\* Each well of column 4 may contain the same or different P5 indexing primer. Typical 12-column runs include all eight of the provided SureSelect QXT P5 dual indexing primers (P5 i13 through P5 i20), resulting in a different P5 primer assignment to each row of the PCR indexing plate.

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**Figure 11** Configuration of the master mix source plate for Post-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro.

- 11 Seal the master mix source plate using the PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer, with sealing settings of 165°C and 1.0 sec.
- 12 Vortex the plate to ensure complete mixing, then centrifuge the plate for 30 seconds to drive the well contents off the walls and plate seal and to eliminate any bubbles.



**Load the Agilent NGS Workstation**

**13** Load the Labware MiniHub according to [Table 51](#), using the plate orientations shown in [Figure 2](#).

**Table 51** Initial MiniHub configuration for Post-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro

Vertical Shelf Position	Cassette 1	Cassette 2	Cassette 3	Cassette 4
Shelf 5 (Top)	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
Shelf 4	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
Shelf 3	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
Shelf 2	New tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
Shelf 1 (Bottom)	Empty tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty tip box

**14** Load the Bravo deck according to [Table 52](#).

**Table 52** Initial Bravo deck configuration for Post-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro

Location	Content
4	Captured DNA bead suspensions in Eppendorf twin.tec plate
6	Diluted P7 indexing primers in PCR plate seated in red insert (PCR plate type must be specified on setup form under step 2)
9	Master mix plate containing P5 indexing primers and PCR Master Mix in Column 4 (unsealed)

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**15** Load the BenchCel Microplate Handling Workstation according to Table 53.

**Table 53** Initial BenchCel configuration for Post-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro

No. of Columns Processed	Rack 1	Rack 2	Rack 3	Rack 4
1	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
2	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
3	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
4	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
6	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
12	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty

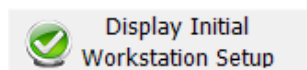
### Run VWorks protocol Post-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro

**16** On the SureSelect setup form, under **Select Protocol to Run**, select **Post-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro**.

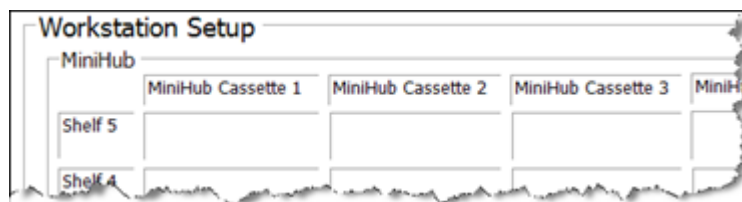
**17** Under **Select PCR plate labware for Thermal Cycling**, select the specific type of PCR plate used at position 6 of the Bravo deck.

**18** Select the number of columns of samples to be processed. Runs must include 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 12 columns.

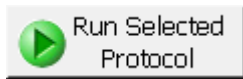
**19** Click **Display Initial Workstation Setup**.



**20** Verify that the NGS workstation has been set up as displayed in the Workstation Setup region of the form.

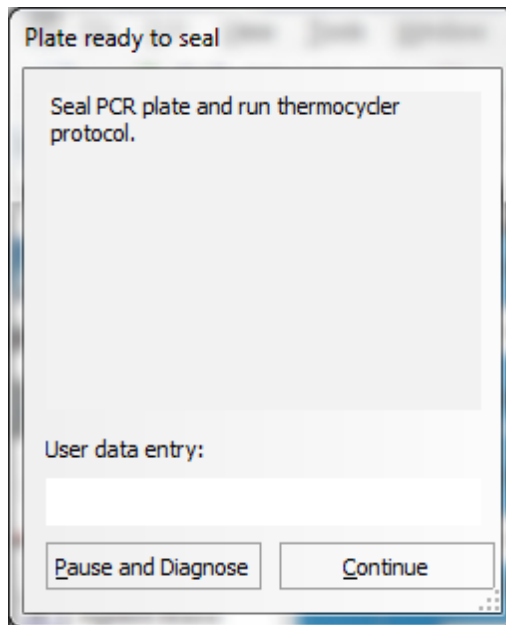


**21** When verification is complete, click **Run Selected Protocol**.



Running the Post-CapturePCR\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro protocol takes approximately 15 minutes. Once complete, the PCR-ready samples, containing captured DNA and PCR master mix, are located in the PCR plate at position 6 of the Bravo deck.

When you see the following prompt, remove the PCR plate from position 6 of the Bravo deck and seal the plate using the PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer, with sealing settings of 165°C and 3.0 seconds.



**22** Centrifuge the plate for 30 seconds to drive the well contents off the walls and plate seal and to eliminate air bubbles.

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**23** Transfer the PCR plate to a thermal cycler and run the PCR amplification program shown in [Table 54](#).

**Table 54** Post-Capture PCR cycling program

Segment	Number of Cycles	Temperature	Time
1	1	98°C	2 minutes
2	Capture Libraries >3 Mb: 10 Cycles	98°C	30 seconds
	Capture Libraries 1 to 3 Mb: 12 Cycles	58°C	30 seconds
	Capture Libraries <1 Mb: 14 Cycles	72°C	1 minute
3	1	72°C	10 minutes
4	1	4°C	Hold

## Step 2. Purify the amplified indexed libraries using Agencourt AMPure XP beads

In this step, the Agilent NGS Workstation transfers AMPure XP beads to the indexed DNA sample plate and then collects and washes the bead-bound DNA.

### Prepare the workstation and reagents

- 1 Clear the Labware MiniHub and BenchCel of all plates and tip boxes.
- 2 Gently wipe down the Labware MiniHub, Bravo decks, and BenchCel with a DNA Away decontamination wipe.
- 3 Verify that the AMPure XP bead suspension is at room temperature. (If necessary, allow the bead solution to come to room temperature for at least 30 minutes.) *Do not freeze the beads at any time.*
- 4 Mix the bead suspension well so that the reagent appears homogeneous and consistent in color.
- 5 Turn on the ThermoCube, set to 4°C, at position 9 of the Bravo deck. Be sure that the chiller reservoir contains at least 300 ml of 25% ethanol.
- 6 Pre-set the temperature of Bravo deck position 4 to 45°C using the Inheco Multi TEC control touchscreen, as described in [Setting the Temperature of Bravo Deck Heat Blocks](#). Bravo deck position 4 corresponds to CPAC 2, position 1 on the Multi TEC control touchscreen.
- 7 Prepare a Nunc DeepWell source plate containing AMPure XP beads. For each well to be processed, add 65 µl of homogeneous AMPure XP beads per well to the Nunc DeepWell plate.
- 8 Prepare a Thermo Scientific reservoir containing 15 ml of nuclease-free water.
- 9 Prepare a separate Thermo Scientific reservoir containing 45 ml of freshly-prepared 70% ethanol.
- 10 Centrifuge the indexed DNA sample plate for 30 seconds to drive the well contents off the walls and plate seal.

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### Step 2. Purify the amplified indexed libraries using Agencourt AMPure XP beads

**11** Load the Labware MiniHub according to [Table 55](#), using the plate orientations shown in [Figure 2](#).

**Table 55** Initial MiniHub configuration for AMPureXP\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro:Post-Capture PCR

Vertical Shelf Position	Cassette 1	Cassette 2	Cassette 3	Cassette 4
Shelf 5 (Top)	Empty Nunc DeepWell plate	Empty	Empty	Empty
Shelf 4	Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
Shelf 3	Empty	Empty Eppendorf Plate	Empty	Empty
Shelf 2	Empty	Nuclease-free water reservoir from <a href="#">step 8</a>	AMPure XP beads in Nunc DeepWell plate from <a href="#">step 7</a>	Empty
Shelf 1 (Bottom)	Empty	70% ethanol reservoir from <a href="#">step 9</a>	Empty	Empty tip box

**12** Load the Bravo deck according to [Table 56](#).

**Table 56** Initial Bravo deck configuration for AMPureXP\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro:Post-Capture PCR

Location	Content
1	Empty waste reservoir (Axygen 96 Deep Well Plate, square wells)
9	Indexed library samples in unsealed PCR plate seated in red insert (PCR plate type must be specified on setup form under step 2)

## Step 2. Purify the amplified indexed libraries using Agencourt AMPure XP beads

**13** Load the BenchCel Microplate Handling Workstation according to Table 57.

**Table 57** Initial BenchCel configuration for AMPureXP\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro:Post-Capture PCR

No. of Columns Processed	Rack 1	Rack 2	Rack 3	Rack 4
1	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
2	1 Tip box	Empty	Empty	Empty
3	2 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
4	2 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
6	3 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty
12	6 Tip boxes	Empty	Empty	Empty

### Run VWorks protocol AMPureXP\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro:Post-Capture PCR

**14** On the SureSelect setup form, under **Select Protocol to Run**, select **AMPureXP\_QXT\_ILM\_v1.0.pro:Post-Capture PCR**.

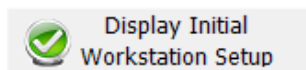
#### NOTE

AMPureXP purification protocols are used during multiple steps of the SureSelect automation workflow. Be sure to select the correct workflow step when initiating the automation protocol.

**15** Under **Select PCR plate labware for Thermal Cycling**, select the specific type of PCR plate containing the indexed libraries at position 9.

**16** Select the number of columns of samples to be processed. Runs must include 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, or 12 columns.

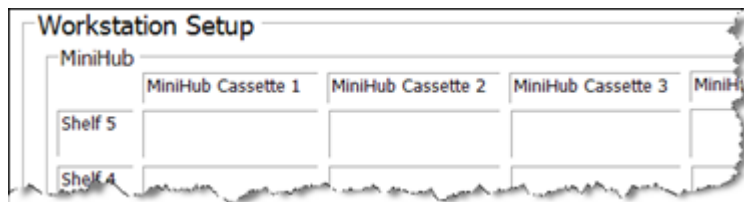
**17** Click **Display Initial Workstation Setup**.



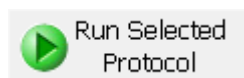
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### Step 2. Purify the amplified indexed libraries using Agencourt AMPure XP beads

- 18 Verify that the NGS workstation has been set up as displayed in the Workstation Setup region of the form.



- 19 When verification is complete, click **Run Selected Protocol**.



The purification protocol takes approximately 45 minutes. When complete, the amplified DNA samples are in the Eppendorf plate located on Bravo deck position 7.



## Step 3. Assess indexed DNA quality

### Option 1: Analysis using the 2100 Bioanalyzer and High Sensitivity DNA Assay

- 1 Set up the 2100 Bioanalyzer as instructed in the *High Sensitivity DNA Kit Guide* at [www.genomics.agilent.com](http://www.genomics.agilent.com).

**NOTE**

Version B.02.07 or higher of the Agilent 2100 Expert Software is required for High Sensitivity DNA Assay Kit runs.

- 2 Seal the sample plate using the PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer, with sealing settings of 165°C and 1.0 sec.
- 3 Vortex the plate to mix samples in each well, then centrifuge the plate for 30 seconds to drive the well contents off the walls and plate seal.
- 4 Prepare the chip, samples and ladder as instructed in the reagent kit guide, using 1 µl of each sample for the analysis.

**NOTE**

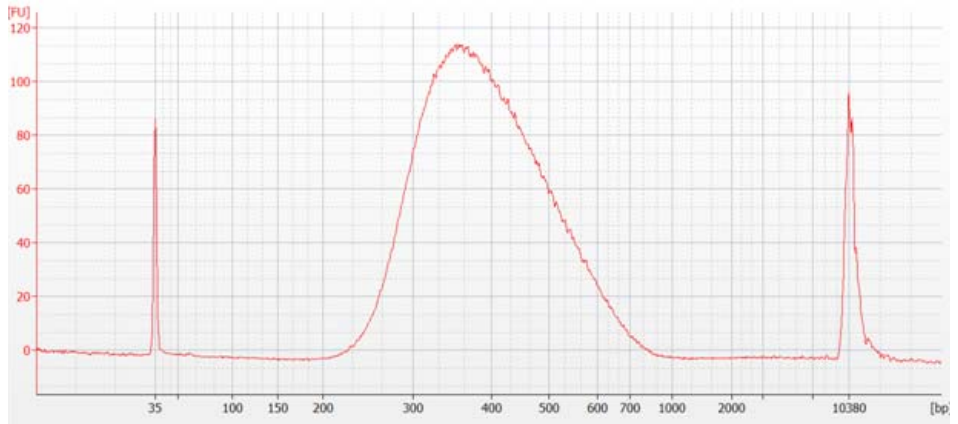
For some samples, Bioanalyzer results are improved by diluting 1 µl of the sample in 9 µl of 10 mM Tris, 1 mM EDTA prior to analysis. Be sure to mix well by vortexing at 2000 rpm on the IKA vortex supplied with the Bioanalyzer before analyzing the diluted samples.

- 5 Load the prepared chip into the 2100 Bioanalyzer and start the run within five minutes after preparation.
- 6 Verify that the electropherogram shows the peak of DNA fragment size positioned between 325 and 450 bp. A sample electropherogram is shown in [Figure 12](#).

**Stopping Point**

If you do not continue to the next step, seal the plate and store at 4°C overnight or at -20°C for prolonged storage.

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**Figure 12** Analysis of indexed DNA using the High Sensitivity DNA Assay.

**Option 2: Analysis using an Agilent TapeStation and High Sensitivity D1000 ScreenTape**

Use a High Sensitivity D1000 ScreenTape (p/n 5067-5584) and reagent kit (p/n 5067-5585) to analyze the indexed DNA. For more information to do this step, see the appropriate TapeStation user manual at [www.genomics.agilent.com](http://www.genomics.agilent.com).

- 1 Seal the DNA sample plate using the PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer, with sealing settings of 165°C and 1.0 sec.
- 2 Vortex the plate to mix samples in each well, then centrifuge the plate for 30 seconds to drive the well contents off the walls and plate seal.
- 3 Prepare the TapeStation samples as instructed in the instrument user manual. Use 2 µl of each indexed DNA sample diluted with 2 µl of High Sensitivity D1000 sample buffer for the analysis.

**CAUTION**

Make sure that you thoroughly mix the combined DNA and High Sensitivity D1000 sample buffer on a vortex mixer for 5 seconds for accurate quantitation.

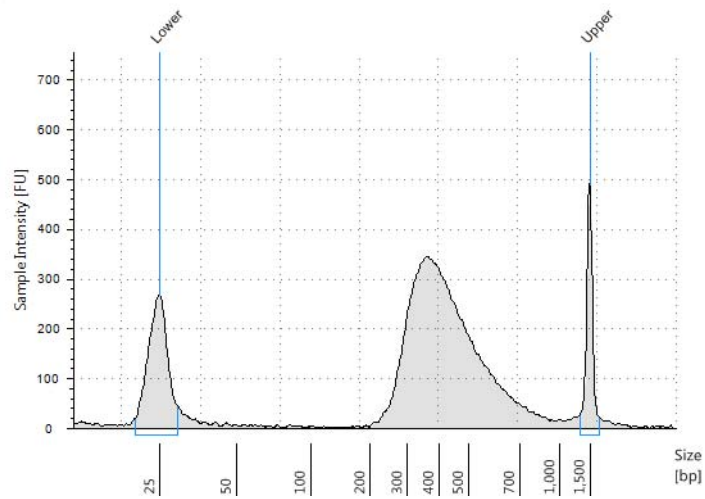
- 4 Load the sample plate or tube strips from [step 3](#), the High Sensitivity D1000 ScreenTape, and loading tips into the TapeStation as instructed in the instrument user manual. Start the run.
- 5 Verify that the electropherogram shows the peak of DNA fragment size positioned between 325 and 450 bp. A sample electropherogram is shown in [Figure 13](#).

**Stopping Point**

If you do not continue to the next step, seal the indexed DNA sample plate and store at 4°C overnight or at -20°C for prolonged storage.

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**Figure 13** Analysis of indexed DNA using the 2200 TapeStation.

## Step 4. Quantify each index-tagged library by QPCR (optional)

Refer to the protocol that is included with the Agilent QPCR NGS Library Quantification Kit (p/n G4880A) for more details to do this step.

- 1 Use the Agilent QPCR NGS Library Quantification Kit (for Illumina) to determine the concentration of each index-tagged captured library.
- 2 Prepare a standard curve using the quantification standard included in the kit, according to the instructions provided in the user guide.
- 3 Dilute each index-tagged captured library such that it falls within the range of the standard curve.

Typically this corresponds to approximately a 1:1000 to 1:10,000 dilution of the captured DNA.

- 4 Prepare the QPCR master mix with Illumina adaptor-specific PCR primers according to instructions provided in the kit.
- 5 Add an aliquot of the master mix to PCR tubes and add template.
- 6 On a QPCR system, such as the Mx3005p, run the thermal profile outlined in the QPCR NGS Library Quantification kit user guide. Use the SYBR Green instrument setting.
- 7 Use the standard curve to determine the concentration of each unknown index-tagged library, in nM.

The concentration will be used to accurately pool samples for multiplexed sequencing.

## Step 5. Pool samples for Multiplexed Sequencing

- 1 Combine the libraries such that each index-tagged sample is present in equimolar amounts in the pool. For each library, use the formula below to determine the amount of indexed sample to use.

$$\text{Volume of Index} = \frac{V(f) \times C(f)}{\# \times C(i)}$$

where  $V(f)$  is the final desired volume of the pool,

$C(f)$  is the desired final concentration of all the DNA in the pool

$\#$  is the number of indexes, and

$C(i)$  is the initial concentration of each indexed sample.

Table 58 shows an example of the amount of 4 index-tagged samples (of different concentrations) and Low TE needed for a final volume of 20  $\mu$ l at 10 nM.

**Table 58** Example of index volume calculation for a total volume of 20  $\mu$ l

Component	V(f)	C(i)	C(f)	#	Volume to use ( $\mu$ l)
Sample 1	20 $\mu$ l	20 nM	10 nM	4	2.5
Sample 2	20 $\mu$ l	10 nM	10 nM	4	5
Sample 3	20 $\mu$ l	17 nM	10 nM	4	2.9
Sample 4	20 $\mu$ l	25 nM	10 nM	4	2
Low TE					7.6

- 2 Adjust the final volume of the pooled library to the desired final concentration.
  - If the final volume of the combined index-tagged samples is less than the desired final volume,  $V(f)$ , add Low TE to bring the volume to the desired level.
  - If the final volume of the combined index-tagged samples is greater than the final desired volume,  $V(f)$ , lyophilize and reconstitute to the desired volume.
- 3 If you store the library before sequencing, add Tween 20 to 0.1% v/v and store at -20°C short term.

## Step 6. Prepare sequencing samples

The optimal seeding concentration for SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> target-enriched libraries is 8 to 12 pM on HiSeq or MiSeq instruments and 1.2 to 1.4 pM on the NextSeq platform. Seeding concentration and cluster density may also need to be optimized based on the DNA fragment size range for the library and on the desired output and data quality. Follow Illumina’s recommendation for a PhiX control in a low-concentration spike-in for improved sequencing quality control.

### NOTE

The recommended seeding concentration of 8 to 12 pM is for samples quantified using the 2100 Bioanalyzer or an Agilent TapeStation as described on [page 105](#) to [page 107](#). If you are using a different quantification method, such as QPCR, you may need to optimize the seeding concentration to achieve the optimal cluster density.

Proceed to cluster amplification using the appropriate Illumina Paired-End Cluster Generation Kit. See [Table 59](#) for kit configurations compatible with the recommended read length plus reads for the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> 8-bp dual indexes. To do this step, refer to the manufacturer’s instructions, using the modifications described in “Using the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Read Primers with Illumina’s Paired-End Cluster Generation Kits” on page 112.

**Table 59** Illumina Kit Configuration Selection Guidelines

Platform	Run Type	Read Length*	SBS Kit Configuration	Chemistry
HiSeq 2500	Rapid Run	2 × 100 bp	200 Cycle Kit	v1 or v2
HiSeq 2500	High Output	2 × 100 bp	4 × 50 Cycle Kit <sup>†</sup>	v3
HiSeq 2500	High Output	2 × 100 bp	250 Cycle Kit	v4
HiSeq 2000	All Runs	2 × 100 bp	4 × 50 Cycle Kit <sup>†</sup>	v3
MiSeq	All Runs	2 × 100 bp	300 Cycle Kit	v2
MiSeq	All Runs	2 × 76 bp	150 Cycle Kit	v3
NextSeq 500	All Runs	2 × 100 bp	300 Cycle Kit	v2

\* If your application requires a different read length, verify that you have sufficient sequencing reagents to complete Reads 1 and 2 in addition to the dual 8-bp index reads.

† A single 200-cycle kit does not include enough reagents to complete Reads 1 and 2 in addition to the dual 8-bp index reads in this format. If preferred, the additional reads may be supported by using one 200-cycle kit plus one 50-cycle kit.

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#### Using the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Read Primers with Illumina's Paired-End Cluster Generation Kits

To sequence the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> libraries on Illumina's sequencing platforms, you need to use the following custom sequencing primers, provided in SureSelect QXT Library Prep Kit Box 2:

- SureSelect QXT Read Primer 1
- SureSelect QXT Read Primer 2
- SureSelect QXT Index Read Primer
- SureSelect QXT Index 2 Read Primer NSQ (NextSeq platform only)

These SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> custom sequencing primers are provided at 100  $\mu\text{M}$  and must be diluted 1:200 in the corresponding Illumina primer solution, using the platform-specific instructions below:

**For the HiSeq platform**, combine the primers as shown in [Table 60](#) or [Table 61](#) on [page 113](#).

**For the MiSeq platform**, combine the primers as shown in [Table 62](#) on [page 113](#).

**For the NextSeq platform**, combine the primers as shown in [Table 63](#) or [Table 64](#) on [page 114](#).

#### NOTE

It is important to combine the primers precisely in the indicated ratios. Be sure to use measured volumes of each solution; do not use volumes reported on vial labels when preparing the mixtures. Vortex each mixture vigorously to ensure homogeneity for proper detection of the indexes using the custom read primers.



**Table 60 HiSeq2000 and HiSeq 2500 High Output custom sequencing primer preparation**

Sequencing Read	Volume of SureSelect <sup>QXT</sup> Primer	Volume of Illumina TruSeq Primer	Total Volume
Read 1	5 µl SureSelect QXT Read Primer 1 (brown cap)	995 µl HP6 or HP10	1 ml*
Index	15 µl SureSelect QXT Index Read Primer (clear cap)	2985 µl HP8 or HP12	3 ml
Read 2	15 µl SureSelect QXT Read Primer 2 (black cap)	2985 µl HP7 or HP11	3 ml

\* Aliquot the mixture as directed for HP6 or HP10 in Illumina’s cluster generation protocol.

**Table 61 HiSeq 2500 Rapid Mode custom sequencing primer preparation**

Sequencing Read	Volume of SureSelect <sup>QXT</sup> Primer	Volume of Illumina TruSeq Primer	Total Volume
Read 1	8.8 µl SureSelect QXT Read Primer 1 (brown cap)	1741.2 µl HP10	1.75 ml*
Index	8.8 µl SureSelect QXT Index Read Primer (clear cap)	1741.2 µl HP12	1.75 ml
Read 2	8.8 µl SureSelect QXT Read Primer 2 (black cap)	1741.2 µl HP11	1.75 ml

\* Aliquot the mixture as directed for HP10 in Illumina’s cluster generation protocol.

**Table 62 MiSeq platform custom sequencing primer preparation**

Sequencing Read	Volume of SureSelect <sup>QXT</sup> Primer	Volume of Illumina TruSeq Primer	Total Volume	Final Cartridge Position
Read 1	3 µl SureSelect QXT Read Primer 1 (brown cap)	597 µl HP10 (well 12)	0.6 ml	well 18
Index	3 µl SureSelect QXT Index Read Primer (clear cap)	597 µl HP12 (well 13)	0.6 ml	well 19
Read 2	3 µl SureSelect QXT Read Primer 2 (black cap)	597 µl HP11 (well 14)	0.6 ml	well 20

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### Step 6. Prepare sequencing samples

**Table 63** NextSeq 500/550 High-Output v2 Kit custom sequencing primer preparation

Sequencing Read	Volume of SureSelect <sup>QXT</sup> Primer	Volume of Illumina Primer	Total Volume	Final Cartridge Position
Read 1	3.9 µl SureSelect QXT Read Primer 1 (brown cap)	1296.1 µl BP10 (from well 20)	1.3 ml	well 7
Read 2	4.2 µl SureSelect QXT Read Primer 2 (black cap)	1395.8 µl BP11 (from well 21)	1.4 ml	well 8
Index + Index 2	6 µl SureSelect QXT Index Read Primer (clear cap) + 6 µl SureSelect QXT Index 2 Read Primer NSQ (purple cap)	1988 µl BP14 (from well 22)	2 ml	well 9

**Table 64** NextSeq 500/550 Mid-Output v2 Kit custom sequencing primer preparation

Sequencing Read	Volume of SureSelect <sup>QXT</sup> Primer	Volume of Illumina Primer	Total Volume	Final Cartridge Position
Read 1	2.7 µl SureSelect QXT Read Primer 1 (brown cap)	897.3 µl BP10 (from well 20)	0.9 ml	well 7
Read 2	3.3 µl SureSelect QXT Read Primer 2 (black cap)	1096.7 µl BP11 (from well 21)	1.1 ml	well 8
Index + Index 2	4.8 µl SureSelect QXT Index Read Primer (clear cap) + 4.8 µl SureSelect QXT Index 2 Read Primer NSQ (purple cap)	1590.4 µl BP14 (from well 22)	1.6 ml	well 9

## Step 7. Set up the sequencing run and trim adaptors from the reads

Refer to Illumina protocols to set up custom sequencing primer runs, using the additional guidelines outlined below.

For SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> dual index sequence information, see tables on [page 123](#).

Before aligning reads to the reference genome, SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> adaptor sequences must be trimmed from the reads. You can use SureCall, Agilent's NGS data analysis software, to perform adaptor trimming, alignment of reads and variant calling of sequencing data generated from either the HiSeq or the MiSeq platform. To download SureCall free-of-charge and for additional information, including tutorials on this software, visit the [SureCall page at www.genomics.agilent.com](http://www.genomics.agilent.com).

SureCall is compatible with FASTQ files generated by both the HiSeq and MiSeq platforms. To use SureCall to analyze SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup>-generated data, you first need to define an analysis workflow. This analysis workflow identifies the libraries as SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> libraries and enables automated adaptor trimming. The trimmed FASTQ files can then be used for alignment to generate BAMs for downstream analysis.

To create the analysis workflow, refer to [Figure 14 on page 116](#). Upon starting SureCall, click the **Analysis Workflow** tab. Choose the appropriate analysis type (single sample, paired, or trio analysis), and then click the **Import Unaligned Files** button. Within the *Select Unaligned Sample Files* window, specify your read 1 and read 2 files using the **Add** buttons. Using the menus near the bottom of the screen, select **Default SureSelect QXT Method** from the *Analysis Method* menu, choose the appropriate design description from the *Design* menu, and select **Illumina** from the *Platform* menu. Once done, refer to the SureCall guide for next steps on alignment and variant calling.

If using another pipeline for alignment and downstream analysis, refer to the platform-specific guidelines starting on [page 116](#).

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### Step 7. Set up the sequencing run and trim adaptors from the reads

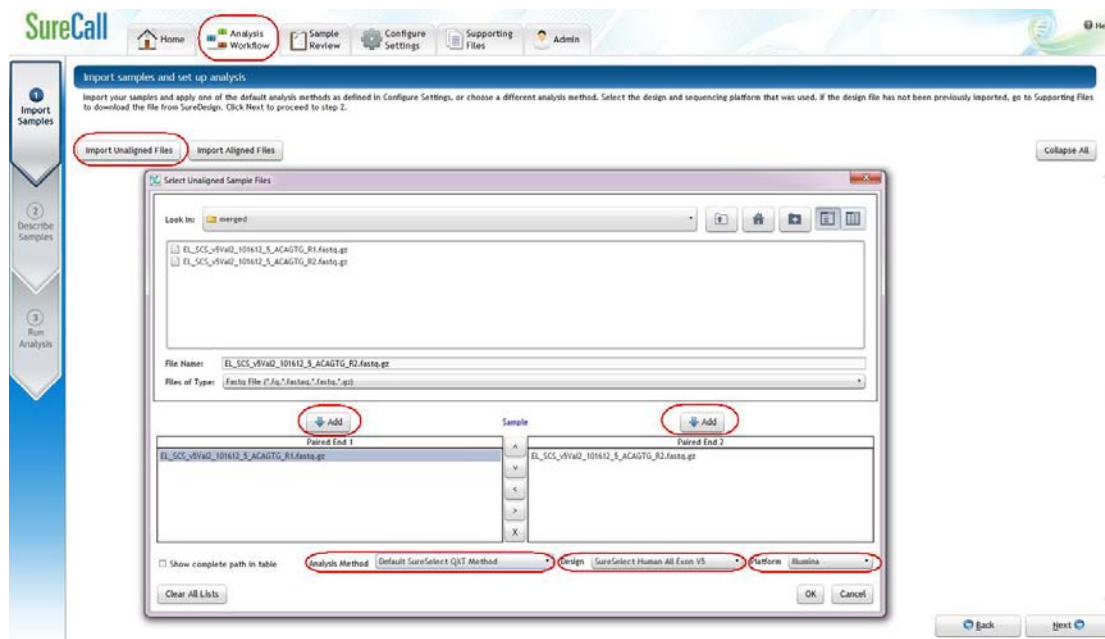


Figure 14 Analysis workflow setup in SureCall.

### MiSeq platform sequencing run setup and adaptor trimming guidelines

Use the Illumina Experiment Manager (IEM) software to generate a custom primer Sample Sheet.

Set up the run to include adaptor trimming using the IEM Sample Sheet Wizard. When prompted by the wizard, select the *Use Adaptor Trimming* option, and specify **CTGTCCTTGATCACA** as the adaptor sequence. This enables the MiSeq Reporter software to identify the adaptor sequence and trim the adaptor from reads.

### HiSeq or NextSeq 500 platform sequencing run setup and adaptor trimming guidelines

Set up sequencing runs using the *Custom* setting. Since custom primers are spiked into the standard sequencing primer tubes, no additional specialized settings are required to accommodate the use of custom primers in the run.

Use the *Cycles* settings shown in [Table 65](#). Cycle number settings can be specified on the *Run Configuration* screen of the instrument control software interface after choosing *Custom* from the index type selection buttons.

**Table 65** Run Configuration screen Cycle Number settings

Run Segment	Cycle Number
Read 1	100
Index 1 (i7)	8
Index 2 (i5)	8
Read 2	100

After the sequencing run is complete, generate demultiplexed FASTQ data following Illumina’s instructions and then trim adaptor sequences from the reads using Agilent’s Read Trimmer tool. This tool takes in data in FASTQ format and removes the adaptor sequence from the ends of the sequencing reads, generating trimmed FASTQ data as output. To download the Read Trimmer tool free-of-charge and for additional information on this resource, visit [www.agilent.com/genomics](http://www.agilent.com/genomics).

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Step 7. Set up the sequencing run and trim adaptors from the reads



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This chapter contains reference information, including component kit contents and reference information for use during the downstream sample sequencing steps.



## Kit Contents

SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Reagent Kits contain the following component kits:

**Table 66** SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Reagent Kit Contents

Component Kits	Storage Condition	HiSeq or MiSeq (ILM) 96 Samples	NextSeq (NSQ) 96 Samples
SureSelect QXT Library Prep Kit, ILM, Box 2*	-20°C	5500-0121	5500-0127
SureSelect QXT Target Enrichment Kit, ILM Hyb Module, Box #1	Room Temperature	5190-7335	5190-7335
SureSelect QXT Target Enrichment Kit, ILM Hyb Module, Box #2	-20°C	5190-7334	5190-7334

\* SureSelect QXT Library Prep Kit, ILM, Box 1 is not required for the workflow described in this manual.

The contents of each of the component kits listed in [Table 66](#) are described in [Table 68](#) to [Table 70](#) below.



**Table 67** SureSelect QXT Library Prep, ILM, Box 2 Content

Kit Component	HiSeq or MiSeq (ILM) 96 Reactions
SureSelect QXT Buffer	bottle
SureSelect QXT Enzyme Mix ILM	tube with orange cap
Herculase II Fusion DNA Polymerase	tube with red cap
Herculase II 5× Reaction Buffer	tube with clear cap
100 mM dNTP Mix (25 mM each dNTP)	tube with green cap
DMSO	tube with green cap
SureSelect QXT Read Primer 1	tube with amber cap
SureSelect QXT Read Primer 2	tube with black cap
SureSelect QXT Index Read Primer	tube with clear cap
SureSelect QXT P7 dual indexing primers	P7 i1 through P7 i12 provided in 12 tubes with yellow caps (one tube per primer)
SureSelect QXT P5 dual indexing primers	P5 i13 through P5 i20 provided in 8 tubes with blue caps (one tube per primer)

**Table 68** SureSelect QXT Library Prep, NSQ, Box 2 Content

Kit Component	NextSeq (NSQ) 96 Reactions
SureSelect QXT Buffer	bottle
SureSelect QXT Enzyme Mix ILM	tube with orange cap
Herculase II Fusion DNA Polymerase	tube with red cap
Herculase II 5× Reaction Buffer	tube with clear cap
100 mM dNTP Mix (25 mM each dNTP)	tube with green cap
DMSO	tube with green cap
SureSelect QXT Read Primer 1	tube with amber cap
SureSelect QXT Read Primer 2	tube with black cap
SureSelect QXT Index Read Primer	tube with clear cap
SureSelect QXT Index 2 Read Primer NSQ	tube with purple cap
SureSelect QXT P7 dual indexing primers	P7 i1 through P7 i12 provided in 12 tubes with yellow caps (one tube per primer)
SureSelect QXT P5 dual indexing primers	P5 i13 through P5 i20 provided in 8 tubes with blue caps (one tube per primer)

**Table 69** SureSelect QXT Hyb Module Box 1 Content

<b>Kit Component</b>	<b>96 Reactions</b>
SureSelect QXT Stop Solution	bottle
SureSelect Binding Buffer	bottle
SureSelect Wash Buffer 1	bottle
SureSelect Wash Buffer 2	bottle

**Table 70** SureSelect QXT Hyb Module Box 2 Content

<b>Kit Component</b>	<b>96 Reactions</b>
SureSelect QXT Fast Hybridization Buffer	bottle
SureSelect QXT Fast Blocker Mix	tube with blue cap
SureSelect QXT Primer Mix	tube with clear cap
SureSelect RNase Block	tube with purple cap

## Nucleotide Sequences of SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Dual Indexes

The nucleotide sequence of each SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> index is provided in the tables below.

Note that some index number assignments of the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> P5 and P7 indexes differ from the index number assignments used by Illumina for indexes of similar or identical sequence.

Each index is 8 bases in length. Refer to Illumina’s sequencing run setup instructions for sequencing libraries using 8-base indexes.

**Table 71** SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> P7 Indexes 1 to 12

Index Number	Sequence
P7 Index 1 (P7 i1)	TAAGGCGA
P7 Index 2 (P7 i2)	CGTACTAG
P7 Index 3 (P7 i3)	AGGCAGAA
P7 Index 4 (P7 i4)	TCCTGAGC
P7 Index 5 (P7 i5)	GTAGAGGA
P7 Index 6 (P7 i6)	TAGGCATG
P7 Index 7 (P7 i7)	CTCTCTAC
P7 Index 8 (P7 i8)	CAGAGAGG
P7 Index 9 (P7 i9)	GCTACGCT
P7 Index 10 (P7 i10)	CGAGGCTG
P7 Index 11 (P7 i11)	AAGAGGCA
P7 Index 12 (P7 i12)	GGACTCCT

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### Nucleotide Sequences of SureSelect<sup>OXT</sup> Dual Indexes

**Table 72** SureSelect<sup>OXT</sup> P5 Indexes 13 to 20 for HiSeq platform, MiSeq platform, or NextSeq platform runs through BaseSpace

Index Number	Sequence
P5 Index 13 (P5 i13)	TAGATCGC
P5 Index 14 (P5 i14)	CTCTCTAT
P5 Index 15 (P5 i15)	TATCCTCT
P5 Index 16 (P5 i16)	AGAGTAGA
P5 Index 17 (P5 i17)	GTAAGGAG
P5 Index 18 (P5 i18)	ACTGCATA
P5 Index 19 (P5 i19)	AAGGAGTA
P5 Index 20 (P5 i20)	CTAAGCCT

**Table 73** SureSelect<sup>OXT</sup> P5 Indexes 13 to 20 for NextSeq platform\*

Index Number	Sequence
P5 Index 13 (P5 i13)	GCGATCTA
P5 Index 14 (P5 i14)	ATAGAGAG
P5 Index 15 (P5 i15)	AGAGGATA
P5 Index 16 (P5 i16)	TCTACTCT
P5 Index 17 (P5 i17)	CTCCTTAC
P5 Index 18 (P5 i18)	TATGCAGT
P5 Index 19 (P5 i19)	TACTCCTT
P5 Index 20 (P5 i20)	AGGCTTAG

\* When doing NextSeq runs through BaseSpace, use the reverse complement sequences provided in [Table 72](#).

## Guidelines for Multiplexing with Dual-Indexed Samples

Agilent recommends following the dual index sample pooling guidelines and shown in Table 74. These are designed to maintain color balance at each cycle of the index reads on both ends. They also provide flexibility of demultiplexing as single or dual indexed samples in low-plexity experiments. One-base mismatches should also be allowed during demultiplexing in order to maximize sequencing output per sample.

**Table 74** Dual index sample pooling guidelines for 96 Reaction Kits

Plexity of Sample Pool	Recommended SureSelect <sup>OXT</sup> P7 Indexes	Recommended SureSelect <sup>OXT</sup> P5 Indexes
1-plex	Any P7 index i1 to i11	Any P5 index (i13 to i20)
2-plex	P7 i1 and P7 i2 OR P7 i2 and P7 i4	P5 i13 and P5 i14 OR P5 i15 and P5 i16 OR P5 i17 and P5 i18
3-plex	P7 i1, P7 i2 and P7 i4 OR P7 i3, P7 i4 and P7 i6 OR P7 i5, P7 i7 and P7 i8	P5 i13 and P5 i14 OR P5 i15 and P5 i16 OR P5 i17 and P5 i18 (as needed)
4-plex	P7 i1, P7 i2, P7 i3* and P7 i4 OR P7 i3, P7 i4, P7 i5* and P7 i6 OR P7 i5, P7 i6*, P7 i7 and P7 i8	P5 i13 and P5 i14 OR P5 i15 and P5 i16 OR P5 i17 and P5 i18 (as needed)
5-plex	P7 i1, P7 i2, P7 i3*, P7 i4 and P7 i5* OR P7 i3, P7 i4, P7 i5*, P7 i6 and p7 i7* OR P7 i5, P7 i6*, P7 i7, P7 i8 and p7 i9*	P5 i13 and P5 i14 OR P5 i15 and P5 i16 OR P5 i17 and P5 i18 (as needed)
6- to 11-plex	Any combination of P7 indexes i1 to i11 using each index only once	P5 i13 and P5 i14 OR P5 i15 and P5 i16 OR P5 i17 and P5 i18 (as needed)
12- to 88-plex	Any combination of P7 indexes i1 to i11 (as needed)	P5 i13 and P5 i14 and any third P5 index OR P5 i15 and P5 i16 and any third P5 index OR P5 i17 and P5 i18 and any third P5 index (as needed)
89- to 96-plex	All twelve P7 indexes (i1 to i12)	Any P5 indexes (i13 to i20, as needed)

\* The indicated indexes may be substituted with another index within range of P7 i1 to P7 i11, as long as the substitute index differs from all others used in the sample pool.

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## In This Book

This guide contains information to run the SureSelect<sup>QXT</sup> Automated Library Prep and Target Enrichment protocol.

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