

DNBSEQ™ SERVICE OVERVIEW

Whole Genome Bisulfite Sequencing



Service Description

Methylation of DNA at the fifth position in cytosine (5-mC) is a stable epigenetic modification and plays an important role in many biological processes, including gene silencing, suppression of transposable elements, genomic imprinting and X chromosome inactivation. Detection and quantification of methylation are critical to understand gene expression and other processes subjected to epigenetic regulation.

Whole genome bisulfite sequencing (WGBS) is used to detect methylated cytosines by treating the DNA with sodium bisulfite before sequencing. WGBS has become the gold standard for studying genome-wide methylation at single base resolution.

Sequencing Service Specification

BGI Whole Genome Bisulfite Sequencing Services are executed with DNBSEQ technology.



Sample Preparation and Services

- Library preparation, including bisulfite treatment
- 100bp paired-end sequencing
- Clean data, standard and customized data analysis
- Available data storage and bioinformatics applications



Sequencing Quality Standard

- Guaranteed $\geq 90\%$ of clean bases with quality score of Q20
- Guaranteed $\geq 99\%$ bisulfite conversion rate
- Standard sequencing coverage $\geq 30X$ is recommended

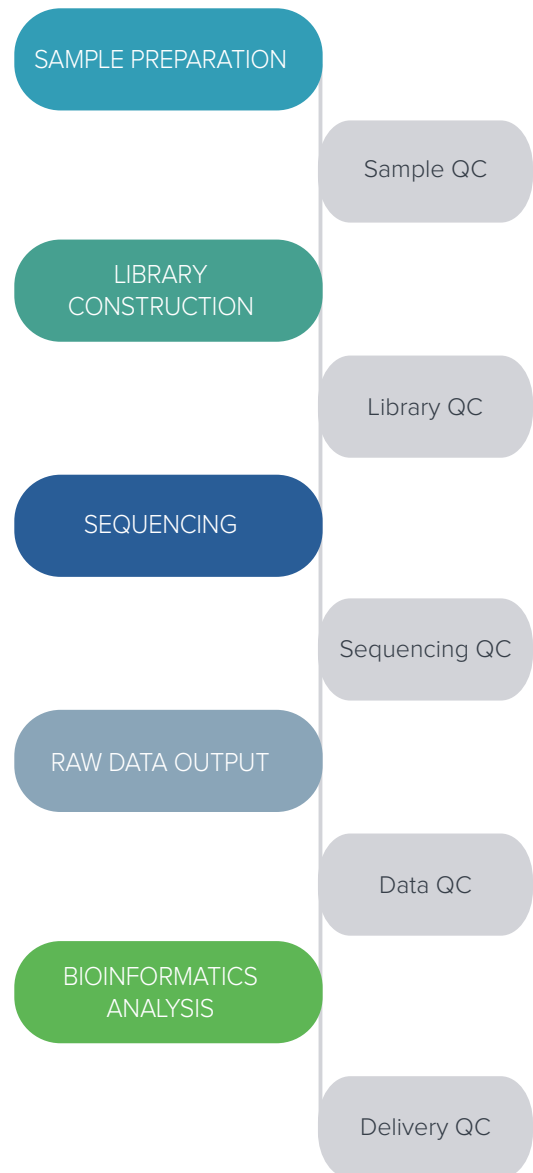


Turnaround Time

- Typical 50 working days from sample QC acceptance to filtered raw data availability
- Expedited services are available; contact your local BGI specialist for details

Project Workflow

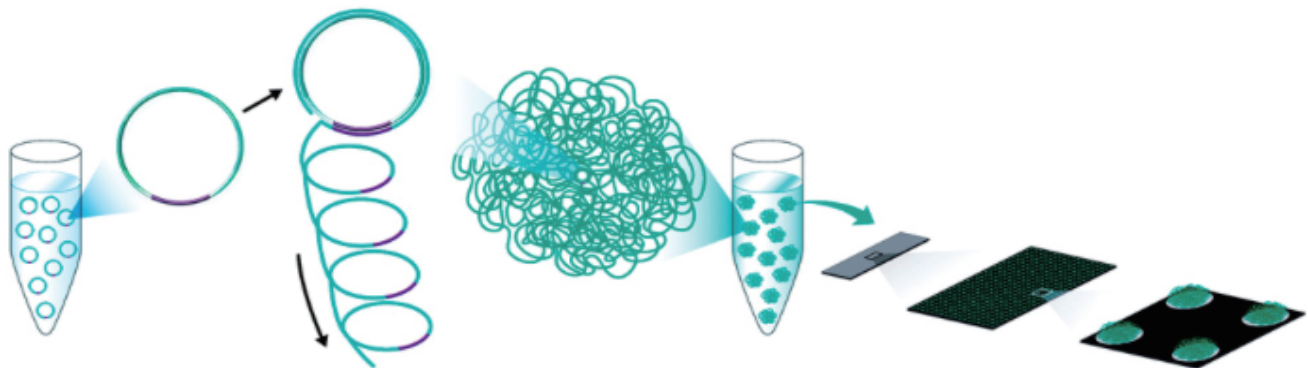
We care for your samples from the start through to the result reporting. Highly experienced laboratory professionals follow strict quality procedures to ensure the integrity of your results.



DNBSEQ Sequencing Technology

DNBSEQ is an innovative high-throughput sequencing solution, developed by BGI's Complete Genomics subsidiary in Silicon Valley. The system is powered by combinatorial Probe-Anchor Synthesis (cPAS), linear isothermal Rolling-Circle Replication and DNA Nanoballs (DNB™) technology, followed by high-resolution digital imaging.

The combination of linear amplification and DNB technology reduces the error rate while enhancing the signal. The size of the DNB is controlled in such a way that only one DNB is bound per active site on the flow cell. This densely patterned array technology provides optimal sequencing accuracy and increases flow cell utilization.



Data Analysis

Besides clean data, BGI offers a range of standard and customized bioinformatics options for your whole genome bisulfite sequencing project.

Reports and output data files are delivered in industry standard file formats: FASTQ, BAM, cout, .xls, .png

STANDARD ANALYSIS

- Data Filtering
- Alignment
- Data Quality Statistics
- Methyl-cytosine identification
- Differential Methylated Region (DMR) analysis
- Statistics of methylation level

CUSTOMIZED ANALYSIS

Further customization of bioinformatics analysis to suit your unique project is available. Please contact your BGI technical representative for details.

Sample Requirements

We can process your gDNA, whole blood, cell line and fresh frozen tissue samples, with the following general requirements:

	DNA Amount and Concentration	Minimum Sample Volume
Regular Samples	Intact genomic DNA ≥ 1 µg, Concentration ≥ 50 ng/µl	15 µl
Low Input Samples	Intact genomic DNA ≥ 400 ng, Concentration ≥ 7 ng/µl	15 µl

DNBSEQ Performance

The human standard sample NA12878 was used to validate DNBSEQ WGBS. The PE100 sequencing data from DNBSEQ was compared to the PE150 sequencing data from the Platform N. Two datasets of each platforms are included in the comparison. Both sequencing platforms shows high mapping rates in the range of with 82-86%, while the duplication rates of the DNBSEQ platform are noticeable lower by around 10% (Figure 1). As a result, the average data-using rate of DNBSEQ platform is 14.3% greater than that of Platform N.

The GC-bias plot shows GC content has less impact on DNBSEQ platforms, whereas Platform N prefers higher GC regions over the lower ones (Figure 2).

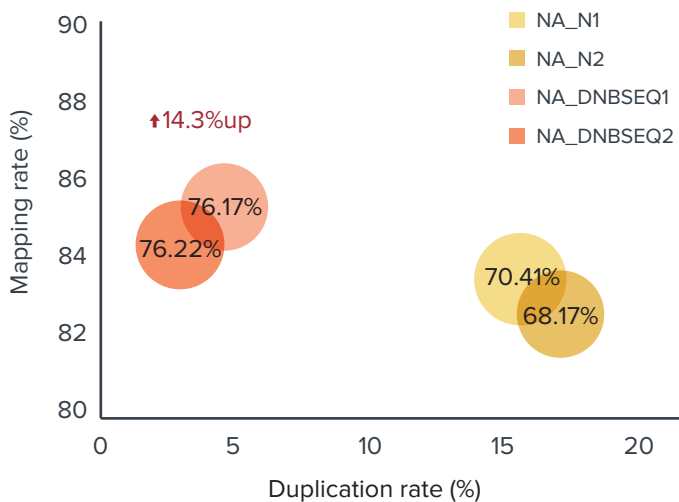


Figure 1 The mapping rate (Y axis), duplication rate (X axis), and data using rate (the size of the bubbles) of the four datasets. The data using rate in the bubbles refers to the proportion of valid reads (the duplicate removed mapped reads) data to the total filtered reads data.

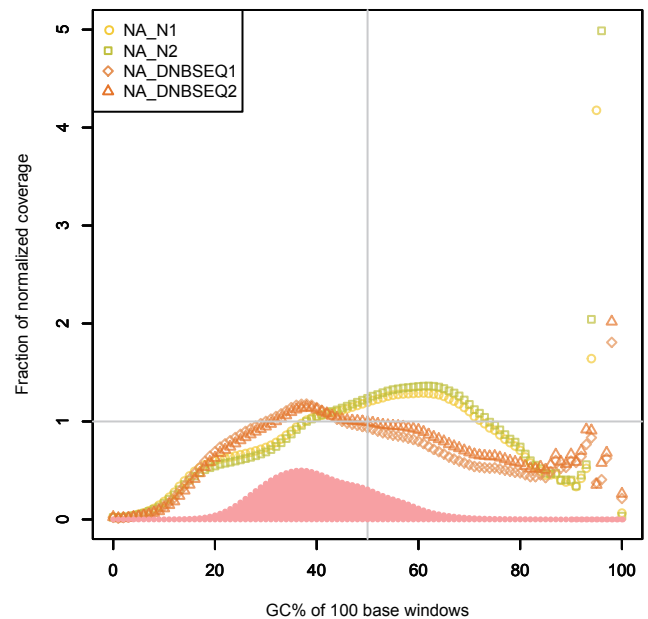


Figure 2. The GC-bias plot for the NA12878 genome. The yellow spots: GC composition distribution of the 2 datasets of platform N. The orange spots: GC composition distribution of the 2 DNBSEQ datasets.



Request for Information or Quotation

Contact your BGI account representative for the most affordable rates in the industry and to discuss how we can meet your specific project requirements or for expert advice on experiment design, from sample to bioinformatics.

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