

ATOplex RNA Library Prep Set for Virus Research

—Accurate, fast, cost-efficient, sensitive and simple for virus detection and full-length genome analysis

■ Highlight

- Ultra-sensitive Detection** Analyze samples with as low as 10 copies/mL viral load
- Accurate Quantification** The ability to accurately quantify viral load by spike-in control
- High Coverage** It covers >99% of the viral genome and variants in challenging sample

■ Introduction

ATOplex RNA Library Prep Set is a 2-step multiplex PCR-based library preparation set, which provides a streamlined workflow for SARS-CoV-2 whole genome enrichment and amplification. Combined with DNBSEQ-based high-throughput sequencing platform, it can obtain the full-length genome sequences of SARS-CoV-2 and achieve relative quantification of SARS-CoV-2 for population-scale virus detection, surveillance and tracing.

Product Parameters

Product Name	ATOplex RNA Library Prep Set
Configuration	96 Preps/kit
Sample Types	Total Nucleic Acid from Throat Swabs, BALF, Saliva, plasma etc
Application	Surveillance, Variation and Evolution Analysis of SARS-CoV-2
Detection Region	SARS-CoV-2 full-length genome
Amplicons Size	106-199 bp
Amplicons Numbles	273 Amplicons in one tube
cDNA input	>10 copies genome for full-length, >10 copies/mL for detection
Variant Types	SNP, InDel
Total Time (sample to library)	5.0 Hours
Uniformity (0.1X)	95%
On Target Aligned Reads	≥95%
Recommend Sequence Type	PE100 for Full Length Genome, SE50 for Detection
Recommend Total Reads	1-5 M Reads/sample

Workflow

ATOplex Prep Set utilizes a 2-step multiplex PCR method to enrich and amplify the entire genome of SARS-CoV-2 in one tube. It converts the extracted RNA into a DNA library and ready for subsequent DNB making and sequencing (Figure 1).

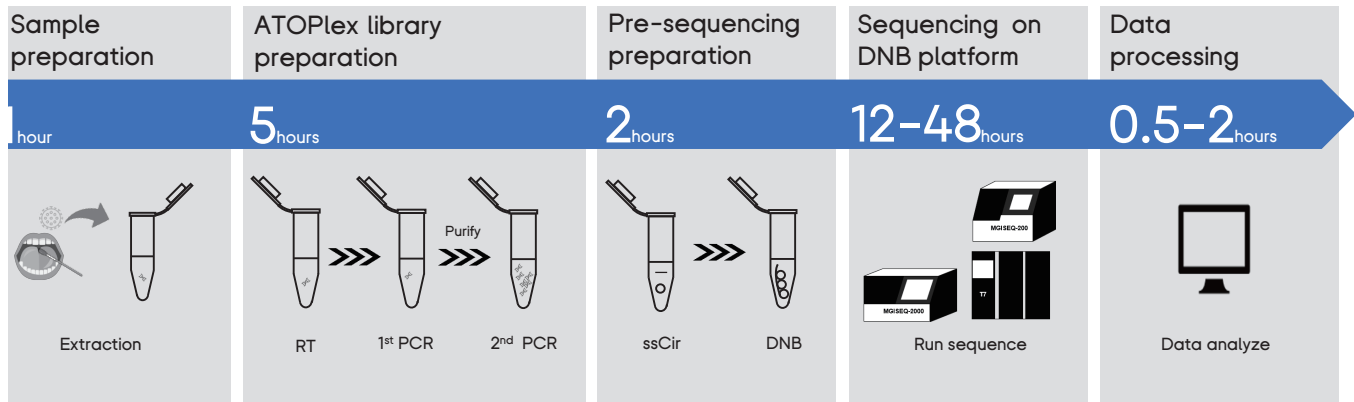


Figure 1 Workflow of ATOplex Massively Parallel Sequencing (ATOplex MPS)

Performance

Ultra-Sensitive

6 serial dilutions of cultured isolate subjected to direct ATOplex MPS and RT-qPCR (Figure 2). According to the results (Table 1), ATOplex MPS can detect and assemble nearly full-length genome with 10⁻⁶ gradient dilutions (about 10 copies/mL vial load).

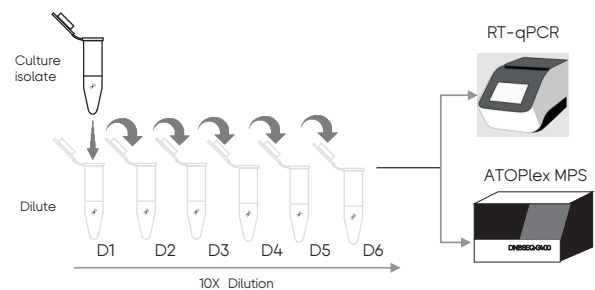


Figure 2 Workflow of subjecting to direct ATOplex MPS and RT-qPCR

Table 1 Comparison of mPCR-based MPS and RT-PCR results

ID	Raw reads	ATOplex MPS			RT-PCR
		SARS-CoV-2 Reads	SARS-Cov-2 Mean Depth	100X Coverage%	Ct Value
Dilution 10 ⁻¹	9,455,876	9,135,710	61102.3	99.8	24.3
Dilution 10 ⁻²	10,232,235	8,823,284	59012.7	99.8	27.1
Dilution 10 ⁻³	9,122,357	4,655,942	31140.3	99.8	30.6
Dilution 10 ⁻⁴	5,965,846	441,279	2951.4	99.8	33.5
Dilution 10 ⁻⁵	4,536,254	154,987	1036.6	95.3	36.9
Dilution 10 ⁻⁶	17,563,253	30,935	206.9	75.4	NO CT

Accurate Quantitative

Equimolar artificial DNA has been pre-incorporated into the amplification primer pool. The artificial DNA serves as a spike-in control which is used to relatively quantify viral loads. To evaluate the detection performance, 6 serial dilutions of cultured isolate were detected by ATOplex MPS and RT-qPCR, and the results of ATOplex MPS were highly correlated with dilution gradient and RT-qPCR (Figure. 2).

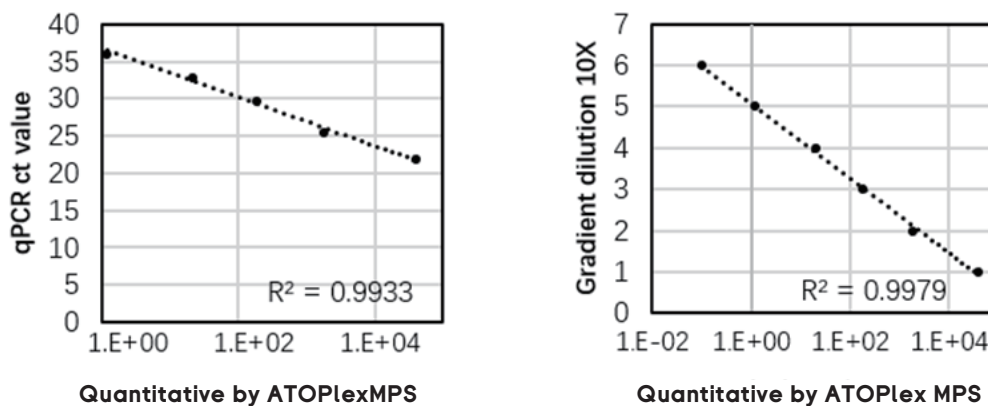


Figure 2 Quantitative Results of ATOplex MPS. Quantify the copy number of SARS-CoV-2 using definite artificial DNA, the X-axis represents the copy number of SARS-CoV-2 relative to artificial DNA, the y-axis from the left to the right figure is the number of RT-qPCR Ct value and gradient dilution, respectively.

Genome Assembly with Nearly Full-Length Virus Genome

ATOplex Prep Set was used to prepare the library of the clinical sample with ct value of 35, and then sequencing on DNBSEQ-G400* with PE100+10+10. We assembled a nearly full-length SRAS-CoV-2 genome of 99.54% with >100× coverage and identified a total of 13 variants (Table 2, 9 SNP loci, 1 INS loci, and 3 DEL loci). At the same time, a maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree was constructed according to the SARS-CoV-2 consensus, which provided a powerful basis for virus traceability (Figure. 3).

Table2 SARS-CoV-2 Genome Assembly Information

Assembly length	Non-N ratio(%)	Number of SNPs	Number of INSS	Number of DELs
29903 bp	99.54	9	1	3



Figure3 Maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree of SARS-CoV-2 (genomes obtained from GISAID as of early March,2020. Total 26 countries included.)

■ Summary

ATOplex RNA Library Prep Set utilizes spike-in control can not only obtain the nearly full-length genome of virus at RT-qPCR ct value of 36.9, but more importantly, also can accurately quantify viral load of clinical sample. Extracted virus RNA was reverse transcribed and amplified in one tube with a simple flow that converts virus RNA to sequence library in 5 hours. ATOplex MPS workflow based on DNBSEQ high-throughput sequencing platform, enables users to identify SARS-CoV-2, examine biological functions and track genetic changes, thereby allowing for rapid responses to outbreaks.

Ordering information

Cat. No.	Product Name
940-000183-00	ATOplex RNA Library Prep Set

■ About ATOplex Platform

ATOplex platform is a targeted MPS customized package based on MGI's proprietary ultra-high multiplex PCR-based enrichment technique. It can be applied to DNA, RNA and DNA methylation sequencing in multiple fields such as medicine, forensics, agriculture, DTC, etc. MGI provides a total targeted sequencing package which includes customized panel, automated system and DNB sequencers etc.

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