



## RNA Sequencing

### Product Overview

**Traditional RNA sequencing** allows gene expression analysis of either the coding regions (mRNAseq), the whole transcriptome (total RNAseq) including non-coding RNAs, or small RNAs (small RNAseq) in total RNA extracted from whole tissue or isolated cells/nuclei.

**The mRNAseq** workflow begins with an enrichment of polyA-tailed. Either polyA enriched RNA or **total RNA** are then fragmented followed by a double-stranded cDNA synthesis using a mixture of random and oligo(dT) priming. Libraries are generated by ligating unique dual index (UDI) adaptors to the RNA fragments followed by strand selection, a ribosomal depletion step (optional for mRNAseq) and PCR amplification.

**The small RNAseq** workflow begins with 3' and 5' adapter ligation to the RNA (either total RNA or isolated small RNA). Following cDNA synthesis, libraries are generated.

Sequencing is performed on the NovaSeq X Plus platform (Illumina) with tailored sequencing settings based on the project design and the user's needs.

### What is Included

- RNA QC
- Library preparation
- Quality control of library
- Library pooling and sequencing on Illumina NovaSeq X Plus
- FASTQ files
- Standard data processing, QC and basic bioinformatics analyzes (optional).

### Input and quality requirements

#### RNA extraction

Extraction of RNA is the responsibility of the user. During the extraction protocol, it is important to include a DNase treatment to prevent genomic DNA contamination. If performing small RNAseq, ensure to capture small RNAs during the extraction. Contact [SCOP](#) to consult.

#### Quality

The quality of the RNA will reflect the downstream process – poor quality may lead to compromised data.

- RIN > 7 (strongly recommended).

#### Sample drop-off

Extracted RNA for both QC and libraries should be delivered at a specific concentration which depends on the assay type.

In general, SCOP recommends:

- mRNAseq:  $\geq 5 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{l}$
- total RNAseq:  $\geq 25 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{l}$
- small RNAseq:  $\geq 20 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{l}$

Contact SCOP for more information.

### Data Deliverables

The data will be processed with the NF-core pipeline. The data will be transferred to the project folder including:

- FASTQ files
- Alignment and read-counts (optional)
- Extensive QC report (optional)
- Differential expression analysis (optional)
- Data upload to repository prior publication.