Pacybara and BarseqPro

Pacybara is a long-read barcode clustering method designed for multiplexed assays of variant effect (MAVEs).

BarseqPro is an accompanying BarSeq MAVE analysis pipeline.

Pre-requisites and installation:

- 1. Pacybara and barseqPro are designed for a Slurm or PBS HPC cluster.
 - A single-node version of pacybara is also provided, but not recommended due to very long runtimes.
- 2. Install clusterutil. This handles the abstraction between Slurm and PBS interfaces.
- 3. Download or clone the code repository:
 - Either via git: git clone https://github.com/jweile/barseqPro.git
 - Or as a simple download wget https://github.com/jweile/barseqPro/archive/refs/heads/master.zip&&unzip master.zip
- 4. Installation
 - Automatic installation (via conda and R):
 - Make sure anaconda (or miniconda) is installed.
 - Run ./install.sh. This will install all dependencies in a new conda environment called pacybara.
 - Alternative manual installation:
 - Make sure python version 3.8 or higher is installed.
 - Make sure R version 4.1 or higher as well as the following R packages are installed: yogitools, yogiseq, hgvsParseR,argparser,pbmcapply,hash,bitops. yogitools, yogiutil and hgvsParser can be installed via remotes::install_github("jweile/yogitools"), etc
 - Make sure emboss, bwa, bowtie2, muscle and samtools are installed. (e.g. via conda: conda install
 c bioconda emboss bwa bowtie2 muscle samtools)
 - Copy all scripts from the src/ folder into a directory on your path, e.g. cp src/* ~/bin/

If you need to perform CCS processing/filtering from Pacbio CLR reads to prepare your long read inputs, we also recommend installing pacbiotools.

Running pacybara

- 1. Prepare a parameter sheet file. An example can be found further down in this document.
 - As part of the parameter sheet you will need to define the amplicon sequence and note the start and end positions of the ORF within. Also take note of the barcode degeneracy code(s) in the reference file. These will need to be recorded in the ORFSTART, ORFEND and BARCODE fields of the sheet.
 - Carefully choose the parameters for MINBCQ and MINQUAL, as they are dependent on the overall distribution of Q-scores in your input FASTA, which can drastically differ depending on the number of passes in the Pacbio run (and are usually grossly over-inflated). If your input fastq file was processed via DeepConsensus you will need lower these values, as DeepConsensus produces much more reasonable Q-values than CCS. For example, for CCS at > 5 passes, MINQUAL=100 is a good starting point, whereas for DeepConsensus, MINQUAL=60 would be better.
- 2. If you used the automatic installation script or manually installed the dependencies above via an accorda / miniconda, make sure to activate the corresponding environment. (The one created by the install.sh script is called 'pacybara'): conda activate pacybara.
- 3. Let's assume your parameter sheet is called pacybara_parameters.txt. You can then execute pacybara via:

pacybara.sh pacybara_parameters.txt.

However, it is recommended that you run pacybara as a HPC job. Assuming we'd like to request 12CPU cores, 24GB of RAM and 36 hours runtime for the job and pass on the pacybara conda environment: submitjob.sh -n myPacybaraJob -c 12 -m 24G -t 36:00:00 -l pacybara.log -e pacybara.log --conda pacybara -- pacybara.sh pacybara_parameters.txt

There are a number of optional parameters to deal with cluster idiosyncrasies:

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pacybara.sh \ [-c|--cpus < CPUS>] \ [-q|--queue < QUEUE>] \ [-b|--blacklist \ \{< NODE>, \}] \ < PARAMETERS> \\ (A contraction of the contraction o
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-c|--cpus : Number of CPUs to use per node, defaults to 4

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-q|--queue : The HPC queue (or slurm partition) to use
-b|--blacklist : A comma-separated list of HPC nodes to avoid
<PARAMETERS> : The parameter sheet file
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If you don't have an HPC environment you can instead try out our experimental single-machine version. However, without the ability to run parallel jobs, this will take a very long time to run (i.e. days or even weeks!).

pacybara_nomux.sh pacybara_parameters.txt.

Pacybara Output

The output directory will contain multiple items:

- A bam file of all the reads aligned against the amplicon
- A tarball containing the log files of all the parallel alignments
- A directory ending in _extract. This contains fastq files of the extracted barcodes for each read and a file called genotypes.csv.gz which contains the extracted ORF genotypes for each read.
- A directory ending in _clustering. This contains a number of intermediate files, as well as the final clusters_transl.csv.gz and clusters_transl_filtered.csv.gz
 - clusters_transl.csv.gz contains an unfiltered table of all final clusters (i.e. clones) and barcodes and genotypes.
 - clusters_transl_filtered.csv.gz is the same, but filtered for clones supported by >1 CCS read and no barcode collisions.
 - clusters_transl_softfilter.csv.gz is filtered less strictly. It still requires >1 CCS read, but allows clones from barcode collisions as long as they dominate that barcode with at least a 2/3 majority.
 - Within the *_clustering directory you will also find a qc/ sub-directory. This contains a number of QC plots.

Converting the Pacybara output for use with barseqPro.

The barseqPro software requires a library of barcode associations. This table can be made using any of the clusters_transl* tables, depending on the desired filtering level. I recommend using the softfilter version for best results. To convert it to the required format, you can use the pacybara_preplib.R script:

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pacybara preplib.R clusters transl softfilter.csv.gz myBarcodeLibrary.csv --mode up2up
Here is a the full help output for the script:
pacybara_preplib.R --help
usage: pacybara_preplib.R [--] [--help] [--opts OPTS] [--mode MODE]
       clusters outfile
Prep Pacybara libraries for use in barseq
positional arguments:
              translated clusters csv.gz file
  clusters
  outfile
              output file name
flags:
  -h, --help show this help message and exit
optional arguments:
  -x, --opts RDS file containing argument values
  -m, --mode translation mode. Valid arguments: up2up, down2down,
              virt2up, virt2down. 'up2up' directly writes uptag-based
              clusters to an uptag library. 'down2down' directly writes
              downtag-based clusters to a downtag library. 'virt2up'
              converts virtual-barcode-based clusters into an uptag
              library. 'virt2down' converts virtual-barcode-based
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clusters into a downtag library. [default: up2up]

Manual conversion

Alternatively, you can also do this manually. To do so, extract the clusters_transl_softfilter.csv.gz file using gunzip (or similar software) and open it in a spreadsheet software such as Calc or Excel. Then, assuming you want to use uptags:

- 1. Delete the following columns: virtualBarcode, reads, collisions, upTagCollisions, and geno.
- 2. Rename the upBarcode column to barcode.
- 3. Move the size column to the end (so that is now column I)

You should now have the following 9 columns, in the following order: barcode, hgvsc, hgvsp, codonChanges, codonHGVS, aaChanges, aaChangeHGVS, offTarget, size. Save it as a CSV file, for example myBarcodeLibrary.csv.

Running barseqPro

- 1. Prepare a parameter sheet for your run. An example can be found below.
- 2. Prepare a folder containing the FASTQ files for your samples. Make sure the names of the FASTQ files match the sample names in the parameter sheet.
- 3. The results will be written to the current working directory, so I recommend creating a new directory for this purpose first; e.g. mkdir barseq_MFG_2022-08-15 && cd \$_.
- 4. BarseqPro just takes two arguments, the path to the FASTQ folder and the parameter sheet, e.g. barseq.sh fastqFolder/ parameters.txt. Again, it is recommended to submit this as a HPC job: submitjob.sh -n myBarseqJob -c 12 -m 24G -t 36:00:00 -l barseq.log -e barseq.log -- barseq.sh fastqFolder/ parameters.txt.

Runtime is very dependent on the maxError parameter in the parameter sheet. Allowing for only 1 error is much faster than 2 or 3!

BarseqPro Output:

BarseqPro will create the following folders: counts/, logs/, and scores/ If some of these are missing or empty, you can check the log files for errors. The most important results will be in the scores/ folder:

- joint_scores_*.csv will contain the map scores for each amino acid change in a given assay in MaveDB format.
- all_aa_scores_*.csv is similar, but contains a more detailed breakdown of scores based on single mutants only, multi-mutant averaging, and inverse multiplicative model inference.
- allScores.csv contains fitness scores for each individual barcoded clone.

Running barseq QC

You can run barseq_qc.R on the output of barseqPro. It takes the following arguments: The path to the allLRs.csv file, the path to the allCounts.csv file, and the desired output directory, e.g.: barseq_qc.R scores/allLRs.csv counts/allCounts.csv qc/

It will generate a number of QC plots in the specified output folder.

Example parameter sheets

Pacybara parameter sheet

A valid Pacybara parameter sheet is a simple plain-text .TXT file with two sections: ARGUMENTS and AMPLICON SEQUENCE. Each of them are demarcated using #BEGIN and #END statements.

The ARGUMENTS section is a bash script that needs to define the following variables: TITLE, INFASTQ, WORKSPACE, BARCODE, ORFSTART, ORFEND, MAXQDROPS, MINBCQ, MINJACCARD, MINMATCHES, MAXDIFF, MINQUAL and CLUSTERMODE. See the example below for individual explanations. Importantly, the ORFSTART and ORFEND parameters should correspond to the start and end positions of the open reading frame in the provided amplicon sequence.

The AMPLICON SEQUENCE section should follow FASTA format and contain the sequence of the amplicon including all barcode loci and the coding sequence.

#Pacybara parameter file

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#BEGIN ARGUMENTS

#Experiment title

TITLE="LDLR-R01-test"

Long read sequencing input file (fastq.gz)

 ${\tt INFASTQ=\$HOME/data/pacbio_2021-06-09/filterRQ/demux/m54204U_210514_191645.subreads_ccsMerged_RQ999.fastq.g} \\$

Workspace directory

WORKSPACE=\$HOME/projects/barseqPro/workspace/pacybara/LDLR_R01_pDONR_test/

The barcode degeneracy sequence used in the amplicon below

BARCODE=SWSWSWSWSWSWSWSWSWSWSWS

The start position of the ORF in the amplicon below (1-based) ORFSTART=207

The end position of the ORF in the amplicon below (1-based) ORFEND=2789

The maximum number of low-quality bases allowed in a given barcode.

MAXQDROPS=5

The minimum average quality score allowed in a given barcode.

MINBCQ=85

#The minimum Jaccard coefficient (relative overlap of variants) for a cluster merge #MINJACCARD=0.2

 $\#The \ minimum \ number \ of \ variants \ two \ cluster \ need \ to \ have \ in \ common \ to \ merge \ MINMATCHES=1$

#The maximum number of errors allowed between two barcode reads

MAXDIFF=2

#The minimum Q-score for a variant basecall to be considered real based on a single read alone MINQUAL=100

#Cluster based on which barcodes? uptag, downtag, or virtual

CLUSTERMODE=uptag

#END ARGUMENTS

#BEGIN AMPLICON SEQUENCE

>PacBio_pDONR_LDLR_Barcoded (3013 bp)

GTAAAACGACGGCCAGTCTTAAGCTCGGGCCCCAAATAATGATTTTATTTTGACTGATAGTGACCTGTTCGTTGCAACAA ATTGATGAGCAATGCTTTTTTATAATGCCAACTTTgtacaaaaaGCAGGCTCCATACGAGCACATTACGGGSWSWSWSW SWSWSWSWSWSWSCTAACTCGCATACCTCTGATAACTGCACCATGGGGCCCTGGGGCTGGAAATTGCGCTGGACCG TGCATCTCCTACAAGTGGGTCTGCGATGGCAGCGCTGAGTGCCAGGATGGCTCTGATGAGTCCCAGGAGACGTGCTTGTC TGTCACCTGCAAATCCGGGGACTTCAGCTGTGGGGGCCCGTGTCAACCGCTGCATTCCTCAGTTCTGGAGGTGCGATGGCC ${\tt AAGTGGACTGCGACAACGGCTCAGACGAGCAAGGCTGTCCCCCCAAGACGTCCCCAGGACGAGTTTCGCTGCCACGAT}$ GGGAAGTGCATCTCTCGGCAGTTCGTCTGTGACTCAGACCGGGACTGCTTGGACGGCTCAGACGAGGCCTCCTGCCCGGT GCTCACCTGTGGTCCCGCCAGCTTCCAGTGCAACAGCTCCACCTGCATCCCCCAGCTGTGGGCCTGCGACAACGACCCCG ACTGCGAAGATGGCTCGGATGAGTGGCCGCAGCGCTGTAGGGGTCTTTACGTGTTCCAAGGGGACAGTAGCCCCTGCTCG GCCTTCGAGTTCCACTGCCTAAGTGGCGAGTGCATCCACTCCAGCTGGCGCTGTGATGGTGGCCCCGACTGCAAGGACAA ATCTGACGAGGAAAACTGCGCTGTGGCCACCTGTCGCCCTGACGAATTCCAGTGCTCTGATGGAAACTGCATCCATGGCA GCCGGCAGTGTGACCGGGAATATGACTGCAAGGACATGAGCGATGAAGTTGGCTGCGTTAATGTGACACTCTGCGAGGGA GTCAGATGAACCCATCAAAGAGTGCGGGACCAACGAATGCTTGGACAACACGGCGGCTGTTCCCACGTCTGCAATGACC TTAAGATCGGCTACGAGTGCCTGTGCCCCGACGGCTTCCAGCTGGTGGCCCAGCGAAGATGCGAAGATATCGATGAGTGT $\tt CAGGATCCCGACACCTGCAGCCAGCTCTGCGTGAACCTGGAGGGTGGCTACAAGTGCCAGTGTGAGGAAGGCTTCCAGCT$ GGACCCCCACACGAAGGCCTGCAAGGCTGTGGGCTCCATCGCCTACCTCTTCTTCACCAACCGGCACGAGGTCAGGAAGA TGACGCTGGACCGGAGCGAGTACACCAGCCTCATCCCCAACCTGAGGAACGTGGTCGCTCTGGACACGGAGGTGGCCAGC AATAGAATCTACTGGTCTGACCTGTCCCAGAGAATGATCTGCAGCACCCAGCTTGACAGAGCCCACGGCGTCTCTTCCTA

 ${\tt ACTCTGTCCTGGGCACTGTCTCTGTTGCGGATACCAAGGGCGTGAAGAGGGAAAACGTTATTCAGGGAGAACGGCTCCAAG$ $\tt CCAAGGGCCATCGTGGTGGATCCTGTTCATGGCTTCATGTACTGGACTGGCTGACTGGGGAACTCCCGCCAAGATCAAGAAAGG$ GGGCCTGAATGGTGTGGACATCTACTCGCTGGTGACTGAAAACATTCAGTGGCCCAATGGCATCACCCTAGATCTCCTCA GTGGCCGCCTCTACTGGGTTGACTCCAAACTTCACTCCATCTCAAGCATCGATGTCAATGGGGGCAACCGGAAGACCATC TTGGAGGATGAAAAGAGGCTGGCCCACCCCTTCTCCTTGGCCGTCTTTGAGGACAAGTATTTTGGACAGATATCATCAA CGAAGCCATTTTCAGTGCCAACCGCCTCACAGGTTCCGATGTCAACTTGTTGGCTGAAAACCTACTGTCCCCAGAGGATA TGGTCCTCTTCCACAACCTCACCCAGCCAAGAGGAGTGAACTGGTGTGAGAGGACCACCCTGAGCAATGGCGGCTGCCAG TATCTGTGCCTCCCTGCCCCGCAGATCAACCCCCACTCGCCCAAGTTTACCTGCGCCTGCCCGGACGGCATGCTGCTGGC GCTCCACAGCCGTAAGGACACAGCACACCACCCGGCCTGTTCCCGACACCTCCCGGCTGCCTGGGGCCACCCCTGGG ${\tt TAGCGTGAGGGCTCTGTCCATTGTCCTCCCCATCGTGCTCCTCGTCTTTCCTTTGCCTGGGGGGTCTTCCTTCTATGGAAGA$ ${\tt ACTGGCGGCTTAAGAACATCAACAGCATCAACTTTGACAACCCCGTCTATCAGAAGACCACAGAGGATGAGGTCCACATT}$ TGCCACAACCAGGACGGCTACAGCTACCCCTCGAGACAGATGGTCAGTCTGGAGGATGACGTGGCGTGACTTCGATAGGT GCGTGTGAAGGSWSWSWSWSWSWSWSWSWSWSWSCCTCAGTCGCTCAGTCAAGCACCCAGCtttCTTGTACAAAGTTG GCATTATAAGAAAGCATTGCTTATCAATTTGTTGCAACGAACAGGTCACTATCAGTCAAAAATAAAATCATTATTTGCCAT CCAGCTGATATCCCCTATAGTGAGTCGTATTACATGGTCATAGCTGTTTCCTG #END AMPLICON SEQUENCE

BarseqPro

A valid barseqPro parameter sheet is a simple plain-text .TXT file with four sections: ARGUMENTS, FLANKING SEQUENCES, CODING SEQUENCE, and SAMPLE TABLE. Each of them are demarkated using #BEGIN and #END statements.

The ARGUMENTS section is a bash script that needs to define the following variables: TITLE, LIBRARY, BCLEN, BCMAXERR, REVCOMP, and PAIREDEND. See the example below for individual explanations.

The FLANKING SEQUENCES section should follow FASTA format and contain two entries: upstream and downstream. They denote the upstream and downstream sequences of the barcode.

The CODING SEQUENCE section should also follow FASTA format and contain the subject coding sequence / open reading frame.

Finally, the SAMPLE TABLE should contain a tab-separated table with the following columns: sample, assay, condition, and replicate. Here the sample should correspond to the label of the corresponding FASTQ file.

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#FASTQ location: \$HOME/projects/barseqPro/LDLR_R5_downtag_fastq

#BEGIN ARGUMENTS
#Experiment title
TITLE="LDLR-pacybara-downtag-R05"
#Barcode library CSV table (from Pacbio pipeline)
LIBRARY="\$HOME/projects/barseqPro/libraries/LDLR_R05_downtag.csv"
#Barcode length:
BCLEN=25
#Maximum number of errors (mismatches) allowed in barcode
BCMAXERR=1
#Whether reads are in reverse complement relative to
the barcodes defined in the library table. 1=yes, 0=no
REVCOMP=0
#Whether the sequencing run uses paired-end mode. 1=yes, 0=no
PAIREDEND=0
#Frequency filter cutoff. The minimum relative frequency required
FREOFILTER=5e-7

#Frequency filter cutoff. The minimum relative frequency required in the nonselect (i.e. "all") condition. FREQFILTER=5e-7

#Bottleneck filter cutoff. The minimum read count required in any select condition. 0 = off

BNFILTER=0 #END ARGUMENTS

#BEGIN FLANKING SEQUENCES
>upstream
TGTGAAGG
>downstream
CCTCAGTC
#END FLANKING SEQUENCES

#BEGIN CODING SEQUENCE

>CDS

ATGGGGCCCTGGGGCTGGAAATTGCGCTGGACCGTCGCCTTGCTCCTCGCCGCGGGGGGACTGCAGTG GGCGACAGATGTGAAAGAACGAGTTCCAGTGCCAAGACGGGAAATGCATCTCCTACAAGTGGGTCTGC TCCGGGGACTTCAGCTGTGGGGGCCGTGTCAACCGCTGCATTCCTCAGTTCTGGAGGTGCGATGGCCAA GTGGACTGCGACAACGGCTCAGACGAGCAAGGCTGTCCCCCCAAGACGTGCTCCCAGGACGAGTTTCGC TGCCACGATGGGAAGTGCATCTCTCGGCAGTTCGTCTGTGACTCAGACCGGGACTGCTTGGACGGCTCA GACGAGGCCTCCTGCCCGGTGCTCACCTGTGGTCCCGCCAGCTTCCAGTGCAACAGCTCCACCTGCATC $\tt CCCCAGCTGTGGGCCTGCGACACGACCCCGACTGCGAAGATGGCTCGGATGAGTGGCCGCAGCGCTGT$ AGGGGTCTTTACGTGTTCCAAGGGGACAGTAGCCCCTGCTCGGCCTTCGAGTTCCACTGCCTAAGTGGC GAGTGCATCCACTCCAGCTGGCGCTGTGATGGTGGCCCCGACTGCAAGGACAAATCTGACGAGGAAAAC TGCGCTGTGGCCACCTGTCGCCCTGACGAATTCCAGTGCTCTGATGGAAACTGCATCCATGGCAGCCGG CAGTGTGACCGGGAATATGACTGCAAGGACATGAGCGATGAAGTTGGCTGCGTTAATGTGACACTCTGC GAGGGACCCAACAAGTTCAAGTGTCACAGCGGCGAATGCATCACCCTGGACAAAGTCTGCAACATGGCT AGAGACTGCCGGGACTGGTCAGATGAACCCATCAAAGAGTGCGGGACCAACGAATGCTTGGACAACAAC GGCGGCTGTTCCCACGTCTGCAATGACCTTAAGATCGGCTACGAGTGCCTGTGCCCCGACGGCTTCCAG GTGAACCTGGAGGGTGGCTACAAGTGCCAGTGTGAGGAAGGCTTCCAGCTGGACCCCCACACGAAGGCC TGCAAGGCTGTGGGCTCCATCGCCTACCTCTTCTTCACCAACCGGCACGAGGTCAGGAAGATGACGCTG GACCGGAGCGAGTACACCAGCCTCATCCCCAACCTGAGGAACGTGGTCGCTCTGGACACGGAGGTGGCC AGCAATAGAATCTACTGGTCTGACCTGTCCCAGAGAATGATCTGCAGCACCCAGCTTGACAGAGCCCAC ATCCACAGCAACATCTACTGGACCGACTCTGTCCTGGGCACTGTCTCTGTTGCGGATACCAAGGGCGTG ${\tt AAGAGGAAAACGTTATTCAGGGAGAACGGCTCCAAGCCAAGGGCCATCGTGGTGGATCCTGTTCATGGC}$ TTCATGTACTGGACTGACTGGGGAACTCCCGCCAAGATCAAGAAAGGGGGCCTGAATGGTGTGGACATC TACTCGCTGGTGACTGAAAACATTCAGTGGCCCAATGGCATCACCCTAGATCTCCTCAGTGGCCGCCTC TACTGGGTTGACTCCAAACTTCACTCCATCTCAAGCATCGATGTCAACGGGGGCAACCGGAAGACCATC TTGGAGGATGAAAAGAGGCTGGCCCACCCCTTCTCCTTGGCCGTCTTTGAGGACAAAGTATTTTGGACA GATATCATCAACGAAGCCATTTTCAGTGCCAACCGCCTCACAGGTTCCGATGTCAACTTGTTGGCTGAA AACCTACTGTCCCCAGAGGATATGGTCCTCTTCCACAACCTCACCCAGCCAAGAGGAGTGAACTGGTGT GAGAGGACCACCCTGAGCAATGGCGGCTGCCAGTATCTGTGCCTCCCTGCCCCGCAGATCAACCCCCAC TCGCCCAAGTTTACCTGCGCCTGCCCGGACGGCATGCTGCTGCCAGGGACATGAGGAGCTGCCTCACA GAGGCTGAGGCTGCAGTGGCCACCCAGGAGACATCCACCGTCAGGCTAAAGGTCAGCTCCACAGCCGTA AGGACACAGCACACACCACCCGGCCTGTTCCCGACACCCTCCCGGCTGCCTGGGGCCACCCCTGGGCTC ACCACGGTGGAGATAGTGACAATGTCTCACCAAGCTCTGGGCGACGTTGCTGGCAGAGGAAATGAGAAG AAGCCCAGTAGCGTGAGGGCTCTGTCCATTGTCCTCCCCATCGTGCTCCTCGTCTTCCTTTGCCTGGGG GTCTTCCTTCTATGGAAGAACTGGCGGCTTAAGAACATCAACAGCATCAACTTTGACAACCCCGTCTAT CAGAAGACCACAGAGGATGAGGTCCACATTTGCCACAACCAGGACGGCTACAGCTACCCCTCGAGACAG ATGGTCAGTCTGGAGGATGACGTGGCGTGA

#END CODING SEQUENCE

#BEGIN SAMPLE TABLE
sample assay condition replicate
LDLR_Reg5_Rep1_All Uptake All 1
LDLR_Reg5_Rep2_All Uptake All 2

LDLR_Reg5_Rep3_All Uptake All 3
LDLR_Reg5_Rep4_All Uptake All 4
LDLR_Reg5_Rep1_F5 Uptake F5 1
LDLR_Reg5_Rep2_F5 Uptake F5 2
LDLR_Reg5_Rep3_F5 Uptake F5 3
LDLR_Reg5_Rep4_F5 Uptake F5 4
#END SAMPLE TABLE