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Innovation and Creativity

Project – Preprocessor for high throughput sequencing reads

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The diagram illustrates the Central Dogma of Molecular Biology. It shows a vertical flow of genetic information: DNA at the top, followed by RNA, and then Protein at the bottom. A curved arrow points from Protein back up to DNA, indicating a feedback loop. The processes are labeled in blue text: 'Replication' for the DNA to DNA step, 'Transcription' for the DNA to RNA step, and 'Translation' for the RNA to Protein step.

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graph TD; DNA -- Replication --> DNA; DNA -- Transcription --> RNA; RNA -- Translation --> Protein; Protein --> DNA;
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High throughput sequencing – reading the cell's RNA/DNA

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Procedure

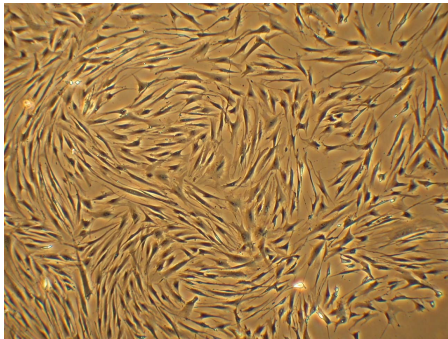
1. Isolate RNA/DNA
2. Prepare sequencing library
3. Sequence
4. Analyze data



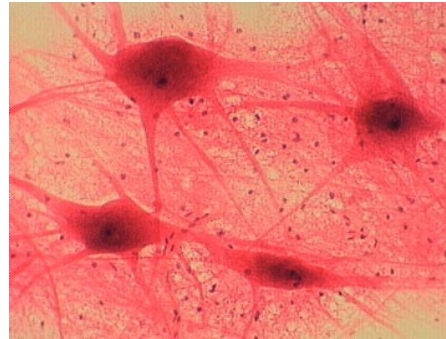


1. Isolate RNA/DNA

Connective tissue



Brain



Muscle

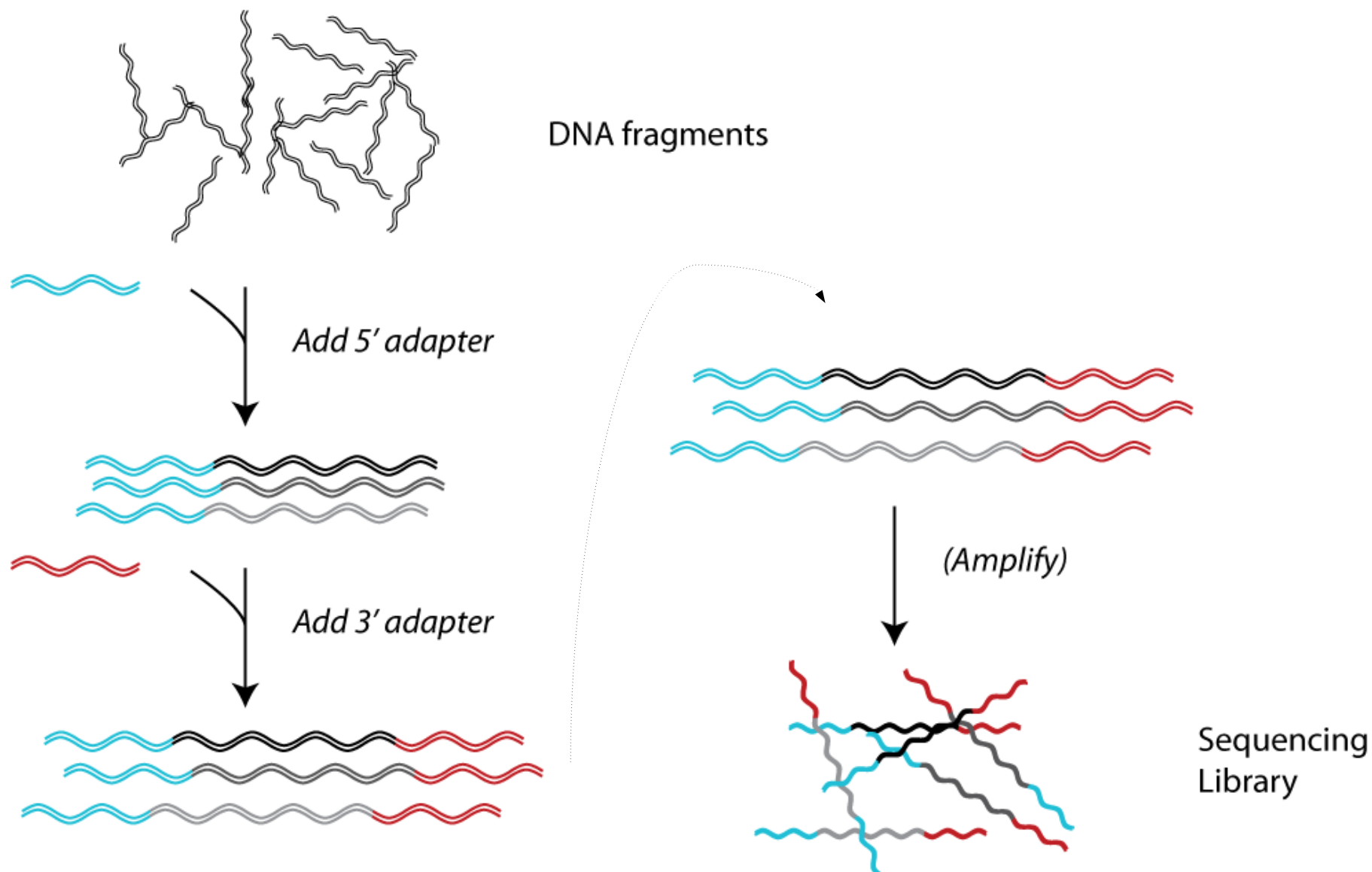


1. Tissue sample
 2. “Break” cells (liq. N, blender, chemicals)
 3. Chemical reactions to isolate RNA or DNA
- RNA/DNA sample

Simple DNA: Salt, soap, alcohol

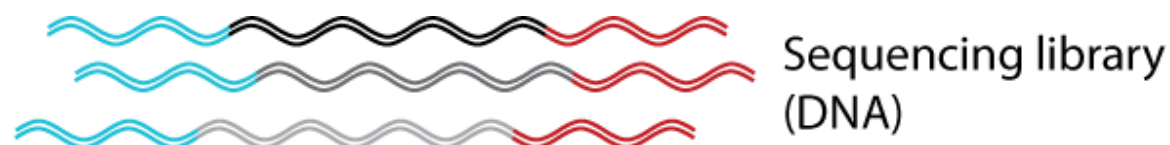


2. Prepare sequencing library





3. + 4. Sequence and analyze data



*Run high throughput
DNA sequencing*



*Remove adapter
sequence*



Barcode sequencing - unique adapter per sample



- Sequencing reaction produces lots of data
 - $\sim 300 * 10^6$ sequences (reads)
 - Cost: \sim NOK 8000-16000
 - Default: single sample per reaction
- Some applications (RNA-seq.) require less data per sample
 - Small RNAs: $\sim 10 * 10^6$ reads sufficient
- Using unique adapter per sample
 - Allows multiplexing multiple samples
 - “Barcode” read during sequencing



Barcode sequencing – Resulting data

Sequencing library:



Sequencing read:



Read without adapter and barcode:





Project

- Task 1 – Perfectly matching adapter fragments
- Task 2 – Imperfectly matching adapter fragments
- Task 3 – Sequencing errors and error distributions
- Task 4 – Finding the adapter sequence
- Task 5 – De-multiplex barcoded library
- Individually or in pairs
- Deliverable 1: Project report
- Deliverable 2: Oral presentation



Project report

- Parts: Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion, References
- Figures and Tables to present results
- Pseudo code to describe algorithms
- Follow standard for scientific reports
 - Clear, consistent, unambiguous presentation
 - Consistent (standard) formatting

Deadline: October 31, 23:59.