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# Stranded Mapping from Oriented Long Reads V.9

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This protocol demonstrates how to map strand-oriented long reads to a genome, and visualise them in a genome browser.

The general idea is to use minimap2 to create stranded BAM files, which are split for forward/reverse orientation then converted into BigWig format for display in a genome browser.

**Input(s):**

- stranded fastq files (see protocol [Preparing Reads for Stranded Mapping](#))
- a FASTA file containing the genome / sequence of interest.

**Output(s):**

- Genome-mapped stranded BAM files
- Genome-mapped stranded BigWig files

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You will need access to the following free and open-source software program(s):

- [minimap2](#)
- [samtools](#)

And the following additional data file(s):

- a FASTA file containing the genome / sequence of interest.

## Orient Reads

- 1 Orient reads as per protocol [Preparing Reads for Stranded Mapping](#).

If this has been done, then the following command should produce output without errors:

```
for bc in $(awk '{print $2}' barcode_counts.txt);  
do ls oriented/${bc}_reads_dirAdjusted.fq.gz;  
done
```

Example output:

```
oriented/BC03_reads_dirAdjusted.fq.gz  
oriented/BC04_reads_dirAdjusted.fq.gz  
oriented/BC05_reads_dirAdjusted.fq.gz  
oriented/BC06_reads_dirAdjusted.fq.gz  
oriented/BC07_reads_dirAdjusted.fq.gz  
oriented/BC08_reads_dirAdjusted.fq.gz
```

## Index Preparation

- 2 Prepare genome index for spliced alignment:

**minimap2 2.24** [↗](#)

Linux

[source](#) by Heng Li

```
minimap2 -d GRCm39.primary_assembly.genome-splice.idx -Q -t 10 -x  
splice GRCm39.primary_assembly.genome.fa
```

Prepare a chromosome size index file:

```
samtools faidx GRCm39.primary_assembly.genome.fa
cat GRCm39.primary_assembly.genome.fa.fai | awk '{print $1"\t"$2}'
> GRCm39.primary_assembly.genome.chrInfo.txt
```

## Read Mapping

- 3 Map the long reads to the genome using minimap2, using samtools to convert to a sorted BAM format. This is where the reverse complementing done during demultiplexing gives a big saving of effort. As this BAM file is one of the main outputs, the run name is added to the file name.

### SAMtools 1.8 [↗](#)

Linux

[source](#) by Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute

```
runName="CHANGE_THIS";
indexFile="/index/location/GRCm39.primary_assembly.genome-
splice.idx";
mkdir -p mapped;
for bc in $(awk '{print $2}' barcode_counts.txt);
do echo ${bc};
minimap2 -t 10 -a -x splice ${indexFile}
oriented/${bc}_reads_dirAdjusted.fq.gz | \
samtools view -b | samtools sort >
mapped/mm2_${runName}_called_${bc}_vs_genome.bam;
done
```

## Creating BigWig Coverage Files (not needed for JBrowse 2)

### 4 [mpileupDC.pl](#)

A bedGraph of coverage is created using BEDTools. The default options for BEDTools treat sequence deletions (which happen frequently in nanopore reads) as a drop in coverage, which can make exon hunting and coverage calculation more difficult. I submitted [a pull request](#) to add an additional *ignoreD* parameter to the command line to allow cDNA reads with split coverage across introns to ignore deletions when considering coverage; this request has now been incorporated into the main BEDtools repository (as of v2.30.0):

## BEDtools 2.30.0 [↗](#)

Linux

[source](#) by Aaron Quinlan

```
runName="CHANGE_THIS";
for bc in $(awk '{print $2}' barcode_counts.txt);
do echo ${bc};
  basename="mapped/mm2_${runName}_called_${bc}_vs_genome";
  samtools view -b ${basename}.bam | \
    bedtools genomecov -bga -strand '+' -split -ignoreD -ibam - >
${basename}.bg.plus
  samtools view -b ${basename}.bam | \
    bedtools genomecov -bga -strand '-' -split -ignoreD -ibam - >
${basename}.bg.minus
  perl -i -pe 's/([0-9]+)$/-${1}/' ${basename}.bg.minus
done;
```

- 5 Stranded bedgraph files are converted to bigwig. This requires BEDTools and a genome information file containing chromosome lengths, as generated in the first step:

```
runName="CHANGE_THIS";
infoFile="/index/location/GRCm39.primary_assembly.genome-
splice.chrInfo.txt";
for bc in $(awk '{print $2}' barcode_counts.txt);
do echo ${bc};
  basename="mapped/mm2_${runName}_called_${bc}_vs_genome"
  bedGraphToBigWig ${basename}.bg.plus ${infoFile}
${basename}.bw.plus
  bedGraphToBigWig ${basename}.bg.minus ${infoFile}
${basename}.bw.minus
done
```

JBrowse 2 Configuration

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## JBrowse 2 1.6.7 [↗](#)

Linux

[source](#) by GMOD

Each BAM file should have its own JBrowse rack. JBrowse 2 can create both alignment views and coverage plots from BAM files:

```
runName="CHANGE_THIS";
jbrowseLoc="/path/to/jbrowse2/folder";
for bc in $(awk '{print $2}' barcode_counts.txt);
do echo ${bc};
  basename="mapped/mm2_${runName}_called_${bc}_vs_genome";
  # create index
  samtools index ${basename}.bam;
  # copy and create track in Jbrowse2 config file
  jbrowse add-track ${basename}.bam --load copy --out ${jbrowseLoc}
--subDir bam
done;
```

If you have a "smart" file system mount that doesn't let you directly copy files via the jbrowse add-track command, you can use the /tmp file system and symlinks to do the same thing:

```
runName="CHANGE_THIS";
jbrowseLoc="/path/to/jbrowse2/folder";
mkdir -p /tmp/jbrowse/bam
rm -v /tmp/jbrowse/bam/*
mkdir -p ${jbrowseLoc}/bam
for bc in $(awk '{print $2}' barcode_counts.txt);
do echo ${bc};
  basename="mapped/mm2_${runName}_called_${bc}_vs_genome";
  # create index
  samtools index ${basename}.bam;
  # copy JBrowse2 config file to temporary folder
  cp -v ${jbrowseLoc}/config.json /tmp/jbrowse/
  # copy and create track in Jbrowse2 config file
  jbrowse add-track ${basename}.bam --load symlink --out
/tmp/jbrowse --subDir bam
  # copy BAM files and updated config file to JBrowse 2 folder
  cp -v /tmp/jbrowse/config.json ${jbrowseLoc}
  cp -v ${basename}.bam ${basename}.bam.bai ${jbrowseLoc}/bam
done;
```

## Sanity Check

- 7 If this has worked properly, then mapping human or mouse to the mitochondrial genome with a LinearSNPCoverageDisplay in log scale should show a stepped expression, a bit like the *Expected Results* shown here:

