Technical note

SIZE SELECTION OF PACBIO SMRTBELL LIBRARIES WITH THE LIGHTBENCH INSTRUMENT FROM YOURGENE HEALTH

Introduction

Precise size selection is essential for maximizing the benefits of PacBio® highly accurate long-read sequencing. The *LightBench®* from Yourgene Health uses *Ranger® Technology* to deliver accurate size selection for whole genome sequencing and includes the ability to perform fragment length analysis for additional quality control. With an automated workflow to optimize walk-away time, the *LightBench®* offers a scalable size selection solution for the preparation of SMRTbell® gDNA libraries for HiFi sequencing.

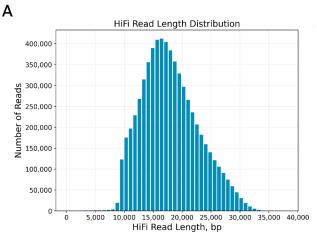


Input DNA	500 ng-2.0 μg
Throughput	12 samples
Run time	~3 hours
Hands-on time	~20 minutes
8 kb cutoff	~83% recovery*
10 kb cutoff	~67% recovery*

^{*}Size selection recovery of SMRTbell library.

This technical note provides an overview of the size selection workflow for PacBio SMRTbell sequencing libraries with the *LightBench®* and reports experimental results demonstrating effective size selection at two fragment lengths.

In experimental benchmarking of 84 human gDNA samples from fresh blood for library preparation for HiFi long-read sequencing, the $LightBench^{\oplus}$ achieved consistent yields for 8 kb or 10 kb cutoffs across all samples and a 0% failure rate. The 8 kb cutoff yielded an average recovery of ~83% of the input SMRTbell library while the 10 kb cutoff recovered an average of ~67%.



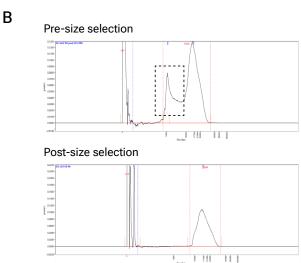


Figure 1. Representative HiFi read length distribution (A) and comparison of pre- and post-size selection on the Agilent *Femto Pulse* system (B) for 10 kb cutoff demonstrates effective removal of <10 kb fragments.



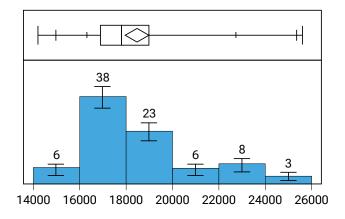


Figure 2. Mean read length distribution across 84 samples on the Revio™ system.

Following library preparation and size selection with the *LightBench*®, 84 samples were sequenced on the Revio[™] platform. Mean HiFi read length was 18,517.5 bp (figure 2, max: 25,613 bp; min: 14,202 bp) and mean HiFi data yield was 101.27 Gb/SMRT® Cell (figure 3).

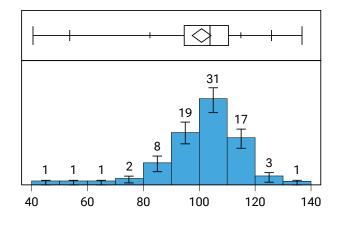


Figure 3. HiFi yield (Gb) distribution across 84 libraries on the Revio system.

These results demonstrate the *LightBench®* as an effective method for the size selection of HiFi libraries. See the workflow overview for a summary of the recommended size selection procedures and visit Yourgene Health for detailed protocol steps.

Workflow overview

Required materials and equipment

Equipment	Part number
LightBench®	CG-12500-03
Materials	
Cassette and Dual Dye Loading Buffer kit	CG-14100-13-050-31-31
Includes	
Dual Dye Loading Buffer 7 kb + 7 kb markers	CG-14000-31-31
0.5% In-Channel Filter Size-selection cassette	CG-10600-13-050

Workflow steps

- 1. Prepare the Ranger® Technology software setup according to Yourgene LightBench® recommendations.
- 2. Prepare the samples by combining with *Dual Dye Loading Buffer* containing the 7 kb marker (CG-14000-31-31). Mix thoroughly to homogenize and spin down to remove any air bubbles.
- 3. Prepare the cassette and remove excess buffer from the reservoir.
- 4. To load samples into the cassettes, remove recommended volume of buffer from each loading well, and dispense the full volume of aspirated samples into loading wells.
- 5. Allow the electrophoresis process to proceed.
- 6. For sample extraction, remove the cassette from the instrument and rinse the extraction wells.
- 7. Refill extraction wells with 1×TBE buffer and insert the *In-Channel Filter* (ICF) array into the extraction well. Fill ICF collection chambers with 1×TBE buffer.
- 8. Return the cassette to the *LightBench*® drawer tray and allow the extraction process to proceed. Extract targeted material when prompted by the software.
- 9. Size selected fractions should be bead-cleaned and assessed for suitable concentration and fragment length distribution prior to sequencing.



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