

**Microbiome** Service Specification Sheet





# **16S-V4 Microbial Profiling**

## Identification, quantitation and comparison of microbial populations (Taxonomic classification of complex mixtures)

Certain environmental or human samples such as soil, water or gut samples contain a complex mixture of cells. Profiling microbial populations from such environments requires employing a high accuracy method to differentiate between various types of cells. The fourth hypervariable domain (V4) of the 16S ribosomal RNA gene is a region of the prokaryotic ribosome that is most commonly used for microbial profiling.

This region is selectively amplified, preventing contamination from eukaryotic hosts. Because of its hypervariability the region provides genus- and species-specific signatures that are used for microbial diversity analysis. GenomeScan's scientists have designed an optimized library preparation method leading to a yield higher than other kits available in the market.

## Laboratory workflow Sample delivery • Required input range: > 5 - 100 ng / sample • Minimal volume of 25 µl / sample Sample entry QC Library preparation Library QC sample Sequencing run • Unique dual indexing combined with unique molecular identifiers Data QC Project report • Samples < 0.5ng/µl will be processed as ACCREDITED "own risk" 1518 BV RVA

## Input material

Isolated genomic DNA

#### Isolated sample requirements

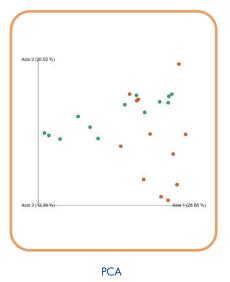
- Genomic DNA, column or bead purified

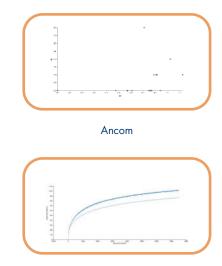
#### Sequencing on Illumina NovaSeq (PE 150)

- Standard read depth of 200k PE150 reads /

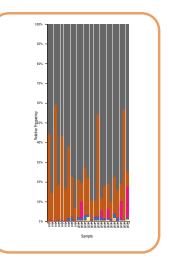
#### **Deliverables**

- FastQ files
- Quality score (Q30)  $\geq$  80%
- Optional data analysis with comprehensive report





Rarefaction



Abundance

## Committed to your project

#### Data quality guarantee

Sequence quality control is an essential tool in our workflow. We track, identify and exclude potential errors that could impact the interpretation of your results.

#### Hundreds of samples in parallel

By using unique dual-indexed sequencing adaptors, we are able to analyze hundreds of samples in parallel making this very reliable, powerful and cost-effective tool for microbial profiling.

#### Results

We deliver comprehensive, consistent and transparent NGS information. We offer different visualization options to present your results and/or comply with publisher's policies.

### Data analysis options

To provide you with easily comprehensible and ready-topublish results, our workflow covers several steps that lead to reliable and insightful data visualizations (see below). Sequential steps include sequencing quality control and trimming of reads.

That is followed by inferring Amplicon Sequence Variants (ASVs), taxonomical classification and producing absolute and relative feature/taxa count tables and plots. In addition, plots of alpha rarefaction curves, alpha and beta diversity indices and plots thereof, as well as calls of differentially abundant taxa is performed. Our data analysis report provides a detailed overview of all the outputs that are delivered. The output contains, amongst others, a list of all detected microorganisms and their taxonomic rank as an informative table. Furthermore, interactive Principal Component Analysis and taxonomic abundance plots make visualizing sample compositions not only insightful, but also aesthetically pleasing.

## **Biological Insights**

The biological insights that can be inferred from your data include:

- Taxonomic classification in complex mixtures
- Detailed overview of the prokaryotic composition to family, genus or species level
- Clustering of samples based on similarity of microorganism abundance
- Identification of metagenomic biomarkers
- Determination of statistically significant differences in sample composition between pre-defined groups

## **Custom analysis**

Bioinformatics can be performed allowing more in-depth mining of your dataset. We generate reports that optimally address your research question.

## About GenomeScan

As an ISO-accredited leading Dutch Next Generation Sequencing service provider, GenomeScan develops customizable NGS solutions for pharmaceutical and biotech companies, healthcare providers and academic institutions. By providing state-of-the-art tools to analyze genetic disorders fast, affordably, and effectively, GenomeScan fosters innovation through partnership with medical centers and research laboratories.







