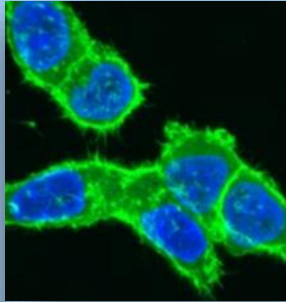
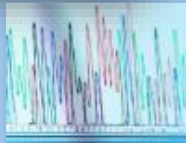


# Driving biomarker discovery with high-throughput single-cell genome and transcriptome profiling

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# Takara Bio: core capabilities



that's  
**GOOD**  
science!

## NGS

- SMARTer® and SMART-Seq® RNA-seq library preparation kits
- PicoPLEX® and ThruPLEX® DNA-seq library preparation kits

## PCR, qPCR, RT-PCR

- TaKaRa Ex Premier™, LA Taq™, PrimeSTAR® GXL, SeqAmp™, Titanium® polymerases & PrimeScript™ RT
- EcoDry™ lyophilized enzymes and kits

## Cloning

- In-Fusion® Snap Assembly Cloning

## Nucleic acid purification

## Gene delivery

- Lenti-X™, Adeno-X™, Retro-X™, and AAVpro® systems | Xfect™ Transfection Reagent
- RetroNectin® reagent

## Functional genomics

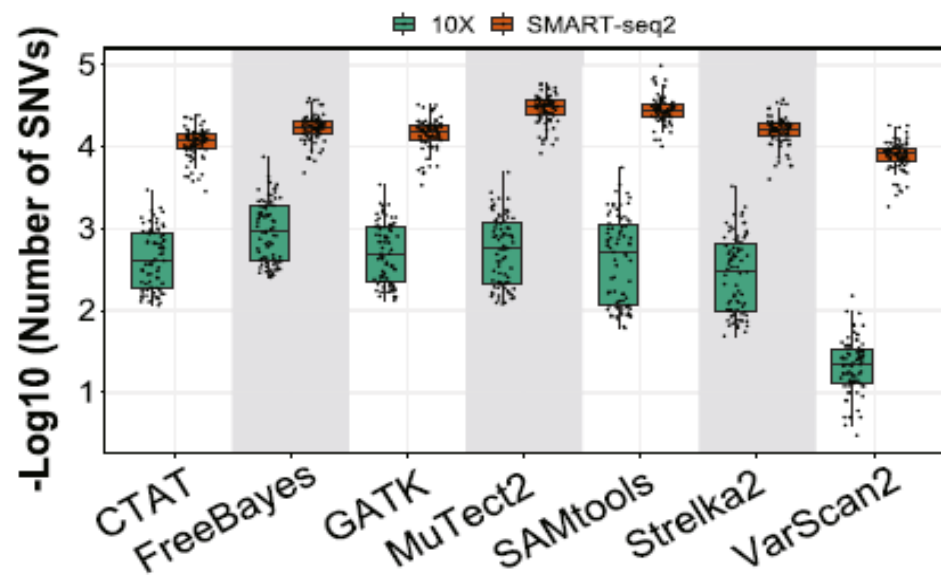
- Tet systems and iDimerize™ systems
- Guide-it™ CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing products
- Living Colors® fluorescent proteins

## Protein expression & purification

- TALON® and His60 Ni protein purification

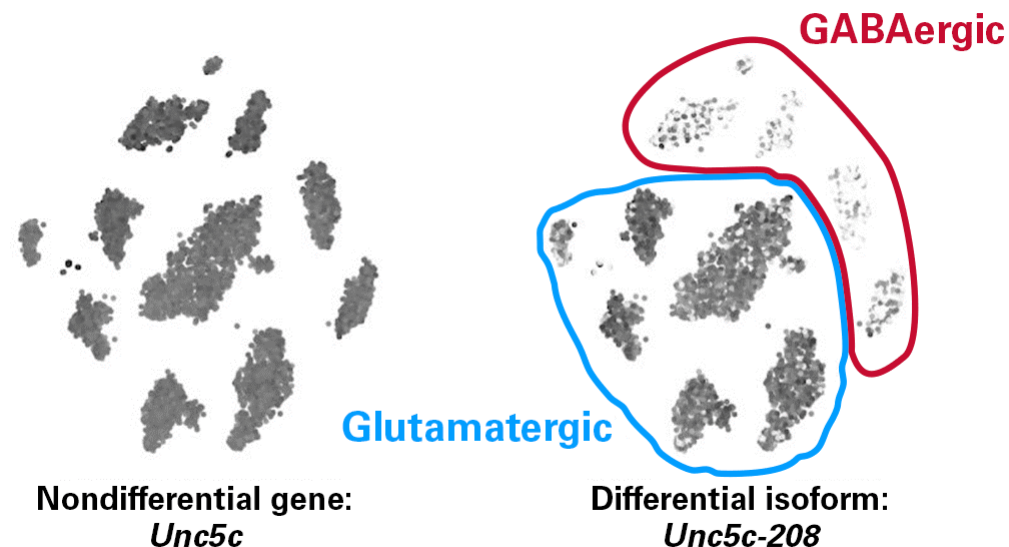
## OEM

# The power of sensitivity and full gene-body coverage



Log-transformed counts of SNVs were detected using different sequencing platforms.

Figure adapted from "Systematic comparative analysis of single-nucleotide variant detection methods from single-cell RNA sequencing data." (Liu F. et al. 2019, *Genome Bio*) under a [CC BY 4.0](#) license.

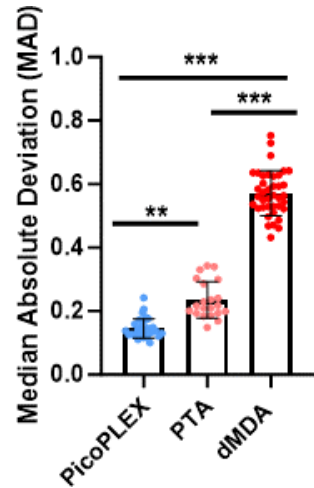


Employing SMART-Seq chemistry, the **Allen Institute for Brain Science** published a preprint paper that was later published in *Nature*.

Figure adapted from "Isoform cell type specificity in the mouse primary motor cortex" (Booeshaghi et al. 2020, *bioRxiv*) Image used under [CC BY 4.0](#) license.

# Sensitive, uniform, and reproducible whole genome amplification (WGA) with PicoPLEX technology

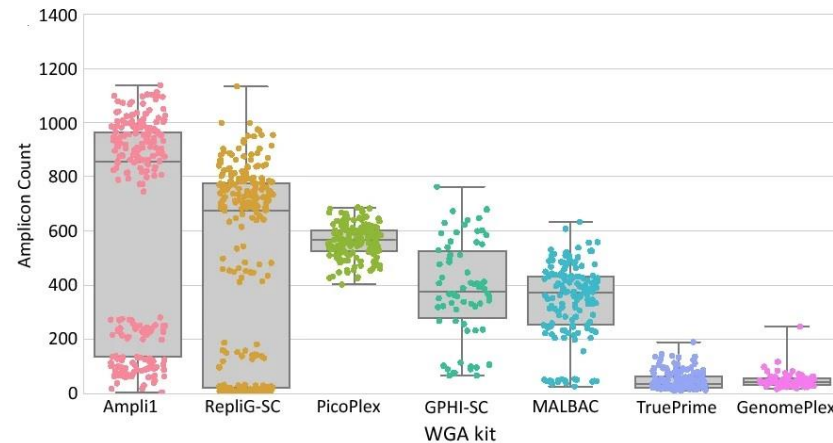
## Most even



PTA provided the broadest amplification, but PicoPLEX application provided the most even amplification (2023).

Figure adapted from "Single-cell somatic copy number variants in brain using different amplification methods and reference genomes" (Kalef-Ezra. et al. 2023, *bioRxiv*) under [CC BY 4.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/) license.

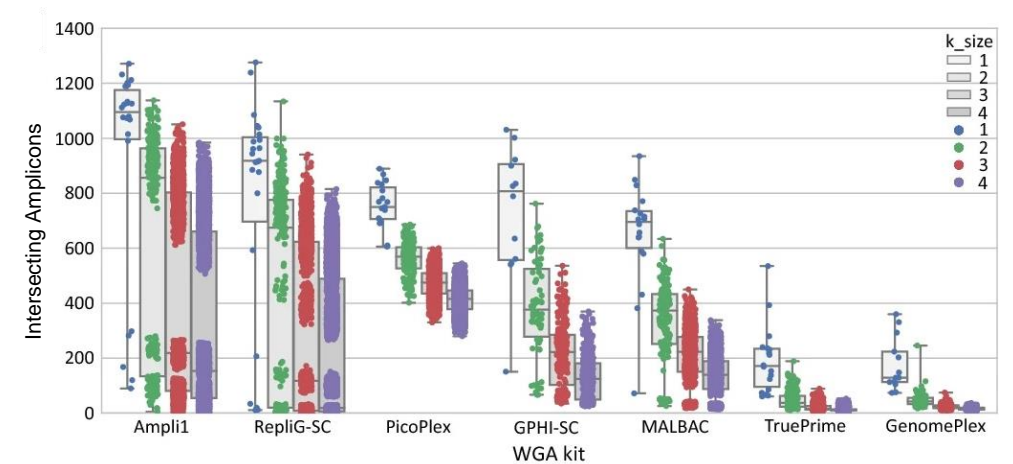
## Most reliable



scWGA genome coverage analysis: PicoPLEX kit was the most reliable, with the tightest interquartile region (IQR) of all kits and no failed cells.

Figures adapted from "Comparison of seven single cell whole genome amplification commercial kits using targeted sequencing" (Biezuner et al. 2021, *Sci. Rep.*) under a [CC BY 4.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/) license.

## Most reproducible



scWGA reproducibility analysis: PicoPLEX application demonstrated high reproducibility for all cells.

# Advances in single-cell RNA-seq scale over time

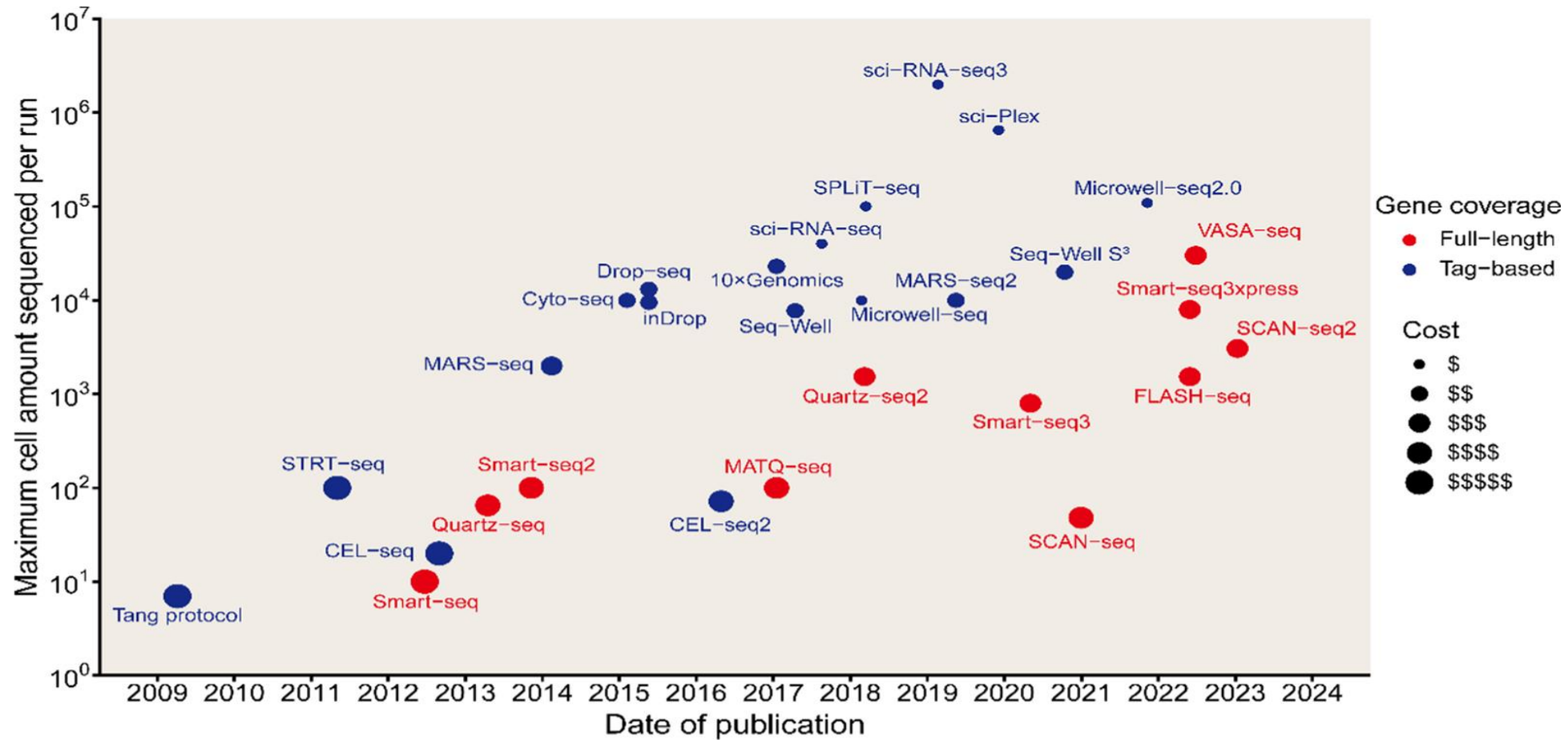
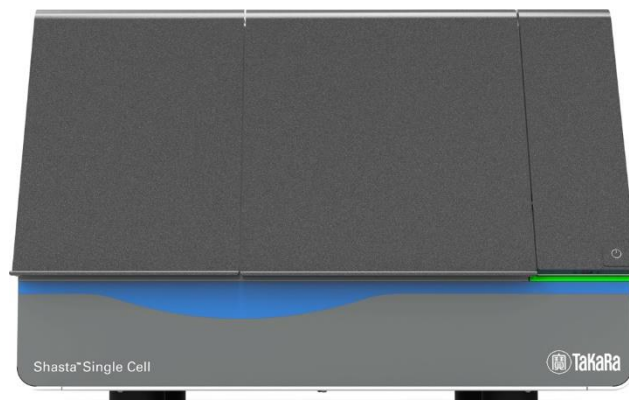


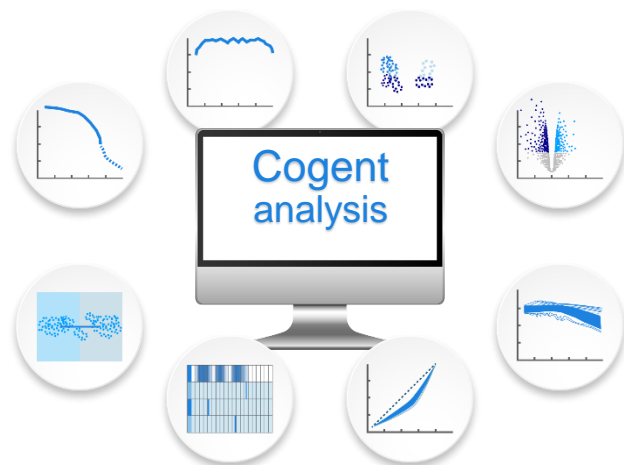
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# Scaled next-generation single-cell biomarker discovery

## Shasta™ Single-Cell System



## Cogent™ NGS Analysis Pipeline and Discovery Software



## Shasta Total RNA-Seq Kit

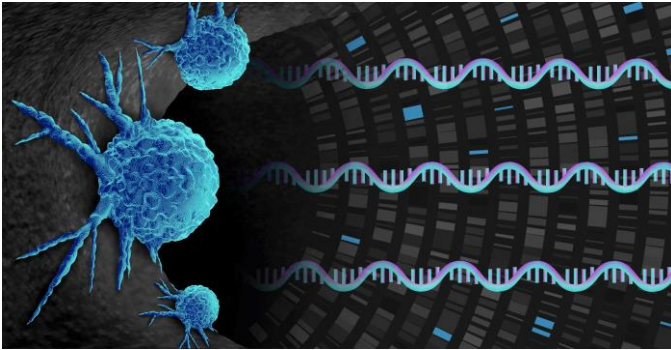
- Analyze up to 100,000 single cells per run with outstanding sensitivity and full gene body coverage
- Uncover multiple RNA biotypes
- Detect splicing isoforms and gene fusions
- Use bioinformatics tools to decode expression patterns of protein-coding and noncoding genes

## Shasta Whole-Genome Amplification Kit

- Analyze over 1,500 single cells per run
- Profile copy number variation (CNV) data, including chromosomal aneuploidies, and single-nucleotide variation (SNV) data
- Resolve tumor heterogeneity and track clonal evolution with user-friendly bioinformatics tools

# Shasta Total RNA-Seq: overview

## Shasta Total RNA-Seq



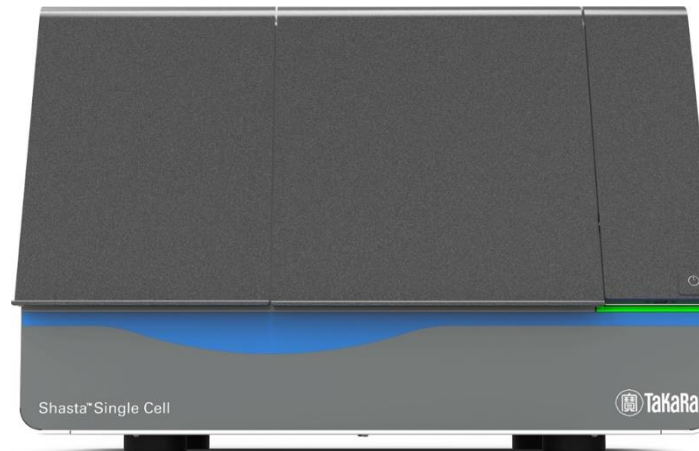
### Two-day workflow

- ✓ Random-primed total RNA-seq
- ✓ Full-length gene-body coverage

### Novel indexing strategy

- ✓ Reduced cell loss, workflow time, and reagent costs

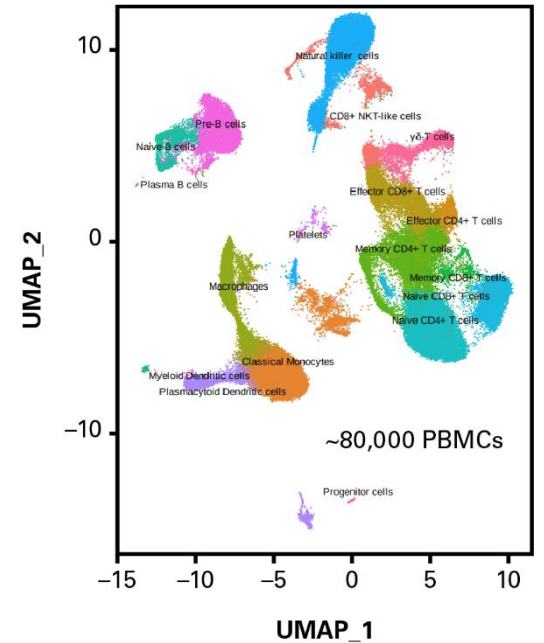
## Shasta Single-Cell System



### High-throughput automation

- ✓ ~100,000 cells with low doublet rate
- ✓ Up to 12 samples per experiment

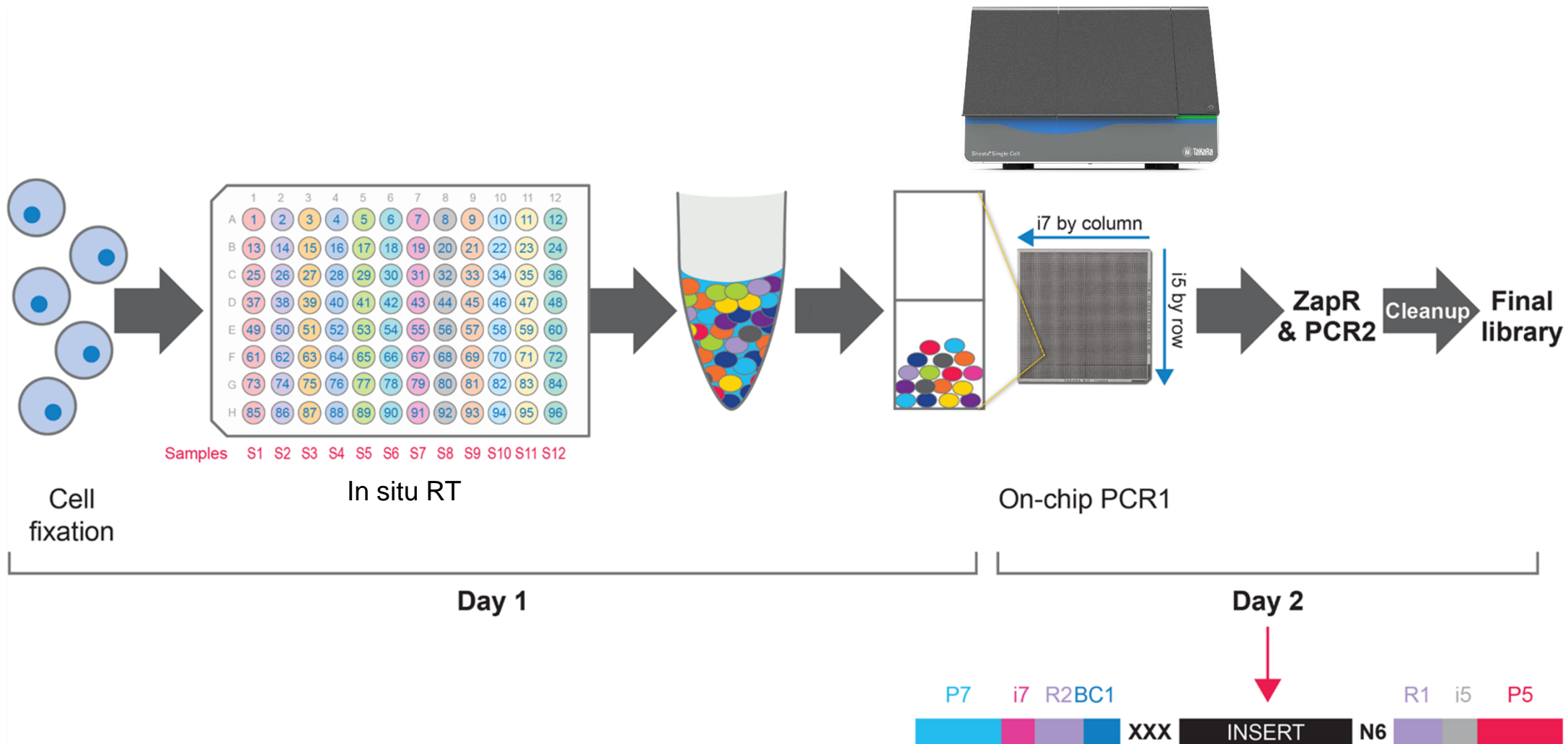
## Cogent NGS pipeline



### Free analysis tools

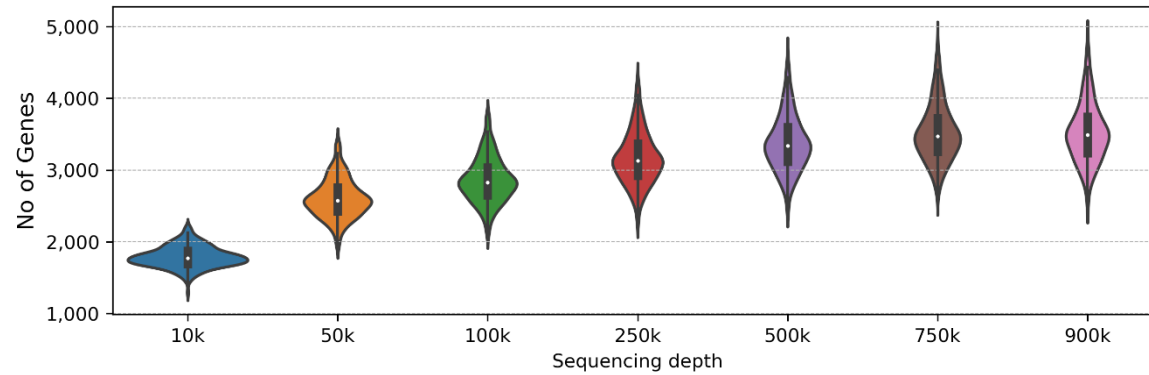
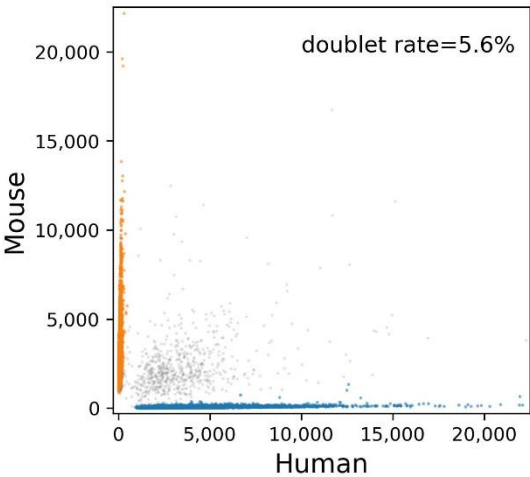
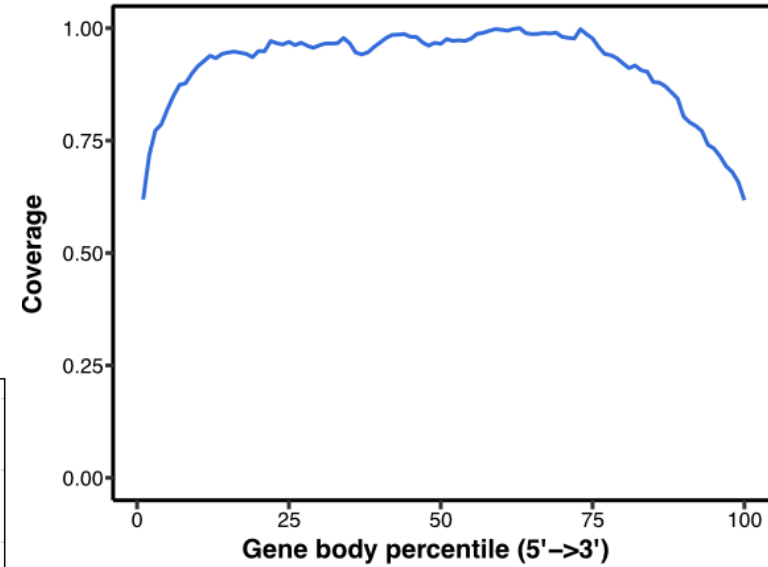
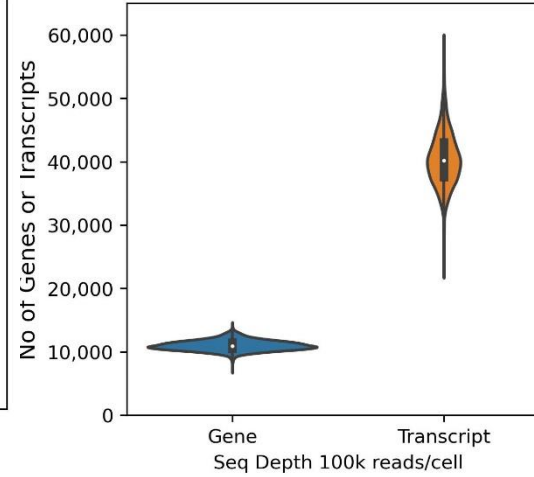
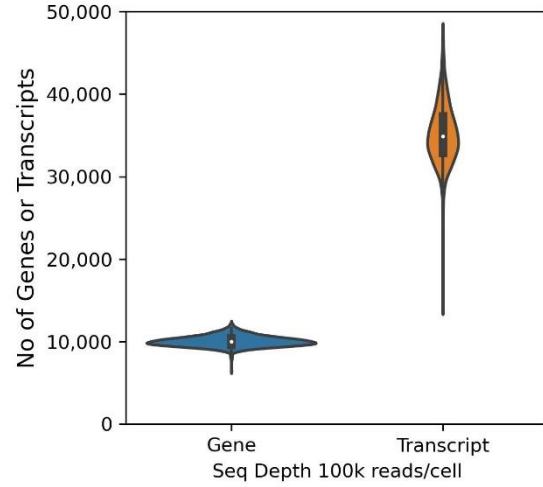
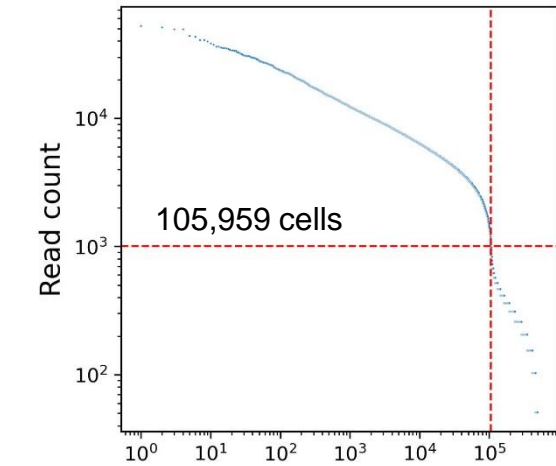
- ✓ Protein-coding and noncoding gene pipelines
- ✓ Publication-quality figures

# Shasta Total RNA-Seq workflow



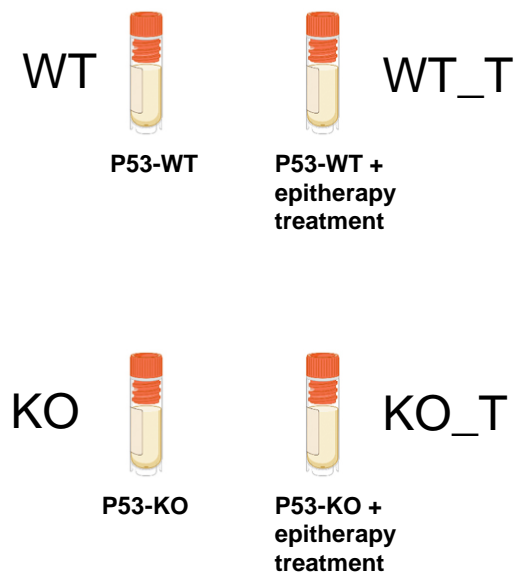


# Achieve outstanding gene sensitivity, low doublet rates, and full gene-body coverage



# Case study: discovering biomarkers regulated by p53 and epitherapy treatment

Four cell samples from Dr. Ting Wang's lab at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis



Shasta Total RNA-Seq Kit



Cogent NGS Analysis Pipeline

- ✓ Standard analysis
- ✓ lncRNA analysis

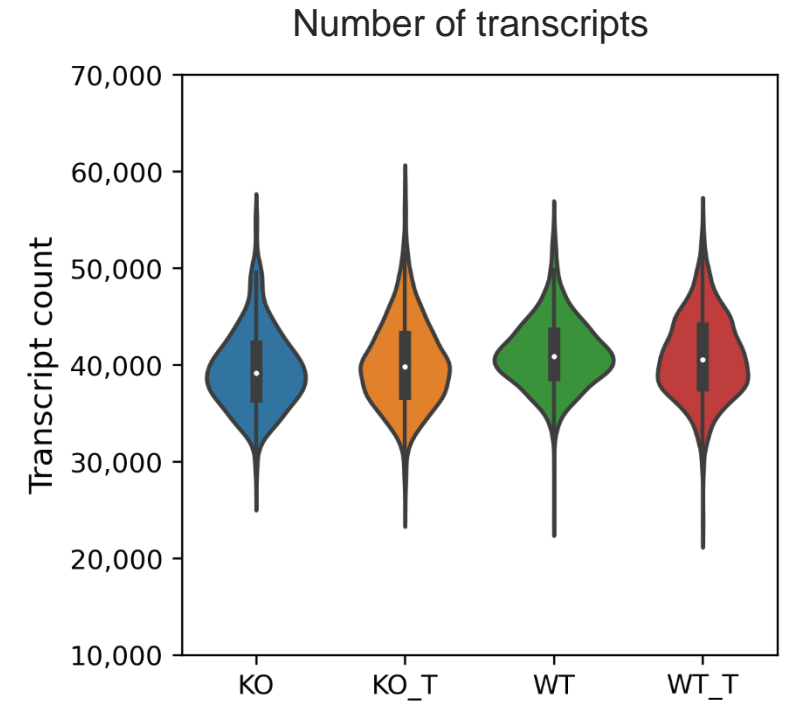
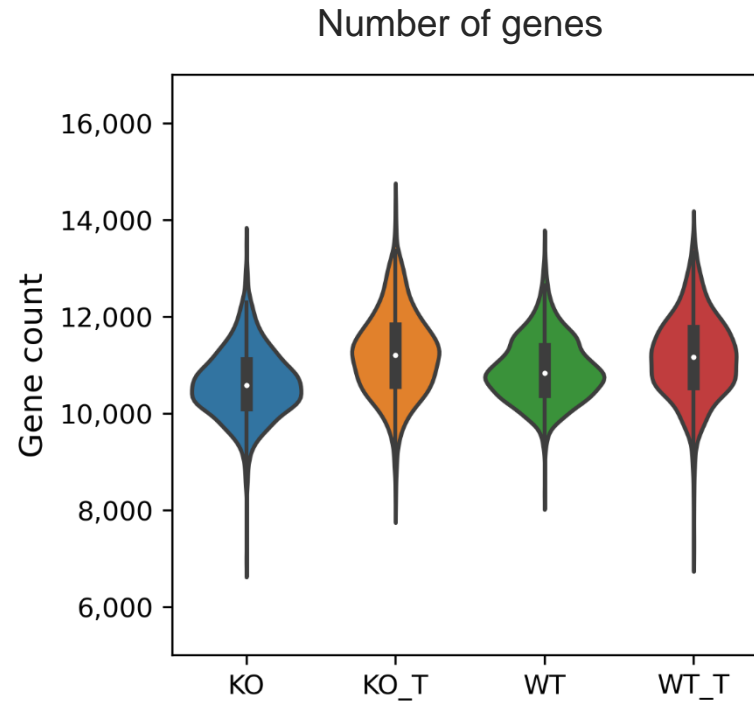
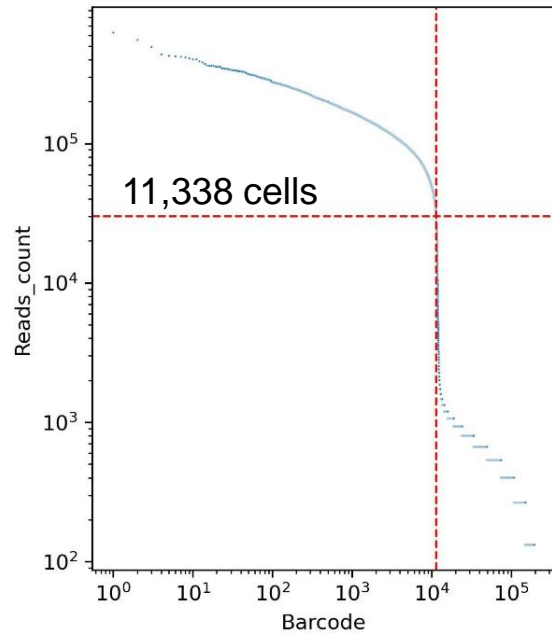
Biomarker discovery

**MORE** Cells  
Biomarkers  
Discoveries  
Breakthroughs

# Achieved outstanding sensitivity for both genes and transcripts

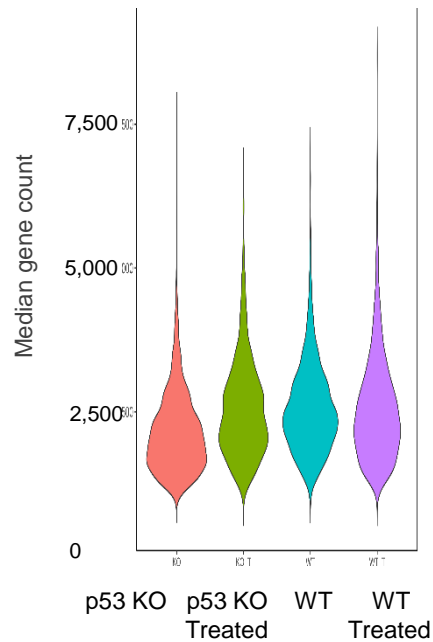
✓ Analyzed ~11,000 cells

✓ Detected ~10,000 genes and ~40,000 transcripts per sample at a sequencing depth of 100,000 reads/cell

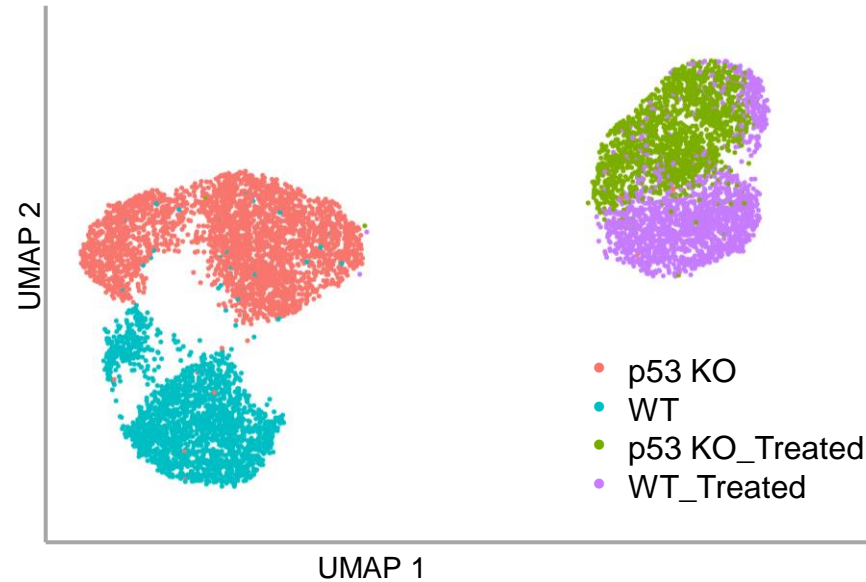


# Cellular phenotype associated with differentially expressed lncRNAs

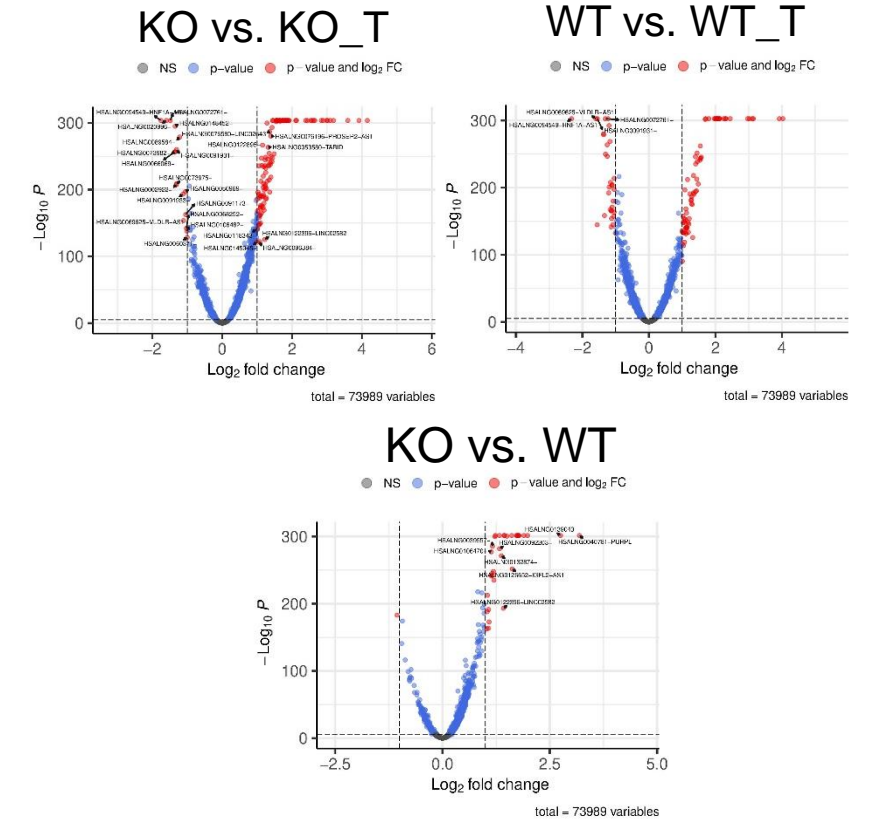
## Sensitivity lncRNA detection



## UMAP



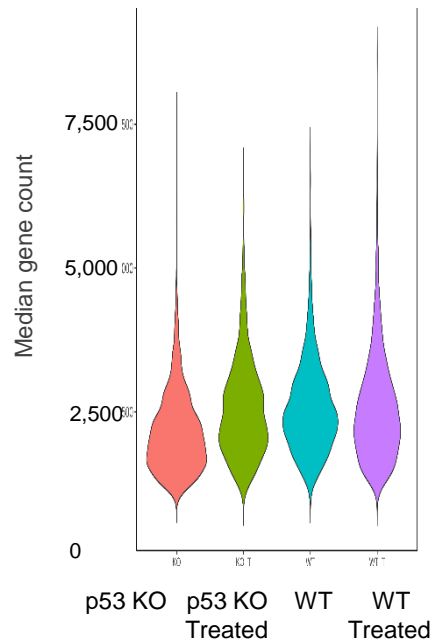
## Identify differentially expressed lncRNAs



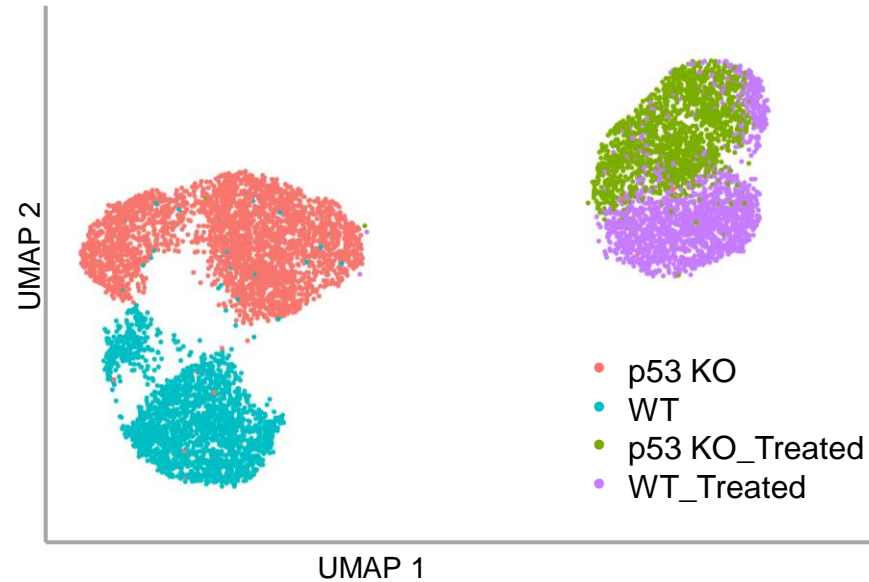
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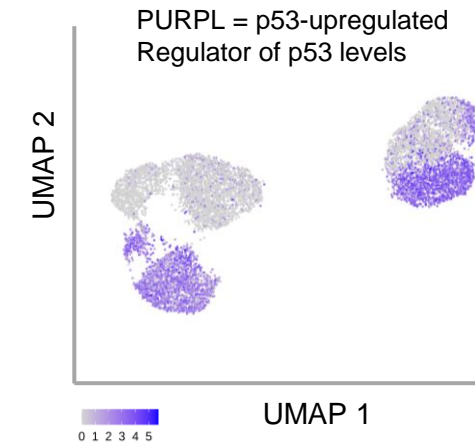
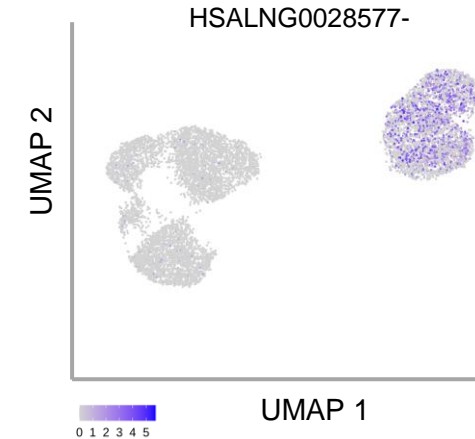
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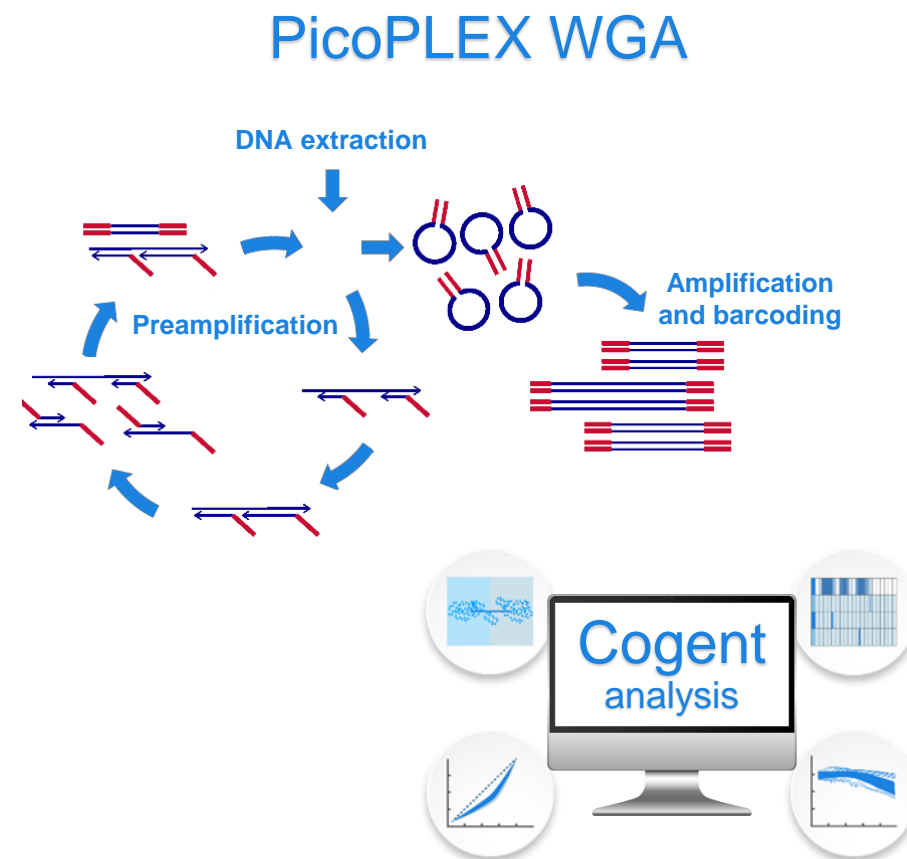
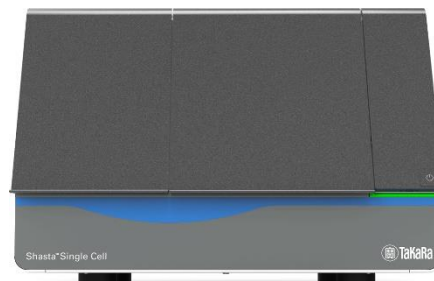


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# Automated, high-throughput solution for single-cell WGA

## Shasta WGA Kit

- ✓ High-throughput WGA  
*Process up to 1,500 cells per run*
- ✓ Lower sequencing cost  
*Analyze CNV, SNV, and structural variation at low depth*
- ✓ Automated workflow on the Shasta instrument  
*Obtain library in one day*
- ✓ Leading chemistry for uniformity and reproducibility  
*Take advantage of PicoPLEX WGA chemistry*
- ✓ End-to-end solution  
*Use free Cogent bioinformatics tools*



# Shasta WGA workflow

DAY 1: Laborious pipetting replaced by automatic dispensing

Stained cell suspension

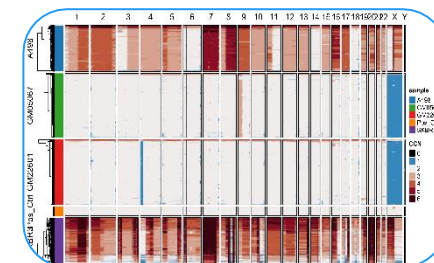
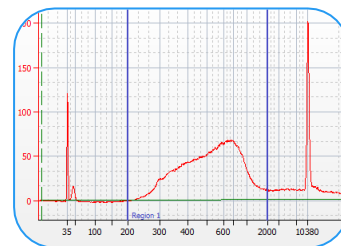
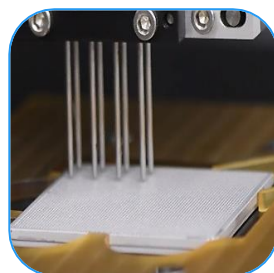
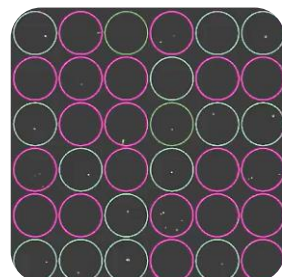
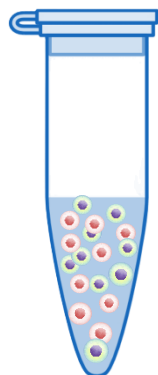
Cell dispense & selection

Library generation

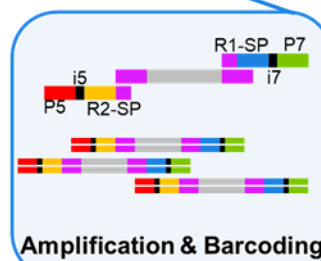
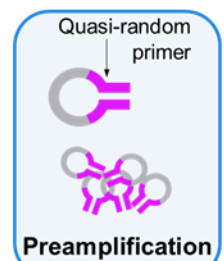
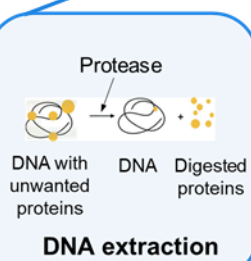
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Analysis & visualization

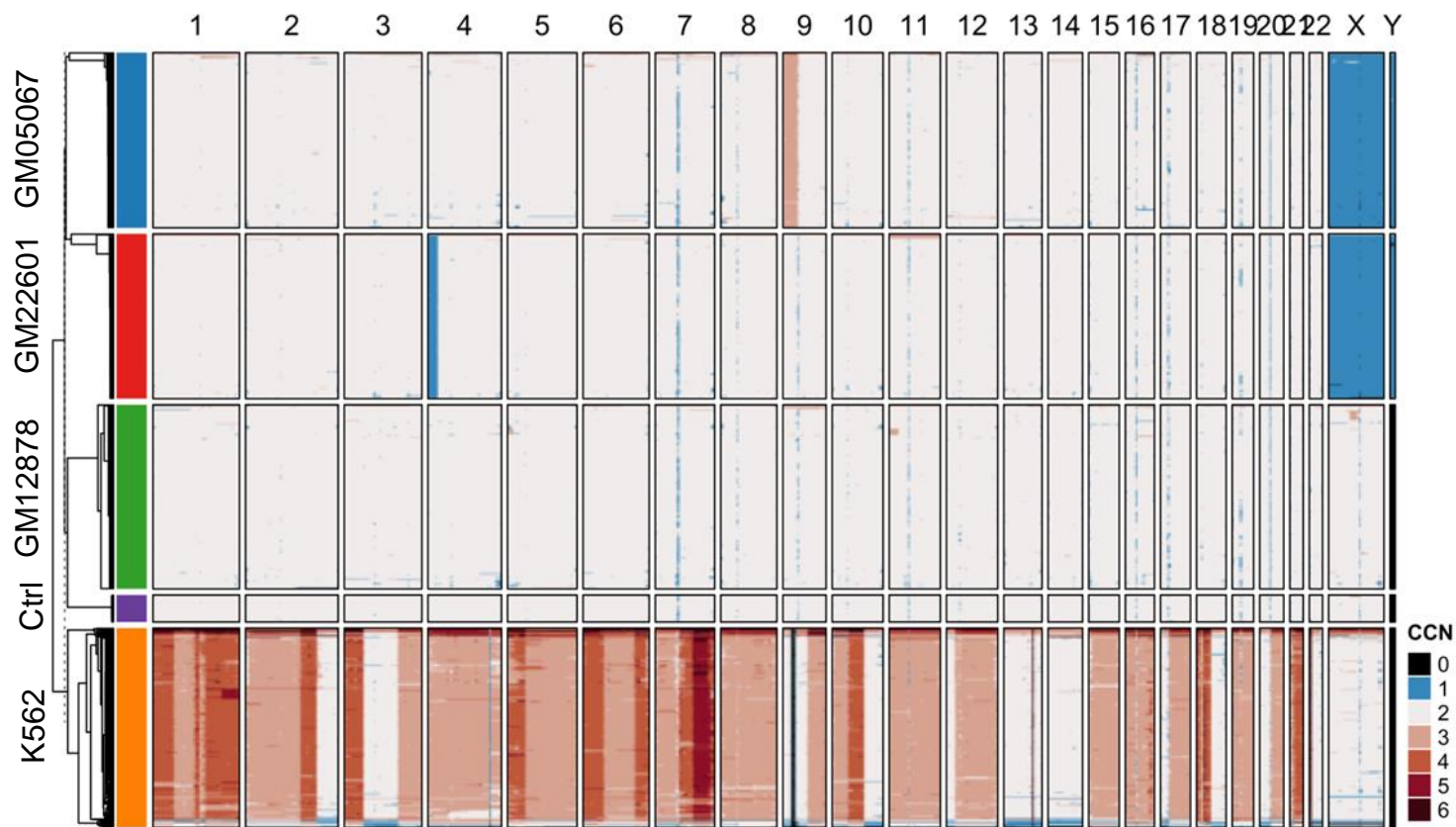


Automated Nanoliter-scale Reactions



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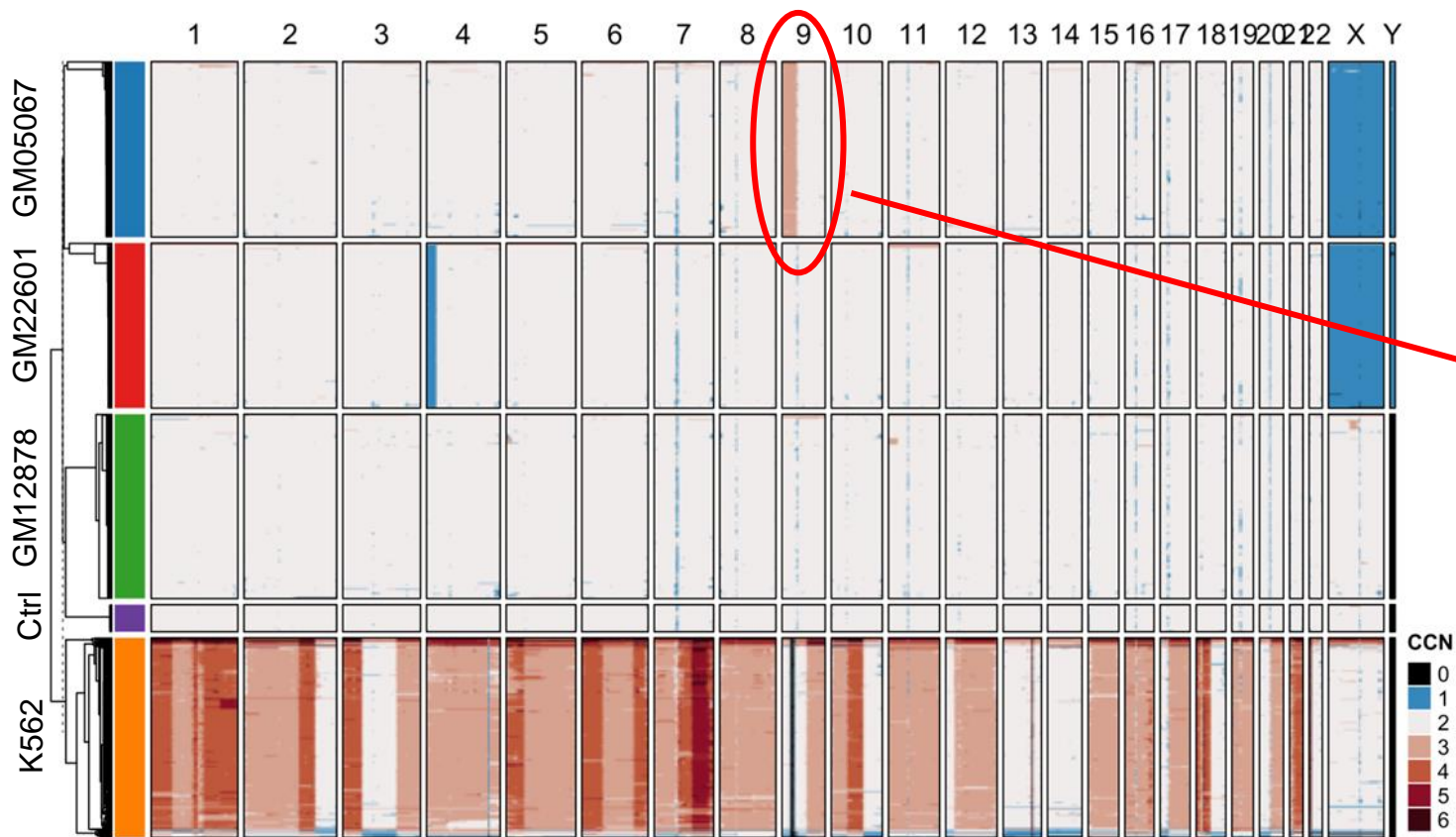


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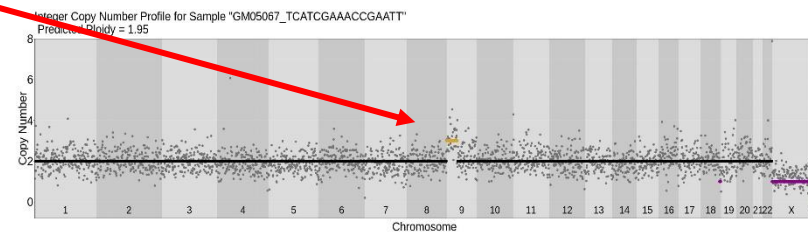
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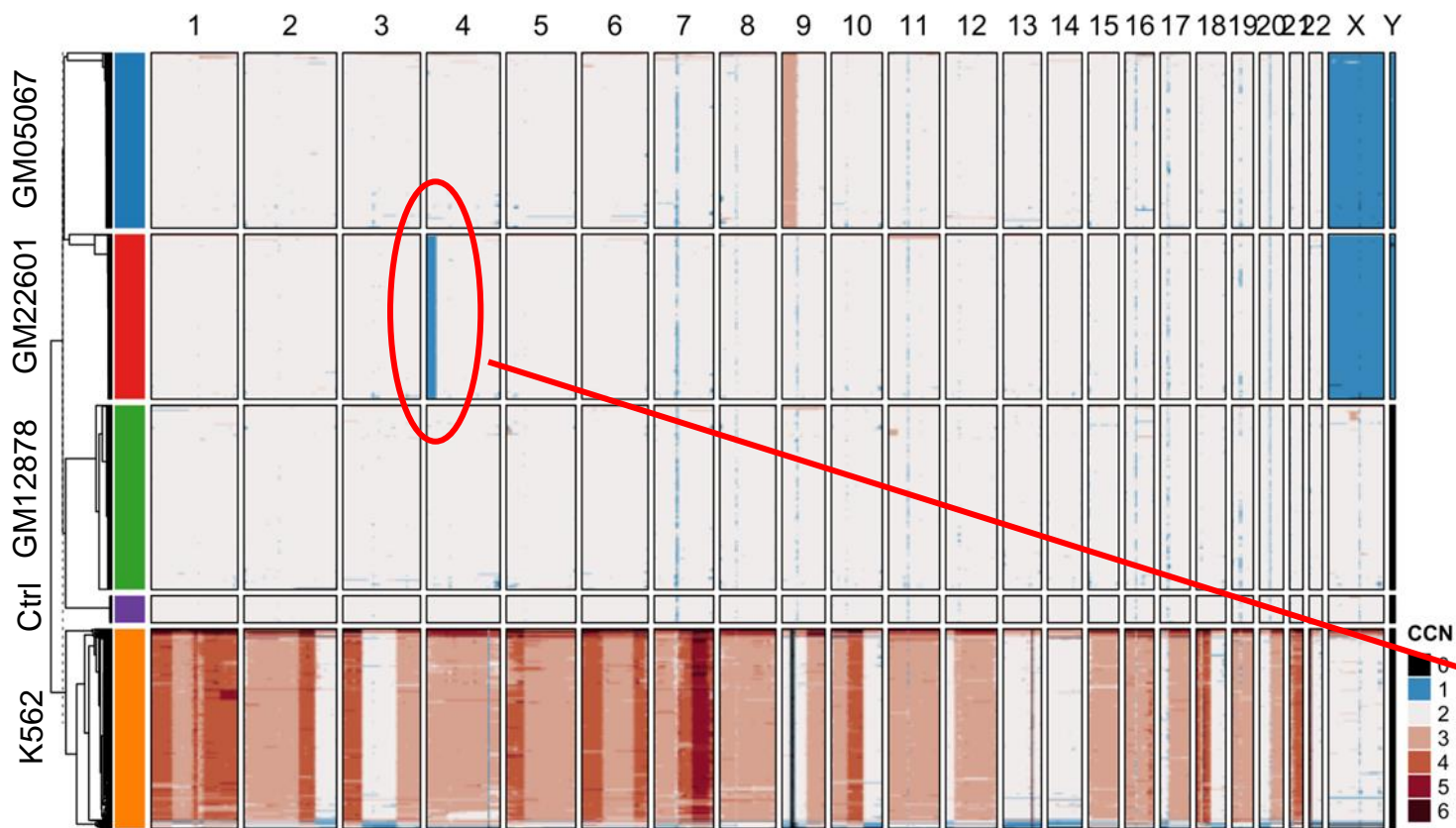


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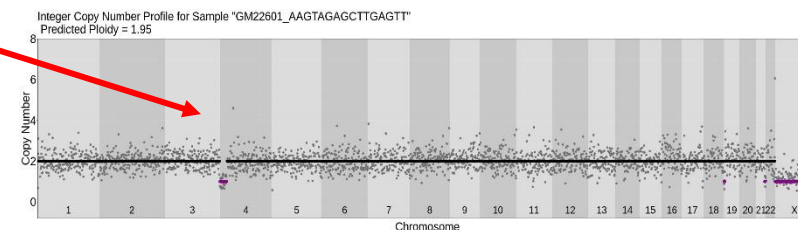


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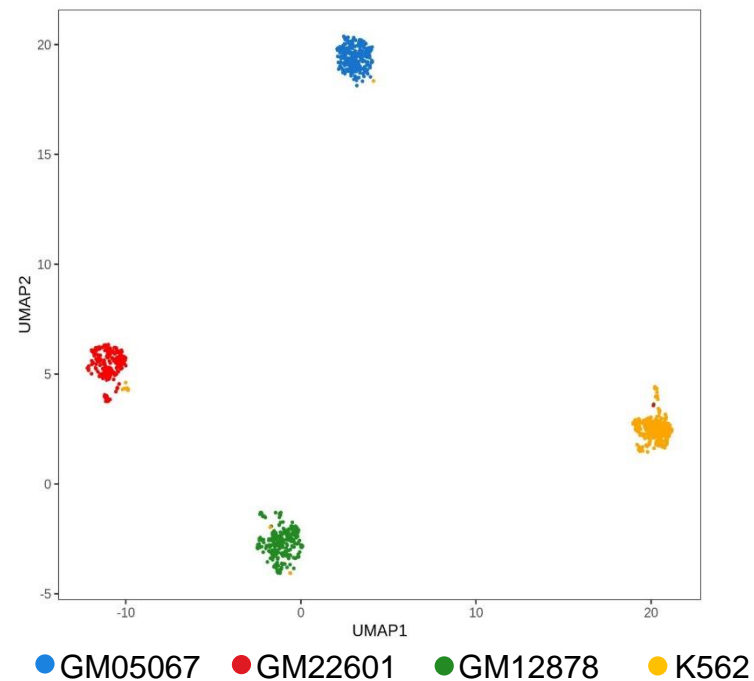
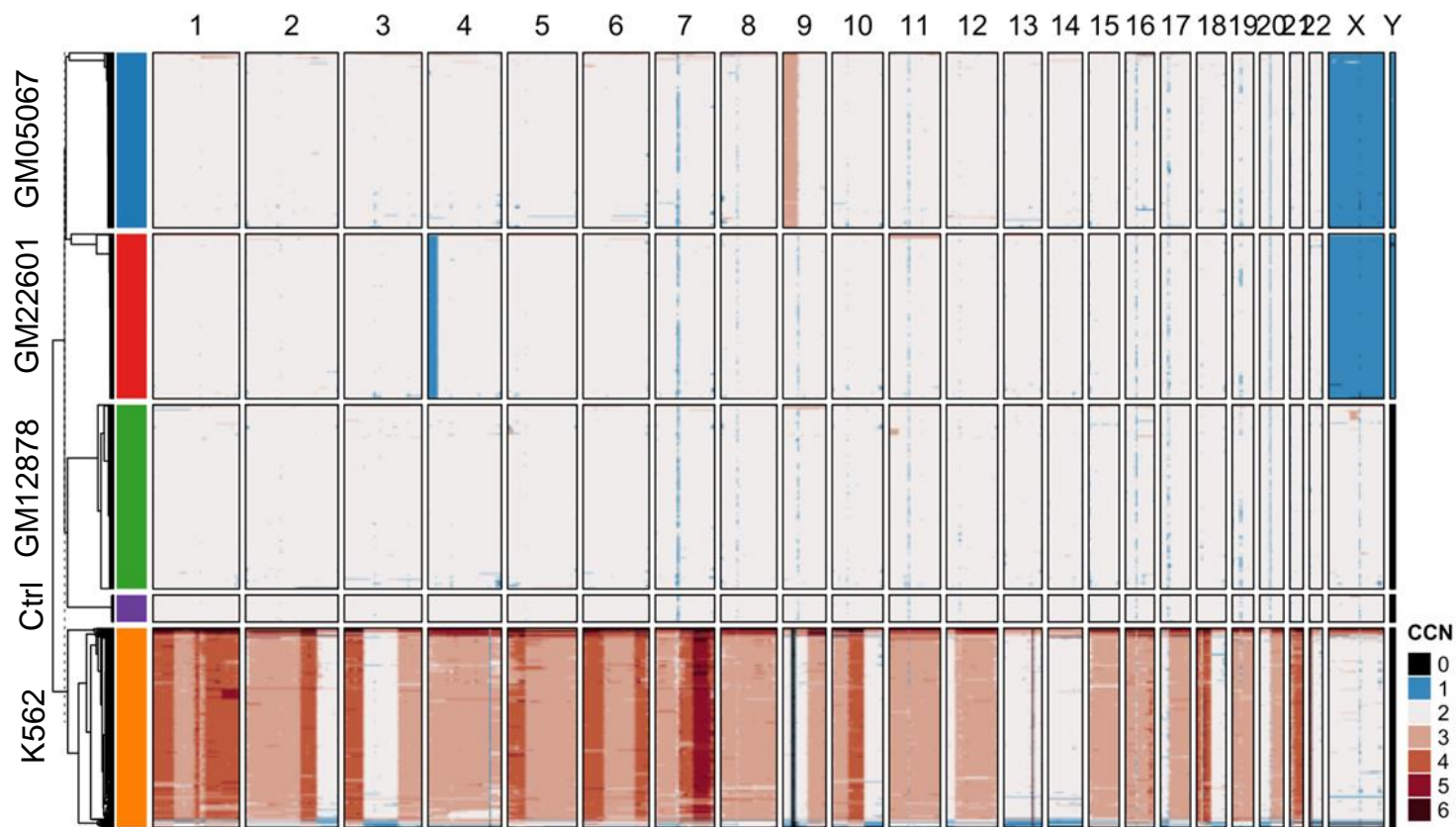


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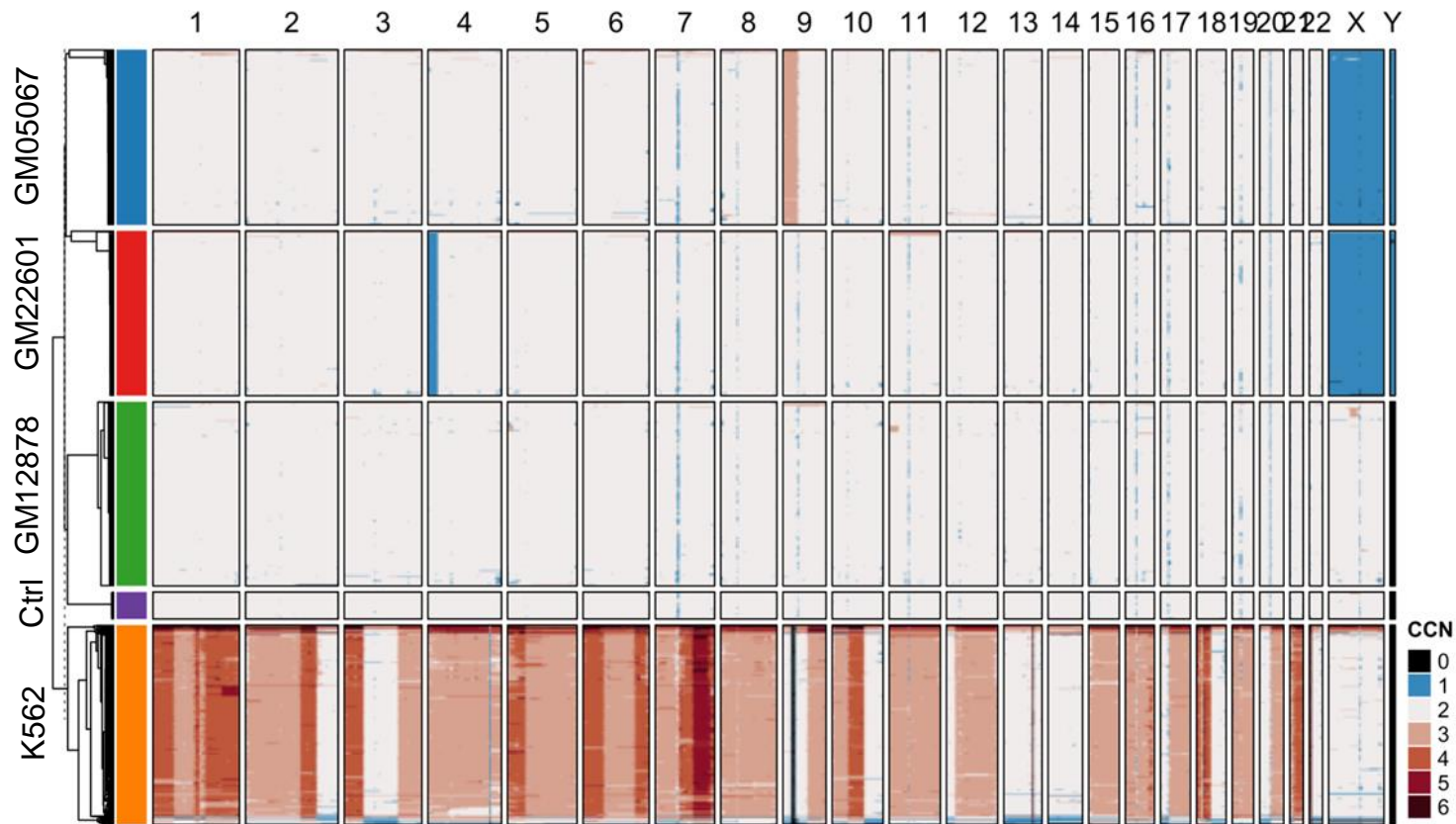
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# Cells can be clustered based on their CNV profiles

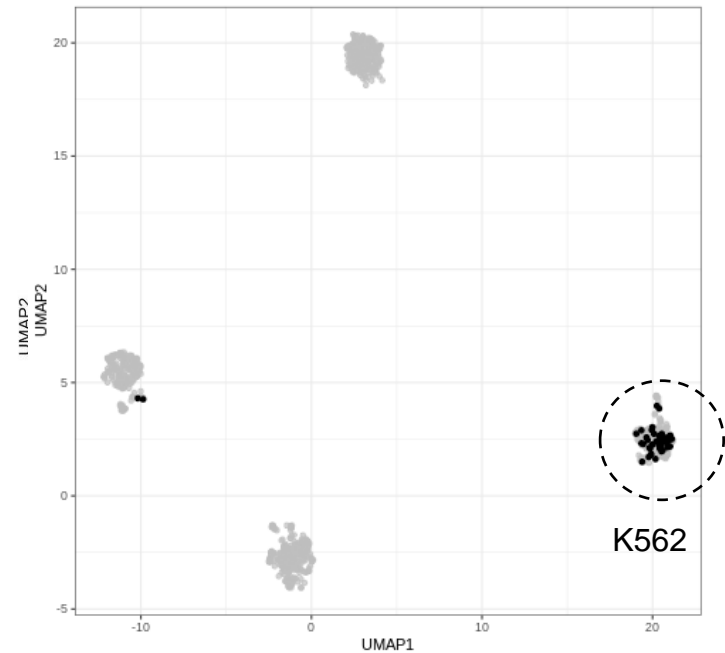


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# Pseudobulk analysis identifies putative SNVs in single cells



Chr. 7: 55034534: A:C  
A variant within the *EGFR* gene



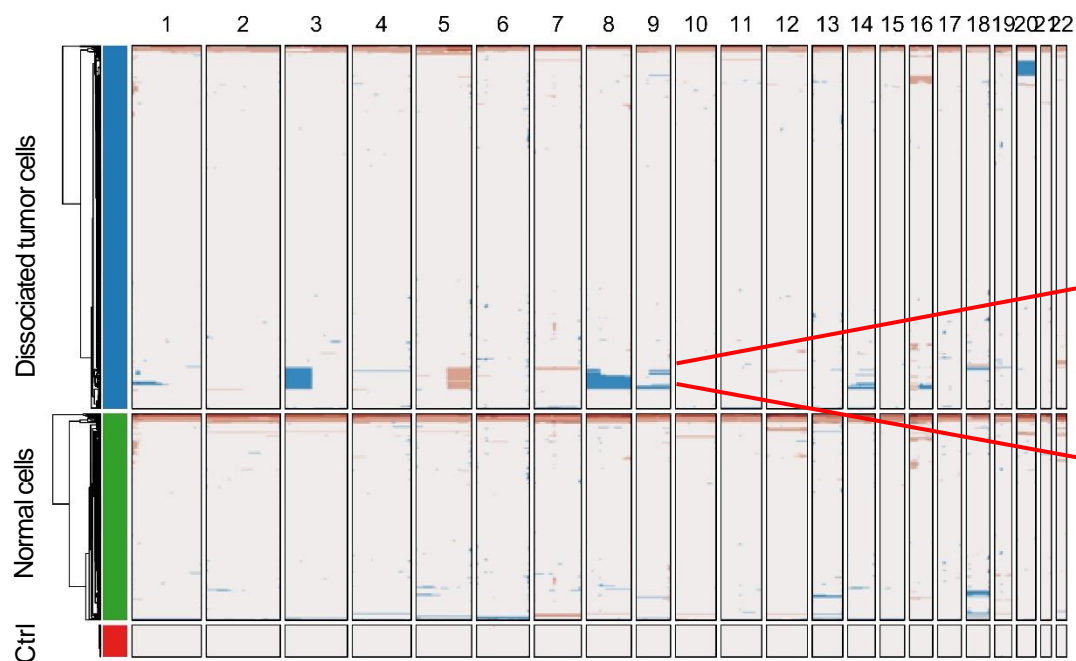
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# Find CNV events in small subclones in a heterogeneous tumor sample

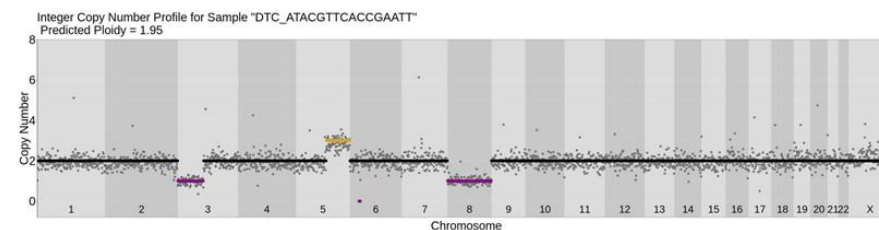
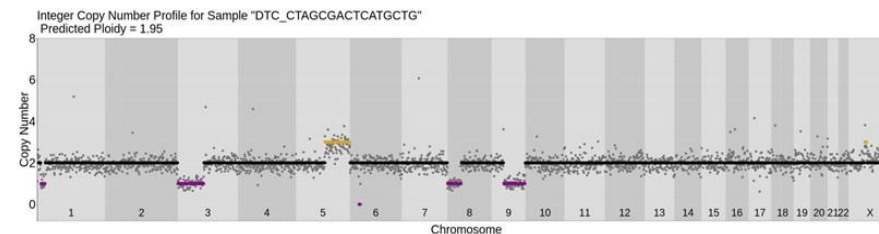
- Dissociated cells from Stage III (858 cells) clear-cell renal-cell carcinoma (ccRCC) tumor and adjacent normal tissue
- ~370,000 reads/cell, 2 x 75 bp



–3p: a cytogenic hallmark of ccRCC, encompassing four commonly mutated genes: *VHL*, *PBRM1*, *BAP1*, and *SETD2* (Creighton et al. 2013).

+5q: associated with better patient survival (Creighton et al. 2013).

Partial or complete loss of chr. 8: associated with *TCEB1* mutations (Sato et al. 2013).



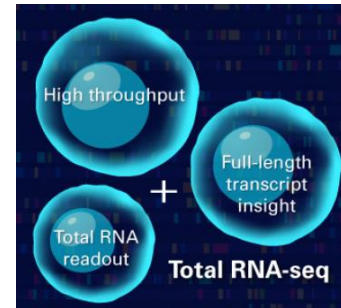
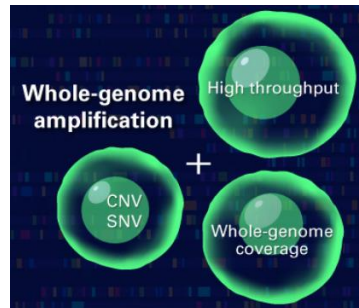
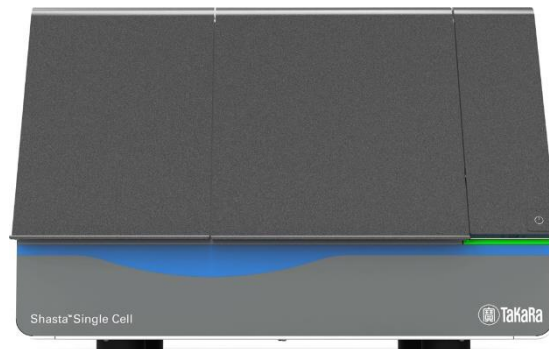
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# Summary

## More cells. More biomarkers. More discoveries. More breakthroughs!

- First-to-market high-throughput WGA and high-throughput Total RNA-seq
- Retain coverage and sensitivity at scale without compromise
- Integrate automation, chemistries, and bioinformatics solutions
- Discover the biomarkers you are missing

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