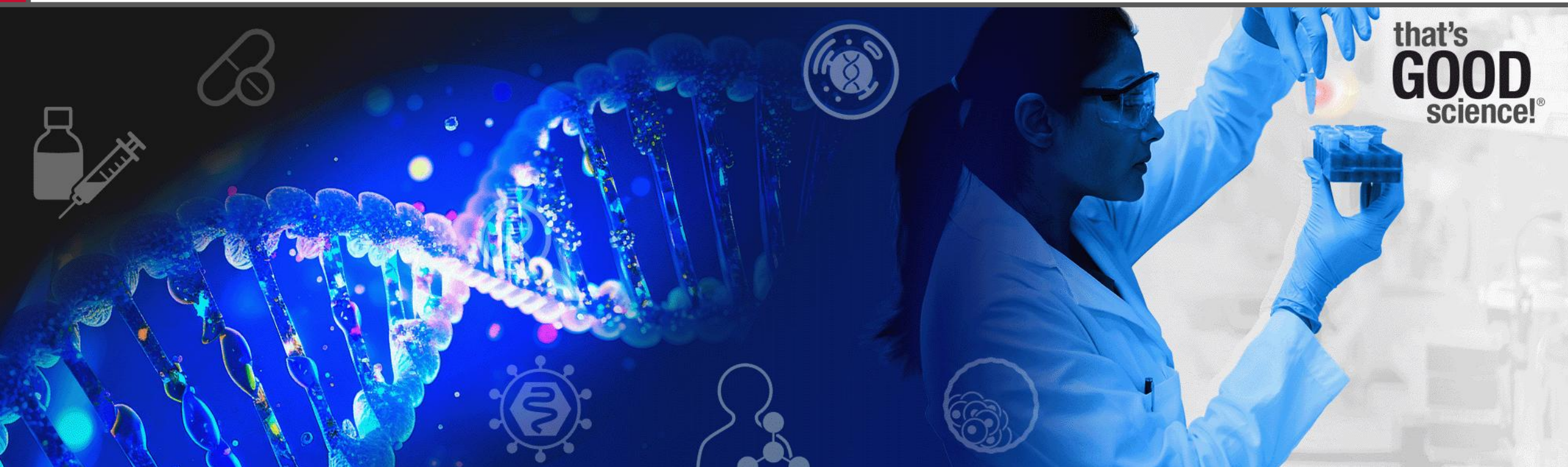


# Empowering discovery with automated total RNA and WGA sequencing

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# Takara Bio: core capabilities



that's  
**GOOD**  
science!®

**NGS**

**PCR, qPCR, RT-PCR**

**Cloning**

**Nucleic acid purification**

**Gene delivery**

**Functional genomics**

**Protein expression & purification**

**OEM**

# The power of sensitivity and full gene-body coverage

The template-switching method used in our SMART-Seq<sup>®</sup> kits allows for:

## Better detection of SNVs

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

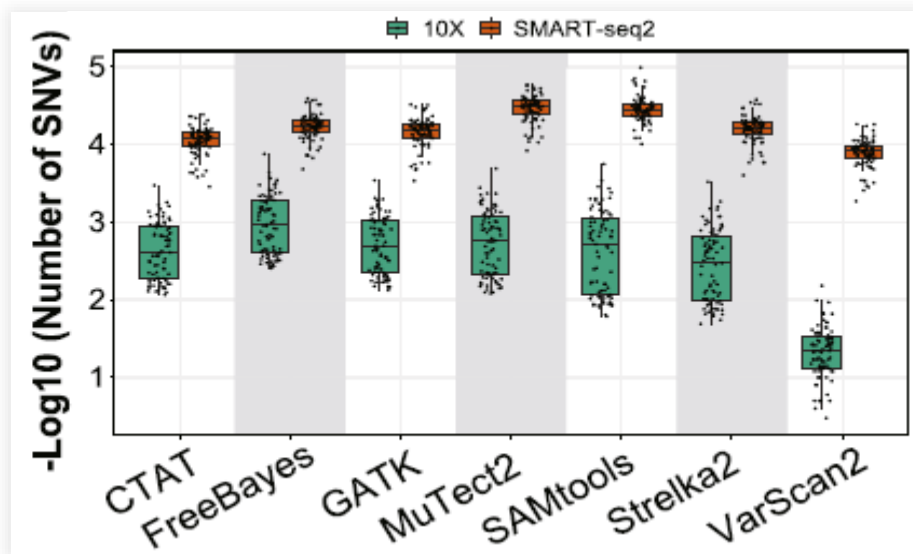


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## Discovery of alternatively spliced isoforms

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

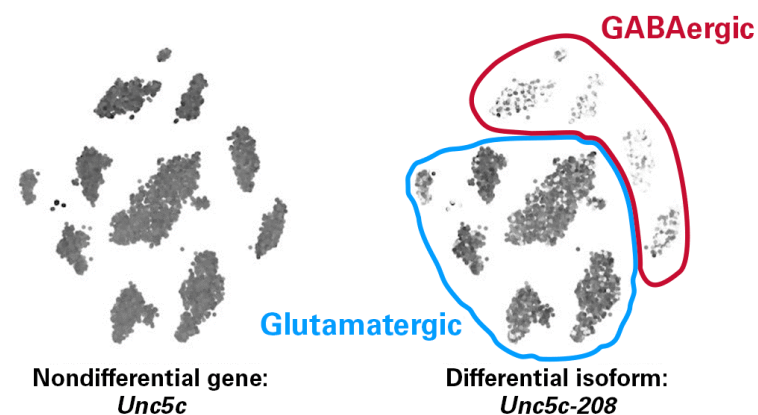
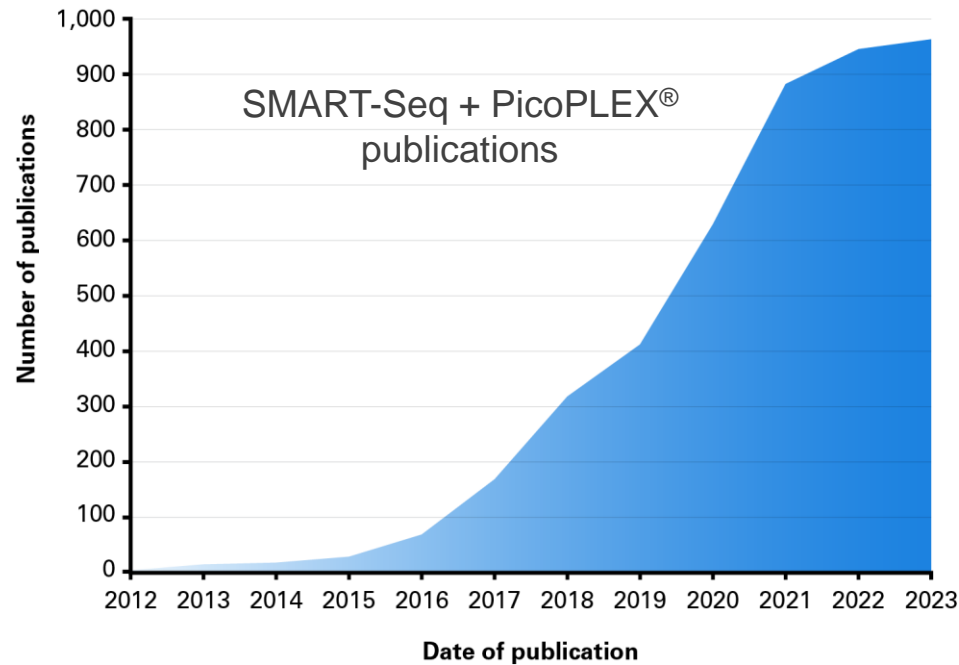


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# The desire for scale has grown

Takara Bio single-cell solutions maintain sensitivity and have increased in popularity



Advances in scale of scRNA-seq over the years sacrifice sensitivity and detection of biomarkers

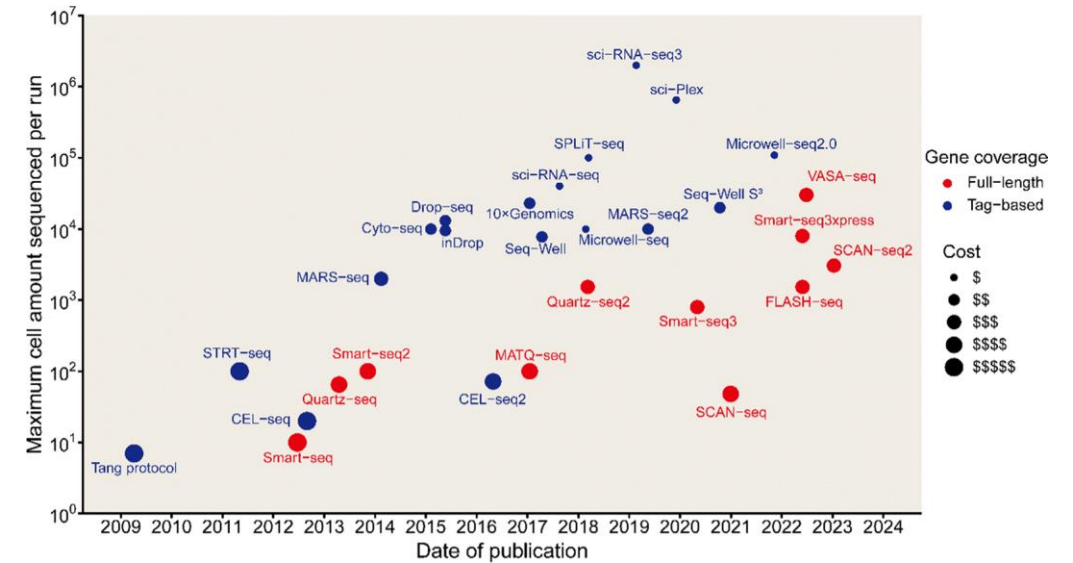
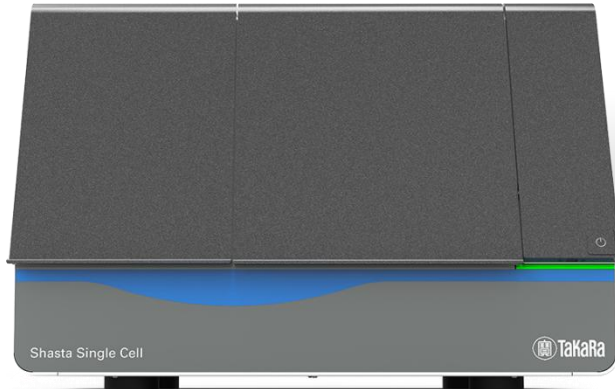


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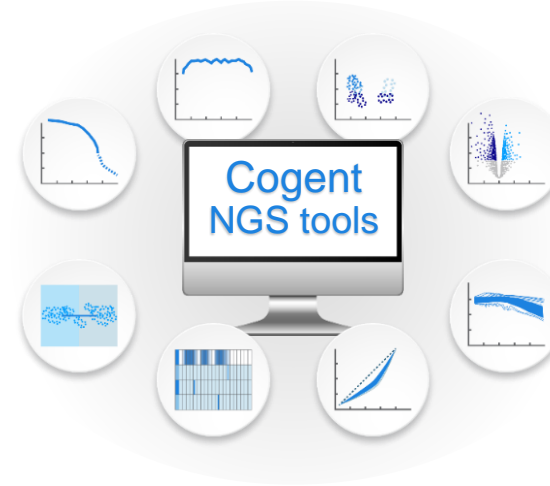


# Next-generation single-cell biomarker discovery, scaled

## Shasta™ Single Cell System



Automated  
dispensing



Cogent™ NGS Analysis Pipeline  
and Discovery Software

## New chemistries

### Shasta Total RNA-Seq Kit

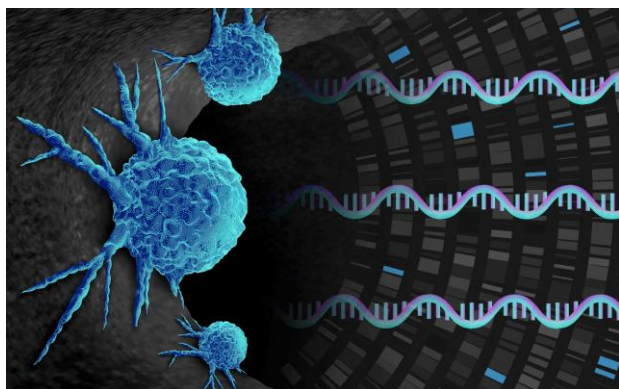
- Analyze up to 100,000 single cells per run
- Achieve outstanding sensitivity and full gene-body coverage
- Uncover multiple RNA biotypes
- Detect splicing isoforms and gene fusions




### Shasta Whole-Genome Amplification (WGA) Kit

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

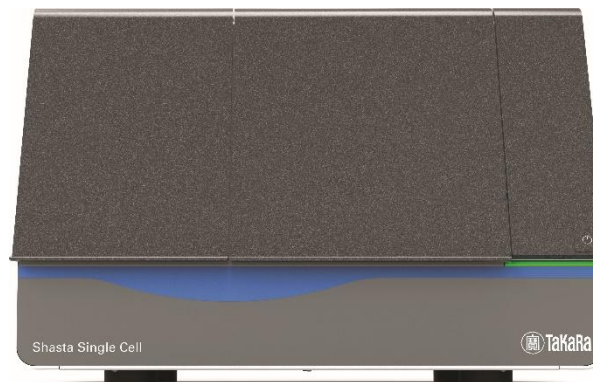
# Shasta Total RNA-Seq: overview


## Shasta Total RNA-Seq Kit



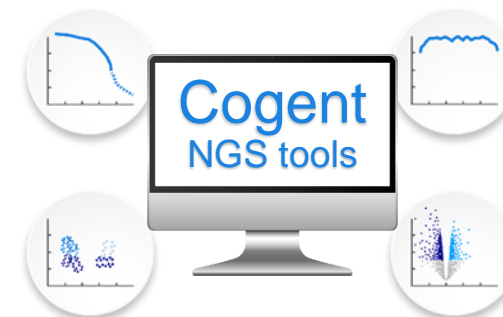
-  **Two-day workflow**  
Reduced hands-on time and reagent costs
-  **Full gene-body coverage**  
Detect gene fusions and splicing isoforms
-  **Random-priming-based RT**



## Shasta Single Cell System



-  **High-throughput automation**  
Approximately 100,000 cells per run  
Low doublet rate for more accurate data analysis  
Up to 12 different samples per experiment

## Cogent NGS tools



-  **Free analysis tools**  
Protein-coding and noncoding gene pipelines
-  **Publication-quality figures**

# 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



p53 wild type  
(WT)



p53 wild type  
+ epitherapy  
treatment (WT\_T)



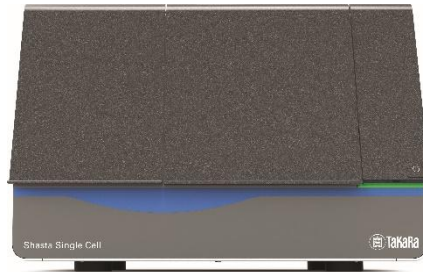
p53 knockout  
(KO)



p53 knockout  
+ epitherapy  
treatment (KO\_T)

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## Shasta Total RNA-Seq Kit

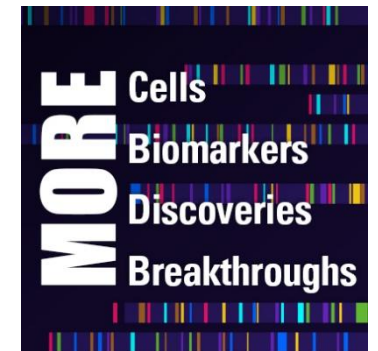


## Cogent NGS tools



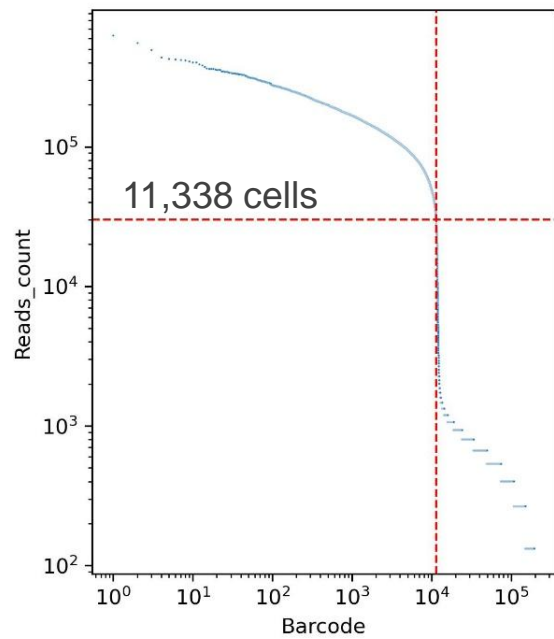
Standard analysis  
lncRNA analysis

## Biomarker discovery



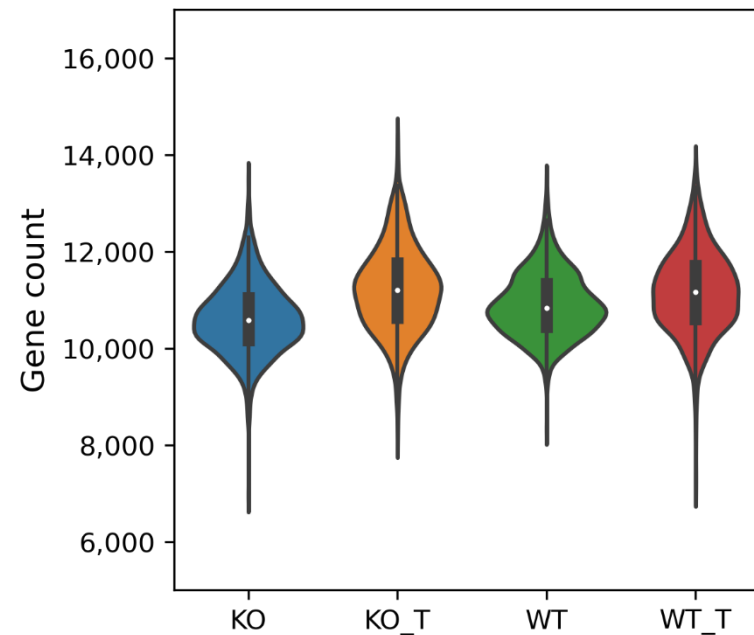
# Achieved outstanding sensitivity for both genes and transcripts

Analyzed ~11,000 cells

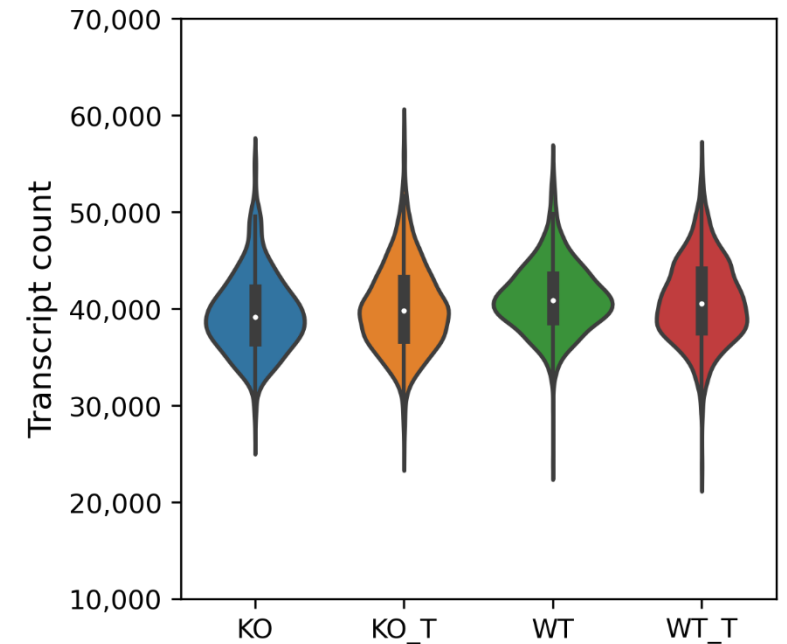


Detected ~10,000 genes and ~40,000 transcripts per sample at a sequencing depth of 100,000 reads/cell

Number of genes



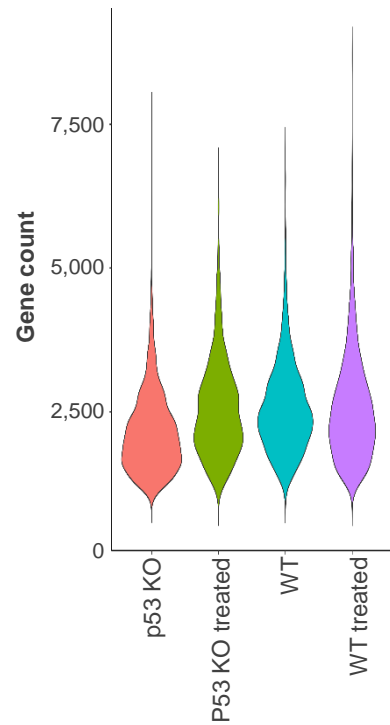
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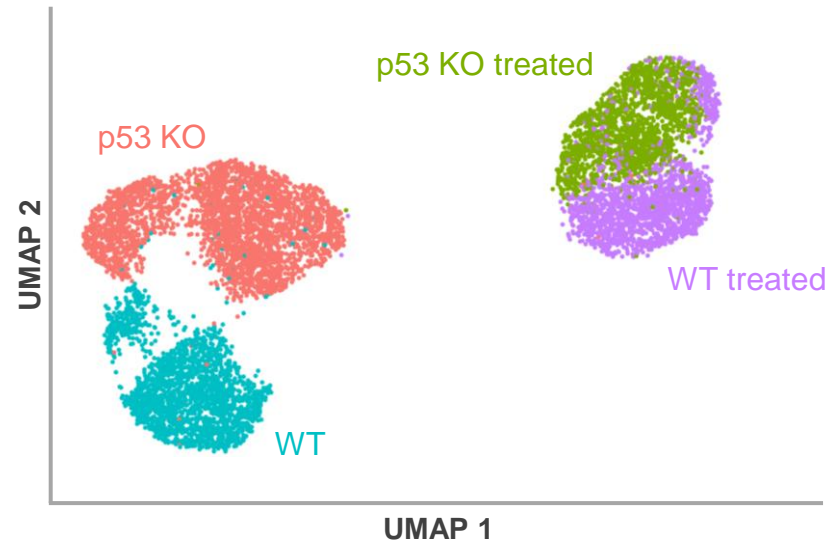


# Cellular phenotype associated with differentially expressed lncRNAs

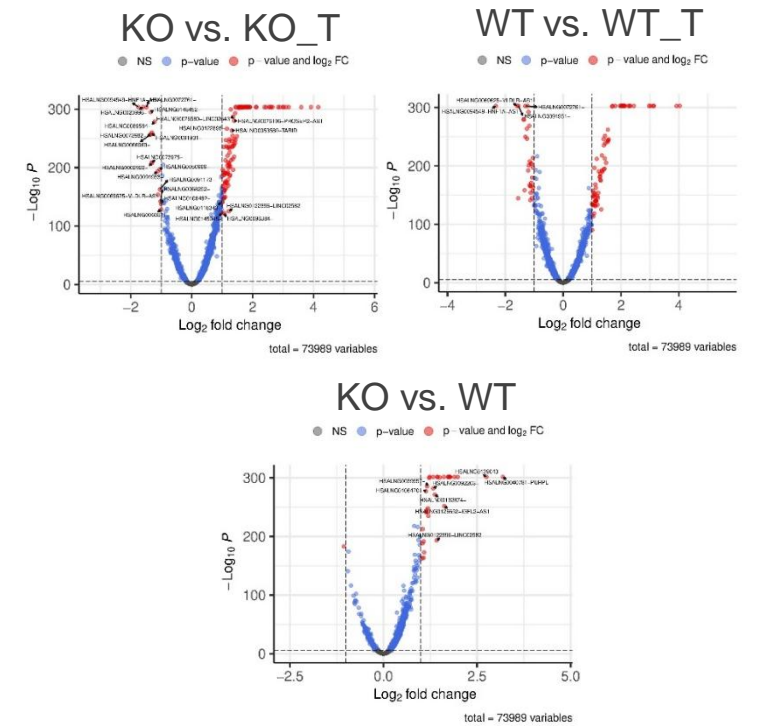
## Detect lncRNA with high sensitivity



## Map and group cells by lncRNA expression

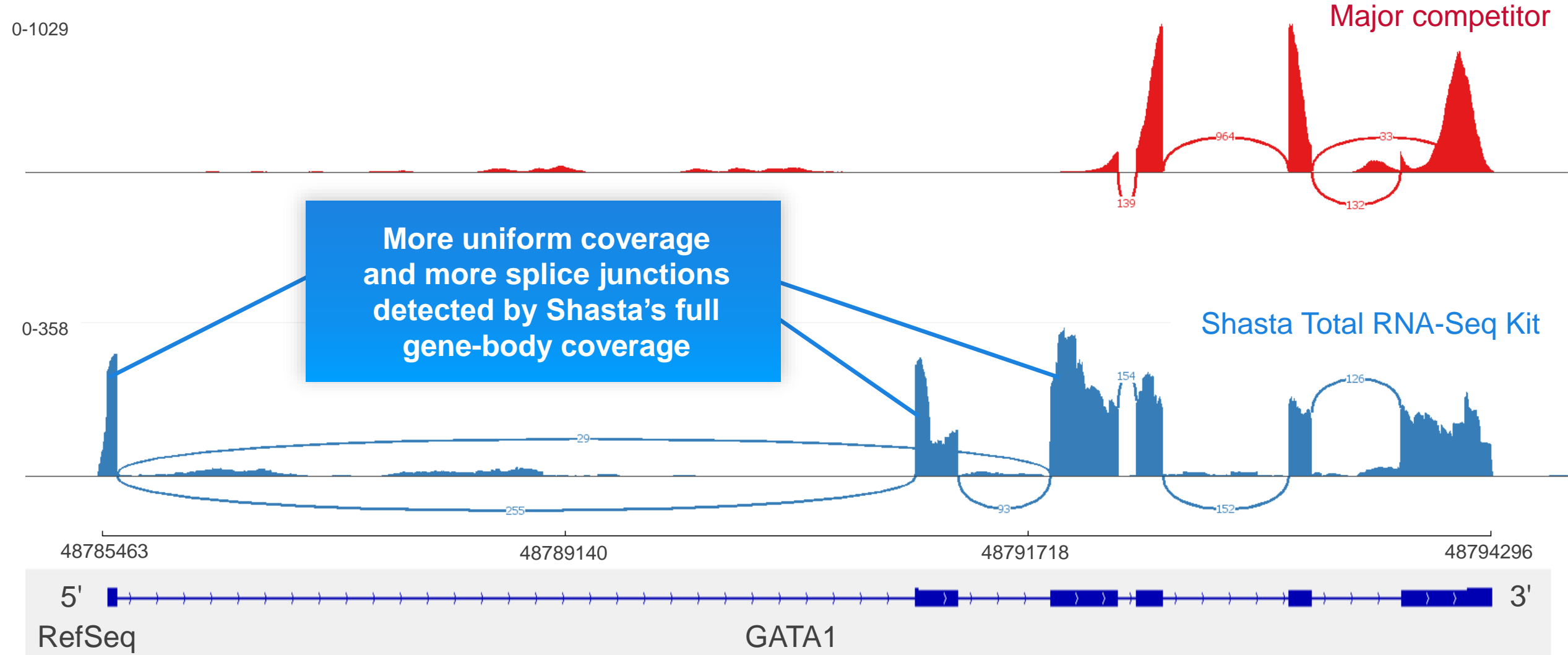


## Identify differentially expressed lncRNAs



lncRNA: analysis done using Cogent NGS Analysis Pipeline (AP)

# Capture all GATA1 splice junctions with full gene-body coverage by Shasta Total RNA-Seq Kit



# Full gene-body coverage is more advantageous than end-counting methods for analyzing splice junctions

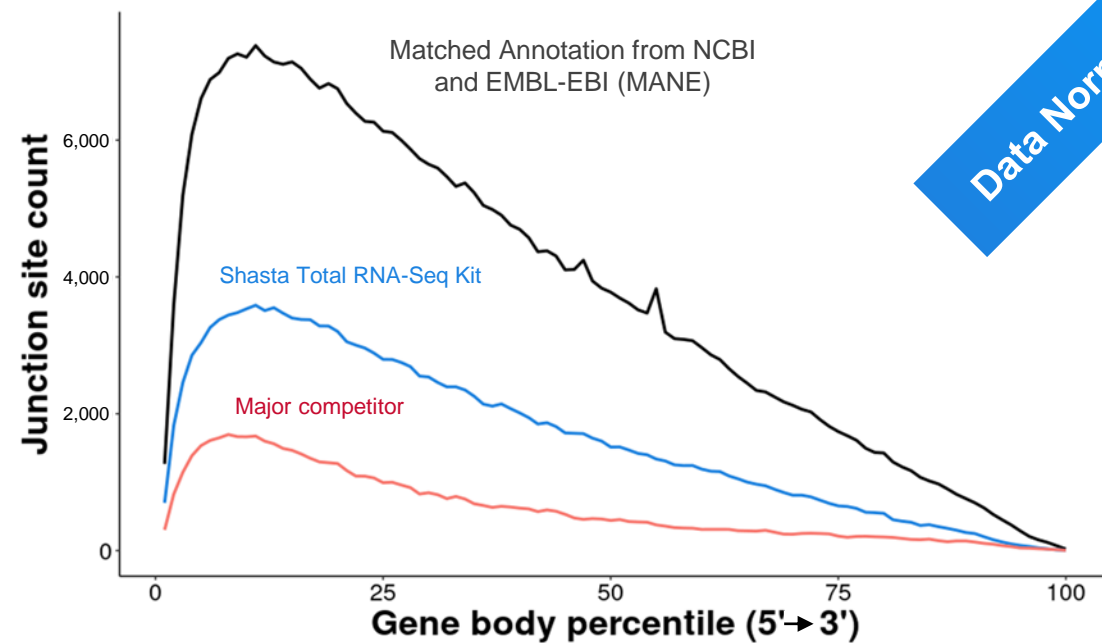
## Experimental conditions

K562 cells

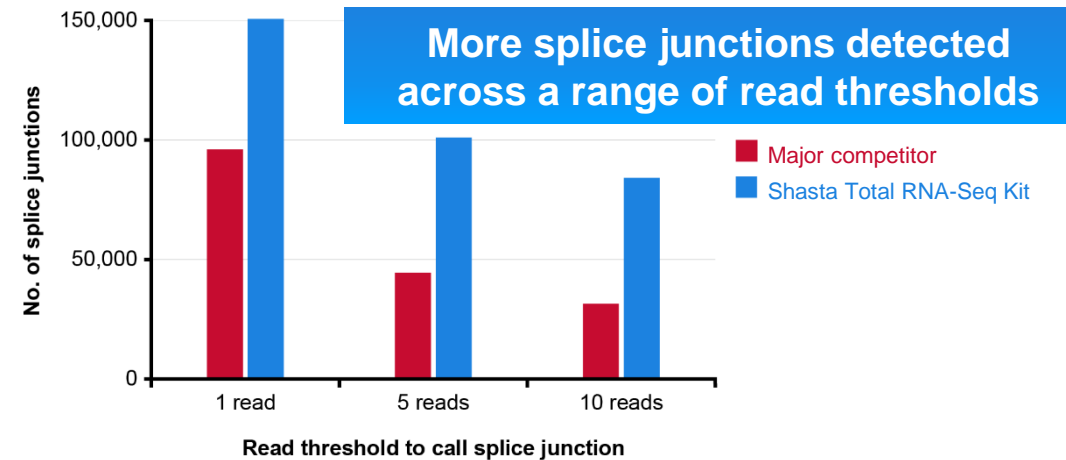
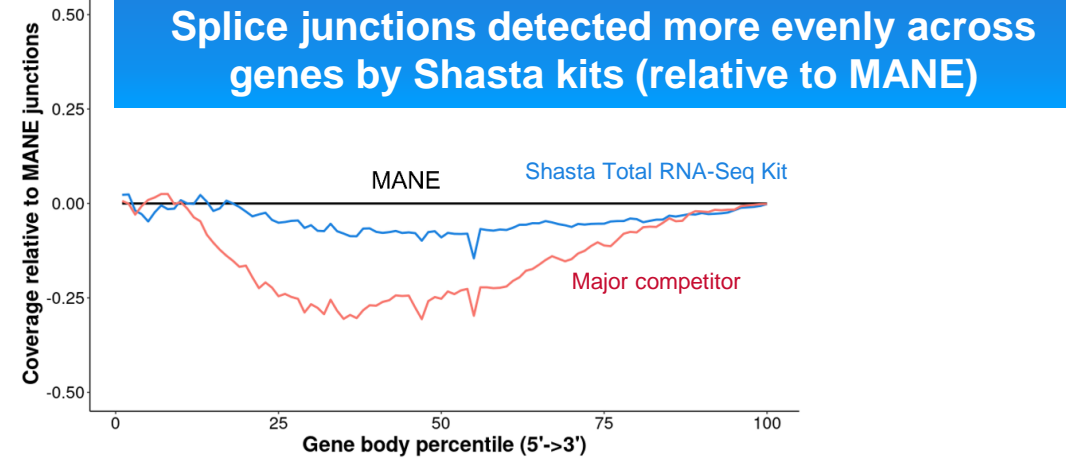
~20 x 10<sup>6</sup> read pairs of input data

- Shasta Total RNA-Seq Kit: 1,300 cells, using full gene-body coverage
- Major Competitor: 1,500 cells, using end-counting methods

Pseudo-bulk (to avoid cell-to-cell variability effects)

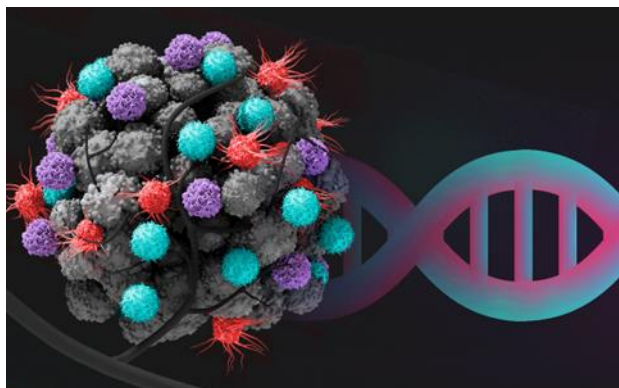


Data Normalization



# Shasta WGA: overview

## Shasta WGA Kit



**Leading chemistry for uniformity and reproducibility**

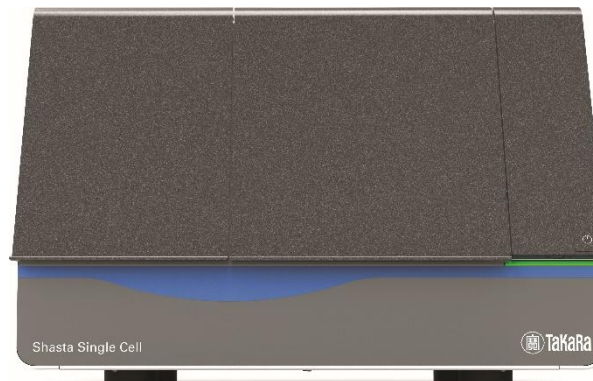
Incorporates PicoPLEX WGA chemistry



**Lower sequencing cost**

Analyzes CNVs and SNVs at low sequencing depth

## Shasta Single Cell System



**Automated workflow on the Shasta instrument**

Obtain library in one day



**High-throughput WGA**

Process up to 1,500 cells per run

## Cogent NGS tools



**Free analysis tools**

End-to-end solution

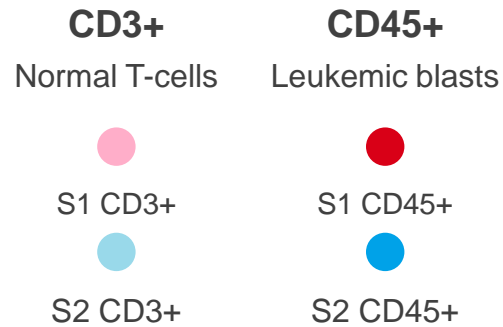


**Publication-grade figures**

# Case study: reveal distinct copy number profiles at the single-cell level for leukemia samples

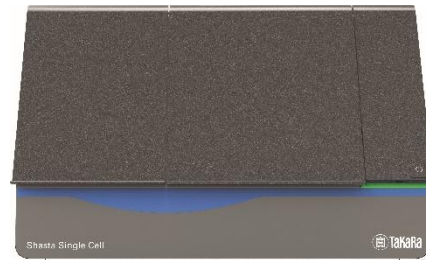
## Four cell samples

From **Dr. Ilaria Iacobucci** from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

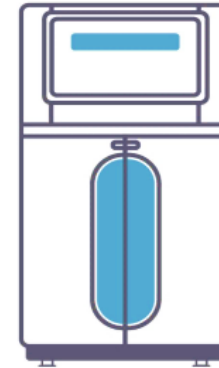


Frozen bone marrow mononuclear cells from two patients (S1 and S2)

## Shasta WGA Kit



## Sequencing



Average ~450,000 paired-end (PE) reads/cell 2 x 76 bp

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## Cogent NGS tools

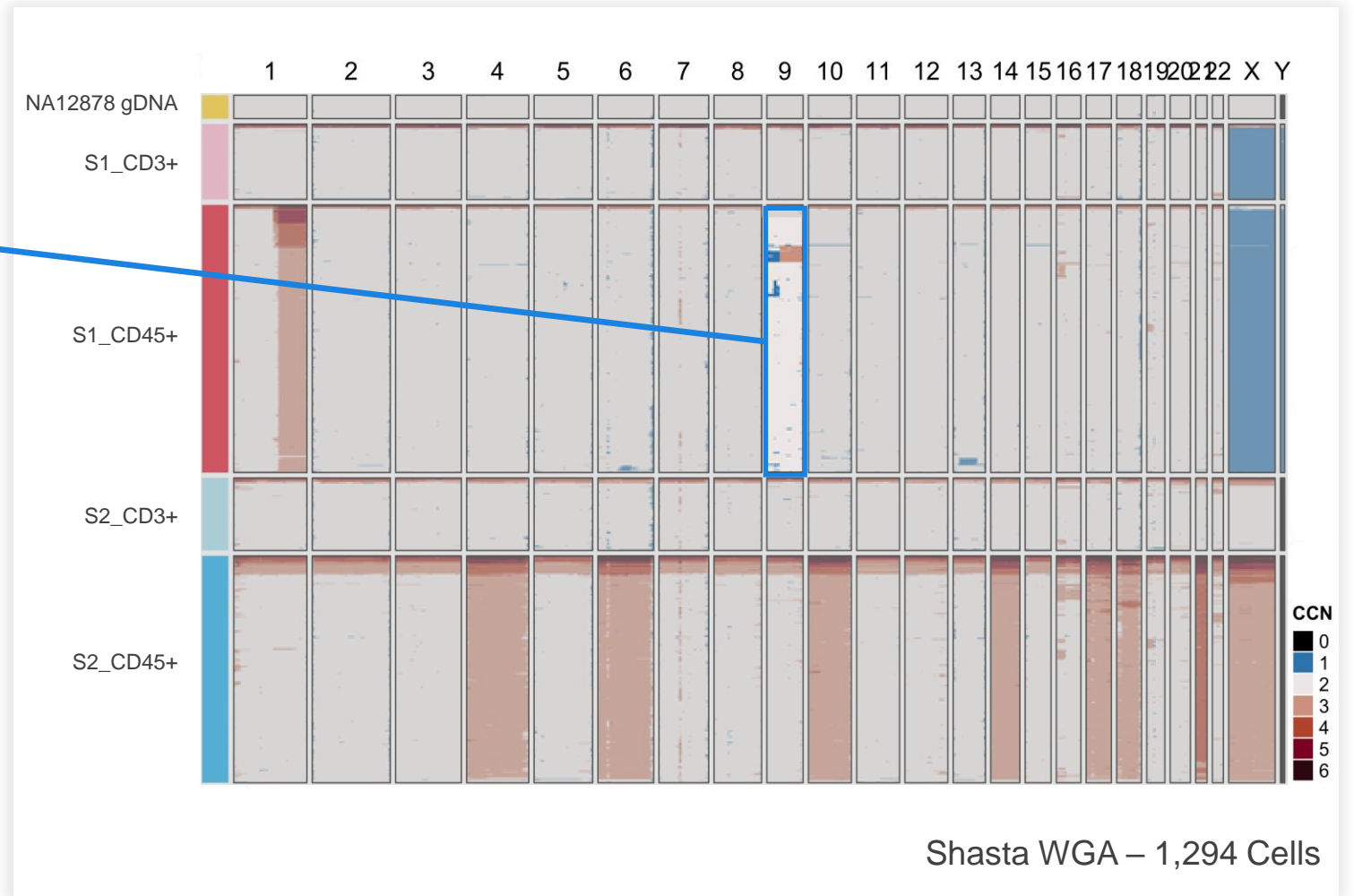


CNV calling for each barcode and each sample



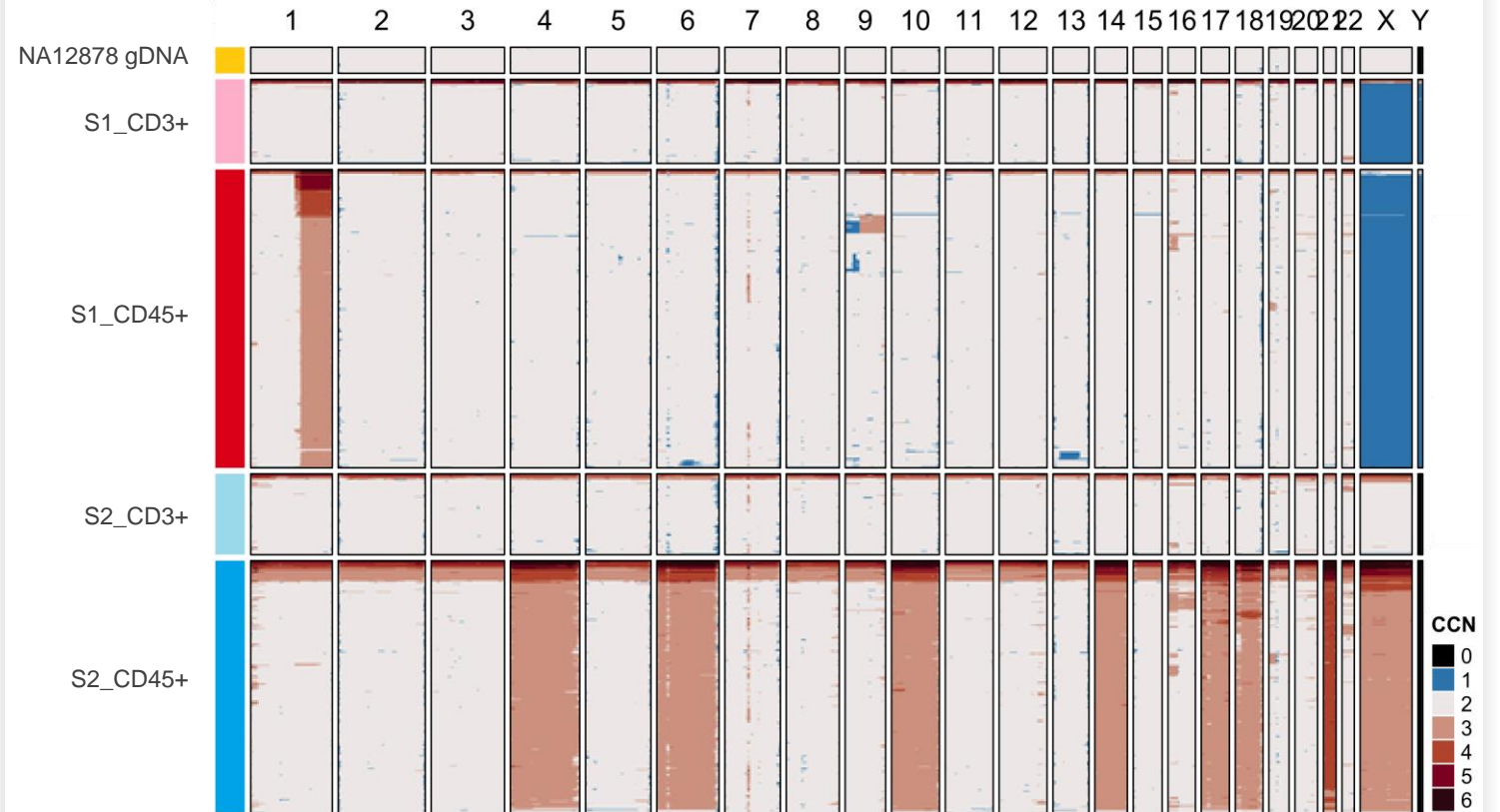
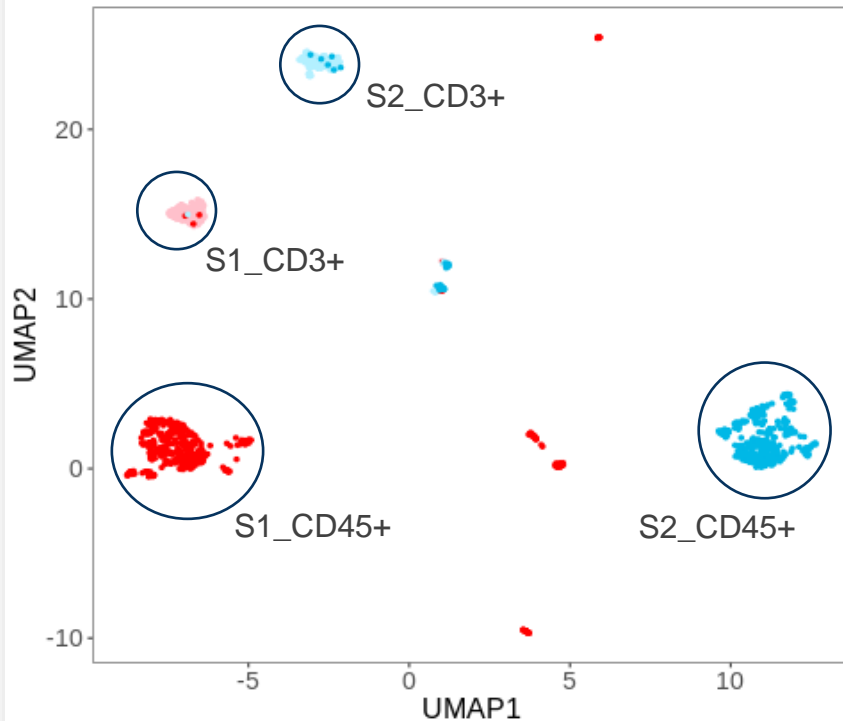
# Distinct copy number profiles revealed at the single-cell level for two leukemia samples

Detected a biologically interesting sub-group in S1\_CD45+ with -9p and +9q



# Distinct copy number profiles revealed at the single-cell level for two leukemia samples

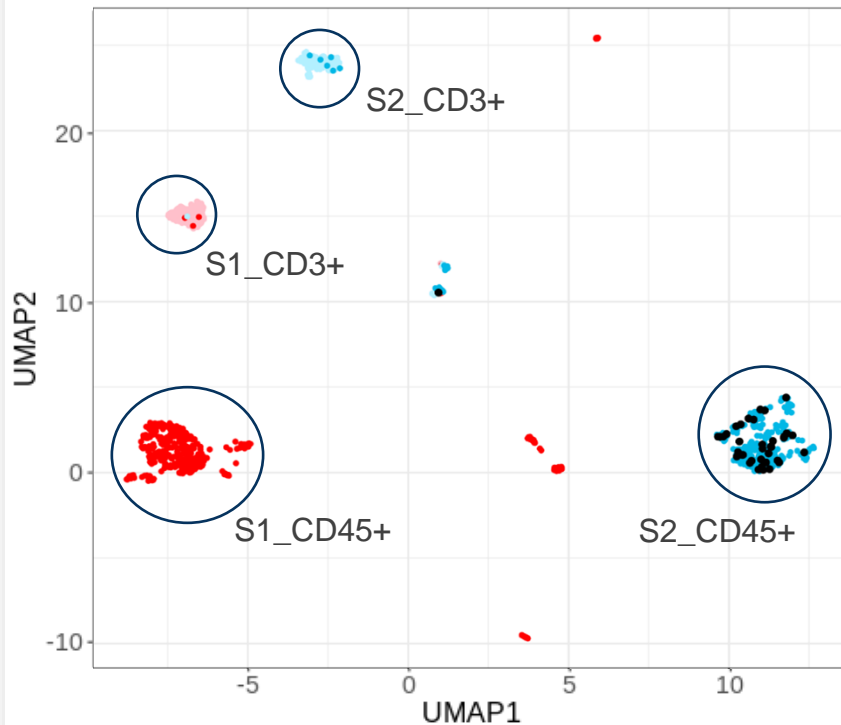
## UMAP clustering by whole-genome CNPs



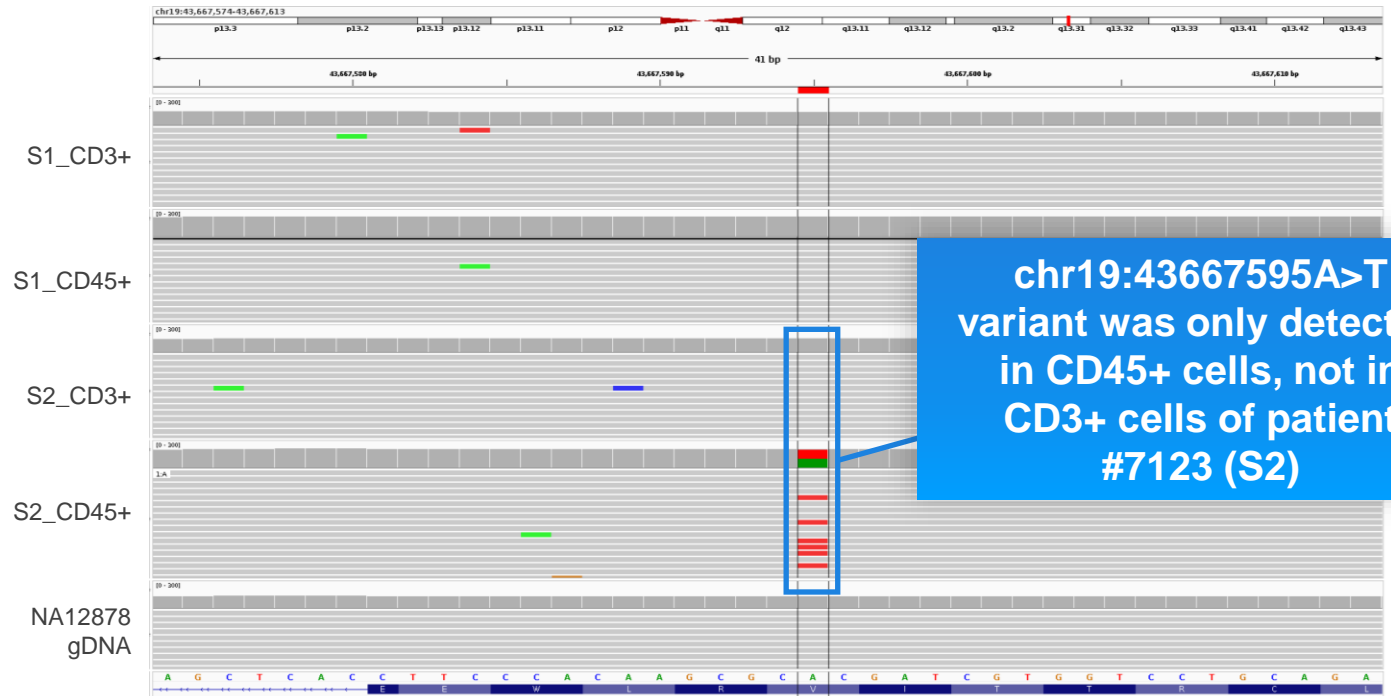
Shasta WGA – 1,294 Cells

# Achieve sufficient coverage for pseudo-bulk SNV analysis

Chr 19: chr19:43667595A>T  
A variant within the *PLAUR* gene



Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV) view of chr19:43667595



Shasta WGA – 1,294 Cells



# Generating meaningful biological discoveries

**MORE** Cells  
Biomarkers  
Discoveries  
Breakthroughs



## Shasta Single-Cell System



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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