

Agilent Technologies introduces new NGS solution

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Agilent Technologies Inc. has introduced its newest next-generation sequencing (NGS) library prep solution — Agilent SureSelect ^{XT HS} — a complete target enrichment research solution that provides total workflow management for laboratories, from QC to target enrichment, to analysis and interpretation.

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"This customizable target enrichment technology with integrated molecular barcode error correction enables us to detect ultralow mutation frequencies in very small DNA quantities," said Dr. Marco Gerlinger of the Institute of Cancer Research and the Royale Marsden Hospital in London. "These features make it ideal for the detection and tracking of clonal and subclonal variants in liquid biopsies."

SureSelect ^{XT HS} libraries, with higher percentage reads in targeted regions, require as little as 10 ng of starting DNA, and use molecular barcodes to assist error correction. Additionally, faster and more efficient processing with master-mixed reagents that require less hands-on time, coupled with a 90-minute hybridization — the most rapid hybridization on the market — enables labs to now move from sample to sequencer in a single day.

"SureSelect XT HS provides robust library preparation for low-input, degraded FFPE samples, as well as significantly reduced turnaround time," said Jeff Heimburger, head of genomics marketing at Agilent. "These advances highlight Agilent's continued commitment to alleviating customer pain and improving lab efficiency through innovation."