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Chapter 1 Getting Started

SeqSense Analysis Solution is a purpose-built workflow for analyzing and visualizing the next-generation sequencing (NGS) data. SeqSense uses a bioinformatics pipeline that is optimized for mapping, aligning, counting, and normalizing reads generated from libraries containing both short and long RNA.

Using SeqSense, you can analyze and visualize NGS data from your FASTQ sample files. You can run the SeqSense analysis pipeline using the SEQuoia Complete Stranded RNA Library Prep Kit and the SEQuoia Express Stranded RNA Library Kit.

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Recommended Browsers

SeqSense supports the latest versions of the Google Chrome and Apple Safari browsers.

Prerequisites

To use SeqSense Analysis Solution, you must

- Purchase from Bio-Rad one of the following prep kits:

  - ☐ SEQuoia Express Stranded RNA Library Prep Kit (Catalog No. 12017265)

  - ☐ SEQuoia Complete Stranded RNA Library Prep Kit (Catalog No. 17005710)

  Important: When the checkout process concludes, your purchase confirmation includes a Bio-Rad account number. Be sure to save the number, since it is required when you create a SeqSense Analysis Solution user account. The purchase confirmation is separate from the account creation confirmation.

- Create a Bio-Rad website user account

  Note: You can create the account before or after adding items to your shopping cart. If after, you are prompted to create the account before the checkout process begins.

- Create a SeqSense Analysis Solution user account

Creating a Bio-Rad Website Account

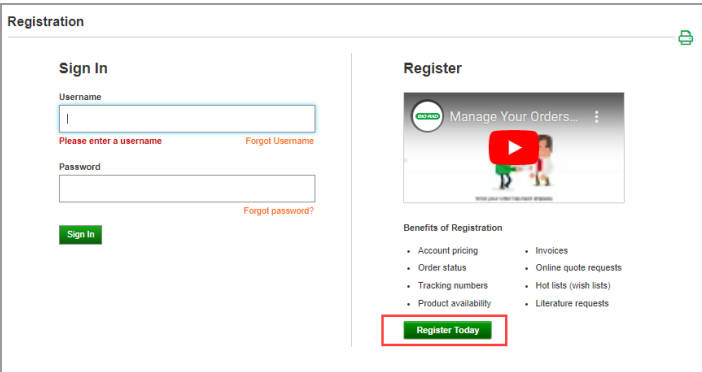Complete the steps below to create a Bio-Rad website user account.

To create a Bio-Rad website user account

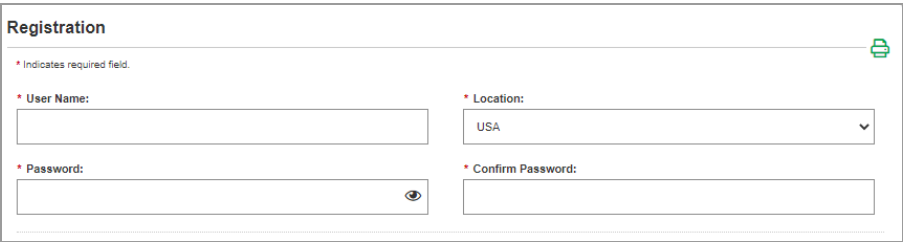1. Enter http://www.bio-rad.com into your browser address field:

2. Click the Log In/Register link at the top of the page.

3. Click Register Today.

The registration form opens. Required fields throughout the form are identified by an asterisk (*).

4. Complete the Registration section, as follows:

   a. Enter a unique user name. You will enter this user name when you create your SeqSense account.

   b. The location defaults to USA. Select a different location where applicable.

   c. Enter and confirm a password. Your password must contain at least one of each of the following:

      - Upper case letter

      - Lower case letter

      - Number

      - Special character

5. Complete the Contact Information section, as follows:

   a. Enter your first and last name. Optionally, select a title.

   b. Enter and confirm your email address. You will enter this email address when you create your SeqSense account.

   c. Enter your company name and daytime phone number.

6. .Optionally, enter the remaining information.

7. If you are requesting a quote, literature, or documents, click the + icon and enter your mailing address.

8. Optionally, select the checkbox to receive promotional items from Bio-Rad.

9. Select the checkbox indicating you have read and agree to the Bio-Rad privacy policy and trading terms.

10. Select the *I'm not a robot* checkbox, and then Identify the requested items in the captcha pictures and then click Submit.

    If your registration is successful, Bio-Rad creates your user account and sends an email confirming that your user account is created. If not, an error message appears in the account creation form. Correct the errors and resubmit.
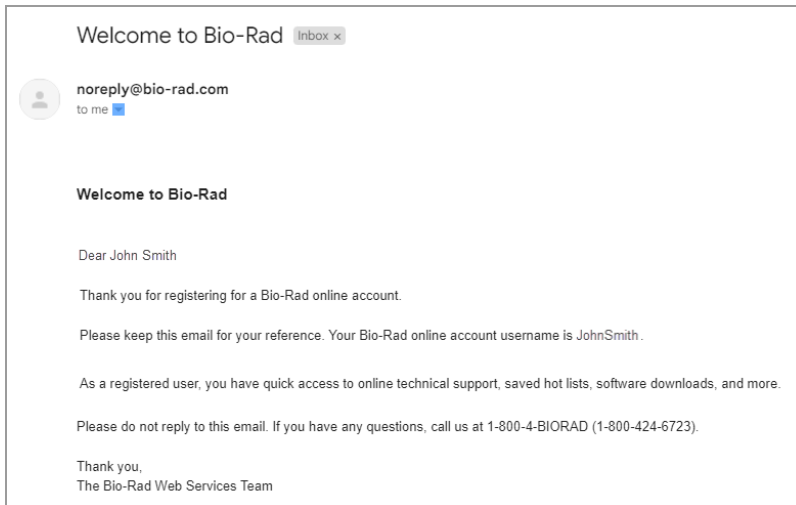
Creating a User Account in SeqSense

Complete the steps below to create a SeqSense Analysis Solution user account.

To create a SeqSense user account

1. Enter https://seqsense.bio-rad.com into your browser address field. Optionally, save the URL as a browser bookmark.

    The SeqSense Analysis Solution landing page appears.

2. Click New User Form.

3. Enter the following information:

    ■ First and last name

    ■ Bio-Rad account number

       Note: Your Bio-Rad account number is listed on the confirmation you received when you purchased a SEQuoia Express or SEQuoia Complete library prep kit from Bio-Rad (required).

    ■ Email address

    ■ User name

       Note: You must enter the email address and Bio-Rad user name you entered when you registered for a Bio-Rad website account. See Creating a Bio-Rad Website Account on page 9.

4. Click Get Access.

    Bio-Rad sends an email confirming your account.
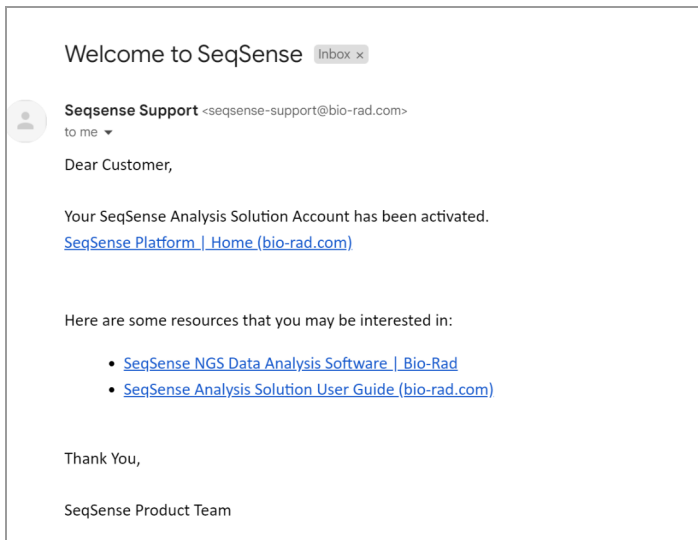
Signing In

To sign into SeqSense Analysis Solution

1. Enter https://seqsense.bio-rad.com in the browser address field to open the landing page.

2. Click Login.

3. When the Login page appears, enter your email address and password and click Sign in.
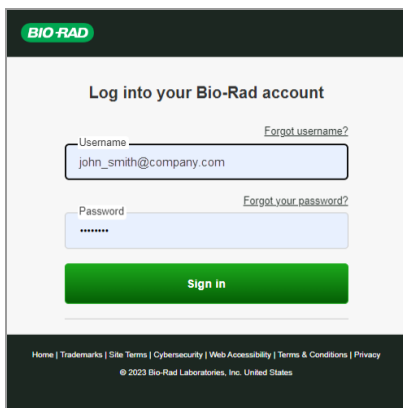
Important: Your email address serves as your username. Use the password you created when you registered your Bio-Rad website account.

On first use, the Terms and Conditions appear in a scrollable pop-up.

4. Scroll through and read the Terms and Conditions.
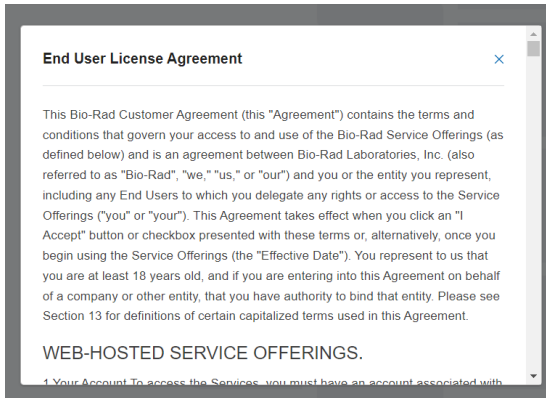
5. Select the Accept Terms and Conditions checkbox.

You must accept the terms and conditions before you can use the application.

The pop-up closes and the application opens to the Home page.

Important: The Explore SeqSense pane does not appear after you create your first experiment. Continue to the next section to download the SeqSense Analysis Solution documentation now.
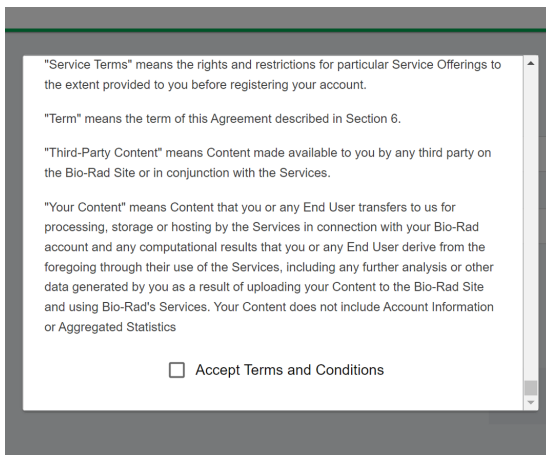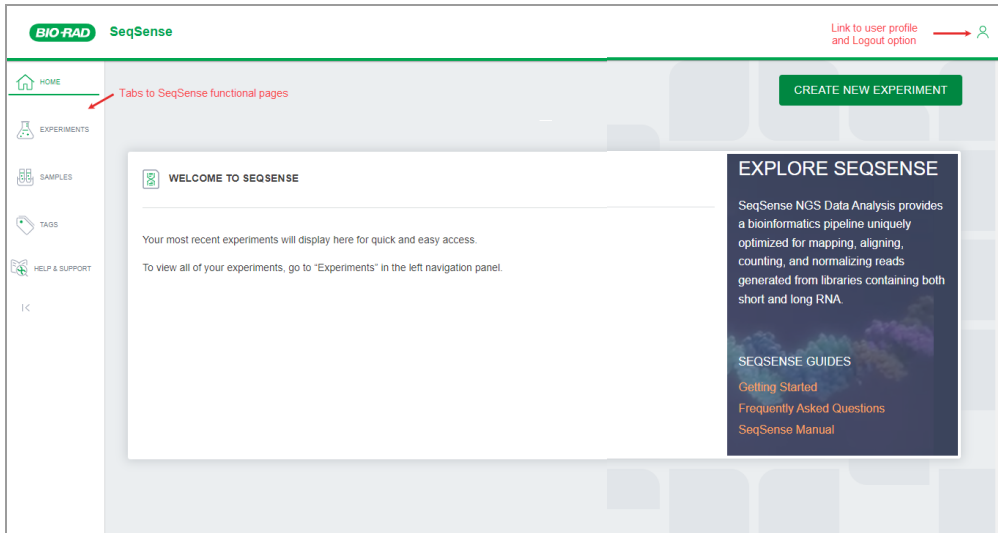

Downloading User Documents

Before you create your first experiment, the Explore SeqSense menu appears in the right pane and associated SeqSense Analysis Solution user documents are linked under SeqSense Guides. The pane is unavailable after you create your first experiment; therefore Bio-Rad recommends downloading and storing each document immediately after you log in.
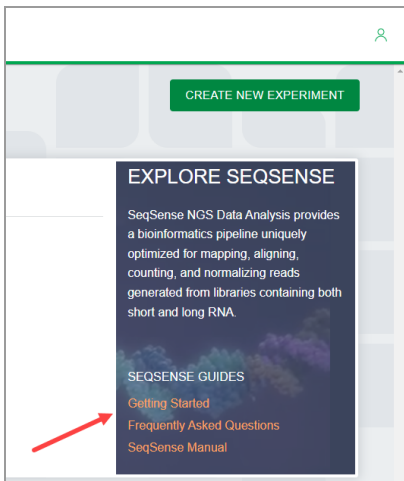
Viewing Your User Profile

From the User Profile page, you can view your current profile information.

To view your user profile

1. Click the ⚇ icon to display the pop-up.
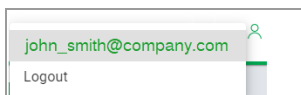
2. Click the email address hyperlink.

3. The Profile Information page opens.
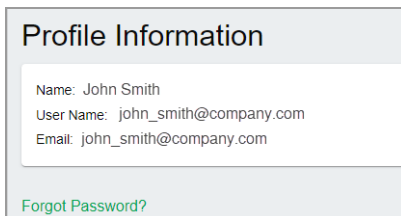
4. Click a tab in the left pane to exit Profile Information.

Resetting Your Password

You can reset your password from the Login page.

To reset your password

1. In the Login page, click Forgot your password?

   The Forgot Password page appears.

2. In the Forgot Password dialog box, enter your email.

3. Select the *I'm not a robot* checkbox and identify the requested item in the reCAPTCHA pictures.

    When you have correctly identified the items, a check mark appears.

    Forgot Password

    Verify Your Identity

    Enter your username and click **Continue**.

    * **Username:**
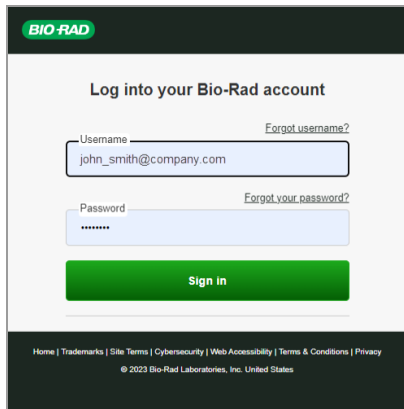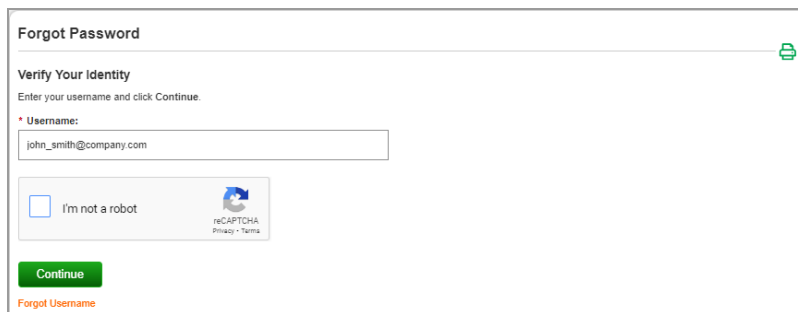
john_smith@company.com

    ✓ I'm not a robot

    reCAPTCHA
    Privacy - Terms

    Continue

4. Click Continue.

    Bio-Rad displays the following message and sends an email to the validated user account.

    Forgot Password

    If you have entered a valid username, you will receive an email with your password reset instructions. Please check your email and click on the link it contains to complete the password reset process.

Logging Out

To log out of SeqSense

1. Click the 👤 icon in the upper-right corner to display the pop-up.

    john_smith@company.com

    Logout

2. Click Logout.

    You are immediately logged out of SeqSense.

Chapter 2 SeqSense Analysis Solution Overview

Use SeqSense Analysis Solution to do the following:

- Create experiments for pipeline runs

- Upload and manage your FASTQ samples

- Manage your experiment files

- Perform related analysis

Tip: To practice in the application before you begin creating actual experiments, you can download and use the demo data sets from Bio-Rad for SEQuoia Complete and SEQuoia Express. For information, see Help and Support on page 36.

SeqSense functionality is available from the following tab layout:
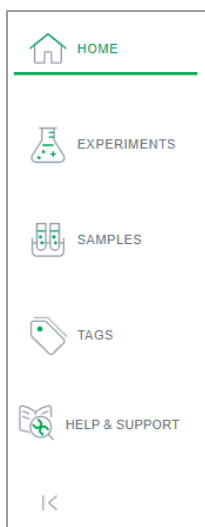
Tip: Click the |< icon to collapse the panel to show icons only.

Home Page

When you log into SeqSense, the Home page appears by default.
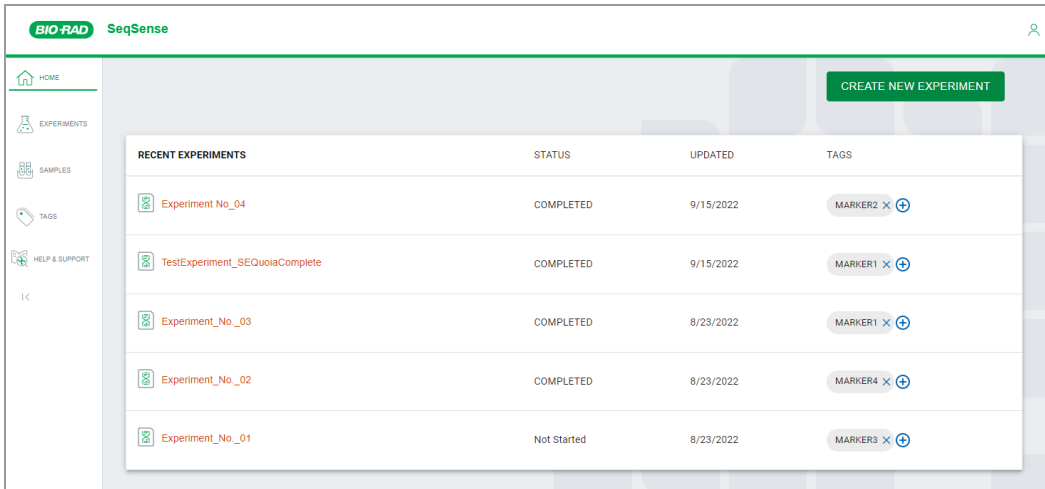
From the Home page you can

■ View your most recent experiments, sorted by date

Note: To see the full list of your experiments, select the Experiments tab on the left.

■ Create a new experiment

■ Add tags to a pending or completed experiment

Table 1 explains the columns on the Home page.

Table 1. Home page column display

Column name	Description
Experiment name	Unique name for your experiment
Status	Current status of the pipeline run (not started, in progress, completed, failed)
Updated	Date the experiment was updated
Tags	Identifiers associated with the experiment

Experiments Page

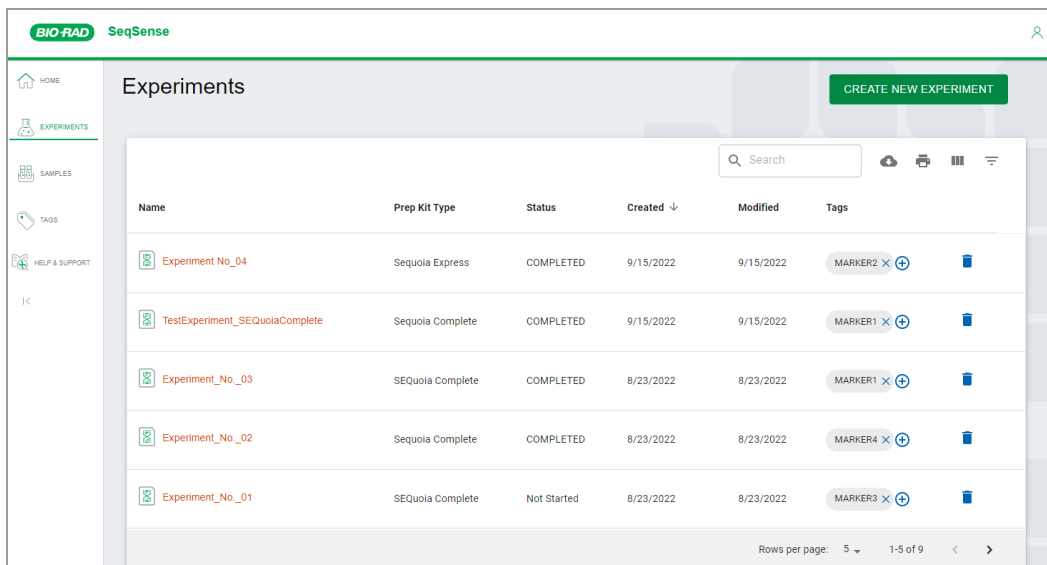The Experiments page provides a scrolling list of all your experiments, and also provides options to create a new experiment, add tags to an experiment, remove tags from an experiment, and delete an experiment.

Note: Deleting tags from an experiment does not remove the tags from the application. Removing a tag entirely is only allowed from the Tags Management page.

The default display contains five rows. To increase the number, select the Rows per page dropdown arrow in the bottom-right corner and select the number of rows to display.

Table 2 explains the columns on the Experiments page.

Table 2. Experiments page column display

Column name	Description
Name	Experiment name **Note:** While sample files must adhere to the Illumina FASTQ naming convention, experiments can be named without restrictions. The name must not exceed 250 characters.
Prep Kit Type	Chemistry kit type associated with the experiment (SEQuoia Express or SEQuoia Complete)
Status	The current status of the pipeline run (Not Started, In Progress, Completed, or Failed)
Created	Date the experiment was created
Modified	Date the experiment was updated
Tags	Identifiers associated with the experiment ■ Click ⊕ to create a tag and automatically associate it with the experiment or sample. ■ Click ✕ to delete a tag from an experiment or sample.

Samples Page

The Samples page displays a list of your uploaded sample (FASTQ) files.

Note the following:

- Your sample names must be unique and the file name must follow the Illumina naming convention. For information, see Naming Your Samples on page 41.

- You can view and delete samples from the Samples page, but you can upload and save sample files only when you are creating an experiment. See Uploading Samples on page 42 for information.

The default display contains five rows. To increase the number, select the Rows per page dropdown arrow in the bottom-right corner and select the number of rows to display.
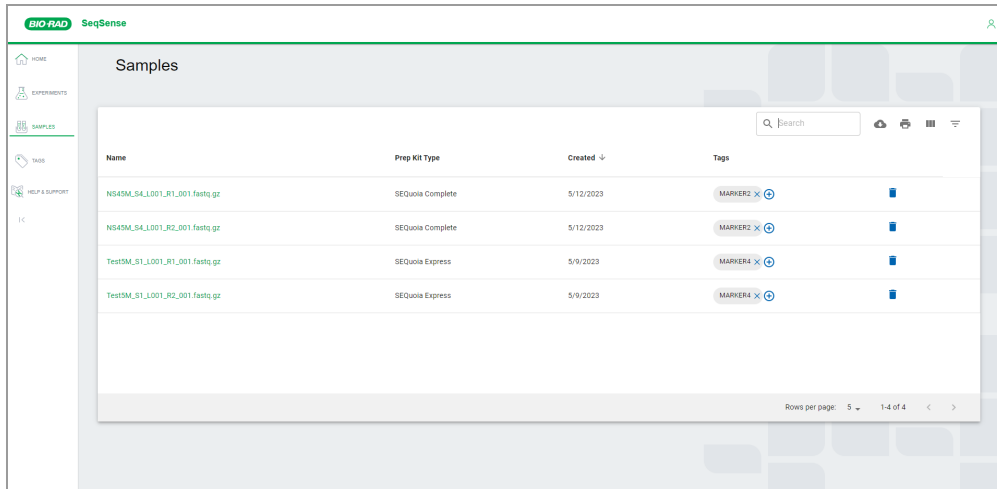
From the Samples page, you can

■ Add tags to a sample. For information on tags, see Tag Management Page on page 27.

■ Delete a sample. For information, see Deleting Experiments and Samples on page 35.

   Important: There is no recovery option after you delete a sample. To reuse the sample, you must upload it again when you create your experiment.

Table 3 explains the columns on the Samples page.

Table 3. Samples page column display

Column name	Description
Name	Contains the sample name
Prep Kit Type	Chemistry kit type associated with the sample
Created	Date the sample was uploaded
Tags	Identifiers associated with the sample

Tag Management Page

Tags are descriptive identifiers that allow you to organize and categorize your files. Examples include the project name, experiment name, variables, methods, and so forth.
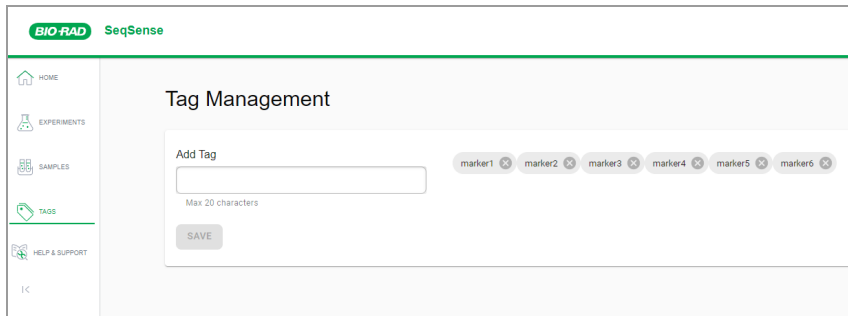
You can add tags on the Tag Management page or to an experiment as you create it.

Note: When you add tags to an experiment, they are automatically associated with the samples selected or uploaded. Currently, there is a limit of 20 tags that can be added to an experiment.

You can also add tags to pending or completed experiments from the Home and Experiments pages, and to samples from the Samples page.

Adding Tags in the Tag Management Page

When you add tags in the Tag Management page, they are available to apply to any experiment or sample. Tags can represent any identifying feature of the experiment or sample, and you can group and sort experiments and samples based on the tags assigned.

To add tags to the application

1. Select the Tags tab to open the Tags Management page.
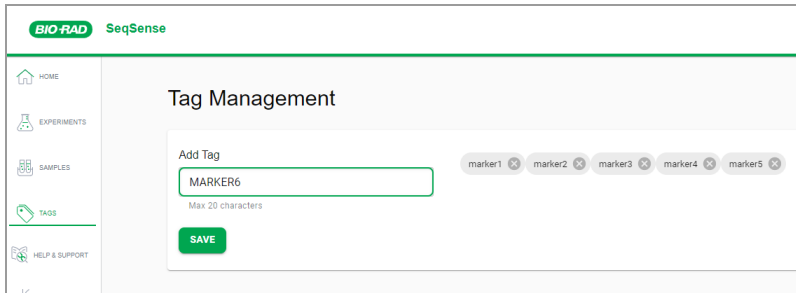
2. Enter a tag name in the Add Tag field.

3. Click Save.

    The tag appears on the Tag Management page, and also in the Available Tags column when you create an experiment.
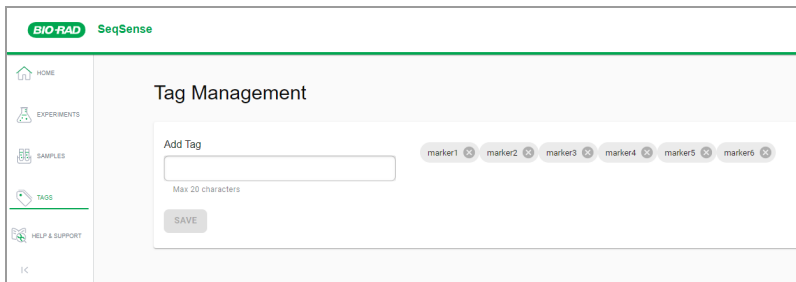
Adding Tags in the Experiments and Samples Pages
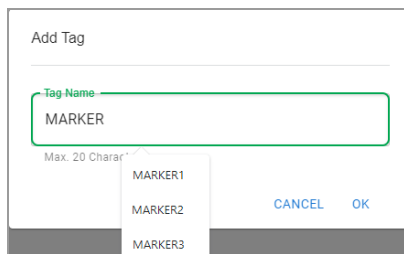
You can add tags to experiments and samples in the associated pages.

Important: When you add a tag to an *experiment*, it is also added to the samples uploaded to the experiment. If you add a tag to a *sample*, it applies to the sample only.

To assign a tag in the Experiments or Samples page

1. Open the applicable page and select an experiment or sample.

2. Click the ⊕ icon in the Tags column.

   The Add Tag dialog box appears.

   Important: When you click in the Tag Name field, a dropdown list containing the available tags is displayed. As shown below, if you type all or part of an existing tag name in the field, the selection narrows to the tags fitting the criteria.

3. After clicking in the field, do one of the following:

   ■ Select an existing tag from the dropdown menu. If you don't see your tag, you can enter part of the tag name to narrow the list.

   ■ Type a unique tag name into the field.

4. Click OK to assign the tag. New tags are added to the Tag Management page for future use.

Removing Tags

Before you remove tags, note the following:

■ If you remove a tag from an experiment, it is still available to assign to other experiments.

■ If you remove a tag from the Tag Management page, the tag is deleted from the application.
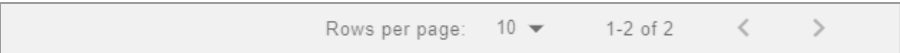
To remove a tag

▶ Click the X in the applicable tag to remove it.

SeqSense Tools

The following application tools are available in SeqSense Analysis Solution.

Table 4. Buttons, fields, and icons

Use this...	To do this...
CREATE NEW EXPERIMENT	Create a new experiment; this button is available from the Home and Experiments pages.See Creating an Experiment on page 37.
Q Search	Search for existing experiments and samples; this field is available from the Experiments and Samples pages. See Searching for Files on page 31.
(download icon)	Download a .csv file containing experiment or sample information; this button is available from the Experiments and Samples pages. See Downloading a List in .CSV Format on page 32.
(print icon)	Print the .csv data. You can print a paper copy or save the data as a PDF. This button is available from the Experiments and Samples pages. See Printing Files and Metadata on page 33.
(filter icon)	Add or remove columns from the page display; this button is available from the Experiments and Samples pages. See Showing or Hiding Columns on page 33.
(plus icon)	Add a tag; this button is available from the Home, Experiments, and Samples pages. See Tag Management Page on page 27.
(trash icon)	Delete the associated experiment or sample file; this button is available from the Experiments page and Samples page. See Deleting Experiments and Samples on page 35.
(x icons)	Delete a tag from the Tag Management page or from an experiment or sample. See Removing Tags on page 29.

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Searching for Files

To use the search feature

1. In the left panel, click Experiments or Samples.

2. Enter your search criteria in the Search field and then click the Search icon.

3. As you type, the search results narrow to those that specifically apply.

Downloading a List in .CSV Format

You can download a list of your sample files or your experiment files in .csv format.

To download a list to a .csv file

1. In the left panel, click Samples or Experiments.

2. Click the Download icon in the toolbar.

3. Open your Downloads directory on your computer. The .csv file automatically appears in the directory.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Name	Prep Kit Type	Status	Created	Modified	Tags
2	Experiment_No._03	SEQuoia Complete	COMPLETED	8/23/2022	8/23/2022	NewTag
3	Experiment_No._02	SEQuoia Complete	Not Started	8/23/2022	8/23/2022	AnotherNewTag
4	Experiment_No._01	SEQuoia Complete	Not Started	8/23/2022	8/23/2022	Project_Blue
5	Test_SEQuoiaExpress	SEQuoia Express	Not Started	5/16/2022	5/16/2022	
6	Test_SEQuoiaComplete	Sequoia Complete	Not Started	4/29/2022	4/29/2022	

4. Double-click the file to open it and view the results.

    Note: When you first open the file, the columns are collapsed into a static width, but you can click and drag the column edge to expand its width.

    The file contains information under the following headings:

    - Name

    - Prep Kit Type

    - Status (experiments only)

    - Created

    - Modified (experiments only)

    - Tags

Printing Files and Metadata

To print the file list and metadata for sample and experiment files

1. In the left panel, click Samples or Experiments.

2. Click the Print icon in the toolbar.

   The Print screen opens, displaying the information and format that will be printed.

3. Click Print.

Showing or Hiding Columns

To show or hide columns in the Samples grid

1. In the left panel, click Samples.

2. Click the View Columns icon in the toolbar.

   A pop-up opens, displaying the current list of columns.
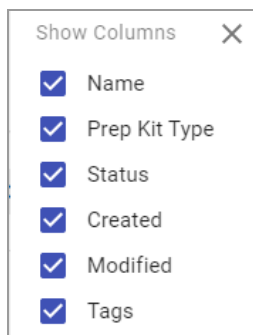
3. Select or clear checkboxes:

   - When you clear a checkbox, the column is immediately removed from the display.

   - When you select a checkbox, the column is immediately added to the display.
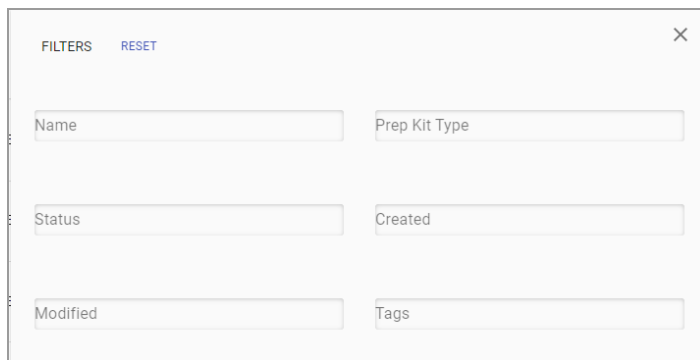
Filtering Files

As you add more files, filtering is useful to display a particular subset. You can filter sample files or experiment files in the display, based on the columns configured for the page. You can filter on any column descriptor (for example, Name or Prep Kit) or combination, whether the columns are displayed or hidden.

To filter the list of files

1. In the left panel, click Experiments or Samples.

2. Click the Filter icon in the toolbar.

   The Filter dialog box opens, and contains a field for each available column on the page.

3. Enter your filter criteria in one or more of the fields.

   As you type, the following occurs:

   ■ The criteria you enter also appears in the upper-left corner.

   ■ The list filters per the text or value you enter in the filter dialog box.

4. (Optional) To remove a filter, click the × next to the filter text or delete the text in the field. To reset the screen, click Reset.

Deleting Experiments and Samples

Complete the following steps to delete an experiment or sample.
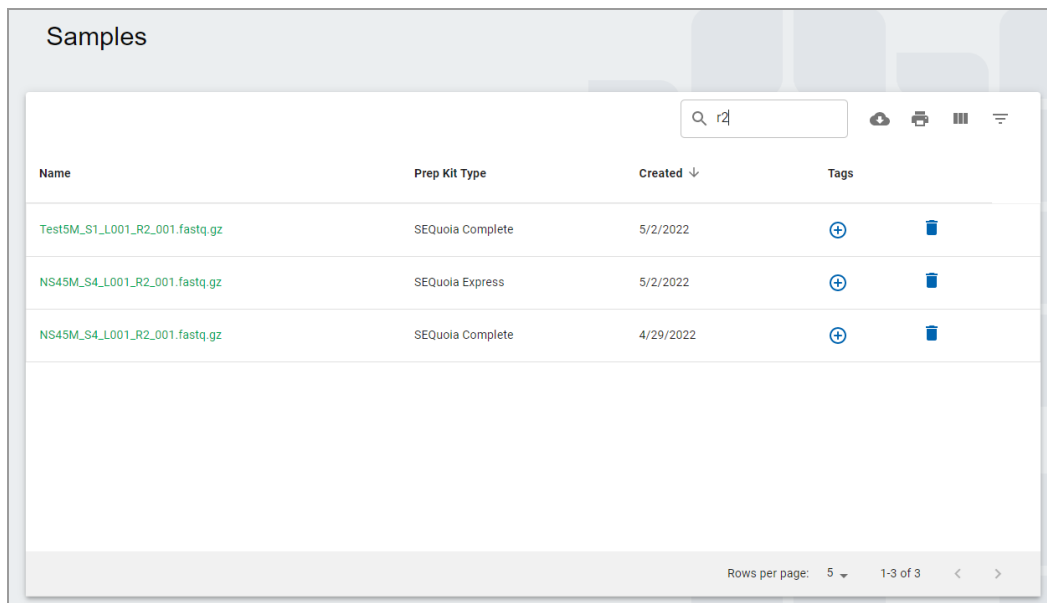
Important: There is no recovery option. To reuse the sample, you must upload it again when you create the experiment.

To delete an experiment or sample

1. In the left panel, click Experiments or Samples.

2. Under Name, select an experiment or sample and click the trash can (🗑) icon on the right.

    SeqSense deletes the experiment or sample.

    Note: The following graphic shows the Samples page, but the procedure is the same on the Experiments page.

Samples				
Name	**Prep Kit Type**	**Created ↓**	**Tags**	
Test5M_S1_L001_R2_001.fastq.gz	SEQuoia Complete	5/2/2022	⊕	🗑
NS45M_S4_L001_R2_001.fastq.gz	SEQuoia Express	5/2/2022	⊕	🗑
NS45M_S4_L001_R2_001.fastq.gz	SEQuoia Complete	4/29/2022	⊕	🗑

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Help and Support

The Help and Support tab provides a link to the SeqSense Analysis Solution FAQ in PDF format.

To display the PDF in your browser

▶ Select the Help & Support tab.

The Frequently Asked Questions PDF opens in your browser.

To test the application, demo data sets are available for download as follows:

■ Click here to download the demo data set for SEQuoia **Express**.

■ Click here to download the demo data set for SEQuoia **Complete**.

If you have additional questions, contact Bio-Rad Technical Support using the information at the front of this document.

Chapter 3 Creating an Experiment

To create an experiment, you will

■ Name the experiment and select a chemistry (prep) kit

■ Upload sample files

■ Add and assign tags

■ Set the pipeline parameters

Tip: If you are uploading samples, store the applicable FASTQ files in an easily navigable folder on your computer before you begin. This facilitates the upload process to your experiment.

To create a new experiment

1. On the Home page or Experiments page, click Create New Experiment.
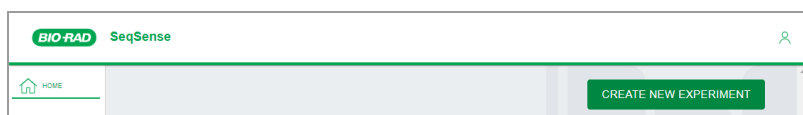
The Create New Experiment page opens.
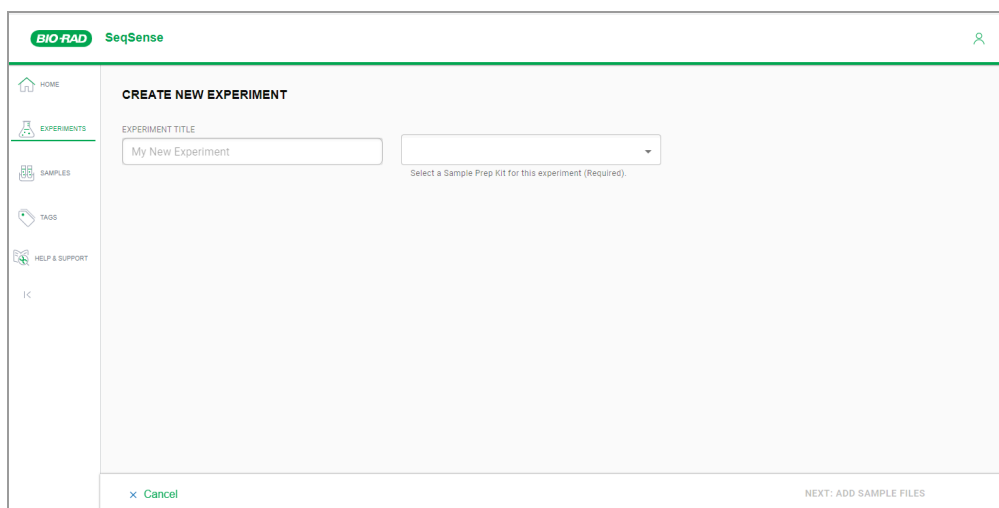
2. Continue to Naming the Experiment and Selecting a Prep Kit on page 38.

Naming the Experiment and Selecting a Prep Kit

From the Create New Experiment page, you can name your experiment and select a stranded RNA library prep kit. The chemistry (prep) kits described in Table 5 are high-performance stranded RNA sequencing kits, which include a proprietary engineered enzyme (SEQzyme) that combines cDNA synthesis with adapter addition in a continuous synthesis reaction.

Table 5. Available chemistry (prep) kits

| Express	The SEQuoia Express Stranded RNA Library Prep Kit captures long RNA transcripts, including mRNA and long non-coding transcripts (greater than 200 bp).
	The streamlined three-tube workflow enables high-throughput library construction from high-quality samples in less than three hours.
Complete	The SEQuoia Complete Stranded RNA Library Prep Kit captures long and short RNAs in a single library, even from limited and low-quality samples.
	The unique enzymatic properties effectively capture all types and sizes of RNA species in a novel enzymatic reaction, significantly improving the diversity and quality of RNA libraries, even from limited or degraded RNA samples.

To name the experiment and select a chemistry (prep) kit

1. In the Experiment Title field, enter a name for your experiment.

Note: An advisory message appears below the Experiment Title field if the name is already in use. Enter a unique name for the experiment.

2. From the dropdown list, select a sample prep kit.

   Important: If you choose SEQuoia Complete as the pipeline, the application can process only one sample at a time (R1 or R1+R2). To ensure reports are generated, upload only one sample for the pipeline run.

The page expands to show related RNA sequencing information.
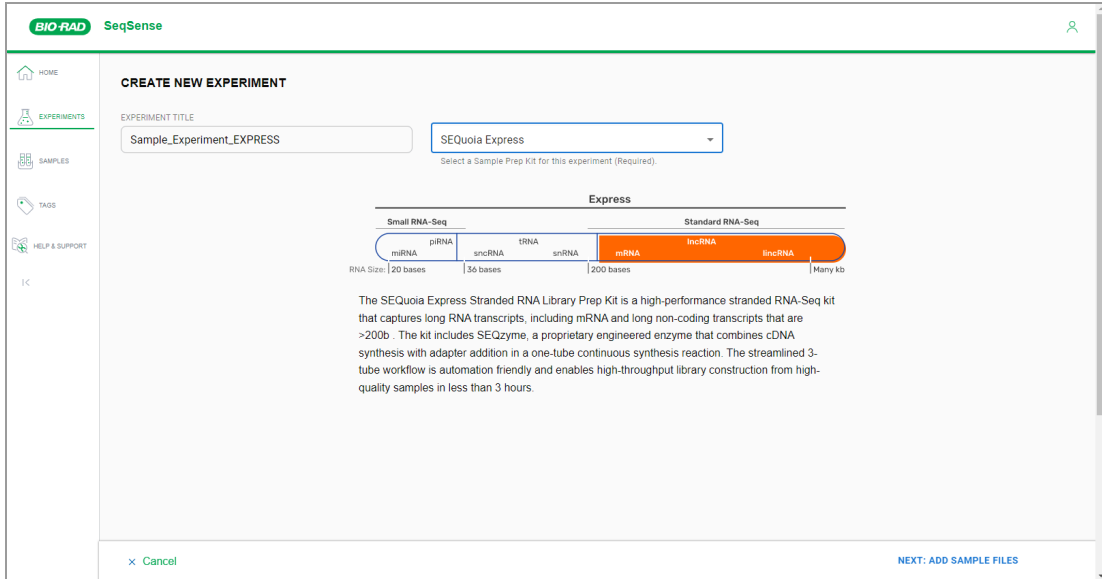
3. Click Next: Add Sample Files and continue to Adding Samples to Your Experiment on page 40.

Adding Samples to Your Experiment

When you click the Next: Add Sample Files link, the Add Sample Files section appears in the Create New Experiment page.
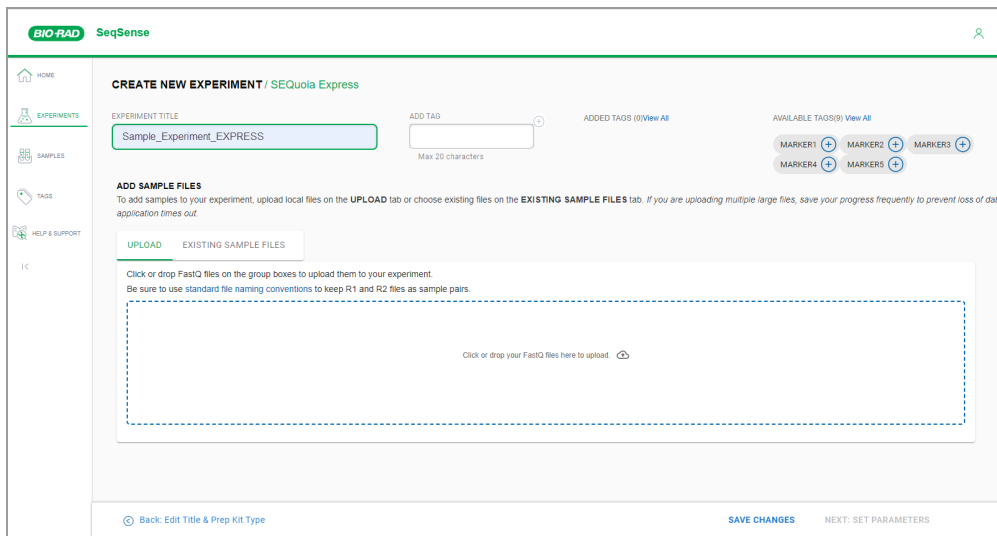

The Add Sample Files section contains the Upload tab and the Existing Sample Files tab. You can upload one or more samples to SeqSense to use in your experiment, or you can select files you have already uploaded in previous experiments.

Important: Your sample files must conform to the Illumina naming convention. See Naming Your Samples on page 41.

Tip: On the Existing Sample Files tab, only samples that are compatible with the prep kit you selected appear for selection.

Do one of the following:

■ By default, the Upload tab is selected. If you are uploading the samples you will use in the pipeline run, continue to Uploading Samples on page 42.

■ If you are using previously uploaded files, select the Existing Sample Files tab and continue to Selecting Existing Samples on page 44.

Naming Your Samples

Important: SeqSense does not accept duplicate sample names. Before you upload samples to your experiment, check the Samples tab to ensure your sample names are unique. Rename any duplicates.

To ensure that SeqSense knows to pair R1 and R2 as one sample, all samples must have names that comply with the Illumina FASTQ naming convention, as shown below:

SampleName_S1_L001_R1_001.fastq.gz
SampleName_S1_L001_R2_001.fastq.gz

OR

FirstSampleName_S1_L001_R1_001.fq.gz
FirstSampleName_S1_L001_R2_001.fq.gz

Table 6 describes each segment of the naming convention.

Table 6. FASTQ sample file naming convention

Segment Name	Description
SampleName	Name of the sample provided in the sample sheet. If a sample name is not available, you can use the sample ID provided in the sample sheet or rename the sample if its current name is a duplicate of an existing sample file.
Sx	Sample number based on sample order in the sample sheet (S1, S2, and so forth). **Important:** Reads that cannot be assigned to any sample are written to a FASTQ file for sample number 0, and excluded from downstream analysis.
Lxxx	Lane number
Rx	Read number For a single-end run, the corresponding read number is R1 and for a paired-end run, the corresponding read numbers are R1 and R2. (When generated, the index reads are I1 and I2).
001	Static identifier for the last segment.

Uploading Samples

Important: SeqSense Analysis Solution times out after one hour. Bio-Rad recommends that you start the pipeline run within one hour of uploading or selecting the sample files.

In the Add Sample Files section, the Upload tab is selected by default.

Note the following:

- ■ FASTQ files must be named using the naming convention established by Illumina (shown below) in Gzip (.gz) format. SeqSense does not support FASTQ files saved with a different naming convention. For more information, see Naming Your Samples on page 41 and Illumina BaseSpace Sequence Hub.

- ■ SeqSense Analysis Solution does not accept duplicate file names. Before you upload samples to your experiment, check the Samples tab to ensure your samples have unique names. Rename any duplicates.

- ■ You must use the FASTQ files you upload in an experiment before they appear permanently on the Existing Sample Files tab.

- ■ If you are using the SEQuoia Complete prep kit, Bio-Rad recommends uploading only one sample (R1 or R1+R2). If more samples are uploaded SeqSense might not generate reports for the pipeline run.
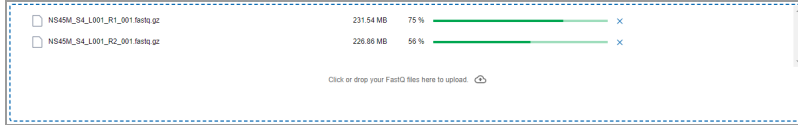
To upload samples

1. Click the *Click or drop your FastQ files here to upload* link. Follow the prompts to select the files.
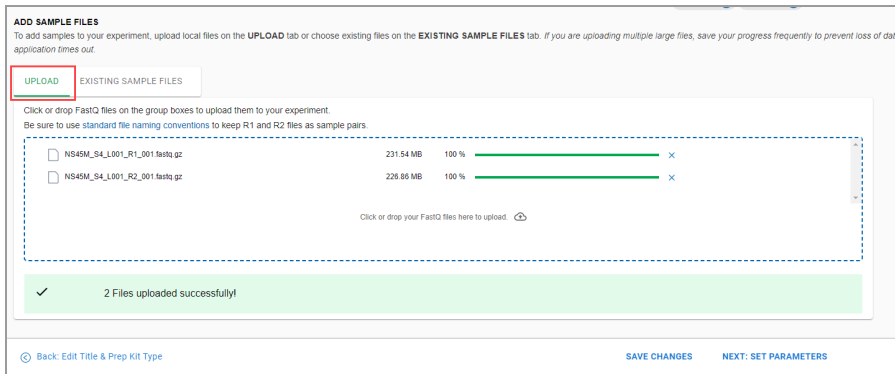
   Tip: You can also drag and drop the files from your computer to the application.
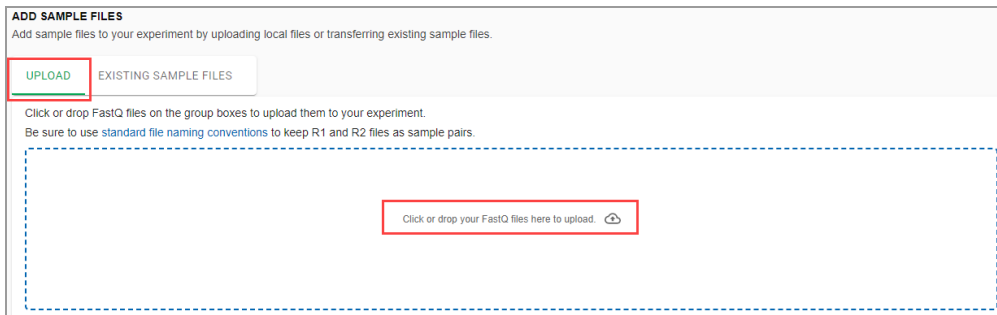
As the files are uploaded, SeqSense shows the progress.
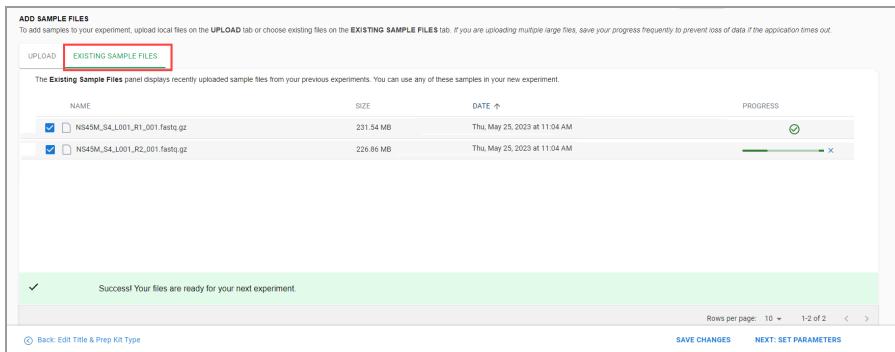

When fully uploaded, the files appear in the box and a message appears, confirming the upload was successful.

2. Click Save Changes.

The samples appear on the Existing Sample Files tab with the checkboxes selected.

3. Do one of the following:

■ Assign tags. Continue to .

■ Click Next: Set Parameters and see .

Selecting Existing Samples

Important: SeqSense Analysis Solution times out after one hour. Bio-Rad recommends that you start the pipeline run within one hour of uploading or selecting the sample files.

After you upload the sample files and click Save Changes, they appear on the Existing Sample Files tab, where you can select them for future pipeline runs.

To select existing samples

1. Select the Existing Sample Files tab to display the list of available samples that are compatible with your selected prep kit.
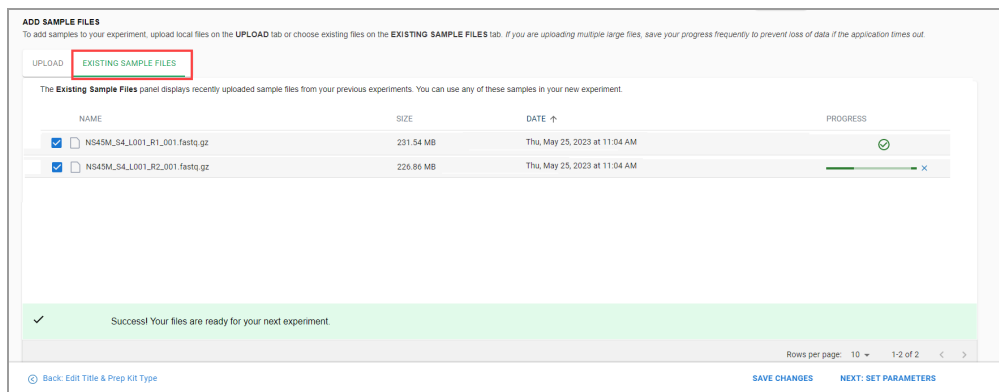
2. Select the checkboxes for the samples to use in the pipeline run.

   Note: The progress bar on the right appears immediately after you select the checkbox and a green check mark appears when the files are ready.

3. Click Save Changes.

4. Do one of the following:

   ■ Assign tags. Continue to Adding or Assigning Tags During Experiment Setup on page 45.

   ■ Click Next: Set Parameters and see Setting the Pipeline Parameters on page 46.

Adding or Assigning Tags During Experiment Setup

You can add one or more tags to the experiment as you create it, or you can assign one or more existing tags that you created on the Tag Management page. Tags you add and save as part of creating an experiment are saved to the Tag Management page.
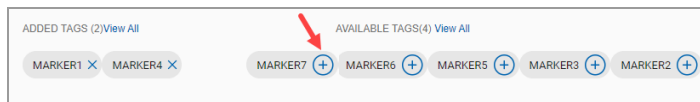
To add or assign a tag to the experiment during experiment setup

1. Do one of the following:

   ■ In the Add Tag field, enter a tag name and click the plus ⊕ icon.
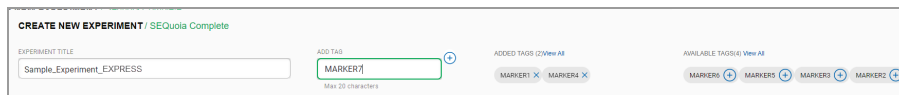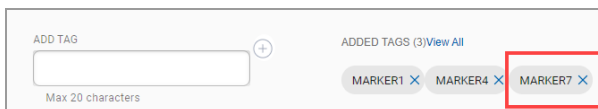

   ■ Under Available Tags, locate the tag to assign to the experiment and click the plus ⊕ icon.

2. Click Save Changes.

   SeqSense adds the tag to the experiment and displays it under the Added Tags heading.

   New tags are also saved to the Tag Management page.

3. Continue to .

Setting the Pipeline Parameters

After you click Next: Set Pipeline Parameters, the Pipeline Parameters page appears. You select a reference genome and then define quality parameters for your data in the scrollable page.

To set the pipeline parameters

1. Under Reference Genome, do the following to select a genome assembly:

   a. Select a species type to align to and annotate against.

   The Complete kit provides

   - hg38 — GRCh38 Homo sapiens (human)

   - mm10 — GRCm38 Mus musculus (house mouse)

   - mor6 — Rattus norvegicus (rat)

The Express kit provides

- ce11 — Caenorhabditis elegans/C. elegans (roundworm)

- danRer11 — Danio rerio (zebrafish)

- dm6 — Drosophila melanogaster (fruit fly)

- hg38 — GRCh38 Homo sapiens (human)

- mm10 — GRCm38 Mus musculus (house mouse)

- mor6 — Rattus norvegicus (rat)

- sacCer3 — Saccharomyces cerevisiae S288C (baker's yeast)

- tair10 — Arabidopsis thaliana (thale cress)

b. (Optional) Select a spike-in type.

Bio-Rad currently supports the ERCC RNA Spike-in Control Mix (ERCC) only. The mix provides a set of external RNA controls that enable the performance assessment applied to gene expression experiments. Use the data from the spike-ins for normalization.

2. Under Secondary Analysis Settings, do the following:

c. Skip UMI Processing? — This selection is applicable only when R1 and R2 are present. Unique molecular identifiers (UMIs) are strings of random nucleotides attached to the start of reads. They are used to remove read duplicates, which improves the accuracy of count results.

- To remove UMIs before they are mapped (while keeping the sequence), select Yes.

- To keep UMI processing, keep the default setting (No).

d. Skip Read Trimming? — Read trimming removes low-quality bases at the 3' end of a read, reads containing too many N-bases along their length, and so forth. To remove the excess noise, keep the default setting of No. Otherwise, change Skip Read Trimming to Yes.

e. For the following, move the slider to the appropriate value. Selected values appear to the right.

- Minimum MapQ Score to Count — MapQ quantifies the probability that a read is misplaced. It equals −10 log10 Pr {mapping position is wrong}, rounded to the nearest integer. Using this option, you can potentially filter out the poorly aligned reads. Reads below this specified score are not used in the mapping. .

- Min Base Pairs Per Read — removes reads that are shorter than a specific number of base pairs, after trimming of adapters and bad regions.

- 3' Read Quality Cutoff — removes 3' end with low-quality, based on a quality cutoff, after adapter removal (if any)

- 5' Read Quality Cutoff — removes 5' end with low-quality, based on a quality cutoff, after adapter removal (if any)

3. (Optional) If you selected the Express chemistry (prep) kit, you can also specify advanced settings.

a. Sequencing Read Type Used — for paired-end read sequencing, select PE; for single-end, select SE. For quantification, either process is acceptable; for all other studies, paired-end is recommended.

b. Gene Expression Units — select the metric that will be used for gene expression quantification; select from reads RPKM (reads per kilobase of transcript, per million), TPM (transcripts per million), or None.

- Minimum Threshold Genes Reported — enabled only when RPKM or TPM is selected; enter a double value to cut off how many reads are minimally required for a gene to be counted.
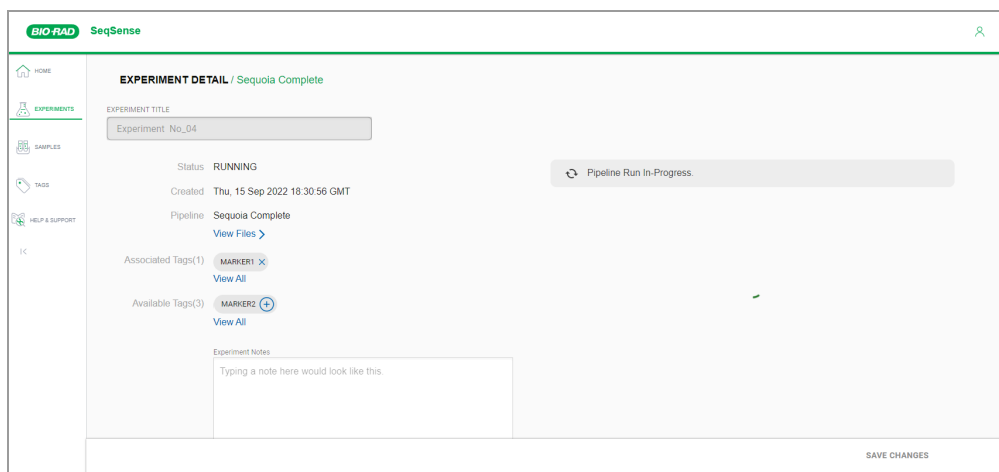
4. Click Save Changes.

Starting the Pipeline Run

Important: SeqSense Analysis Solution times out after one hour. Bio-Rad recommends that you start the pipeline run within one hour of uploading or selecting the sample files.

To start and run the pipeline

▶   Click Start Pipeline.

The Experiment Detail page appears and shows the run in progress.

Four potential statuses can appear in the Status field:

■   Not Started (pipeline run is initializing)

■   Running (pipeline run is in progress)

■   Completed (pipeline run is finished)

■   Failed (pipeline run failed)

When the pipeline run status is complete, the experiment file appears in the list on the Experiments page, and also on the Home page under Recent Experiments.

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When the experiment is finished, the Experiment Detail page displays links to files and charts that were generated during the pipeline run.
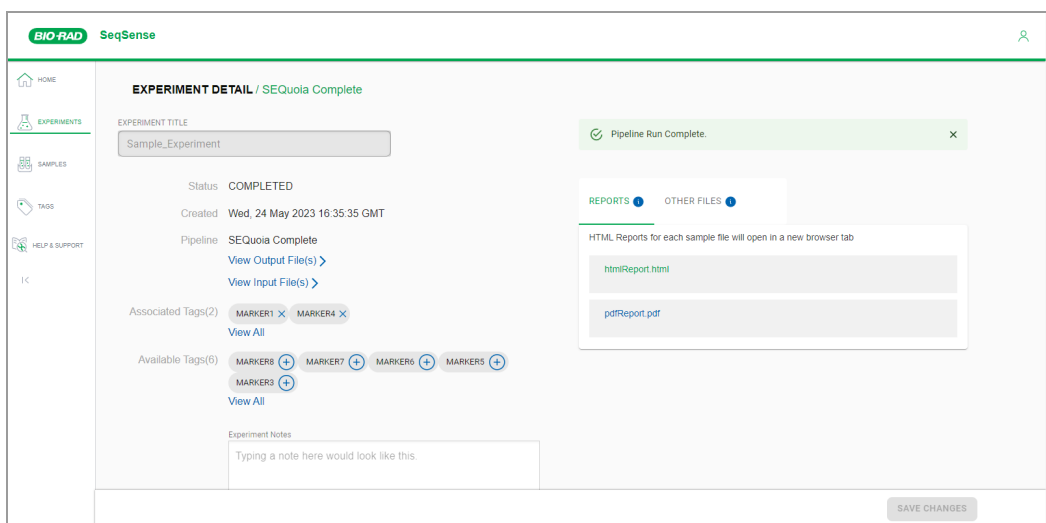
Reports and other files appear on two tabs, Reports and Other Files, as follows:

- On the Reports tab, you can access RNA sequencing data. You can scroll through the .html file to view QC reads, UMI parsing, read trimming, alignment, deduplication, transcriptome, and pipeline metadata, or you can print the same data in PDF format.

- On the Other Files tab, you can access FastQC quality data from basic statistics and sequencing content and quality, as well as length distribution, duplication levels, strings of overrepresented data, and adapter content.

Opening a File from a Completed Pipeline Run

Typically, raw data appears in .csv and .txt formats and formatted data appears in ..html and .pdf formats. Files either open in your browser or are downloaded to your computer. To open downloaded files, you must have the corresponding or compatible application installed.

To open a file containing results from the pipeline run

1. In the Experiment Details page for the completed run, select either the Reports tab or Other Files tab.

2. Scroll to and click a file hyperlink.

> batch_summary.csv
>
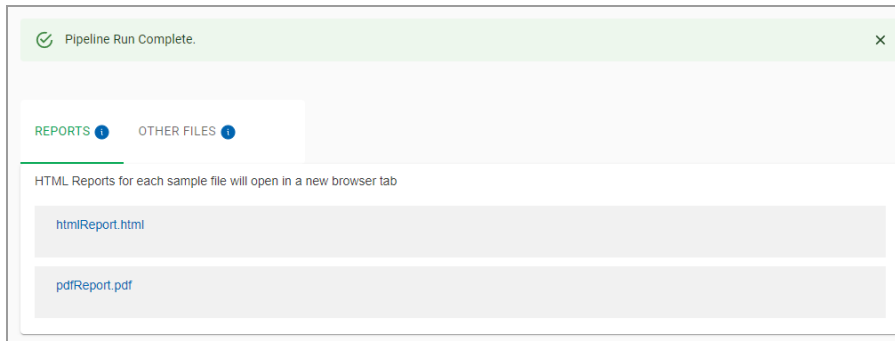> batch_summary.html
>
> batch_summary.pdf
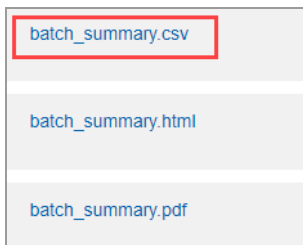
3. Click a hyperlink. Depending on the file type, the file will open immediately in the applicable application, or be downloaded to your default folder.

   Important: The application to open the file must be installed on your computer.

Reports Generated from the Pipeline Run

This section describes the files generated from the pipeline run that appear on the Reports tab.

> ⊘ Pipeline Run Complete.   ×
>
> REPORTS ⓘ   OTHER FILES ⓘ
>
> HTML Reports for each sample file will open in a new browser tab
>
> htmlReport.html
>
> pdfReport.pdf

Note: Files that appear with a .csv extension contain raw data, as shown in the following example.

Files in .html and .pdf formats contain the same data as the .csv file, but in more organized displays. The following report example contains data for a paired end run. For Express or Complete kits, you can click a link to the report section on the left. For Express kits, you can also scroll through the report sections.
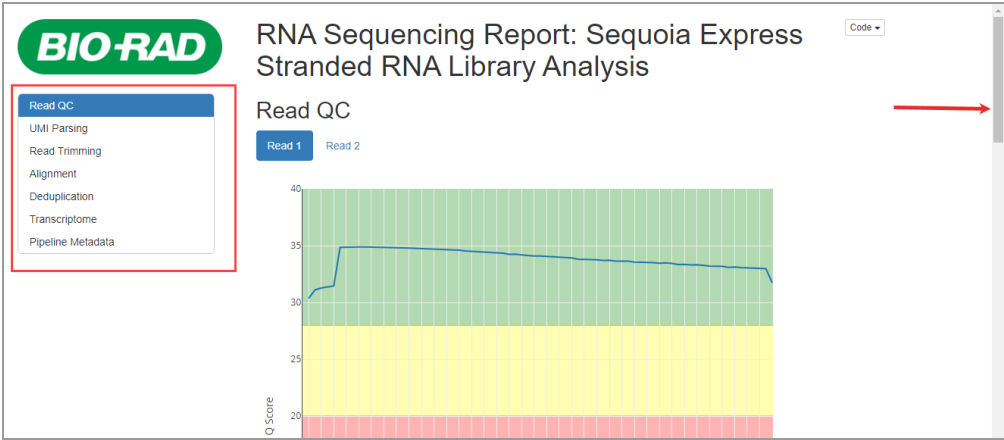
RNA Sequencing Report

The RNA Sequencing report contains the data described in the following sections.

Read QC — measured quality for each read.
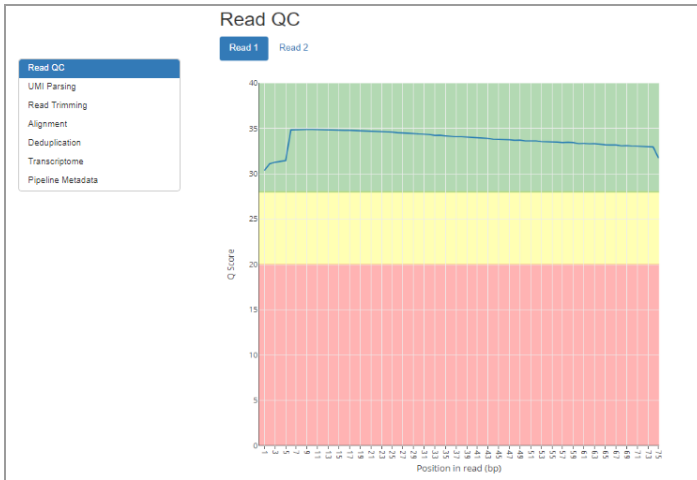
UMI (unique molecular identifier) parsing — measure of reads with acceptable UMIs, out of total input reads
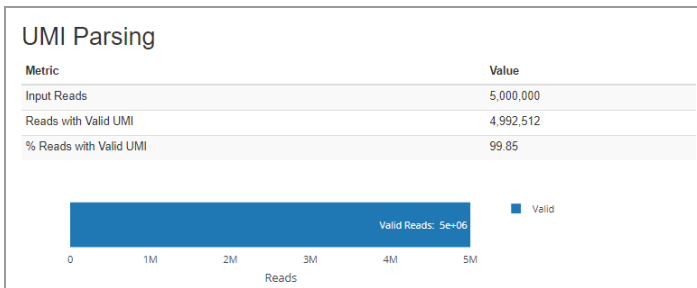
Read trimming — modification of raw read sequences in a pipeline

Read Trimming

Metric	Value
Total read pairs processed	4,992,512
Read 1 with adapter	0
Read 2 with adapter	0
Pairs that were too short	6,174
Pairs written (passing filters)	4,986,338
Total basepairs processed	700,348,230
Read 1 basepairs	369,729,191
Read 2 basepairs	330,619,039
Quality-trimmed	0
Read 1 basepairs	0
Read 2 basepairs	0
Total written (filtered)	695,140,873
Read 1 basepairs	364,648,178
Read 2 basepairs	330,492,695

Alignment — alignment statistics for the reads that pass read trimming and QC, against the specified genome

Alignment

Metric	Value
Reads Input	4,986,338
Uniquely Mapped Reads	4,591,849
Multi-mapped Reads	312,104
Reads mapped to too many loci	62,700
Unmapped Reads	82,385
PF Bases	654,633,920
PF Aligned Bases	642,058,194
Coding Bases	140,332,164
UTR Bases	163,023,956
Intronic Bases	285,860,045
Intergenic Bases	52,441,991
Ribosomal Bases	400,038
Median CV Coverage	0.52069
Median 5' Bias	0.317905
Median 3' Bias	1.174456
Median 5' to 3' Bias	0.244855
% Stranded	98.8772
% rRNA bases	0.0623

Transcript Coverage   Base Distribution

Alignment Transcription Coverage or Base Distribution — transcript size and coverage by position, as well as location in the gene model of those reads
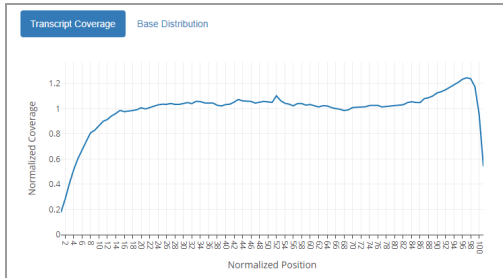
Deduplication — Deduplication statistics of the reads using the UMI to remove duplicates

Deduplication

Metric	Value
Total input alignments	4,903,953
Total output alignments	4,403,903
Unique UMIs observed	64,509
Reads with unpaired mate	449,216
Unique Input Reads	4,454,737
Unique Output Reads	4,403,903
% PCR Duplicates	1.141122

Transcriptome —readout of statistics for the genome, including counts for genes (raw), with the length and biotype, overall summary stats, and the breakdown of the gene biotypes (including a histogram)

Transcriptome

Long RNA Count Summary   RNA Count Summary appendix   Gene Biotypes

Show 10 v entries   Search: [   ]

Gene	Length	Count	Biotype
WASH7P	1769	27	transcribed_pseudogene
FAM138A	1130	1	lncRNA
LOC100996442	4894	10	misc_RNA
LOC729737	5474	18	lncRNA
LOC102723897	1761	36	transcribed_pseudogene
MIR6859-2	68	2	
LOC112268260	6593	3	protein_coding
LOC100132287	4370	12	lncRNA
LOC100133331	4273	15	lncRNA
LOC107984841	926	8	protein_coding

Showing 1 to 10 of 19,518 entries   Previous   1   2   3   4   5   …   1,952   Next

Transcriptome (continued)

Transcriptome

Long RNA Count Summary | RNA Count Summary appendix | Gene Biotypes

Show 20 entries   Search: [   ]

Result	Count
Total Alignments	4,403,903
Assigned	1,936,690
Unassigned Unmapped	0
Unassigned MappingQuality	0
Unassigned Chimera	0
Unassigned FragmentLength	0
Unassigned Duplicate	0
Unassigned MultiMapping	0
Unassigned Secondary	0
Unassigned NonSplit	0
Unassigned NoFeatures	2,365,735
Unassigned Overlapping Length	0
Unassigned Ambiguity	101,478
Genes with >0 Counts	19,518

Showing 1 to 14 of 14 entries   Previous   1   Next

Transcriptome

Long RNA Count Summary | RNA Count Summary appendix | Gene Biotypes

Show 20 entries   Search: [   ]

Biotype	Count
protein_coding	1,797,542
lncRNA	87,288
snRNA	18,867
rRNA	11,102
transcribed_pseudogene	7,845
snoRNA	5,533
RNase_P_RNA	2,836
RNase_MRP_RNA	2,274
guide_RNA	1,354
scRNA	541
tRNA	406
Y_RNA	221
antisense_RNA	183
C_region	98
misc_RNA	69
V_segment	10
other	6
vault_RNA	5
C_region_pseudogene	3
telomerase_RNA	3

Showing 1 to 20 of 22 entries   Previous   1   2   Next
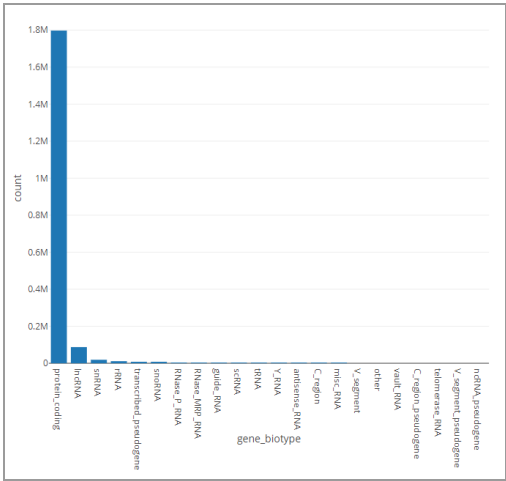
Pipeline metadata — metadata with the version of software and supporting files for the run

Batch Summaries

The batch summary reports contain data on alignment and deduplication. You can open a file of raw data or a formatted PDF, as shown below.

Note: Batch reports are available for the Express kit only.

Other Files Generated from the Pipeline Run

This section describes files generated from the pipeline run that appear on the Other Files tab. For the genes sequenced in the expeiment, files typically contain

■ Counts by type

■ Statistical quality data

Most files are downloaded when you click the link, and open in the native application.

Binary count data is displayed either in Notepad, in comma-delimited format or Excel, in tabular format. The following example shows long RNA data in a CSV file opened in Excel, and contains columns for the gene ID, chromosome ID, start, end, strand, length, and duplicates.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	# Program:featureCounts v1.6.4; Command:"featureCounts" "-p" "-T" "16" "--primary" "-M" "-t" "exon" "-g" "gene_id" "-s" "1" "-Q" "0" "-a" "hg38_longRNA_annotation.gtf" "-o" "./gene_counts_longRNA" "-R" "BAM" "rumi_dedup.sort.bam"						
2	Geneid	Chr	Start	End	Strand	Length	rumi_dedup.sort.bam
3	DDX11L1	chr1;chr1;chr1	11874;12613;13221	12227;12721;14409	+;+;+	1652	0
4	WASH7P	chr1;chr1;chr1;chr1;chr1;chr1;chr1;chr1;chr1;chr1	14362;14970;15796;16607;16858;17233;17606;17915;18268;24738;29321	14829;15038;15947;16765;17055;17368;17742;18061;18366;24891;29170	-;-;-;-;-;-;-;-;-;-;-	1769	27
5	MIR6859-1	chr1	17369	17436	-	68	0
6	MIR1302-2HG	chr1;chr1	29926;30564;30976	30039;30667;31295	+;+;+	538	0
7	MIR1302-2	chr1	30366	30503	+	138	0
8	FAM138A	chr1;chr1;chr1	34611;35277;35721	35174;35481;36081	-;-;-	1130	1
9	OR4F5	chr1	69091	70008	+	918	0
10	LOC100996442	chr1;chr1;...	89006;89006;... ;267303	91629;91629;... ;267354		4894	10
11	LOC729737	chr1;chr1;chr1	134773;139790;140075	139696;139847;140566	-;-;-	5474	18
12	LOC102725121	chr1;chr1	182388;183132;183740	182746;183240;184878	+;+;+	1607	0
13	LOC102723897	chr1;chr1;...	184878;185491;186317;187129;187380;187755;188130;188439;188791;195263;199837	185350;185559;186469;187287;187577;187890;188266;188584;188902;195416;199860	-;-;-;-;-;-;-	1761	36
14	MIR6859-2	chr1	187891	187958	-	68	2
15	LOC107985721	chr1;chr1	200442;201078;201496	200555;201181;203983	+;+;+	2706	0
	LOC112268260	chr1;chr1;...	350706;350706;350706;355425;356685;357515;357515;357515;357515;357515;358049;358049;358049;358049;358049;358049;358049;358049;358049;358049;358049;373144;373144;...	351039;351039;351039;356652;357586;357586;357586;358183;358183;358183;358183;358183;358183;358325;359319;359515;365692;365692;368380;368380;373323;373323;373323;37987		6593	3

The following example shows, in Notepad comma-delimited format, filtered counts for each gene, count number and expression units.

```
Filter_count_table.csv (2).NS45M_S4_L00C - Notepad
File  Edit  Format  View  Help
"Gene","Count","RPKM","TPM"
"A1BG",0,0,0
"A1BG-AS1",1,0.242415444947368,0.710100350678859
"A1CF",2,0.10837336504101,0.31745487395235
"A2M",985,93.9068914829809,275.07866335705
"A2M-AS1",1,0.224497781625171,0.657614672585205
"A2ML1",36,2.78686901327798,8.16349248726461
"A2MP1",0,0,0
"A3GALT2",0,0,0
"A4GALT",16,2.06074291938296,6.03647292370554
"A4GNT",0,0,0
"AA06",0,0,0
"AAAS",33,8.89784941271565,26.0642055609488
"AACS",18,2.71126259022231,7.94202084160661
"AACSP1",0,0,0
"AADAC",0,0,0
"AADACL2",0,0,0
"AADACL2-AS1",0,0,0
"AADACL3",5,0.636676815953012,1.86499845492721
"AADACL4",0,0,0
"AADACP1",0,0,0
"AADAT",4,0.689839542735996,2.02072644882561
"AAGAB",47,6.4732489180264,18.9618954671807
"AAK1",508,12.3979395968639,36.316915604696
"AAMDC",3,0.829691854961799,2.43039166622277
"AAMP",53,13.4610327496844,39.4310027487144
"AANAT",0,0,0
"AAR2",33,5.32148083240177,15.5880554807049
"AARD",0,0,0
"AARS",108,16.1067031520749,47.4445206709744
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You can also open some files in HTML format. The files are scrolling displays that open in your browser and contain links in the left panel to jump directly to the corresponding chart. The following graphic shows a scrollable HTML FastQC report.
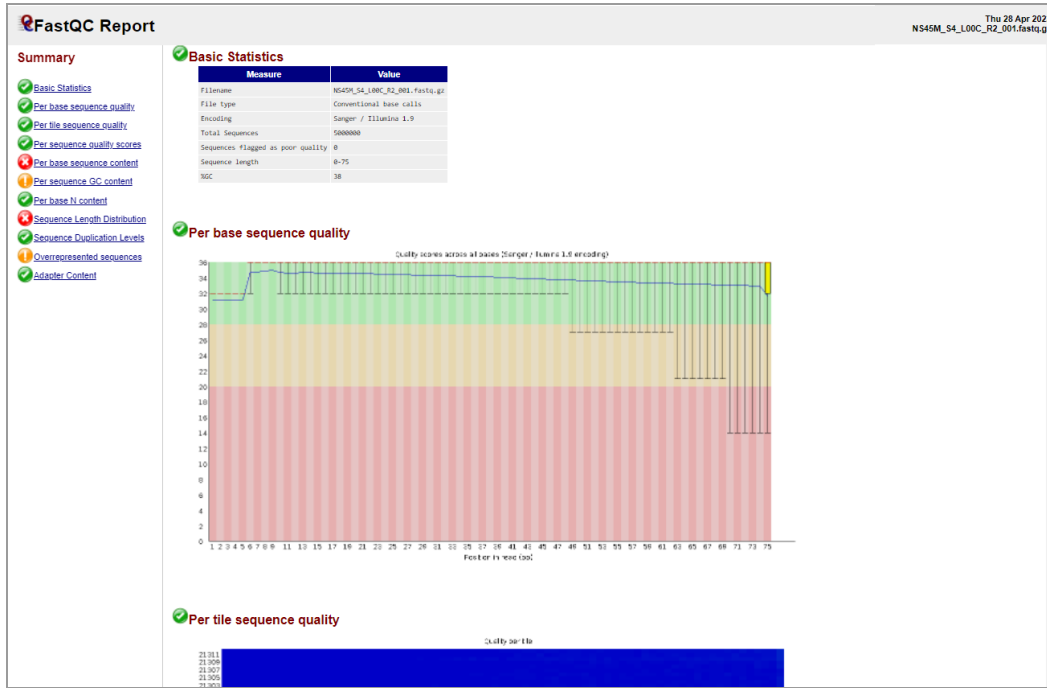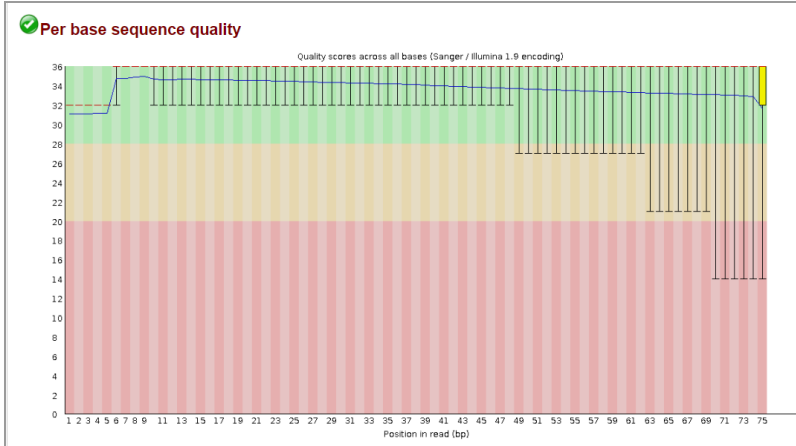

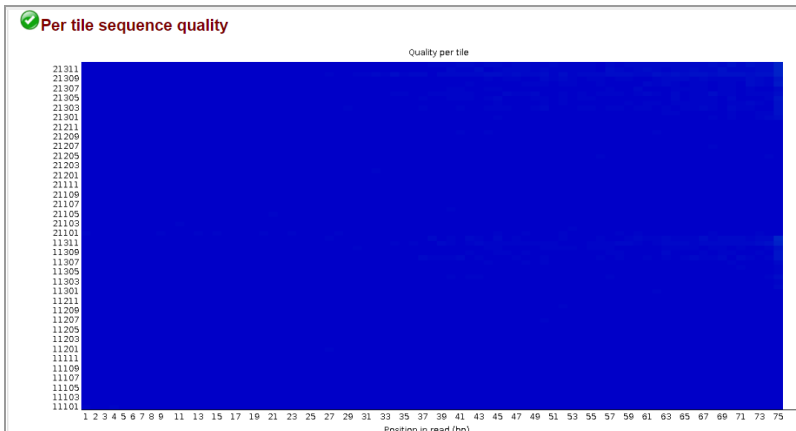The report contains the statistical displays described below.

Basic statistics — contains general information on the RNA sequences.

Per base sequence quality — represents quality values across all bases at each position in the FastQ file.

Per tile sequence quality — shows the deviation from the average quality for each tile.

Per sequence quality scores — tells you if a subset of the sequences have universally low quality values.
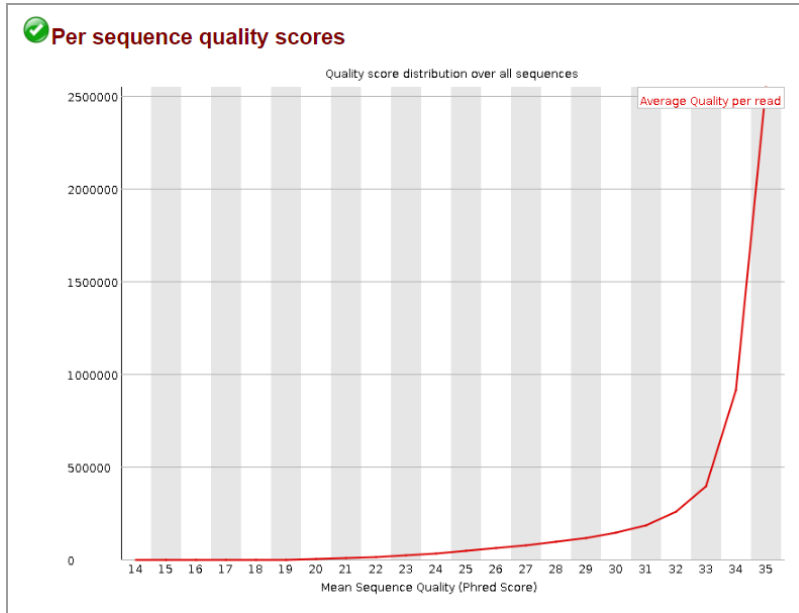

Per base sequence content — shows the proportion of each base position where each of the four normal DNA bases has been called.
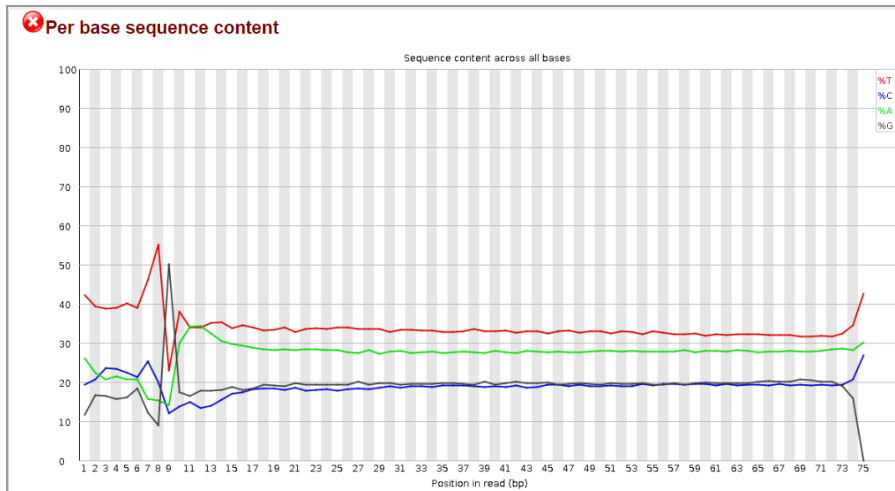
Per sequence GC content — measures the GC content across the entire length of each sequence in a file and compares it to a modelled normal distribution of GC content.
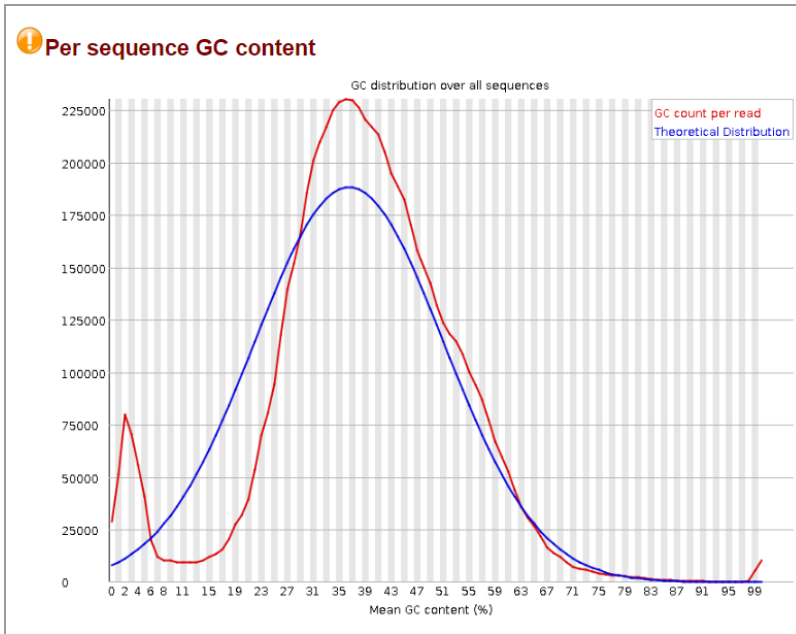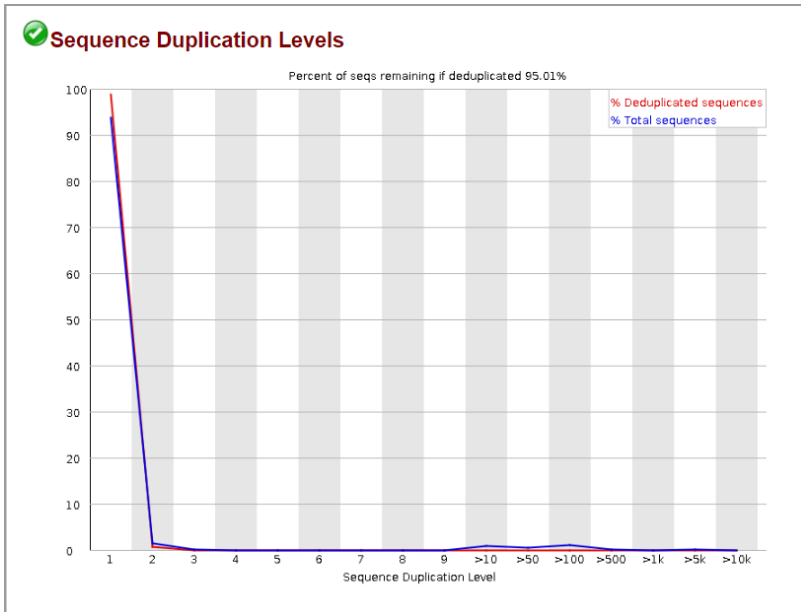

Per base N content —plots out the percentage of base calls at each position for which an N was called.
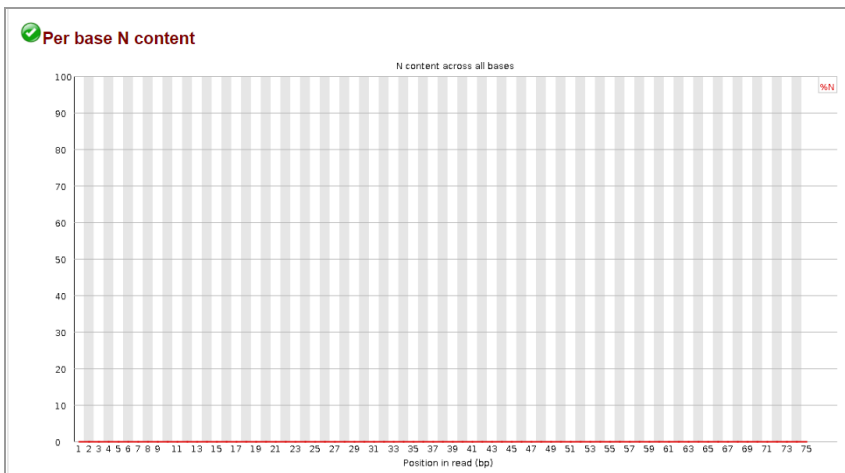
Sequence length distribution — sequence fragments of either uniform or varying length distributions, which can be used to measure quality.
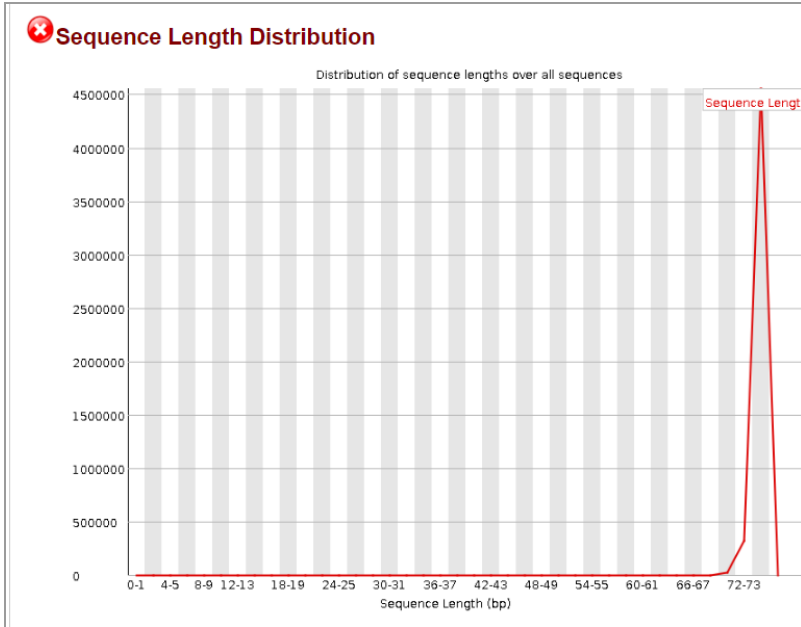
Sequence duplication levels — for every sequence in a library, plots the relative number of sequences with different degrees of duplication.

Overrepresented sequences — a list of sequences that appear more than expected in a file.

Adapter content — a cumulative plot of the fraction of reads, where the sequence library adapter sequence is identified at the indicated base position.

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