



# Genomic characterization of Listeria monocytogenes

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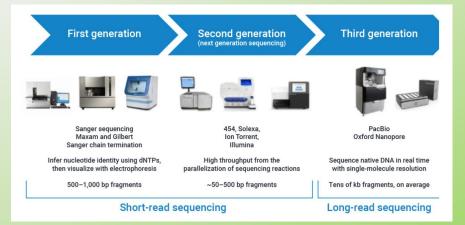
# Introduction



**Genomic characterization:** a laboratory approach used to study about all the genes in a specific cell type and the way those genes interact with each other and with the environment.

Whole genome sequencing (WGS) provides the most comprehensive data about a given organism, allowing to obtain its entire genome.

Using next generation sequencing (NGS) can deliver large amounts of data in a short amount of time.





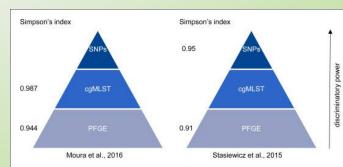




Nowadays, WGS is the "gold standard" workflow used in public health and food safety to:

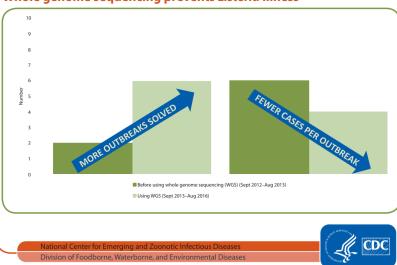
- investigate outbreaks (when they are still contained)
- source attribution for clinical cases
- identify a larger number of clusters (hypothetical outbreaks)





https://www.cdc.gov/listeria/pdf/whole-genome-sequencing-and-listeria-508c.pdf

#### Whole genome sequencing prevents Listeria illness





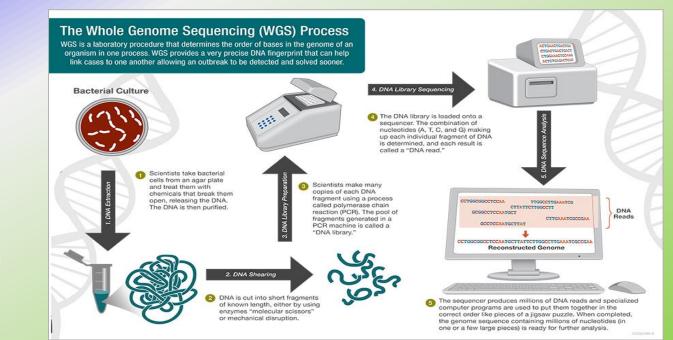
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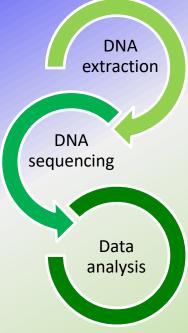


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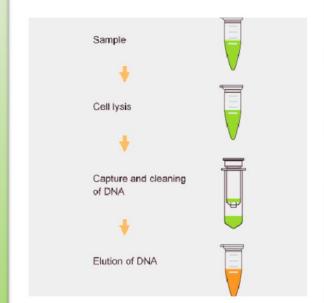
# **DNA EXTRACTION**



**Definition**: isolation of DNA by breaking the cell membrane and nuclear membrane with the help of chemicals, enzyme or physical disruptions.

The main steps in DNA extraction includes:

- 1. preparation of biological material
- 2. cell lysis and separation of nucleic acids from other cell components
- 3. DNA precipitation
- 4. wash and DNA elution





### **DNA extraction: our method for NGS**



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#### **Columns based DNA extraction**

- 1. In the very first step, the sample is incubated with a **cell lysis buffer** or called a DNA extraction buffer.
- 2. Along with it, a small amount of **lysozyme** (Gram positive) and **proteinase K** is added to the sample. All the other impurities are removed by centrifugation. DNA remains bounded with silica and other impurities pass through the silica column.
- 3. Now the DNA can be **washed** twice for improving the purity. The aqueous phase contains the impurities that are discarded by discarding the collection tube.
- 4. Finally, the DNA is **dissolved** into the AE buffer.





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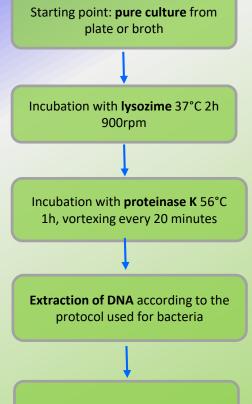
#### Appendix D: Protocols for Bacteria

These protocols have been used successfully for bacteria such as *Escherichia coli*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Bordetella pertussis* from nasopharyngeal swabs, *Borrelia burgdorferi* from cerebrospinal fluid, and *Legionella pneumophila* from broncho-alveolar lavage. For other bacteria, follow the protocol for Gram-positive bacteria, especially other Gram-positive bacteria, which may be difficult to lyse.

For isolation of bacterial DNA from urine, either follow the protocol for biological fluids, or use the QIAamp Viral RNA Mini Kit. Urine contains numerous unidentified PCR inhibitors. Buffer AVL (included in the QIAamp Viral RNA Mini Kit) is the buffer of choice to destroy these inhibitors.

Some bacteria (particularly Gram-positive bacteria) require pre-incubation with specific enzymes such as lysozyme\* or lysostaphin\* (e.g., staphylococci) to lyse the rigid multilayered cell wall. In these cases the protocol for Gram-positive bacteria should be used.

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#### Dissolving DNA in AE buffer



### **ISO requirements for DNA**



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### 150/FDIS 23418

Microbiology of the food chain — Whole genome sequencing for typing and genomic characterization of foodborne bacteria — General requirements and guidance

ISO/CD 23418 (E)

		Guidance					
Process	Concern	Short read technology	Long read technology				
DNA extraction	cross-contamination; sample integrity	Broth cultures should be started from a	single colony of the isolate being tested.				
$\frown$			long read technologies. Care should be taken to avoid reparation and storage (e.g. through freeze/thawing)				
DNA quality	Presence of impurities that may negatively impact library construction	Optical density (OD260/280) ratio shou	ld be 1.75 - 2.05 and (OD260/230) ratio should be 2.0-2.2				
	low molecular weight DNA may negatively impact library construction		ould be adapted to sequencing platform being used; DNA or via capillary electrophoresis with appropriate size standard:				
DNA quantity	Insufficient input of genomic DNA may result in substandard sequence library	fluorescence quantification method prio	determined using a DNA-specific, intercalating dye-based r to further dilution. Minimum quantity needed will be chnology used. If modified, this should be supported by				
DNA fragmentation	Sub-optimal fragmentation can result in reduced library vield/reduced coverage	Size distribution of sheared DNA sample systems.	is should be checked using capillary gel electrophoresis based				



### **DNA quality**



#### **Quality check:**

#### > A260 / A280 ratio

It determines the degree of protein purification. A 260/280 ratio of ~1.8 is generally accepted as "pure" for DNA; a ratio of ~2.0 is generally accepted as "pure" for RNA. If the ratio is appreciably lower, it may indicate the presence of protein, phenol or other contaminants that absorb strongly at or near 280 nm. Inaccurate ratios may also be encountered at very low concentrations (< 10 ng/µl) of nucleic acids.

#### > A260 / A230 ratio

Determines the degree of purification of reagent residues. **Expected 260/230 values are commonly in the range of 2.0-2.2**. If the ratio is appreciably lower than expected, it may indicate the presence of contaminants which absorbance at 230 nm.

e.g. EDTA, carbohydrates, guanidine HCL and phenol all have absorbance near 230 nm.





### **DNA quantity**



**Fluorometric analysis** 



The fluorometric measurement of nucleic acids is based upon the use of fluorogenic dyes that bind selectively to DNA or RNA. The signal is measured by fluorometers. Sample is excited with filtered light and the emitted light (at the emission wavelength) is recorded by a detector.

The assay is highly selective for double-stranded DNA (dsDNA) and is accurate for initial sample concentrations from 10 pg/ $\mu$ L to 100 ng/ $\mu$ L. The signal is stable for 3 hours.



# **DNA integrity**







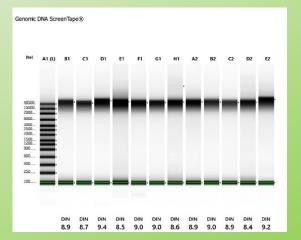
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#### **DNA** integrity

TapeStation Analysis Software assesses the integrity of gDNA samples and assigns the DNA.

Integrity Number (**DIN**), a numerical measure of the gDNA integrity. This value ranges from 1 to 10, where 1 indicates highly degraded gDNA and 10 represents highly intact gDNA.

In our lab we accept DNA having DIN>7.







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QIAamp 96 DNA QIAcube HT Kit

The QIAamp 96 DNA QIAcube HT Kit combines the selective binding properties of a silica-based membrane with a high-throughput 96-well format, and is designed for fully automated, simultaneous processing of 24–96 samples on the QIAcube HT instrument.

Gram + bacteria require lysis steps with lysozyme and proteinase K.

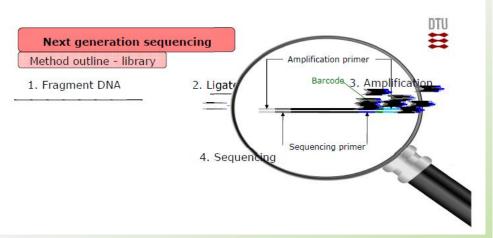
Vacuum based to binds DNA to membrane and later to elute DNA.

A minimum of 24 samples is required
 A260/A230 is often < 1,7</li>



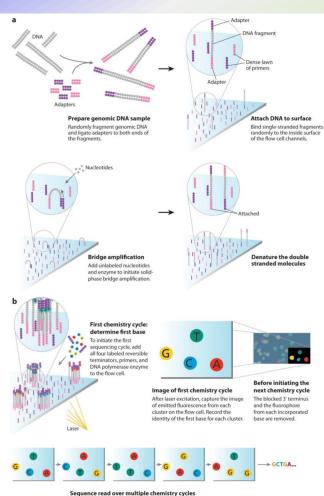


#### **DNA** sequencing



The principle of **Illumina** sequencing process: (A) DNA is converted into an Illumina adapter library and amplified by "bridge amplification" on the surface of the flow cell. (B) Amplified molecules are sequenced by the cycle reversible termination chemistry.

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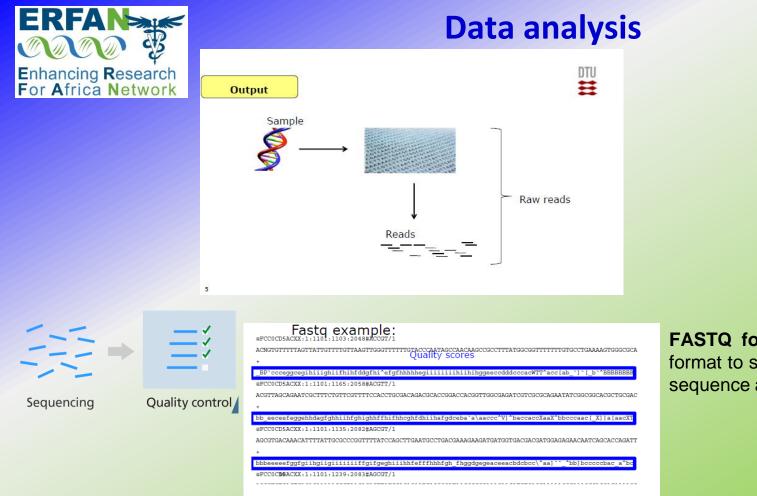
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Repeat cycles of sequencing to determine the sequence of bases in a given fragment a single base at a time.





**FASTQ format** is a text-based format to store both a nucleotide sequence and its quality scores.



#### **Data analysis**







**FASTA format** is a text-based format to represent nucleotide sequences (single-letter codes).

FASTA is the main format used to easily manipulate sequences by bioinformatics tools.



#### **Data analysis**



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# Table 1 Quality control threshold guidelines for enterica pathogens collected for GenomeTrakr

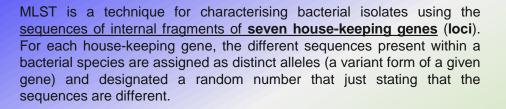
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## **Multilocus sequence typing (MLST)**



An allele profile (for instance: 2, 3, 2, 5, 2, 3, 2) is defined as a **sequence type (ST)**.

As far as few years ago, MLST was performed using amplification and Sanger sequencing.

Nowadays, all these results are obtained in silico.

#### Locus Listeria

abcZ
bgIA
cat
dapE
dat
ldh
lhkA



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CC2	2
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CC2	145
CC2	145
CC2	589
CC2	2
CC2	1430



# **Multilocus sequence typing (MLST)**



new MLST type: ST3100

new cgMLST type: CT12370

Alexandra Moura (2022-09-20 15:34:21+02):

Thank you for your submission.



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Atypical Serogroup IVb-v1 of *Listeria monocytogenes* Assigned to New ST2801, Widely Spread and Persistent in the Environment of a Pork-Meat Producing Plant of Central Italy

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## **Core genome MLST (cgMLST)**



**Core genome MLST(cgMLST)** is an extension of the MLST concept to more than seven conserved genes of the species.

- ✓ It consist of a fixed set of conserved genome-wide genes and are usually species specific.
- ✓ All public and stable cgMLST schemes are curated by species experts.
- ✓ It's a gene by gene approach and doesn't require reference genome.

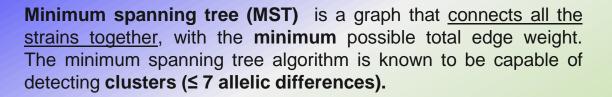
Final result, as for MLST, is the creation of a systematic allele numbering system corresponding to all loci present in the specie's schema.

For *Listeria* the cgMLST is defined on **1748 loci**. Cut off ≥95% of loci (minimum of 1660 loci are needed).

cgMLST schemes may be developed and locally implemented using commercial softwares such as **BioNumerics** (Applied Maths, Sint-Martens-Latem, Belgium), SeqSphere+ (Ridom, Münster, Germany), **BIGSdb** (Pasteur database, France), Center for Genomic Epidemiology (DTU, Denmark) or **in house platform** like GenPat.

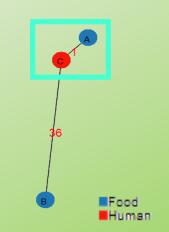


### cgMLST clustering: MST



It allows the analysis of sequence-based typing methods that generate <u>allelic profiles</u> and their associated epidemiological data (<u>metadata</u>).

It provides a graphical visualization of core genomic relationships between bacterial isolates.







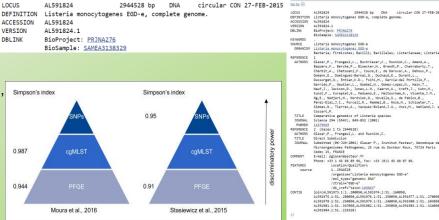
# Single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP)



- Single-nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) is a substitution of a single <u>nucleotide</u> at a specific position in the genome.
- If more than 1% of a population does not carry the same nucleotide at a specific position in the DNA sequence, then this variation can be classified as a SNP.

Example: Isolate 1: ACGTTTACC Isolate 2: ACCTTTGCC Isolate 3: ACCTTAGCC

- SNP genotyping is the measurement of genetic variations of SNPs between members of a species.
- > It usually requires a reference genome.
- It can be used to:
- discriminate the genetic relatedness in a bacterial population,
- trace the evolutionary origin of a bacterial species.



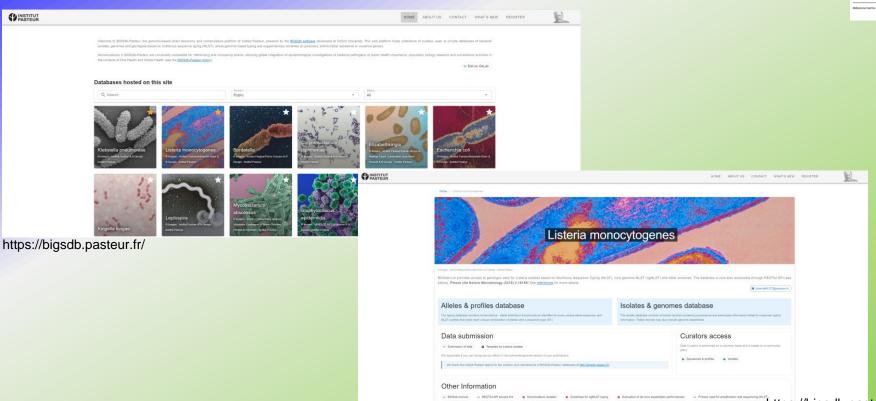
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dat (lmo1619)	3	471	NODE_3_length_342314_cov_6.438290	148638	149108
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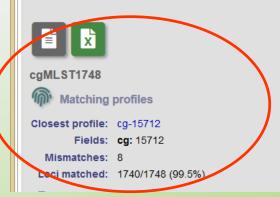
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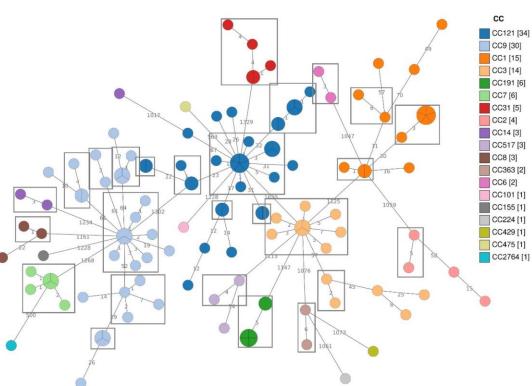
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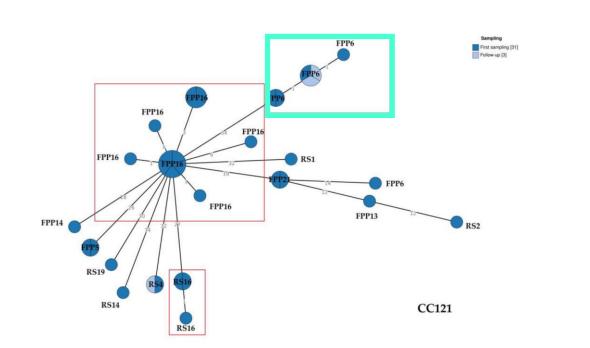
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