

# Journal of Visualized Experiments

## Unbiased deep sequencing of RNA viruses from clinical samples

--Manuscript Draft--

<b>Manuscript Number:</b>	JoVE54117R4
<b>Full Title:</b>	Unbiased deep sequencing of RNA viruses from clinical samples
<b>Article Type:</b>	Invited Methods Article - JoVE Produced Video
<b>Keywords:</b>	RNA viruses; Ebola virus; Lassa virus; intra-host variants; Lassa fever; poly(rA) carrier; rRNA; RNase H; RT-PCR
<b>Manuscript Classifications:</b>	3.2.782.417: Hemorrhagic Fevers, Viral; 5.5.393.760.319: High-Throughput Nucleotide Sequencing; 8.1.158.273.343.350: Genomics; 8.1.158.273.540.859: Virology
<b>Corresponding Author:</b>	Christian B Matranga, Ph.D. Broad Institute Cambridge, MASSACHUSETTS UNITED STATES
<b>Corresponding Author Secondary Information:</b>	
<b>Corresponding Author E-Mail:</b>	matranga@broadinstitute.org
<b>Corresponding Author's Institution:</b>	Broad Institute
<b>Corresponding Author's Secondary Institution:</b>	
<b>First Author:</b>	Christian B Matranga, Ph.D.
<b>First Author Secondary Information:</b>	
<b>Other Authors:</b>	Adrianne Gladden-Young James Qu Sarah Winnicki Dolo Nosafiemann Joshua Z Levin, Ph.D. Pardis C Sabeti, M.D., Ph.D.
<b>Order of Authors Secondary Information:</b>	
<b>Abstract:</b>	Here we outline a next-generation, RNA sequencing protocol that enables de novo assemblies and intra-host variant calls of viral genomes collected from clinical and biological sources. The method is unbiased and universal; it uses random primers for cDNA synthesis and requires no prior knowledge of the viral sequence content. Before library construction, selective RNase H-based digestion is used to deplete unwanted RNA—including poly(rA) carrier and ribosomal RNA—from the viral RNA sample. Selective depletion improves both the data quality and the number of unique reads in viral RNA sequencing libraries. Moreover, a transposase-based 'tagmentation' step is used in the protocol as it reduces the library construction from 3 days to about 4 hours. The protocol has enabled rapid deep sequencing of over 600 Lassa and Ebola virus samples—including collections from both blood and tissue isolates—and is broadly applicable to other microbial genomics studies.
<b>Author Comments:</b>	
<b>Additional Information:</b>	
<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
If this article needs to be "in-press" by a certain date to satisfy grant requirements,	

please indicate the date below and explain in your cover letter.

**TITLE:**

Unbiased deep sequencing of RNA viruses from clinical samples

**AUTHORS:**

Matranga, Christian B  
Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard  
Cambridge, MA USA  
[matranga@broadinstitute.org](mailto:matranga@broadinstitute.org)

Gladden-Young, Adrienne  
Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard  
Cambridge, MA USA  
[agladden@broadinstitute.org](mailto:agladden@broadinstitute.org)

Qu, James  
Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard  
Cambridge, MA USA  
[jamesqu@broadinstitute.org](mailto:jamesqu@broadinstitute.org)

Winnicki, Sarah  
Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard  
Cambridge, MA USA  
[sarahw@broadinstitute.org](mailto:sarahw@broadinstitute.org)

Nosafieman, Dolo  
Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard  
Cambridge, MA USA  
[dolonosa@broadinstitute.org](mailto:dolonosa@broadinstitute.org)

Joshua Z. Levin  
Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard  
Cambridge, MA USA  
[jlevin@broadinstitute.org](mailto:jlevin@broadinstitute.org)

Sabeti, Pardis C  
Harvard University  
Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard  
Cambridge, MA USA  
[pardis@broadinstitute.org](mailto:pardis@broadinstitute.org)

**CORRESPONDING AUTHOR:**

Christian Matranga

**KEYWORDS:**

RNA viruses; Ebola virus; Lassa virus; intra-host variants; Lassa fever; poly(rA) carrier; rRNA; RNase H; RT-PCR

#### **SHORT ABSTRACT:**

This protocol describes a rapid and broadly applicable method for unbiased RNA-sequencing of viral samples from human clinical isolates.

#### **LONG ABSTRACT:**

Here we outline a next-generation RNA sequencing protocol that enables *de novo* assemblies and intra-host variant calls of viral genomes collected from clinical and biological sources. The method is unbiased and universal; it uses random primers for cDNA synthesis and requires no prior knowledge of the viral sequence content. Before library construction, selective RNase H-based digestion is used to deplete unwanted RNA—including poly(rA) carrier and ribosomal RNA—from the viral RNA sample. Selective depletion improves both the data quality and the number of unique reads in viral RNA sequencing libraries. Moreover, a transposase-based ‘tagmentation’ step is used in the protocol as it reduces overall library construction time. The protocol has enabled rapid deep sequencing of over 600 Lassa and Ebola virus samples—including collections from both blood and tissue isolates—and is broadly applicable to other microbial genomics studies.

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Next generation sequencing of viruses from clinical sources can inform transmission and the epidemiology of infections, as well as help support novel diagnostic, vaccine and therapeutic development. cDNA synthesis using random primers has allowed the detection and assembly of genomes from divergent, co-infecting or even novel viruses<sup>1,2</sup>. As with other unbiased methods, unwanted contaminants occupy many sequencing reads and negatively impact sequencing results. Host and poly(rA) carrier RNA are contaminants present in many existing viral sample collections.

The protocol describes an efficient and cost-effective way of deep sequencing RNA virus genomes based on unbiased total RNA-seq. The method utilizes an RNase H selective depletion step<sup>3</sup> to remove unwanted host ribosomal and carrier RNA. Selective depletion enriches for viral content (Figure 1) and improves the overall quality of sequencing data (Figure 2) from clinical samples. Moreover, tagmentation is applied to the protocol as it significantly reduces library construction time. These methods have been used to rapidly generate large datasets of Ebola and Lassa virus genomes<sup>2,4,5</sup> and can be used to study a wide range of RNA viruses. Lastly, the approach is not limited to human samples; the utility of selective depletion was demonstrated on tissue samples collected from Lassa-infected rodents and non-human primate disease models<sup>5,6</sup>.

[Place Figure 1 here]

[Place Figure 2 here]

The viral RNA-seq protocol details construction of libraries directly from extracted RNA collected from clinical and biological samples. To ensure personal safety, all viral serum, plasma and tissue samples should be inactivated in appropriate buffers prior to RNA extraction. In some inactivation and extraction kits, carrier poly(rA) RNA is included; this will be removed during the initial RNase H selective depletion step. Based on complete recovery, the expected concentration of carrier RNA is 100 ng/μL. In the protocol, 110 ng/μL oligo dT RNA (1.1x carrier concentration) is used for depletion. If poly(rA) carrier is not present in the sample, then oligo(dT) should not be added prior to depletion.

The following protocol is designed for 24 reactions in PCR plate format (up to 250 μL volume). An earlier version of this protocol was reported in Matranga, *et al.*<sup>6</sup>.

## **PROTOCOL:**

Ethics statement: Lassa fever patients were recruited for this study using protocols approved by human subjects committees at Tulane University, Harvard University, Broad Institute, Irrua Specialist Teaching Hospital (ISTH), Kenema Government Hospital (KGH), Oyo State Ministry of Health, Ibadan, Nigeria and Sierra Leone Ministry of Health. All patients were treated with a similar standard of care and were offered the drug Ribavirin, whether or not they decided to participate in the study. For Lassa fever (LF) patients, treatment with Ribavirin followed the currently recommended guidelines and was generally offered as soon as LF was strongly suspected.

Due to the severe outbreak for Ebola Virus Disease (EVD), patients could not be consented through our standard protocols. Instead use of clinical excess samples from EVD patients was evaluated and approved by Institutional Review Boards in Sierra Leone and at Harvard University. The Office of the Sierra Leone Ethics and Scientific Review Committee, the Sierra Leone Ministry of Health and Sanitation, and the Harvard Committee on the Use of Human Subjects have granted a waiver of consent to sequence and make publically available viral sequences obtained from patient and contact samples collected during the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone. These bodies also granted use of clinical and epidemiological data for de-identified samples collected from all suspected EVD patients receiving care during the outbreak response. The Sierra Leone Ministry of Health and Sanitation also approved shipments of non-infectious non-biological samples from Sierra Leone to the Broad Institute and Harvard University for genomic studies of outbreak samples.

### **1. DNase-treatment of sample RNA (up to 55 μL extracted total RNA, ~4 hr)**

1.1) Set up the DNase reaction in a 96-well PCR plate on ice in a biosafety cabinet as described in Table 1, Step 1.1 (total volume, 70 μL/well). Note: A master mix can be prepared.

1.2) Vortex gently and thoroughly, then centrifuge at 280 x g at room temperature for 1 min. Incubate at 37°C for 30 min.

1.3) Cleanup using RNA Solid Phase Reversible Immobilization (SPRI) beads.

1.3.1) Warm RNA beads to room temperature for 30 min.

1.3.2) Gently shake RNA beads bottle to resuspend any magnetic particles that may have settled. Add 1.8x volume (126  $\mu$ L) of RNA beads to DNase-treated RNA (70  $\mu$ L), mix by pipette 10 times and incubate for 5 min at room temperature (total volume in well, 196  $\mu$ L).

1.3.3) Place mixture on the magnetic station. Wait for the solution to clear (5-10 min).

1.3.4) Remove cleared solution while on the station by pipette and discard. While on station, wash beads by covering pellet with 70% ethanol and incubate for 1 min. Remove ethanol with pipette and discard. Repeat for a total of two washes.

Note: Using precisely 70% freshly prepared ethanol is critical, as a higher percentage will result in inefficient washing of smaller-sized molecules, whereas < 70% ethanol could cause loss of sample<sup>7</sup>.

1.3.5) Keep plate on the station and leave open to air-dry. Note: Be sure to allow the beads to dry completely until beads begin to crack.

1.3.6) Add 55  $\mu$ L of nuclease-free water to the plate to elute RNA. Remove plate from the station to mix the beads and water by pipetting thoroughly. Note: Alternatively, use less water ( $\leq$  10  $\mu$ L) in order to concentrate the total RNA.

1.3.7) Place plate back on the station. Wait until solution clears to transfer by pipette to new screw-cap tube for long-term storage (-80°C). Place 5  $\mu$ L RNA in new 96-well PCR plate for depletion (step. 2.4).

1.3.8) Optional: Save and dilute 1  $\mu$ L in 19  $\mu$ L water (1:20) for qRT-PCR of rRNA (e.g. 18S, 28S rRNA) (Table 2) and viral markers<sup>5</sup>.

## **2. Selective depletion of ribosomal and carrier RNA from viral RNA sample (~4 hr)**

2.1) Make 5x hybridization and 10x RNase H reaction buffers, and nuclease-free water with linear acrylamide carrier as described in Table 1.

2.2) Set up hybridization reaction by combining RNA with rRNA depletion oligos (Table 3) and oligo(dT) on ice in a 96-well PCR plate as described in Table 1.

Note: A master mix can be prepared. 50 femtograms (fg) of a unique synthetic RNA (ERCCs<sup>8</sup>) can be added for tracking both the viral sequencing process and potential index read cross-contamination.

2.2.1) Vortex gently and thoroughly, then centrifuge at 280 x g at room temperature for 1 min. Incubate at 95 °C for 2 min, slow ramping to 45 °C at -0.1 °C per sec. Pause the thermocycler at 45 °C.

2.3) Set up RNase H reaction mix on ice as described in Table 1, then preheat at 45 °C for 2 min. Note: A master mix can be prepared.

2.3.1) Add the pre-heated RNase H mix to the hybridization reaction in plate while keeping the plate in the thermocycler at 45°C.

2.3.2) Mix well by gentle pipetting 6-8 times. Incubate at 45 °C for another 30 min. Place on ice.

2.4) Set up the DNase reaction mix on ice as described in Table 1. Note: A master mix can be prepared.

2.4.1) Add to the RNase H reaction in plate, vortex gently and thoroughly, then centrifuge at 280 x g at room temperature for 1 min. Incubate at 37 °C for 30 min.

2.4.2) Stop DNase reaction by adding 5 µL 0.5M EDTA. Vortex gently and thoroughly, then centrifuge at 280 x g at room temperature for 1 min.

2.5) Cleanup using RNA beads (see step 1.3) using 1.8x volume (144 µL) beads. Elute in 11 µL of nuclease-free water. Note: For safe cold storage, store depleted RNA sample at -80 °C overnight.

### **3. cDNA synthesis (~6 hr)**

3.1) Mix rRNA/carrier-depleted RNA with random primers on ice in a 96-well PCR plate as described in Table 1, vortex gently and thoroughly, then centrifuge at 280 x g at room temperature for 1 min.

3.1.1) Heat the mixture to 70 °C for 10 min in a thermocycler. Immediately after heat denaturation, place the RNA on ice for 1–5 min. Do not allow the RNA to stand (even on ice) for longer than 5 min prior to the first-strand reaction.

3.2) Set up first-strand synthesis reaction mix on ice as described in Table 1. Note: A master-mix may be prepared.

3.2.1) Add to RNA/random primer mix in plate, vortex gently and thoroughly, then centrifuge at 280 x g at room temperature for 1 min. Incubate at 22-25 °C for 10 min.

3.2.2) Incubate at 55°C in an air incubator for 60 min. Place the plate on ice to terminate the reaction. Note: The use of an air incubator is recommended to create gradual warming of the first-strand reaction during which the primers anneal and the first strand begins to elongate.

3.3) Set up second-strand synthesis reaction mix on ice as described in Table 1. Note: A master-mix may be prepared.

3.3.1) Add to first-strand synthesis reaction in plate, vortex gently and thoroughly, then centrifuge at 280 x g at room temperature for 1 min. Incubate for 2 hr at 16 °C (keep lid at 25 °C). Do not allow the temperature to rise above 16°C.

3.3.2) Place the plate on ice, then inactivate reaction by adding 5 µL of 0.5M EDTA, mix gently and thoroughly, then centrifuge at 280 x g at room temperature for 1 min.

3.4) Cleanup with DNA beads (see step 1.3 for protocol) using 1.8x volume (153 µL) of beads. Elute in 9 µL of elution buffer (EB). Save 1 µL for quantification. Use 1 ng of cDNA for subsequent steps. If cDNA concentration is too low to detect, use 4 µL of cDNA for tagmentation (see step 4.1).

3.5) For safe cold storage, store double-stranded cDNA at 4 °C overnight or -20 °C for long-term storage.

#### **4. Library preparation—DNA library construction (~4 hr)**

4.1) Transfer 4 µL of cDNA to 96 well plate and save remaining cDNA for second attempt if needed.

4.2) Set up the tagmentation reaction on ice as described in Table 1.

Note: A master-mix may be prepared. To reduce background and overall cost, the total volume of the tagmentation reaction is reduced from 20 to 10 µL. As cDNA is the limiting factor, the amount of ATM (*i.e.* transposome) used in the reaction is also reduced to decrease the number of integration sites.

4.2.1) Add tagmentation mix to cDNA in the plate, vortex gently and thoroughly and centrifuge at 280 x g (at room temperature) for 1 min. Incubate at 55 °C for 5 min, hold at 10 °C.

4.2.2) Once at 10 °C, immediately add 2.5 µL of Neutralize Tagment Buffer (NT) to end reaction. Mix by pipetting up and down, then centrifuge at 280 x g (at room temperature) for 1 min.

4.2.3) Incubate at room temperature for 5 min.

4.3) Set up PCR amplification reaction on ice as described in Table 1.

4.3.1) Vortex gently and thoroughly, then centrifuge at 280 x g at room temperature for 1 min.

4.3.2) Perform PCR on thermocycler using the conditions described in Table 1.



Note: 12 cycles of PCR are suggested for 1 ng of tagmented cDNA; however, viral clinical samples often have undetectable amounts of cDNA. For low amounts of cDNA (<1 ng), use up to 18 cycles of PCR to create enough library for sequencing.

#### 4.4) Library preparation—cleanup and pooling for sequencing

4.4.1) Bring sample up to 50 µL with EB.

4.4.2) Cleanup with DNA beads (see step 1.3 for protocol) using 0.6x volume (30 µL) beads. Elute in 15 µL EB.

4.4.3) Determine concentration of library (Figure 3) by conducting region analysis (150 to 1000 bp) using bioanalyzer software<sup>9</sup>, excluding primer dimers (~120 bp) from region analysis. Note: Alternatively, qPCR can be used to quantify libraries<sup>10</sup>.

[Place Figure 3 here]

4.4.4) Pool libraries at the lowest molar concentration of 1 nM or greater. If library is below 1 nM, add a small volume of library to pool (~1x volume of other libraries) to capture sequence information from these libraries.

4.4.5) Cleanup pool with 0.7x DNA beads as outlined above (see step 2). Elute in 15 µL EB. Note: Volume of beads will depend on the final volume of the pool.

4.4.6) Analyze pool<sup>9</sup>. Determine molar concentration by conducting region analysis (150 to 1000 bp)<sup>9</sup>. Note: Alternatively, qPCR can be used to quantify library pool<sup>10</sup>.

4.4.7) Load sequencer at 10 pM library concentration to generate 101 bp, paired-end reads with dual barcode reads<sup>11</sup>.

#### REPRESENTATIVE RESULTS:

The described protocol enables the generation of high quality sequencing reads from low-input viral RNA samples while enriching for unique viral content. As shown in Figure 1, the protocol enriched unique Lassa virus content at least five-fold in all samples (compared to non-depleted controls) with at least one million copies of 18S rRNA (~100 pg total RNA). Likewise, sequencing success also correlated with the amount of virus within a given sample. Using qRT-PCR as a surrogate for viral quantity, samples that contained ~1,000 or more viral genome copies most often created full assemblies (data not shown). Moreover, depletion of poly(rA) carrier reduces homopolymer sequences of A and T in libraries, resulting in cleaner preparations and ensuring better quality sequencing reads (Figure 2). Final libraries from low input viral clinical samples often have a broad fragment length from 150 to 1000 bp (Figure 3).

After sequencing, to reduce sample misidentification and crosstalk between libraries within a pool<sup>12</sup>, only index reads with a base quality score of 25 (q25) and zero mismatches are kept during the demultiplexing process. Viral genomes are assembled using a bioinformatics pipeline specific for divergent viruses<sup>2,4-6</sup>. These tools are available at <https://github.com/broadinstitute/viral-ngs> or through commercial cloud platforms<sup>4</sup>.

#### **Figure Legends:**

**Figure 1. Total RNA content reflects enrichment of Lassa virus content using selective depletion.** Starting overall content (RNA input) and enrichment of unique Lassa virus (LASV) reads (Library content) upon rRNA depletion from nine different clinical isolates. This figure has been modified from <sup>6</sup>.

**Figure 2. Higher quality sequencing after carrier RNA depletion.** Median base qualities per sequencing cycle of poly(rA)-contaminated Lassa virus libraries (red) and control (no carrier observed in library, black) from QC report <sup>13</sup>. Both read 1 and read 2 of paired end reads are merged in the library BAM file and the quality scores are shown at each base. This figure has been modified from <sup>6</sup>.

**Figure 3. Libraries constructed from Ebola virus clinical samples.** Gel image of 4 representative Ebola virus (EBOV) libraries. Regions of library and primer dimers are shown.

**Table 1: Reaction set-up and buffers.** Step-by-step tables with contents of all buffers and reaction mixes.

**Table 2: qRT-PCR primers sequences.** Primers used for measuring host (18S rRNA) and viral (Ebola and Lassa) content. ‘KGH’ is Kenema Government Hospital in Sierra Leone, where the Ebola primers were tested <sup>2</sup>. ‘Kulesh’ is the investigator who designed the primer set <sup>14</sup>.

**Table 3: Ribosomal RNA (rRNA) depletion oligos.** 195 50-nt long sequences complementary to human rRNA for selective depletion step<sup>6</sup>.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The outlined approach enables robust, universal, rapid sequencing and was used for sequencing Ebola virus during the 2014 outbreak<sup>2,4</sup>. By coupling selective depletion and cDNA synthesis with tagmentation library construction, the overall process time was reduced by ~2 days from previous adapter ligation methods. More recently, this protocol was employed by international collaborators and others with great success<sup>15,16</sup> and will be deployed to labs in West Africa to support local genomics-based research studies and diagnostics<sup>17</sup>.

The protocol described here uses random primers to prepare cDNA for viral RNA-seq libraries. Unlike previous viral RNA-seq approaches, it requires no a priori knowledge of sequence data or elaborate and time-consuming primer design for a specific virus or clade. The method can be applied to any viral RNA sample. For example, it was used to generate viral content from both

Ebola and Lassa samples<sup>6</sup>. The protocol may also be used for host transcriptomic, metagenomic and pathogen discovery sequencing projects<sup>1</sup>.

A critical step of the protocol is targeted RNase H digestion, a high-throughput, low cost method for removing unwanted carrier and host RNA from viral samples. The selective depletion step of the protocol uses many components and requires skill and accuracy. Extra time and care should be taken during the initial setup.

As most clinical serum and plasma samples often have very little nucleic acid material, contamination and sample loss are common. To avoid these issues, special care should be taken when using this protocol. First, RNA is highly susceptible to degradation; therefore all areas should be clean and free of nucleases. Second, to identify samples suitable for use in this protocol, qRT-PCR assays for both host RNA and virus should be used for quantification<sup>5,6</sup>. When comparing input amounts with sequencing results from the protocol, sequencing success (*i.e.* generation of sufficient data for full viral assembly) correlated with samples that contained at least 100 pg total RNA and 1,000 copies of virus. Third, exposure to environmental sources of nucleic acids should be avoided. The protocol outlined here is done in a biosafety cabinet for safety precautions and for limiting environmental contaminants. Moreover, our group and others have noticed that commercial enzymes may be another source of contaminating bacterial nucleic acids in low input samples<sup>6,18</sup>. Use of a clean workspace (e.g. PCR hood, biosafety cabinet) and negative controls (e.g. water or buffer) will help alleviate and track contamination respectively. For samples with <100 pg of total RNA, only poly(rA) carrier RNA, not rRNA, should be depleted to ensure high quality sequencing results while limiting loss of material. For very low input samples, cDNA-amplification methods may be more suitable<sup>19</sup>, although poly(rA) carrier should be removed prior to the cDNA synthesis.

The depletion of host rRNA enriches for viral content in sequencing libraries and is applicable to different sample collections including serum or plasma, and multiple types of tissues from rodents and non-human primates<sup>5,6</sup>. In non-human organisms, reads aligning to 28S rRNA remained after depletion, suggesting 28S rRNA is less conserved between humans and other species<sup>6,20</sup>. When using this method with non-human isolates, it may be necessary to supplement with DNA oligos complementary to the divergent rRNA sequences of the specific host<sup>3,21</sup>.

Since the protocol is unbiased, viral reads may represent only a small fraction of total library content. Although rRNA is the most abundant species of host RNA and only a small percentage of rRNA reads (<1%) are found after selective depletion, all other host RNA (*e.g.* mRNA) will remain after depletion and may account for many sequencing reads from the sample. Therefore “oversampling” (*i.e.* oversequencing) individual libraries is required in order to have enough coverage for viral assembly and variant calls. For our studies, we attempt to sequence ~20 million reads per sample to have enough depth for analysis of viral genomic and associated variants as well as metagenomic content<sup>2,5</sup>. For metagenomic and pathogen discovery studies, it is important to note that contaminating host DNA is removed by DNase digestion. Therefore

viruses and other pathogens that contain DNA genomes may be lost during the process, however RNA intermediates may still be sequenced.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

This work has been funded in part with Federal funds from the National Institutes of Health, Office of Director, Innovator (No.: DP2OD06514) (PCS) and from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, under Contracts (No:HHSN272200900018C, HHSN272200900049C and U19AI110818).

#### **DISCLOSURES:**

The authors have no competing financial interests.

#### **REFERENCES:**

1. Stremlau, M. H. *et al.* Discovery of novel rhabdoviruses in the blood of healthy individuals from West Africa. *PLoS Negl Trop Dis* **9**, e0003631, doi:10.1371/journal.pntd.0003631 (2015).
2. Gire, S. K. *et al.* Genomic surveillance elucidates Ebola virus origin and transmission during the 2014 outbreak. *Science* **345**, 1369-1372, doi:10.1126/science.1259657 (2014).
3. Morlan, J. D., Qu, K. & Sinicropi, D. V. Selective depletion of rRNA enables whole transcriptome profiling of archival fixed tissue. *PLoS One* **7**, e42882, doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0042882 (2012).
4. Park, D. J. *et al.* Ebola Virus Epidemiology, Transmission, and Evolution during Seven Months in Sierra Leone. *Cell* **161**, 1516-1526, doi:10.1016/j.cell.2015.06.007 (2015).
5. Andersen, K. G. *et al.* Clinical Sequencing Uncovers Origins and Evolution of Lassa Virus. *Cell* **162**, 738-750, doi:10.1016/j.cell.2015.07.020 (2015).
6. Matranga, C. B. *et al.* Enhanced methods for unbiased deep sequencing of Lassa and Ebola RNA viruses from clinical and biological samples. *Genome Biol* **15**, 519, doi:10.1186/s13059-014-0519-7 (2014).
7. Tang, F. *et al.* RNA-Seq analysis to capture the transcriptome landscape of a single cell. *Nat Protoc* **5**, 516-535, doi:10.1038/nprot.2009.236 (2010).
8. Jiang, L. *et al.* Synthetic spike-in standards for RNA-seq experiments. *Genome Res* **21**, 1543-1551, doi:10.1101/gr.121095.111 (2011).
9. Agilent Technologies, [http://www.agilent.com/cs/library/usermanuals/Public/G2946-90004\\_Vespucchi\\_UG\\_eBook\\_\(NoSecPack\).pdf](http://www.agilent.com/cs/library/usermanuals/Public/G2946-90004_Vespucchi_UG_eBook_(NoSecPack).pdf). (2015).
10. Kapa Biosystems, <https://www.kapabiosystems.com/product-applications/products/next-generation-sequencing-2/library-quantification/>. (2015).
11. Illumina Technologies, [https://support.illumina.com/content/dam/illumina-support/documents/documentation/system\\_documentation/miseq/preparing-libraries-for-sequencing-on-miseq-15039740-d.pdf](https://support.illumina.com/content/dam/illumina-support/documents/documentation/system_documentation/miseq/preparing-libraries-for-sequencing-on-miseq-15039740-d.pdf). (2015).
12. Kircher, M., Sawyer, S. & Meyer, M. Double indexing overcomes inaccuracies in multiplex sequencing on the Illumina platform. *Nucleic Acids Res* **40**, e3, doi:10.1093/nar/gkr771 (2012).
13. Andrews, S. <http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/>. (2010).
14. Trombley, A. R. *et al.* Comprehensive panel of real-time TaqMan polymerase chain reaction assays for detection and absolute quantification of filoviruses, arenaviruses, and New World hantaviruses. *Am J Trop Med Hyg* **82**, 954-960, doi:10.4269/ajtmh.2010.09-0636 (2010).

15. Hu, Y. *et al.* Serial high-resolution analysis of blood virome and host cytokines expression profile of a patient with fatal H7N9 infection by massively parallel RNA sequencing. *Clin Microbiol Infect* **21**, 713.e1-4, doi:10.1016/j.cmi.2015.03.006 (2015).
16. Simon-Loriere, E. *et al.* Distinct lineages of Ebola virus in Guinea during the 2014 West African epidemic. *Nature* **524**, 102-104, doi:10.1038/nature14612 (2015).
17. Folarin, O. A., Happi, A. N. & Happi, C. T. Empowering African genomics for infectious disease control. *Genome Biol* **15**, 515, doi:10.1186/s13059-014-0515-y (2014).
18. Blainey, P. C. & Quake, S. R. Digital MDA for enumeration of total nucleic acid contamination. *Nucleic Acids Res* **39**, e19 (2011).
19. Malboeuf, C. M. *et al.* Complete viral RNA genome sequencing of ultra-low copy samples by sequence-independent amplification. *Nucleic Acids Res* **41**, e13, doi:10.1093/nar/gks794 (2013).
20. Gonzalez, I. L., Sylvester, J. E., Smith, T. F., Stambolian, D. & Schmickel, R. D. Ribosomal RNA gene sequences and hominoid phylogeny. *Mol Biol Evol* **7**, 203-219 (1990).
21. Adiconis, X. *et al.* Comparative analysis of RNA sequencing methods for degraded or low-input samples. *Nat Methods* **10**, 623-629, doi:10.1038/nmeth.2483 (2013).

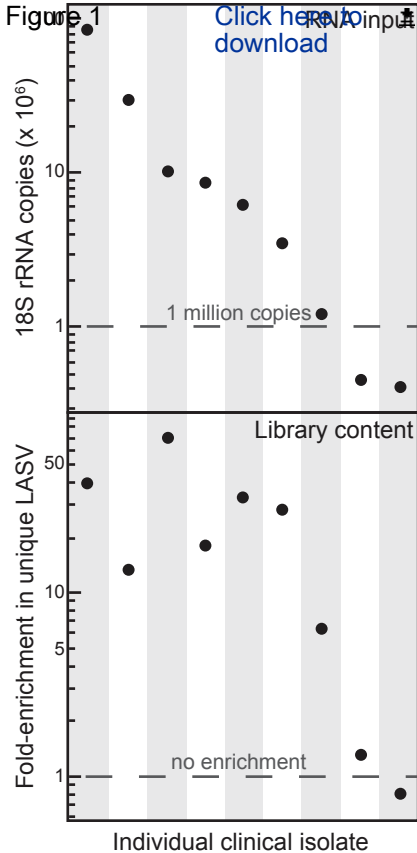


Figure 2

[Click here to download Figure Figure\\_2\\_Matranga.pdf](#)

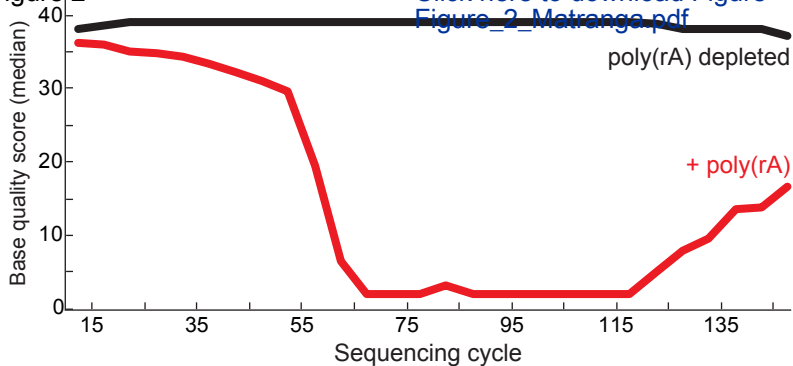


Figure 3

Individual EBCV libraries

[Click here to download Figure 3.pdf](#)



MW (bp)

L

1

2

3

4

1,500

1,000

700

500

400

300

200

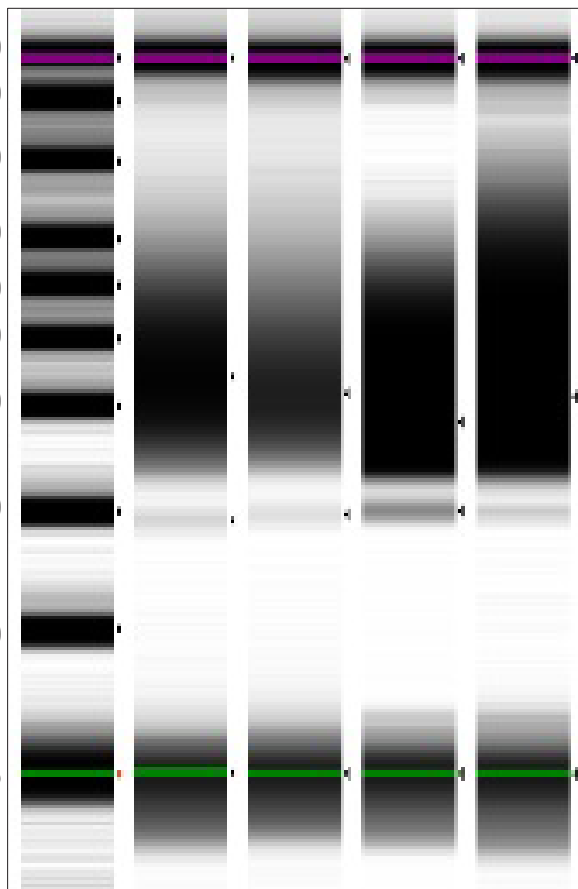
100

50

25

cDNA library  
(150 to 1000 bp)

Primer dimers





**Table 1****Step 1.1: DNase reaction**

Reagent	Volume per reaction (μL)
10x DNase buffer	7
Nuclease-free water	6
Extracted viral RNA	55
DNase (2 U/μL)	2
Total volume	70

**Step 2.1: 5x Hybridization buffer**

Reagent	Volume for 1 mL (μL)
5M NaCl	200
1M Tris-HCl (pH 7.4)	500
Nuclease-free water	300
Total volume	1000

**Step 2.1: 10x RNase H reaction buffer**

Reagent	Volume for 1 mL (μL)
5M NaCl	200
1M Tris-HCl (pH 7.5)	500
1M MgCl <sub>2</sub>	200
Nuclease-free water	500
<i>Total volume</i>	<i>1000</i>

**Step 2.1: Water with linear acrylamide**

Reagent	Volume for 1 mL buffer (μL)
Nuclease-free water	992
Linear acrylamide (5 mg/mL)	8
<i>Total volume</i>	<i>1000</i>

**Step 2.2: Hybridization reaction for selective depletion**

Reagent	Volume per reaction (μL)
5x Hybridization Buffer	2
rRNA-depletion oligo mix (100 μM)	1.22
Oligo(d)T (550 ng/μL)	1
DNase-treated total RNA	up to 5
Spike-in RNA (This is optional)	0.5
Water (with linear acrylamide)	bring up to 10 total
<i>Total volume</i>	<i>10</i>

**Step 2.3: RNase H reaction for selective depletion**

Reagent	Volume per reaction (μL)
10x RNase H Reaction Buffer	2
Water (with linear acrylamide)	5
Thermostable RNase H (5U/μL)	3
<i>Total volume</i>	<i>10</i>

**Step 2.4: DNase reaction post selective depletion**

Reagent	Volume per reaction (μL)
10x DNase Buffer	7.5
Water (with linear acrylamide)	44.5
RNase inhibitor (20 U/μL)	1
RNase-free DNase I (2.72 U/μL)	2
<i>Total volume (with RNase H reaction)</i>	<i>75</i>

**Step 3.1: cDNA synthesis, random primer hybridization**

Reagent	Volume per reaction (μL)
rRNA/carrier-depleted RNA	10
3 μg random primer	1
<i>Total volume</i>	<i>11</i>

**Step 3.2: First strand cDNA synthesis reaction**

Reagent	Volume (μL)
5X First-Strand Reaction Buffer	4
0.1 M DTT	2
10 mM dNTP mix	1
RNase inhibitor (20 U/μL)	1
Reverse transcriptase (add last)	1
<i>Total volume (with RNA above)</i>	<i>20</i>

**Step 3.3: Second strand cDNA synthesis reaction**

Reagent	Volume (μL)
RNase-free water	43
10X Second-Strand Reaction Buffer	8
10 mM dNTP mix	3
<i>E. coli</i> DNA Ligase (10 U/μL)	1
<i>E. coli</i> DNA Polymerase I (10 U/μL)	4
<i>E. coli</i> RNase H (2 U/μL)	1
<i>Total volume (with 1<sup>st</sup> strand reaction)</i>	<i>80</i>

**Step 4.2: Tagmentation reaction**

Reagent	Volume (μL)
Amplicon Tagment Mix (ATM)	1
Tagment DNA Buffer (TD)	5
<i>Total volume (with cDNA)</i>	<i>10</i>

#### **Step 4.3: Library PCR reaction**

Reagent	Volume (μL)
PCR Master Mix (NPM)	7.5
Index 1 primer (i7)	2.5
Index 2 primer (i5)	2.5
<i>Total volume (with tagmented cDNA)</i>	<i>25</i>

#### **Step 4.3.2: Library PCR conditions**

72°C, 3 min  
95°C, 30 sec  
up to 18 cycles-10 sec at 95°C, 30 sec at 55°C, 30 sec at 72°C  
72°C, 5 min  
10°C, forever

Oligo Name	Sequence (5' to 3')
Ebola KGH FW	GTCGTTCCAACAATCGAGCG
Ebola KGH RV	CGTCCCGTAGCTTTRGCCAT
Ebola KULESH FW	TCTGACATGGATTACCACAAGATC
Ebola KULESH RV	GGATGACTCTTTGCCGAACAATC
Lassa SL FW	GTA AGC CCA GCD GYA AAB CC
Lassa SL RV	AAG CCA CAG AAA RCT GGS AGC A
Lassa Nigeria FW	CCC AAG CYC THC CYA CAA T
Lassa Nigeria RV	AAC CCT TAT GAG AAY ATA CTB TAY AA
18S rRNA FW	TCCTTTAACGAGGATCCATTGG
18S rRNA RV	CGAGCTTTTAACTGCAGCAACT

Oligo Name	Sequence (5' to 3')
AG9327_18_1	TAATGATCCTTCCGCAGGTTACCTACGGAAACCTTGTTACGACTTTTAC
AG9328_18_2	TTCTCTAGATAGTCAAGTTCGACCGTCTTCTCAGCGCTCCGCCAGGGCC
AG9329_18_3	GTGGGCCGACCCCGCGGGGCGGATCCGAGGGCCTCACTAAACCATCCAA
AG9330_18_4	TCGGTAGTAGCGACGGGCGGTGTGTACAAAGGGCAGGGACTTAATCAACG
AG9331_18_5	CAAGCTTATGACCCGCACCTTACTCGGGAATTCCCTCGTTCATGGGGAATA
AG9332_18_6	ATTGCAATCCCCGATCCCCATCACGAATGGGGTTCAACGGGTACCCGCG
AG9333_18_7	CCTGCCGGCGTAGGGTAGGCACACGCTGAGCCAGTCAGTGTAGCGCGCGT
AG9334_18_8	GCAGCCCCGGACATCTAAGGGCATCACAGACCTGTTATTGCTCAATCTCG
AG9335_18_9	GGTGGCTGAACGCCACTTGTCCCTCTAAGAAGTTGGGGGACGCCGACCGC
AG9336_18_10	TCGGGGGTGCGGTAAGTCTAGCATGCCAGAGTCTCGTTCGTTATCGGA
AG9337_18_11	ATTAACCAGACAAATCGTCCACCAACTAAGAACGGCCATGCACCACCAC
AG9338_18_12	CCACGGAATCGAGAAAGAGCTATCAATCTGTCAATCCTGTCCGTGTCCGG
AG9339_18_13	GCCGGGTGAGGTTTCCCGTGTTGAGTCAAATTAAGCCGCAGGCTCCACTC
AG9340_18_14	CTGGTGGTGCCCTTCCGTCAATTCTTTAAGTTTCAGCTTTGCAACCATA
AG9341_18_15	CTCCCCCGGAACCCAAAGACTTTGGTTTCCCGGAAGCTGCCCGGCGGGT
AG9342_18_16	CATGGGAATAACGCCGCCGCATCGCCGGTCGGCATCGTTTATGGTCGGAA
AG9343_18_17	CTACGACGGTATCTGATCGTCTTCGAACCTCCGACTTTCGTTCTTGATTA
AG9344_18_18	ATGAAAACATTCTTGGCCAATGCTTTCGCTCTGGTCCGTCTTGCGCCGGT
AG9345_18_19	CCAAGAATTTACCTCTAGCGGCGCAATACGAATGCCCCGCGCGTCCCT
AG9346_18_20	CTTAATCATGGCCTCAGTTCCGAAAACCAACAAAATAGAACCGCGGTCCT
AG9347_18_21	ATTCCATTATTCTAGCTGCGGTATCCAGGCGGCTCGGGCCTGCTTTGAA
AG9348_18_22	CACTCTAATTTTTTCAAAGTAAACGCTTCGGGCCCCGCGGGACACTCAGC
AG9349_18_23	TAAGAGCATCGAGGGGGCGCCGAGAGGCAAGGGGCGGGGACGGGCGGTGG
AG9350_18_24	CTCGCCTCGCGGCGGACCGCCCGCCGCTCCCAAGATCCAACTACGAGCT
AG9351_18_25	TTTTAACTGCAGCAACTTTAATATACGCTATTGGAGCTGGAATTACCGCG
AG9352_18_26	GCTGCTGGCACCAGACTTGCCCTCCAATGGATCCTCGTTAAAGGATTTAA
AG9353_18_27	AGTGGACTCATTCCAATTACAGGGCCTCGAAAGAGTCCTGTATTGTTATT
AG9354_18_28	TTTCGTCACTACCTCCCCGGGTGCGGAGTGGGTAATTTGCGCGCCTGCTG
AG9355_18_29	CCTTCCTTGGATGTGGTAGCCGTTTCTCAGGCTCCCTCTCCGGAATCGAA
AG9356_18_30	CCCTGATTCCCCGTCACCCGTGGTCACCATGGTAGGCACGGCGACTACCA
AG9357_18_31	TCGAAAGTTGATAGGGCAGACGTTTCAATGGGTGCTCGCCGCCACGGG
AG9358_18_32	GCGTGCGATCGGCCCCGAGGTTATCTAGAGTCACCAAAGCCGCCGGCGCCC
AG9359_18_33	GCCCCCGGCCGGGGCCGGAGAGGGGCTGACCGGGTTGGTTTTGATCTGA
AG9360_18_34	TAAATGCACGCATCCCCCGCGAAGGGGGTCAGCGCCCGTCGGCATGTA
AG9361_18_35	TTAGCTCTAGAATTACCACAGTTATCCAAGTAGGAGAGGAGCGAGCGACC
AG9362_18_36	AAAGGAACCATAACTGATTTAATGAGCCATTTCGAGTTTCACTGTACCGG
AG9363_18_37	CCGTGCGTACTTAGACATGCATGGCTTAATCTTTGAGACAAGCATATGCT
AG9364_18_38	TGGCTTAATCTTTGAGACAAGCATATGCTACTGGCAGGATCAACCAGGTA
AG9365_28_1	GACAAACCCTTGTGTCGAGGGCTGACTTTCAATAGATCGCAGCGAGGGAG
AG9366_28_2	CTGCTCTGCTACGTACGAAACCCGACCCAGAAGCAGGTCGTCTACGAAT

AG9367_28_3	GGTTTAGCGCCAGGTTCCCCACGAACGTGCGGTGCGTGACGGGCGAGGG
AG9368_28_4	GCGGCCGCCTTTCCGGCCGCGCCCCGTTTCCCAGGACGAAGGGCACTCCG
AG9369_28_5	CACCGGACCCCGGTCCCGGCGCGCGGCGGGGCACGCGCCCTCCCGCGGCG
AG9370_28_6	GGGCGCGTGGAGGGGIGGGCGGCCCGCGGCGGGGACAGGCGGGGGACCG
AG9371_28_7	GCTATCCGAGGCCAACCGAGGCTCCGCGGCGCTGCCGTATCGTTCGCCTG
AG9372_28_8	GGCGGGATTCTGACTTAGAGGCGTTCAGTCATAATCCCACAGATGGTAGC
AG9373_28_9	TTCGCCCCATTGGCTCCTCAGCCAAGCACATACACCAAATGTCTGAACCT
AG9374_28_10	GCGGTTCTCTCGTACTGAGCAGGATTACCATGGCAACAACACATCATCA
AG9375_28_11	GTAGGGTAAAACTAACCTGTCTCACGACGGTCTAAACCCAGCTCACGTTT
AG9376_28_12	CCTATTAGTGGGTGAACAATCCAACGCTTGGCGAATTCTGCTTCACAATG
AG9377_28_13	ATAGGAAGAGCCGACATCGAAGGATCAAAAAGCGACGTCGCTATGAACGC
AG9378_28_14	TTGGCCGCCACAAGCCAGTTATCCCTGTGGTAACTTTTCTGACACCTCCT
AG9379_28_15	GCTTAAAACCCAAAAGGTCAGAAGGATCGTGAGGCCCGCTTTCACGGTC
AG9380_28_16	TGTATTTCGTACTGAAAATCAAGATCAAGCGAGCTTTTGCCCTTCTGCTCC
AG9381_28_17	ACGGGAGGTTTCTGTCCTCCCTGAGCTCGCCTTAGGACACCTGCGTTACC
AG9382_28_18	GTTTGACAGGTGTACCGCCCCAGTCAAACCTCCCCACCTGGCACTGTCCCC
AG9383_28_19	GGAGCGGGTCGCGCCCCGGCCGGGCGGGCGCTTGGCGCCAGAAGCGAGAGC
AG9384_28_20	CCCTCGGGCTCGCCCCCGCCTCACCGGGTCAGTGAAAAACGATCAGA
AG9385_28_21	GTAGTGGTATTTTACC GGCGGCCCGCAGGGCCGCGGACCCCGCCCCGGGC
AG9386_28_22	CCCTCGCGGGGACACCGGGIGGGCGCCGGGGGCTCCCACTTATTCTACA
AG9387_28_23	CCTCTCATGTCTCTTCACCGTGCCAGACTAGAGTCAAGCTCAACAGGGTC
AG9388_28_24	TTCTTTCCCCGCTGATTCCGCCAAGCCGTTCCCTTGGCTGTGGTTTCGC
AG9389_28_25	TGGATAGTAGGTAGGGACAGTGGAATCTCGTTTCATCCATTTCATGCGCGT
AG9390_28_26	CACTAATTAGATGACGAGGCATTTGGCTACCTTAAGAGAGTCATAGTTAC
AG9391_28_27	TCCCGCCGTTTACCCGCGCTTCATTGAATTTCTTCACTTTGACATTCAGA
AG9392_28_28	GCACTGGGCAGAAATCACATCGCGTCAACACCCGCCGCGGGCCTTCGCGA
AG9393_28_29	TGCTTTGTTTTTAATTAAACAGTCGGATTCCCCTGGTCCGCACCAGTTCTA
AG9394_28_30	AGTCGGCTGCTAGGCGCCGGCCGAGGCGAGGCGCGCGCGGAACCGCGGCC
AG9395_28_31	CCGGGGGCGGACCCGGCGGGIGGGACCGGCCCGCGGGCCCCCTCCGCCGCT
AG9396_28_32	GCCGCCGCCGCCGCCGCGCCGAGGAGGGGGGAACGGGGGGCGGAC
AG9397_28_33	GGGCCGGGIGGGTAGGGCGGGGGGACGAACCGCCCCGCCCGCCGCCCG
AG9398_28_34	CCGACCGCCGCCGCCGACCGTCCCGCCCCAGCGGACGCGCGCGCGAC
AG9399_28_35	CGAGACGTGGGGTGGGGGTGGGGGGCGCGCCGCGCCGCCCGGGCTCCC
AG9400_28_36	CGGGGGCGGCCGCGACGCCCGCCGAGCTGGGGCGATCCACGGGAAGGGC
AG9401_28_37	CCGGCTCGCGTCCAGAGTCCGCGCCGCCCGGCCCGGGTCCCCGGG
AG9402_28_38	GCCCCCTCGCGGGGACCTGCCCCCGCGGCCCGCCCGCGGCCGCCGCG
AG9403_28_39	CGGCCCTGCCGCCCGACCCTTCTCCCCCGCGCGCCCCACGCGGCG
AG9404_28_40	CTCCCCGGGGAGGGGGGAGGACGGGAGCGGGGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGA
AG9405_28_41	GGGCGCGGGGTGGGGAGGGAGCGAGCGGCGCGCGGGTGGGGCGGGGA
AG9406_28_42	GGGCCGCGAGGGGGGTGCCCCGGGCGTGGGGIGGGCGCGCGCCTCGTCCA
AG9407_28_43	GCCGCGGCGCGCGCCCAGCCCCGCTTCGCGCCCCAGCCCGACCGACCCAG

AG9408_28_44	CCCTTAGAGCCAATCCTTATCCCGAAGTTACGGATCCGGCTTGCCGACTT
AG9409_28_45	CCCTTACCTACATTGTTCCAACATGCCAGAGGCTGTTACCTTGAGACC
AG9410_28_46	TGCTGCGGATATGGGTACGGCCCCGGCGCGAGATTTACACCCTCTCCCCCG
AG9411_28_47	GATTTTCAAGGGCCAGCGAGAGCTCACCGGACGCCGCCGGAACCGCGACG
AG9412_28_48	CTTTCCAAGGCACGGGCCCCCTCTCTCGGGGCGAACCATTCCAGGGCGCC
AG9413_28_49	CTGCCCTTCACAAAGAAAAGAGAACTCTCCCCGGGGCTCCCGCCGGCTTC
AG9414_28_50	TCCGGGATCGGTCGCGTTACCGCACTGGACGCCTCGCGGCGCCCATCTCC
AG9415_28_51	GCCACTCCGGATTCCGGGGATCTGAACCCGACTCCCTTTCGATCGGCCGAG
AG9416_28_52	GGCAACGGAGGCCATCGCCCGTCCCTTCGGAACGGCGCTCGCCCATCTCT
AG9417_28_53	CAGGACCGACTGACCCATGTTCAACTGCTGTTACATGGAACCCTTCTCC
AG9418_28_54	ACTTCGGCCTTCAAAGTTCTCGTTTGAATATTTGCTACTACCACCAAGAT
AG9419_28_55	CTGCACCTGCGGCGGCTCCACCCGGGCCCGCGCCCTAGGCTTCAAGGCTC
AG9420_28_56	ACCGCAGCGGCCCTCCTACTCGTCGCGGCGTAGCGTCCGCGGGGCTCCGG
AG9421_28_57	GGGCGGGGAGCGGGGCGTGGGCGGGAGGAGGGAGGAGGCGTGGG
AG9422_28_58	GGGCGGGGGAAGGACCCACACCCCCGCCGCCGCCGCCGCCGCCCTC
AG9423_28_59	CGACGCACACCACACGCGCGCGCGCGCGCGCCGCCCGCCGCTCCCGTC
AG9424_28_60	CACTCTCGACTGCCGCGACGGCCGGGTATGGGCCCGACGCTCCAGCGCC
AG9425_28_61	ATCCATTTTCAGGGCTAGTTGATTCCGGCAGGTGAGTTGTTACACACTCCT
AG9426_28_62	TAGCGGATTCCGACTTCCATGGCCACCGTCCTGCTGTCTATATCAACCAA
AG9427_28_63	CACCTTTTCTGGGGTCTGATGAGCGTCGGCATCGGGCGCCTTAACCCGGC
AG9428_28_64	GTTTCGGTTCATCCCGCAGCGCCAGTTCTGCTTACCAAAAGTGGCCCACTA
AG9429_28_65	GGCACTCGCATTCCACGCCCCGCTCCACGCCAGCGAGCCGGGCTTCTTAC
AG9430_28_66	CCATTTAAAGTTTGAGAATAGGTTGAGATCGTTTCGGCCCCAAGACCTCT
AG9431_28_67	AATCATTCGCTTTTACCGGATAAACTGCGTGGCGGGGGTGCCTCGGGTCT
AG9432_28_68	GCGAGAGCGCCAGCTATCCTGAGGGAACTTCGGAGGGAACCAGCTACTA
AG9433_28_69	GATGGTTCGATTAGTCTTTCGCCCCATACCCAGGTCGGACGACCGATTT
AG9434_28_70	GCACGTCAGGACCGCTACGGACCTCCACCAGAGTTTCCTCTGGCTTCGCC
AG9435_28_71	CTGCCCAGGCATAGTTCACCATCTTTCGGGTCCTAACACGTGCGCTCGTG
AG9436_28_72	CTCCACCTCCCCGGCGCGGCGGGCGAGACGGGCCGGTGGTGCGCCCTCGG
AG9437_28_73	CGGACTGGAGAGGCCTCGGGATCCCACCTCGGCCGCGAGCGCGCCGGCC
AG9438_28_74	TTACCTTCATTGCGCCACGGCGGCTTTCGTGCGAGCCCCCGACTCGCGC
AG9439_28_75	ACGTGTTAGACTCCTTGGTCCGTGTTTCAAGACGGGTCGGGTGGGTAGCC
AG9440_28_76	GACGTCGCCGCCGACCCCGTGCCTCGCTCCGCCGTCCCCCTCTTCGGG
AG9441_28_77	GACGCGCGCGTGGCCCCGAGAGAACCTCCCCCGGGCCCGACGGCGCGACC
AG9442_28_78	CGCCCCGGGCGCACTGGGGACAGTCCGCCCCGCCCCCGACCCGCGCGCG
AG9443_28_79	GCACCCCCCCCCGTCGCCGGGGCGGGGGCGCGGGGAGGAGGGGTGGGAGAG
AG9444_28_80	CGGTGCGCGCGTGGGAGGGGTGGCCCGGCCCCCCCCACGAGGAGACGCCGG
AG9445_28_81	CGCGCCCCCGCGGGGAGACCCCCCTCGCGGGGATTCCCCGCGGGGGTG
AG9446_28_82	GGCGCCGGGAGGGGGGAGAGCGCGGGCGACGGGTCTCGTCCCTCGGCCCC
AG9447_28_83	GGGATTTCGGCGAGTGCTGCTGCCGGGGGGGCTGTAAACTCGGGGIGGGT
AG9448_28_84	TTCCGGTCCCGCCGCCCCCGCCGCCGCCGCCACCGCCGCCGCCGCCGCCG

AG9449_28_85	CCCGACCCGCGCGCCCTCCCGAGGGAGGACGCGGGGCCGGGGGGCGGAGA
AG9450_28_86	CGGGGGAGGAGGAGGACGGACGGACGGACGGGGCCCCCGAGCCACCTTC
AG9451_28_87	CCCGCCGGGCCTTCCCAGCCGTCCCGAGCCGGTCGCGGCGCACCGCCGC
AG9452_28_88	GGTGGAAATGCGCCCGGCGGCGGCCGGTCGCCGGTCGGGGGACGGTCCCC
AG9453_28_89	CGCCGACCCACCCCCGCCCCGCCCCGCCACCCCCGCACCCGCCGAGC
AG9454_28_90	CCGCCCCCTCCGGGGAGGAGGAGGAGGGGCGGCGGGGGAAGGGAGGGCGG
AG9455_28_91	GTGGAGGGGTCTGGGAGGAACGGGGGGCGGGAAAGATCCGCCGGGCCGCCG
AG9456_28_92	ACACGGCCGGACCCGCCCGGGTTGAATCCTCCGGGCGGACTGCGCGGA
AG9457_28_93	CCCCACCCGTTTACCTCTTAACGGTTTCACGCCCTCTTGAATCTCTCTT
AG9458_28_94	CAAAGTTCTTTTCAACTTTCCCTTACGGTACTTGTTGACTATCGGTCTCG
AG9459_28_95	TGCCGGTATTTAGCCTTAGATGGAGTTTACCACCCGCTTTGGGCTGCATT
AG9460_28_96	CCCAAGCAACCCGACTCCGGGAAGACCCGGGCGCGCGCCGGCCGCTACCG
AG9461_28_97	GCCTCACACCGTCCACGGGCTGGGCCTCGATCAGAAGGACTTGGGCCCCC
AG9462_28_98	CACGAGCGGCGCCGGGGAGCGGGTCTTCCGTACGCCACATGTCCCGCGCC
AG9463_28_99	CCGCGGGGCGGGGATTCGGCGCTGGGCTCTTCCCTGTTCACTCGCCGTTA
AG9464_28_100	CTGAGGGAATCCTGGTTAGTTTCTTTTCCCTCCGCTGACTAATATGCTTAA
AG9465_28_101	GACTAATATGCTTAAATTCAGCGGGTCGCCACGTCTGATCTGAGGTCGCG
AG9466_5.8_1	AAGCGACGCTCAGACAGGCGTAGCCCCGGGAGGAACCCGGGGCCGCAAGT
AG9467_5.8_2	GCGTTCGAAGTGTGCGATGATCAATGTGTCCTGCAATTCACATTAATTCTC
AG9468_5.8_3	GCAGCTAGCTGCGTTCTTCATCGACGCACGAGCCGAGTGATCCACCGCTA
AG9469_16_1	AAACCCTGTTCTTGGGTGGGTGTGGGTATAATACTAAGTTGAGATGATAT
AG9470_16_2	CATTTACGGGGGAAGGCGCTTTGTGAAGTAGGCCTTATTTCTCTTGTCTC
AG9471_16_3	TTCGTACAGGGAGGAATTTGAANGTAGATAGAAACCGACCTGGATTACTC
AG9472_16_4	CGGTCTGAACCTCAGATCACGTAGGACTTTAATCGTTGAACAAACGAACCT
AG9473_16_5	TTAATAGCGGCTGCACCATCGGGATGTCCTGATCCAACATCGAGGTCGTA
AG9474_16_6	AACCCTATTGTTGATATGGACTCTAGAATAGGATTGCGCTGTTATCCCTA
AG9475_16_7	GGGTAACTTGTTCCGTGGTCAAGTTATTGGATCAATTGAGTATAGTAGT
AG9476_16_8	TCGCTTTGACTGGTGAAGTCTTAGCATGTACTGCTCGGAGGTTGGGTCT
AG9477_16_9	GCTCCGAGGTCGCCCCAACCGAAATTTTAAATGCAGGTTTGGTAGTTAG
AG9478_16_10	GACCTGTGGGTTTGTTAGGTACTGTTTGCATTAATAAATTAAAGCTCCAT
AG9479_16_11	AGGGTCTTCTCGTCTTGCTGTGTTATGCCCGCCTCTTCACGGGCAGGTCA
AG9480_16_12	ATTTCACTGGTTAAAGTAAGAGACAGCTGAACCCTCGTGGAGCCATTCA
AG9481_16_13	TACAGGTCCCTATTTAAGGAACAAGTGATTATGCTACCTTTGCACGGTTA
AG9482_16_14	GGGTACCGCGGCCGTTAAACATGTGTCACTGGGCAGGCGGTGCCTCTAAT
AG9483_16_15	ACTGGTGATGCTAGAGGTGATGTTTTTGGTAAACAGGCGGGGTAAGATTT
AG9484_16_16	GCCGAGTTCCTTTTACTTTTTTTTAACTTTCCCTTATGAGCATGCCTGTGT
AG9485_16_17	TGGGTGACAGTGAGGGTAATAATGACTTGTTGGTTGATTGTAGATATTG
AG9486_16_18	GGCTGTTAATTGTCAGTTCAGTGTTTAACTCTGACGCAGGCTTATGCGGA
AG9487_16_19	GGAGAATGTTTTCATGTTACTTATACTAACATTAGTTCTTCTATAGGGTG
AG9488_16_20	ATAGATTGGTCCAATTGGGTGTGAGGAGTTCAGTTATATGTTTGGGATTT
AG9489_16_21	TTTAGGTAGTGGGTGTTGAGCTTGAACGCTTTCTTAATTGGTGGCTGCTT



AG9490_16_22	TTAGGCCTACTATGGGTGTTAAATTTTTTACTCTCTCTACAAGGTTTTTTT
AG9491_16_23	CCTAGTGTCCAAAGAGCTGTTCCCTCTTTGGACTAACAGTTAAATTTACAA
AG9492_16_24	GGGATTTAGAGGGTTCTGTGGGCAAATTTAAAGTTGAACTAAGATTCTA
AG9493_16_25	TCTTGGACAACCAGCTATCACCAGGCTCGGTAGGTTTGTGCGCTCTACCT
AG9494_16_26	ATAAATCTTCCCCTATTTTTGCTACATAGACGGGTGTGCTCTTTTAGCTG
AG9495_16_27	TTCTTAGGTAGCTCGTCTGGTTTCGGGGGTCTTAGCTTTGGCTCTCCTTG
AG9496_16_28	CAAAGTTATTTCTAGTTAATTCATTATGCAGAAGGTATAGGGGTAGTCC
AG9497_16_29	TTGCTATATTATGCTTGGTTATAATTTTTTCATCTTCCCTTGCGGTACTA
AG9498_16_30	TATCTATTGCGCCAGGTTTCAATTTCTATCGCCTATACTTTATTTGGGTA
AG9499_16_31	AATGGTTTGGCTAAGGTTGTCTGGTAGTAAGGTGGAGTGGGTTTGGGGCT
AG9500_12_1	GTTTCGTCCAAGTGCACCTTCCAGTACACTTACCATGTTACGACTTGTCTC
AG9501_12_2	CTCTATATAAATGCGTAGGGGTTTTAGTTAAATGTCCTTTGAAGTATACT
AG9502_12_3	TGAGGAGGGTGACGGGCGGTGTGTACGCGCTTCAGGGCCCTGTTCAACTA
AG9503_12_4	AGCACTCTACTCTTAGTTTACTGCTAAATCCACCTTCGACCCTTAAGTTT
AG9504_12_5	CATAAGGGCTATCGTAGTTTTCTGGGGTAGAAAATGTAGCCCATTTCTTG
AG9505_12_6	CCACCTCATGGGCTACACCTTGACCTAACGTCTTTACGTGGGTACTTGCG
AG9506_12_7	CTTACTTTGTAGCCTTCATCAGGGTTTGCTGAAGATGGCGGTATATAGGC
AG9507_12_8	TGAGCAAGAGGTGGTGAGGTTGATCGGGGTTTATCGATTACAGAACAGGC
AG9508_12_9	TCCTCTAGAGGGATATGAAGCACCGCCAGGTCCTTTGAGTTTTAAGCTGT
AG9509_12_10	GGCTCGTAGTGTTCTGGCGAGCAGTTTTGTTGATTTAACTGTTGAGGTTT
AG9510_12_11	AGGGCTAAGCATAGTGGGGTATCTAATCCCAGTTTGGGTCTTAGCTATTG
AG9511_12_12	TGTGTTTCAGATATGTTAAAGCCACTTTCGTAGTCTATTTTGTGTCAACTG
AG9512_12_13	GAGTTTTTTTACAACCTCAGGTGAGTTTTAGCTTTATTGGGGAGGGGGTGAT
AG9513_12_14	CTAAAACACTCTTTACGCCGGCTTCTATTGACTTGGGTTAATCGTGTGAC
AG9514_12_15	CGCGGTGGCTGGCACGAAATTGACCAACCCTGGGGTTAGTATAGCTTAGT
AG9515_12_16	TAAACTTTCGTTTATTGCTAAAGGTTAATCACTGCTGTTTCCCGTGGG
AG9516_12_17	TGTGGCTAGGCTAAGCGTTTTGAGCTGCATTGCTGCGTGCTTGATGCTTG
AG9517_12_18	TTCTTTTGTATCGTGGTGATTTAGAGGGTGAACCTCACTGGAACGGGGATG
AG9518_12_19	CTTGCAATGTGTAATCTTACTAAGAGCTAATAGAAAGGCTAGGACCAAACC
AG9519_5_1	AAAGCCTACAGCACCCGGTATTCCCAGGCGGTCTCCCATCCAAGTACTAA
AG9520_5_2	CCAGGCCCGACCCCTGCTTAGCTTCCGAGATCAGACGAGATCGGGCGCGTT
AG9521_5_3	TTCCGAGATCAGACGAGATCGGGCGGTTTCAGGGTGGTATGGCCGTAGAC

Name of Reagent/ Equipment	Company	Catalog Number
96-Well PCR Plates	VWR	47743-953
Strips of Eight Caps	VWR	47745-512
Nuclease-free water	Ambion	AM9937
TURBO DNase	Ambion	AM2238
PCR cycler		
Agencourt RNAClean XP SPRI beads	Beckman Coulter Genomics	A63987
Real Time qPCR system		
DynaMag-96 Side Skirted Magnet	Invitrogen	12027
70% Ethanol		
qRT-PCR primers	IDT DNA	
5M NaCl	Ambion	AM9760G
1M Tris-HCl pH 7.4	Sigma	T2663-1L
1M Tris-HCl pH 7.5	Invitrogen	15567-027
1M MgCl <sub>2</sub>	Ambion	AM9530G
Linear acrylamide	Ambion	AM9520
DNA oligos covering entire rRNA region	IDT DNA	
Oligo (dT)	IDT DNA	
Hybridase Thermostable RNase H	Epicentre	H39100
RNase-free DNase Kit	Qiagen	79254
SUPERase-In RNase Inhibitor	Ambion	AM2694
Random Primers	Invitrogen	48190-011

10 mM dNTP mix	New England Biolabs	N0447L
SuperScript III Reverse Transcriptase	Invitrogen	18080-093
Air Incubator		
NEBNext Second Strand Synthesis (dNTP-free) Reaction Buf	New England Biolabs	B6117S
<i>E. coli</i> DNA Ligase	New England Biolabs	M0205L
<i>E. coli</i> DNA Polymerase I	New England Biolabs	M0209L
<i>E. coli</i> RNase H	New England Biolabs	M0297L
0.5M EDTA	Ambion	AM9261
Agencourt AMPure XP SPRI beads	Beckman Coulter Genomics	A63881
Elution Buffer	Qiagen	
Quant-iT dsDNA HS Assay Kit	Invitrogen	Q32854
Qubit fluorometer	Invitrogen	Q32857
Nextera XT DNA Sample Prep Kit	Illumina	FC-131-1096
Nextera XT DNA Index Kit	Illumina	FC-131-1001
Tapestation 2200	Agilent	G2965AA
High Sensitivity D1000 reagents	Agilent	5067-5585
High Sensitivity D1000 ScreenTape	Agilent	5067-5584
BioAnalyzer 2100	Agilent	G2939AA
High Sensitivity DNA reagents	Agilent	5067-4626
Library Quantification Complete kit (Universal)	Kapa Biosystems	KK4824

## Comments/Description

50 ml bottle

post RNA extraction step, 2 U/ $\mu$ L, buffer included

any PCR cyclers

beads for RNA cleanup

any system

prepare fresh

see Table 2

see Table 3, order lab-ready at 100  $\mu$ M

40 nt long, desalted

post selective depletion step

mostly hexamers

with first-strand buffer, DTT

any air incubator cyclers

10x

10 U/ $\mu$ l

10 U/ $\mu$ l

2 U/ $\mu$ l

beads for DNA cleanup

10 mM Tris HCl, pH 8.5

alternative to tapestation, bioanalyzer for library quantification



1 Alewife Center #200  
Cambridge, MA 02140  
tel. 617.945.9051  
www.jove.com

## ARTICLE AND VIDEO LICENSE AGREEMENT

Title of Article:

Unbiased deep sequencing of RNA viruses from clinical samples  
C.B. Matranga; A. Gladden-Yung; J. Qu; D. Nosaleiman; J.Z. Levin; P.C. Sabeti

Item 1 (check one box): The Author elects to have the Materials be made available (as described at

<http://www.jove.com/publish>) via: ☐ Standard Access ☒ Open Access

Item 2 (check one box):

- ☒ The Author is NOT a United States government employee.  
☐ The Author is a United States government employee and the Materials were prepared in the course of his or her duties as a United States government employee.  
☐ The Author is a United States government employee but the Materials were NOT prepared in the course of his or her duties as a United States government employee.

### ARTICLE AND VIDEO LICENSE AGREEMENT

1. **Defined Terms.** As used in this Article and Video License Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings: "Agreement" means this Article and Video License Agreement; "Article" means the article specified on the last page of this Agreement, including any associated materials such as texts, figures, tables, artwork, abstracts, or summaries contained therein; "Author" means the author who is a signatory to this Agreement; "Collective Work" means a work, such as a periodical issue, anthology or encyclopedia, in which the Materials in their entirety in unmodified form, along with a number of other contributions, constituting separate and independent works in themselves, are assembled into a collective whole; "CRC License" means the Creative Commons Attribution-Non Commercial-No Derivs 3.0 Unported Agreement, the terms and conditions of which can be found at: <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/legalcode>; "Derivative Work" means a work based upon the Materials or upon the Materials and other pre-existing works, such as a translation, musical arrangement, dramatization, fictionalization, motion picture version, sound recording, art reproduction, abridgment, condensation, or any other form in which the Materials may be recast, transformed, or adapted; "Institution" means the institution, listed on the last page of this Agreement, by which the Author was employed at the time of the creation of the Materials; "JoVE" means MyJoVE Corporation, a Massachusetts corporation and the publisher of *The Journal of Visualized Experiments*; "Materials" means the Article and / or the Video; "Parties" means the Author and JoVE; "Video" means any video(s) made by the Author, alone or in conjunction with any other parties, or by JoVE or its affiliates or agents, individually or in collaboration with the Author or any other parties, incorporating all or any portion of the Article, and in which the Author may or may not appear.

2. **Background.** The Author, who is the author of the Article, in order to ensure the dissemination and protection of the Article, desires to have the JoVE publish the Article and create and transmit videos based on the Article. In furtherance of such goals, the Parties desire to memorialize in this Agreement the respective rights of each Party in and to the Article and the Video.

3. **Grant of Rights in Article.** In consideration of JoVE agreeing to publish the Article, the Author hereby grants to JoVE, subject to Sections 4 and 7 below, the exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual (for the full term of copyright in the Article, including any extensions thereto) license (a) to publish, reproduce, distribute, display and store the Article in all forms, formats and media whether now known or hereafter developed (including without limitation in print, digital and electronic form) throughout the world, (b) to translate the Article into other languages, create adaptations, summaries or extracts of the Article or other Derivative Works (including, without limitation, the Video) or Collective Works based on all or any portion of the Article and exercise all of the rights set forth in (a) above in such translations, adaptations, summaries, extracts, Derivative Works or Collective Works and (c) to license others to do any or all of the above. The foregoing rights may be exercised in all media and formats, whether now known or hereafter devised, and include the right to make such modifications as are technically necessary to exercise the rights in other media and formats. If the "Open Access" box has been checked in Item 1 above, JoVE and the Author hereby grant to the public all such rights in the Article as provided in, but subject to all limitations and requirements set forth in, the CRC License.

## ARTICLE AND VIDEO LICENSE AGREEMENT

**4. Retention of Rights In Article.** Notwithstanding the exclusive license granted to JoVE in Section 3 above, the Author shall, with respect to the Article, retain the non-exclusive right to use all or part of the Article for the non-commercial purpose of giving lectures, presentations or teaching classes, and to post a copy of the Article on the Institution's website or the Author's personal website, in each case provided that a link to the Article on the JoVE website is provided and notice of JoVE's copyright in the Article is included. All non-copyright intellectual property rights in and to the Article, such as patent rights, shall remain with the Author.

**5. Grant of Rights in Video – Standard Access.** This Section 5 applies if the "Standard Access" box has been checked in Item 1 above or if no box has been checked in Item 1 above. In consideration of JoVE agreeing to produce, display or otherwise assist with the Video, the Author hereby acknowledges and agrees that, Subject to Section 7 below, JoVE is and shall be the sole and exclusive owner of all rights of any nature, including, without limitation, all copyrights, in and to the Video. To the extent that, by law, the Author is deemed, now or at any time in the future, to have any rights of any nature in or to the Video, the Author hereby disclaims all such rights and transfers all such rights to JoVE.

**6. Grant of Rights in Video – Open Access.** This Section 6 applies only if the "Open Access" box has been checked in Item 1 above. In consideration of JoVE agreeing to produce, display or otherwise assist with the Video, the Author hereby grants to JoVE, subject to Section 7 below, the exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual (for the full term of copyright in the Article, including any extensions thereto) license (a) to publish, reproduce, distribute, display and store the Video in all forms, formats and media whether now known or hereafter developed (including without limitation in print, digital and electronic form) throughout the world, (b) to translate the Video into other languages, create adaptations, summaries or extracts of the Video or other Derivative Works or Collective Works based on all or any portion of the Video and exercise all of the rights set forth in (a) above in such translations, adaptations, summaries, extracts, Derivative Works or Collective Works and (c) to license others to do any or all of the above. The foregoing rights may be exercised in all media and formats, whether now known or hereafter devised, and include the right to make such modifications as are technically necessary to exercise the rights in other media and formats. For any Video to which this Section 6 is applicable, JoVE and the Author hereby grant to the public all such rights in the Video as provided in, but subject to all limitations and requirements set forth in, the CRC License.

**7. Government Employees.** If the Author is a United States government employee and the Article was prepared in the course of his or her duties as a United States government employee, as indicated in Item 2 above, and any of the licenses or grants granted by the Author hereunder exceed the scope of the 17 U.S.C. 403, then the rights granted hereunder shall be limited to the maximum rights permitted under such

statute. In such case, all provisions contained herein that are not in conflict with such statute shall remain in full force and effect, and all provisions contained herein that do so conflict shall be deemed to be amended so as to provide to JoVE the maximum rights permissible within such statute.

**8. Likeness, Privacy, Personality.** The Author hereby grants JoVE the right to use the Author's name, voice, likeness, picture, photograph, image, biography and performance in any way, commercial or otherwise, in connection with the Materials and the sale, promotion and distribution thereof. The Author hereby waives any and all rights he or she may have, relating to his or her appearance in the Video or otherwise relating to the Materials, under all applicable privacy, likeness, personality or similar laws.

**9. Author Warranties.** The Author represents and warrants that the Article is original, that it has not been published, that the copyright interest is owned by the Author (or, if more than one author is listed at the beginning of this Agreement, by such authors collectively) and has not been assigned, licensed, or otherwise transferred to any other party. The Author represents and warrants that the author(s) listed at the top of this Agreement are the only authors of the Materials. If more than one author is listed at the top of this Agreement and if any such author has not entered into a separate Article and Video License Agreement with JoVE relating to the Materials, the Author represents and warrants that the Author has been authorized by each of the other such authors to execute this Agreement on his or her behalf and to bind him or her with respect to the terms of this Agreement as if each of them had been a party hereto as an Author. The Author warrants that the use, reproduction, distribution, public or private performance or display, and/or modification of all or any portion of the Materials does not and will not violate, infringe and/or misappropriate the patent, trademark, intellectual property or other rights of any third party. The Author represents and warrants that it has and will continue to comply with all government, institutional and other regulations, including, without limitation all institutional, laboratory, hospital, ethical, human and animal treatment, privacy, and all other rules, regulations, laws, procedures or guidelines, applicable to the Materials, and that all research involving human and animal subjects has been approved by the Author's relevant institutional review board.

**10. JoVE Discretion.** If the Author requests the assistance of JoVE in producing the Video in the Author's facility, the Author shall ensure that the presence of JoVE employees, agents or independent contractors is in accordance with the relevant regulations of the Author's Institution. If more than one author is listed at the beginning of this Agreement, JoVE may, in its sole discretion, elect not take any action with respect to the Article until such time as it has received complete, executed Article and Video License Agreements from each such author. JoVE reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion and without giving any reason therefore, to accept or decline any work submitted to JoVE. JoVE and its employees, agents and independent contractors shall have

## ARTICLE AND VIDEO LICENSE AGREEMENT

full, unfettered access to the facilities of the Author or of the Author's institution as necessary to make the Video, whether actually published or not. JoVE has sole discretion as to the method of making and publishing the Materials, including, without limitation, to all decisions regarding editing, lighting, filming, timing of publication, if any, length, quality, content and the like.

**11. Indemnification.** The Author agrees to indemnify JoVE and/or its successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of any breach of any warranty or other representations contained herein. The Author further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless JoVE from and against any and all claims, costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees, resulting from the breach by the Author of any representation or warranty contained herein or from allegations or instances of violation of intellectual property rights, damage to the Author's or the Author's institution's facilities, fraud, libel, defamation, research, equipment, experiments, property damage, personal injury, violations of institutional, laboratory, hospital, ethical, human and animal treatment, privacy or other rules, regulations, laws, procedures or guidelines, liabilities and other losses or damages related in any way to the submission of work to JoVE, making of videos by JoVE, or publication in JoVE or elsewhere by JoVE. The Author shall be responsible for, and shall hold JoVE harmless from, damages caused by lack of sterilization, lack of cleanliness or by contamination due to the making of a video by JoVE its employees, agents or independent contractors. All sterilization, cleanliness or decontamination procedures shall be solely the responsibility of the Author and shall be undertaken at the Author's

expense. All indemnifications provided herein shall include JoVE's attorney's fees and costs related to said losses or damages. Such indemnification and holding harmless shall include such losses or damages incurred by, or in connection with, acts or omissions of JoVE, its employees, agents or independent contractors.

**12. Fees.** To cover the cost incurred for publication, JoVE must receive payment before production and publication the Materials. Payment is due in 21 days of invoice. Should the Materials not be published due to an editorial or production decision, these funds will be returned to the Author. Withdrawal by the Author of any submitted Materials after final peer review approval will result in a US\$1,200 fee to cover pre-production expenses incurred by JoVE. If payment is not received by the completion of filming, production and publication of the Materials will be suspended until payment is received.

**13. Transfer, Governing Law.** This Agreement may be assigned by JoVE and shall inure to the benefits of any of JoVE's successors and assignees. This Agreement shall be governed and construed by the internal laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts without giving effect to any conflict of law provision thereunder. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

A signed copy of this document must be sent with all new submissions. Only one Agreement required per submission.

### CORRESPONDING AUTHOR:

Name:

Christian B Matrangola

Department:

Viral Genomics / Sabeti Lab

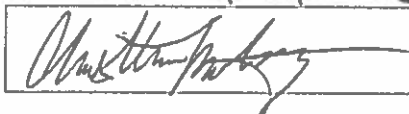
Institution:

Broad Institute

Article Title:

Unbiased deep sequencing of RNA viruses from clinical samples

Signature:



Date:

9/11/2015

Please submit a signed and dated copy of this license by one of the following three methods:

- 1) Upload a scanned copy of the document as a pdf on the JoVE submission site;
- 2) Fax the document to +1.866.381.2236;
- 3) Mail the document to JoVE / Attn: JoVE Editorial / 1 Alewife Center #200 / Cambridge, MA 02139

For questions, please email [submissions@jove.com](mailto:submissions@jove.com) or call +1.617.945.9051



**Response to editorial comments, Manuscript 54117\_R3\_120715:**

• Your manuscript has been modified by your editor, please maintain the current formatting throughout the manuscript. **Please use the updated manuscript located in your Editorial Manager account (under “File Inventory”) (for all subsequent revisions.** Updated manuscript is also attached to this email; Please track the changes in your word processor (e.g., Microsoft Word) or change the text color to identify all of the manuscript edits.

**Thank you for your edits. We have used the updated manuscript and tracked changes in the revised manuscript by changing text color to blue (‘54117\_R3\_120715\_cbm’).**

• Discussion: Please elaborate on the future applications of this technique, and troubleshooting.  
\*The second last paragraph of the Introduction (“Since most clinical.....these contaminants”) discusses the critical steps within the protocol and briefly discusses troubleshooting. Please move this paragraph to the Discussion section.

**We moved the referenced paragraph with minor modifications to the Discussion section in the revised manuscript.**

• Step 2.5: Please rewrite the Note for clarity (especially, stopping point). Does stopping point indicate that the protocol step can be stopped at this point?; 3.5: It is not clear what “Stopping point” means. Please briefly explain stopping point as a “Note”. Does stopping point indicate that the protocol step can be stopped at this point?

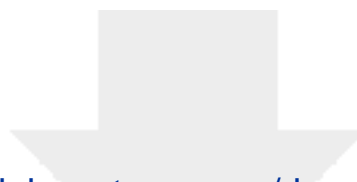
**In the revised manuscript, we replaced this statement with “Safe cold storage step”.**

• Representative Results should refer to all of the results figures. Please briefly discuss Figure 3 in the results section in paragraph form.

**In the revised manuscript, we add a sentence describing Figure 3 in the Representative Results.**

• In Table 2, are the “KGH” and “KULESH” indicators identifiers for the hospital/location at which samples were collected? In your rebuttal letter, you state that “KGH is Kenema Government Hospital in Sierra Leone, where the Ebola primers were tested. Kulesh is the investigator who designed the primer set”. Please provide these details in the Table legend. Please define all abbreviations.

**In the revised manuscript, we provided this information and a reference for each.**



[Click here to access/download](#)

**Supplemental File (as requested by JoVE)**  
Editorial permissions from Genome Biology.docx

