16S rRNA Microbiome Profiling and Amplicon Sequencing



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The Need for Culture-Free Methods to Profile Microbial Communities



Only a tiny fraction bacteria and other microbes can be cultured.

16S rRNA as a Universal Barcode



The bacterial ribosome (16S rRNA in green)



Illumina 16S Amplicon Sequencing

Incorporating Illumina adapters with PCR

Locus-specific primer with P5 adapter-tail

Locus-specific primer with P7 adapter-tail

5`-AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACATCGTACGTATGGTAATTGTGTGCCAGCMGCCGCGGTAA-3'

p5 and p7 flow-cell binding

i5 and i7 indexes

16S-Specific Primers

16S Sequencing vs. Shotgun Metagenomics

16S Amplicon Sequencing



Metagenome Sequencing

What are the pros and cons of 16S vs. metagenome sequencing?